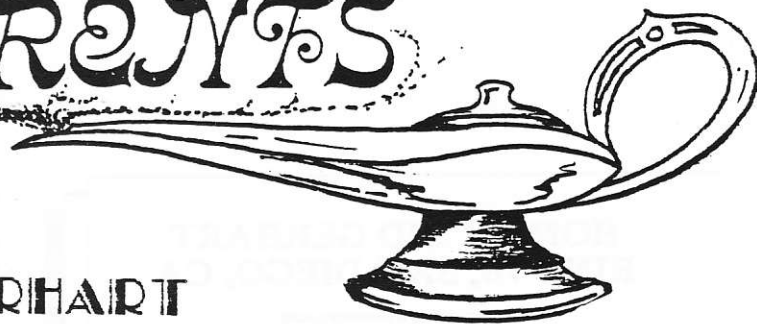


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IN MEMORIUM

The rains abated, the sun came out, the sky was blue, and it was a beautiful morning for a beautiful Memorial Service for **George EDWARDS**. **George** passed away on February Twenty First, 1991, and about one hundred and fifty of his friends, family, relatives and fellow *RING SEVENTY SIX* members gathered at the Mission Hills First Congregational Church on Saturday, March Second, for a truly uplifting "Celebration Of Life".

George's wife, **Olive**, his daughter, **Diane**, and past Ring Presidents, **Fred** and **Ursula ROHRER**, organized an exceptional tribute to **George**, complete with catering by the **ROHRER's**, and it was the nicest memorial I've ever attended. It commemorated **George's** unswerving devotion to *RING SEVENTY SIX* for the nearly thirty years of his membership during which time he held every office more than once, served repeatedly on the Board of Directors, and on every committee ever created.

Diane set the tone of the proceedings with her introductory remarks; we were

there to, "celebrate aliveness with tears and laughter" as **George** would have wanted. A Scottish Bag Piper provided a stirring Scottish March and a melancholy rendition of "Amazing Grace", local ABC TV personality, **Jack WHITE**, gave a very complete biography of **George's** life since his birth in Liverpool, England, in 1916, several anecdotes, and closed by reading Kipling's "IF" which in part

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Prez's Mezzage

IBM MEMBERSHIP - I used to think there was maybe an upper limit, but no more! New IBM Ring #291 has just been born in Palm Desert. The North County Group, IBM Ring #292 (as well as SAM Assembly #218). And our own Ring membership has just hit 133; at the end of the membership year too!

I have IBM membership packages ready for presentation to our newest International members: **Tony ISAACS**, **Larry Frankel**, and **Chris CASTILLO** who appeared in the February issue of the *LINKING RING* magazine, and for **Curtis CLARK** who will appear in the March issue.

Marilyn EDWARDS, the IBM Executive Secretary, tells me that over 47,000 IBM Memberships have been issued since the IBM was founded, including the new Ring in the USSR. (Now all we need is a Ring in Kuwait!) So where's the upper limit? ANSWER - it's unlimited. An IBM membership application is included with this issue of *MAGICURRENTS*. If you are not getting your monthly copy of the *LINKING RING*, use it for yourself. Only thirty dollars the first year (twenty dollars for the Linking Ring and ten dollars is for the initial membership) and only twenty dollars a year thereafter. If you do get the *LINKING RING*, then go recruit, and use the application for someone else. **EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!**

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LEAD STORY (Cont. from Page 1.)

embodies **George's** philosophy by saying, "keep your head when all about you are losing theirs".

J.C.WAGNER, long time friend and student of **George's** in **J.C.'s** early days as a member of the *San Diego Mystics*, conducted the IBM Broken Wand Ceremony. Fellow *Inner Circle* member, **Stan GERSON**, performed a classic *LINKING RING* routine with

bag pipe music in the background, illustrating the portion of the ceremony which reads, "The World Wide symbol of the International Brotherhood of Magicians is a pattern of Rings in firmness linked...". It was extremely well done and not without some tears.

Olive and **Diane** shared some family thoughts and memories and invited those in attendance to do the same. There were MANY, as only a tribute to **George EDWARDS** could prompt. First Cousin **Ron BLACK** offered the Gaelic proverb which is quoted here. "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sunshine warm your face, the rain fall soft upon your field, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

Ring Seventy Six President, **J.P.JACKSON**, announced that the Ring would be making a significant contribution to the *MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION* of San Diego in **George's** name, and quoted some thoughts by Past President **Dick DALE**, who was unable to attend. **Sandy WAGNER** shared her memories of **George**, as did **Fred ROHRER**, **Paul BARTON**, (President of *RING 292*), and many other friends and relatives.

And just when the proceedings began to get a bit maudlin, **Diane** reminded us all that **George** would have wanted more laughter than tears, and invited us to adjourn to the lavish refreshment table. **Fred** and **Ursula** are to be commended for contributing so

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



much to the day - in helping **Olive** and **Diane** organize the ceremony, and in providing the refreshments.

My own friendship with George was bound by the common thread of both of us having spent so many years at sea: I in the U.S.Navy, and **George** as a Senior Staff Member of the Cunard Steamship Line. Since the Mid-Seventies we had as much fun "swapping sea stories" as "magic stories"; so I'll end with this traditional salute from one sea-going man to another - "Fair winds and a following sea, **George**, til my ship sails."

RANDY FOSTER

September 20, 1958 - February 24, 1991

Randy FOSTER, Magician, Juggler, and *PRESTO*, the Magic Clown, passed away on February 24 1991. **Randy** was a graduate of the *RINGLING BROTHER'S CLOWN COLLEGE* in 1987, and a Ring Seventy Six member in previous years. He will be remembered for his frequent assistance to the Ring, and for providing his sound system at Ring Activities. A lengthy illness, during which he incurred extensive medical expenses, had prevented him from attending recent meetings. We will present an opportunity at the March Meeting to make donations to help **Randy's** family defray some of those expenses. A very quiet and private gathering of family and friends was held shortly after his death. Our condolences to his family and to **Kit SUMMERS**, his long term friend, juggling partner and business associate.

FEBRUARY MEETING

...or what you missed

Another long - long Auction at our February Meeting on the Eighteenth. LONG but FUN, as always. Forty five members, eight guests, and two Juniors present to help \$1000 worth of neat stuff change hands. Not quite as profitable as last year's, but a nice input to the Ring's coffers anyway. The Auction preview was our pre-business activity so everyone could "eye-ball the goods" and prepare their best bids for over one hundred individual items, including lots of nice magic tables.

During the business portion President **J.P.JACKSON** welcomed the guests, expressed appreciation to **Don HALBACH** for organizing the very successful, and very full, free show on the Thirtieth of January, and reminded the Membership that **Dick DALE**, alone, serves the Ring as Community/ Public Relations Coordinator. As such, he is the only one, beside the President, authorized to contact the American Legion regarding the use of the Legion Hall.

Announcements included the news that the Membership Year ends in April, and that members could renew now at the existing dues of twelve dollars and beat a possible increase in April.

Loch CRANE is working on his proposal for a *"TRICKS FOR TROOPS"* benefit and will need help from Ring Members, performers, stage crews, etc. The April Meeting will be on April 29th, instead of the fifteenth, and possibly in the small upstairs room in the front. We held a quick drawing for five new products provided by **Dick DALE's "MAGIC WORKS"**, and began moving the stuff to the Auction Block.

Don HALBACH unloaded some good working props; **J.P.JACKSON** had old "Rice

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Silks", three tables, and **Roy ARM-STRONG's "SPRING SKUNK"**, and **Dick DALE** brought about twenty five of the best pieces from the collection he acquired from a South African magician. Biggest seller was **J.C.WAGNER** with advanced copies of his new Video at a nice discount, and a few copies of the new **Jon RACHERBAUMER** book. **CARD FIXES**. **Frank HERMAN** and **Scott FISHER** brought a dozen items each from up north: **Larry FRANKEL** offered a cute pair of "Bugs-type-Bunny" side tables; and **Terry LOVE** had some biggies, including a huge, jumbo **SQUARE CIRCLE** on its own stand. The real collectibles came via **Keith BARRETTE** who dug out a beautiful wooden Rice Vase made by Thayer, a large P&L Phantom Tube in mint condition, two sets of Thayer Billiard Balls, a P&L Candle Vanish, and a handful of Roterberg palming coins. In a word - DROOL!

Larry FRANKEL did a superb job as Auctioneer, all the way through, assisted by **Dick DALE**, **J.P.JACKSON**, and **Jeff MARCUS**. The real workers were **Peg MARCUS**, **Sherry LUFT**, and **Marcus DAY** (with his trusty calculator) who recorded the bids, took in the money, and paid all the sellers - all as expeditiously as has ever been done. It went long and late but the die-hards hung in there and picked up some good bargains, new props, and a collectible or two.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met at **Brad and Barb BURT's** on March First with the **BURTS**, **Sherry LUFT**, **J.P.JACKSON**, **Dick** and **Julie**

DALE, **Jeff** and **Peg MARCUS**, **Loch CRANE**, **Don HALBACH**, **Jan EASTMAN** and **Paul BARTON** present. A discussion about the recent memorial service for **George EDWARDS** and his many, many years of contributions to the Ring resulted in a brief moment of silence in his Memory. The Board agreed on a suitable donation to the **MAKE-A-WISH** Foundation in **George's** name, and suggested a provision for further donations from the Membership. (See March Meeting.)

The continuing review of Ring Finances, and projected expenses for the coming membership year resulted in a firm vote for no Dues increase. Dues for the 1991-1992 year will remain at twelve dollars and are payable now! The status of existing Honorary Ring Memberships was reviewed in accordance with the By-Laws and approved for: **Ethyl BERWIN**, **Helen HIESHETTER**, **Mary MARTINEZ**, **Jane THURSTON SHEPARD**, and **Carlton APPLEBY**. A new honorary membership was proposed and approved unanimously for **Jack WHITE** in recognition of his many contributions to Ring activities over the years, including his most recent work in the Public Show last October.

The Board discussed the recent death of past member **Randy FOSTER** and possible help to **Kit SUMMERS** in helping to dispose of **Randy's** estate. The Board agreed to help where required and **Jeff MARCUS** will act as point of contact with **Kit**. **Loch CRANE** presented his revised proposal for a "**TRICKS-FOR-TROOPS**" benefit to be held on April Twenty Eighth. The Board endorsed his proposal and will assist. (Details under **SLEIGHTLY NEWS**) The next Board Meeting will be hosted by **Jan EASTMAN** at 4706 Mt. St. Helen's Way on Monday, April First.

MARCH MEETING

...or what's coming.

On March Eighteenth we will be treated to our second Lecturer for the year - **Warren STEPHENS**. **Warren** was described in a recent issue of **TANNEN's MAGIC MANUSCRIPT** as one the most inventive minds in magic. He has over seventy five items of his invention on the market, offered by every major magic dealer, and I've seen him instantaneously create a fresh routine or "move" for an old prop - "right before your eyes". **Warren** will be ending a California lecture tour (which included a week at the *MAGIC CASTLE*) with his visit to us. Hopefully, he will have some of his great comedy and clown items left for sale after the lecture. The lecture will begin promptly at eight PM.

We may (repeat may) have a mini-flea market table before the business meeting. **Kit SUMMERS** is helping dispose of **Randy FOSTER's** magic and clown props and may have a few items left for sale. Most of **Randy's** estate has already been disposed of at the Clown Club Auction on March Third, and by sales at the North County Meeting on March Fifth. It's still a bit "iffy", but any items left will be offered for sale at Six Forty Five PM. (Note: This is for **Randy FOSTER** items only. All proceeds will go to his family.)

Those of you who would like to memorialize **George EDWARDS** on an individual basis may do so by writing a check payable to the *MAKE-A-WISH Foundation of San Diego* and bring it to the March meeting. (Checks only, please.) They will be collected by **Peg MARCUS** and forwarded to the Foundation in **George's** name. Acknowledgements of these donations will be sent to the **EDWARD's** family by *MAKE-A-WISH*. Or you can mail your donation to **Peg MARCUS** at P.O.Box 710262, Santee CA 92027.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

☆ A hearty THANK YOU to Member **Dana LAW** who contributed his magic to the *Children's Dental Health Month* festivities in Balboa Park on Saturday, February Twenty Third. **Dana** helped reinforce the theme, "*There's Magic In Your Smile*", with over two hours of Volunteer Close-Up Magic, and even did a little Palm Reading too. Nice job, **Dana**. **Tom CLAYTOR** took his turn on Sunday, March Third at the USO Benefit in Santee. It was a Bar-B-Q Banquet with four bands, and Tom performed over four hours of voluntary, walk-around magic. THANKS, Tom! You're getting to be a monthly regular.

☆ **David COPPERFIELD's** Thirteenth TV Special will air on Tuesday, April Ninth, at Eight PM with the vanish of an eighty foot Orient Express Railroad car as the "Biggie". But, first, catch him "live" at our own Civic Theater on Wednesday, March Twenty Seventh, at Six PM and Nine PM and Thursday, March Twenty Eighth, at Five Thirty PM and Eight Thirty PM. Tickets at the Box Office or at Ticket Master.

☆ Member **Stan GERSON** is doing a One-Man Show at the GASLAMP (Elizabeth North) Theater on Tuesday, March Nineteenth and Wednesday, March Twentieth. Last Chance! He already appeared on March Twelfth and Thirteenth. Ticket info at 234-9583.

☆ Our Community/Public Relations Coordinator, **Dick DALE**, needs volunteer performers for Saturday, May Fourth, and Sunday, May Fifth. The Children's Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a "TRADE SHOW FOR

KIDS" at the San Diego Convention Center, and needs to fill about Seventeen hours of entertainment time. Good opportunity to try out your "Kid Show Material", Walk-Around or Stage Stuff - Call **Dick** at 562-7379 if you can donate an hour or more.

- ☆ **Loch CRANE** has his **"TRICKS FOR TROOPS"** benefit scheduled for Sunday, April Twenty Eighth, at National University in Chamberlain Hall. **Jack WHITE** will perform along with **Loch, Dick BUSH**, and **Dana LAW**. **Loch** needs another performer or two, stage crew, and general helpers. Call him at 222-2849 if you can assist. More at the March Meeting.

CROSS TALK

- IBM Ring 292/SAM Assembly 218 had **"BACKWARD TRICKS NIGHT"** at their

regular meeting on March Fifth and hosted a nice visit by **Margaret DAILY**, the SAM National President and her husband, **Frank DAILY**, a past National President. **Margaret** spoke for a few minutes on some great opportunities coming up for both IBM and SAM magicians via the **OREO COOKIE** people. Their new campaign called **"OREO - UNLOCK THE MAGIC"** will be announced on April Fourth and involves a National Talent Search for summer vacation **"OREO MAGICIANS"**.

- **Margaret** also discussed the coming SAM Convention in Las Vegas, July Third - Sixth, 1991. (Close enough to drive.) She reported that the big Shows are scheduled in the afternoons, leaving the evenings free for the other magic in Las Vegas. Thanks, **Margaret!** (Nice to see you and your "Driver" in California.)
- And, in case you're wondering, the 1992 IBM convention will be in Salt lake City, Utah and the 1992 SAM Convention in Indianapolis.

The **MAGIC CASTLE** Awards Banquet took place on Saturday, March Ninth with **Bill BIXBY, Buddy EBSSEN, Lance BURTON, David CARRADINE, Victoria JACKSON, and Will SHRINER** as presenters:

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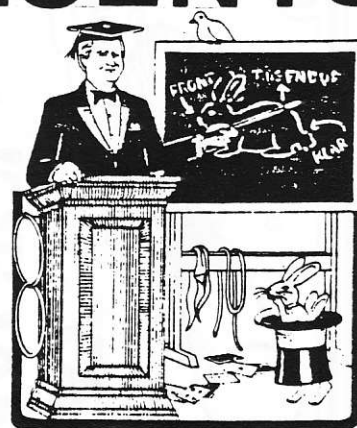
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Warren has been lecturing for over 25 years in the U.S., Canada and Europe. He has been a featured lecturer at large and small conventions the world over: The IBM (Boston), twice for the British National Convention, the German National Convention, many times for the Canadian National, the Kali Convention in Holland and numerous state and regional conventions.

Warren is also much in demand as a performer of stage and close-up magic, both for lay people and magicians. He has M.C.ed and performed for many organizations.

QUOTES

TOMMY WINDSOR: "I really "dig" your stuff..."

RING 58, KNOXVILLE

RING REPORT: "On April 14 we had a fantastic lecture by Warren Stephens. Everything he showed was practical and his presentation was pure entertainment. We highly recommend him."

KARRREL FOX: ..."Warren's magic is well thought out, entertaining, and earns my favorite adjective, COMMERCIAL."

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NEIL FOSTER: "Warren Stephens is one of the very few originators in the field of Magic today. Such were Percy Abbott, U.F. "Gen" Grant and Dr. Harlan Tarbell...."

SID LORRAINE: "I always enjoy a Warren Stephens lecture. Having been a witness to four or five of his presentations, I must confess to being amazed at his creative output. Ideas seem to sprout, when Warren is at a magical gathering. They are often wild, zany and magically funny - yet clever and quite commercial. One can't ask for anything more. A Warren Stephens lecture is always a big success, in everyway."

RING 243, CANTON, OHIO

NEWSLETTER: "Warren is one of the greatest inventive minds in magic....All his ideas are commercial and practical and above all — entertaining — which is the name of the game. Most important, Warren loves magic and loves to do magic...."

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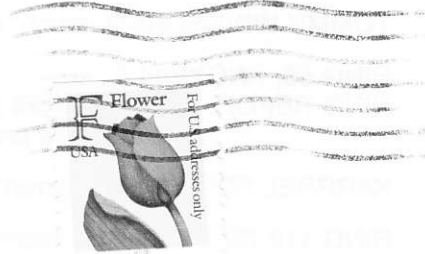
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