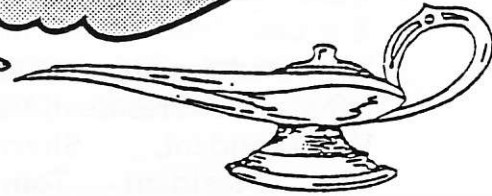


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THE MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PREZ

Hi,

Welcome to all of our 1992 members. Most of you know me, or at least have met me. Whether you have or not, I'd like to get to know you all better. Consider this first letter of mine an invitation to come up to me at a meeting or feel free to give me a call (562-3434).

For those of you who don't know much about me, I am a full-time professional magician/clown. I've been doing magic for over 32 years (I started very young). Although I don't consider myself an authority on magic, I'd be more than happy to share anything I can.

You probably know I'm rather talkative (ha, ha). Well, I'm going to try (?) to keep these messages short and not bore you to death.

I really want this to be a fun club, as well as informative for those that want to learn. The board is developing a questionnaire for the general membership to help the officers guide the ring 76 ship through 1992-93. If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to me. Once again, I'd like to remind you that *all members* are welcome and encouraged to come to a Board Meeting. *This* is where we "hash out" all the details and problems of the club. If you have an opinion or gripe, it's the appropriate place to bring it up. We're not trying to keep the club membership in the dark. We're only trying to keep the general business part of the meetings as short as possible. This will hopefully make the evenings more enjoyable!

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LAST MEETING or what you missed

We voted for our new slate of officers: Jeff Marcus--President, Mike Hoener--1st Vice President, Sherry Luft--2nd Vice President, Tom LaChance--Secretary, Julie Dale--Treasurer, Mary Brown--Sergeant-at-Arms, and David Lane--Board Member. Congratulations to all!

Speaking of the Installation Banquet, it will be at Van Winkle's in Santee. (See separate "INSTALLATION BANQUET" article.)

For the entertainment section of the meeting, Sherry Luft, wearing a crazy paper bag hat, was the MC. She did a first-rate job announcing all of the entertainers with show cards yet! The first part of the show featured performances by the outgoing (literally and figuratively) slate of officers. J.P. Jackson opened with one of his favorite collectibles, "Pent-a-Block", where a solid block penetrates a barrier between two tubes. Next, Brad Burt did a "Tibetan Prayer Ball" where a wooden ball moves up and down a rope at Brad's commands. Dana Law did a prediction with the help of Sherry Luft. Using drawstring bags, Eddie Raymond, Paul Chu, Loch David Crane, Eddie Rodriguez, and Joyce Zehnder placed personal objects in them and Dana identified the owners and some of their characteristics. Peg Marcus did a magic coloring book effect with vanishing crayons. Then Jeff Marcus performed a "Fuzzy Silk Serenade" using loops with

matching silks. Cal Mayers did "The World's Easiest Lie Detector" card trick with Thomas Oathoudt. He guessed Thomas' card correctly by asking him questions. Next, Joe Florian did a nice card effect using a western gunslinger theme to his patter. The last entertainer of the evening was Rick Waterhouse. He did a comic ball of yarn and coin prediction with Sherry Luft and Loch David Crane. Sherry held the marked quarter and a book under her arm looking like the Statue of Liberty. Loch opened up the wooden box with 25 rubber bands and found the marked quarter. Great effect!

BOARD MEETING

The Board met in Brad's Back Room on July 6. Those there were Sherry Luft, Tom LaChance, Brad Burt, Jeff Marcus, J.P. Jackson, Mike Hoener, Mary Brown, and Dick and Julie Dale.

The plans for the Installation Banquet on July 27 were finalized and are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Quite an in-depth discussion was held regarding local membership procedure. The "path of paperwork" was defined and the pertinent fact is that the proposed member's name will be published in MAGICURRENTS for a month prior to their approval to allow the general membership a chance to react to the application. Sort of a mini IBM procedure.

The next Board meeting will be held at J.P. Jackson's on Monday, August 3, at 7:00pm.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Home-cooked barbecued chicken and ribs, baked potato, coffee or tea, thick garlic toast, and dessert. How about \$10? Including tax and tip! Not bad, eh? And, the food is very, very good.

The no-host bar opens at 6:00 and dinner is served at 7:00 on Monday, July 27 at Van Winkle's, 10055 Mission Gorge Road in Santee. By the way, it's only about 10-11 miles from Brad's shop on the south side of Mission Gorge Road between Cuyamaca and Magnolia.

Clip the reservation form from this newsletter, fill it in, enclose a check for the proper amount, and mail it to:

Peg and Jeff Marcus
9890 Magnolia Ave., Ste. 110
Santee CA 92071

We'll save you a spot. If you don't want us to save you a spot, call either Peg or Jeff and they will probably, if there are any left, save you a spot. Those are the two best options. The other one is to just show up and take your chances. In any event, anyone attending the banquet will be welcomed free to Chuck's lecture (see below).

After dinner, there will be a brief installation ceremony, and then it's show time with Chuck Fayne, an extremely talented and funny magician who has been nominated 13 times for The Magic Castle Magician of the Year in different categories and was selected Lecturer of the Year in 1988.

He just finished teaching Shirley Maclaine how to perform magic for her upcoming film, he was Curly Sue's hands in the film "Curly Sue", and is a very busy lecturer, MC, cruise ship entertainer, and industrial show magician.

CHUCK FAYNE LECTURE

On Tuesday, July 28, the aforementioned Mr. Fayne will lecture at 7:00 at Brad Burt's Magic Shop. Banquet attendees will pay no admission, everyone else will pay \$5.00. Chuck is encouraging all members to bring significant others to the lecture because it's like another different show. Yes, there will of course be explanations, but the whole deal is very entertaining for all who attend. You should even bring guests.

BIG SISTER PICNIC HELP NEEDED

The Big Sisters are in need of unpaid, volunteer strolling and/or stand-up entertainment for their annual picnic on August 29 between 11:00 and 3:00 at the South Clairemont Recreation Park. If you can do something for this worthy cause in the name of Ring 76, please contact Karin Smolinski, Program Coordinator for The Big Sisters at 297-1172. Most of the girls come from disadvantaged families and are not afforded the opportunity to attend many community functions and events. This picnic provides them with a way to get together with other Big/Little Sisters.

COMING UP

(Prez's Message, cont.)

Lastly, I think this Installation Banquet will be *GREAT...and cheap!* Chuck Fayne is a super entertainer and the food at Van Winkle's is terrific! Although I have not seen his lecture personally, I have been told that it's a wonderful lecture (Magic Castle Lecturer of the Year, 1987). Hope to see you all there.



Jeff Marcus
President

- July 20 Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm
La Mesa American Legion
Open Magic Night
Pre-meeting Video 6:30pm
- July 27 Installation Banquet 7:00pm
Van Winkle's
10055 Mission Gorge Rd.
Santee
- July 28 C. Fayne Lecture 7:00pm
Brad Burt's Magic Shop
- August 3 Board Meeting 7:00pm
J.P. Jackson's
5746 Tortuga Road
- August 17 Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm
La Mesa American Legion
Theme TBD
Pre-meeting Video 6:30pm

VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



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