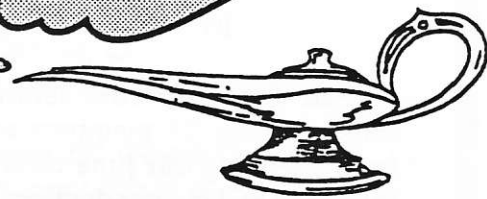


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here we are in third month and time seems to be going so quickly! This message starts on a very sad note. The Professor, Dai Vernon passed away in his sleep August 21 at the home of his son in Ramona. He was 98 years old. I'm sure that most, if not all, of the membership will join me in expressing our sympathy to his family as well as the entire magic community. He was probably the world's most well known magician among magicians and was truly a "Master's Master". He will be missed.

On the club news, we're still in bad shape financially. At the last meeting (if you weren't there) the membership voted to raise the annual dues to \$18 - effective immediately. If you haven't paid yet, (which means you didn't get this letter) you're five months delinquent! Renew your membership. Paid members will not be charged extra until next year. At \$1.50 per month, it's still a great deal.

We still need to find other ways to raise money. One is the Mini-Auction mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Another idea is to recruit past members or a hobbyist friend. Please give *your club your support* as well as your ideas and input. Of course, donations are accepted also. If you can't make it to a Board meeting, give me a call with your ideas.

Magically,

LAST MEETING or what you missed

By Tom LaChance

San Diego's record-setting heat wave couldn't keep 29 members and one guest from attending our June meeting. President JEFF MARCUS, conducting the business portion, presented membership kits to THOMAS CLAYTOR and EILEEN SPARKES. STACY MACKENZIE gave a quick review of The Magic Bulletin Board, a computer service offered to magicians with computers and a modem. JEFF then announced that SHERRY LUFT, our newly elected 2nd Vice President, will also serve as 1st Vice President, replacing MIKE HOENER who was transferred to Long Beach by the Navy.

It was then magic time, with our theme of "Tricks from Tarbell". Our first performer was JOE FLORIAN and his flashy half dollars. Combining a "Coins thru silk" with his version of "Coins to Pocket", JOE had all of our attention as coins vanished, appeared and traveled everywhere he commanded, except up his sleeve. After a quick "Coins Across" segment, all the silver dollars vanished in a flash of flames, concluding this nice routine. Next up was FRED ROHRER who, with the aid of DANA LAW and CHRIS DOWNS, demonstrated the rope and tape principle using silks, rope and a cylinder. GREG WAUSEN then told of his experience with a K-Mart clerk as he magically transformed a one dollar bill into a five. The next performer was STACY MACKENZIE's young daughter, HOLLY, who baffled all of us with her version of the "Shoelace Tie". Well done, HOLLY, and let's hope you return soon to show us another! CHARLIE NORRIS then took the stage and started off with a short thimble routine. CHARLIE followed this with his clever presentation of "Card Warp".

That mind reading whiz, DANA LAW, was our final performer of the evening, and started off with a nearly perfect rendition of "Card Stab", failing only to find the selected card. DANA followed this with an incredible display of the power of the mind. The effect "centered" on his ability to determine the name LOCH DAVID CRANE had written on a piece of paper which was then completely "torn" up.

After the conclusion of the performances, Board member DICK DALE announced he had brought in his collection of the original Tarbell mail order courses and left them out for any interested member to examine. Thanks DICK, for the thoughtful gesture.



BOARD MEETING

By Tom LaChance

This month's Board Meeting, held on Sept. 8th at David Lane's house, was attended by Julie and Dick Dale, Mary Brown, David Lane and Tom LaChance. The Ring's treasury was again the main topic of discussion, and its condition is worse than reported at the August meeting. The high cost of printing this newsletter, a cost that has since been dramatically reduced, and the Exchange Banquet have drained our funds to the point that the Ring's money will run out long before dues, our main source of income, become collectible again.

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After discussing various ideas, the Board decided to ask all of our members for help in solving this problem. Everyone is being asked to check their closets and drawers for no longer used magical items or books that can be donated to the Ring for our November auction. Those items you never mastered or have phased out of your current routine can help rebuild our treasury and give a fellow Ring member something new to work with. All items will have a minimum starting bid of \$5.00, so please try and donate items that are worthy of at least that price tag. The higher value the item has, of course, the more funds it will bring into the club. All money collected at the auction will go straight into your treasury, so please be as generous as you can. Any item that doesn't receive the minimum bid will be held over and used in our monthly raffle. If you can't bear to part with any of your collection, but still wish to help out, cash donations will also help us solve our financial problems.

The Board also voted that after the September meeting, 1992 dues for anyone joining the Ring or renewing their membership will be \$18.00. You can still renew, or join for the first time, at the current price of \$12.00 if you do so at the September meeting. At that meeting, Ring Librarian David Lane will give an update on the Ring's library and review procedure for checking out books. Our pre-meeting event will be another magic video preview, courtesy of Brad Burt, and the evening's theme will be magic from your oldest volumes of "The Linking Ring". Please have the issue and page number of the effect so that interested members can look it up later. The next Board meeting will be at Mary Brown's house in Mission Valley on Monday, October 5. The address is 8020-D Sevan Court, and all are invited to attend.

COMING UP

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| Sept. 18-20 | Magic Days
Denver, CO
Mile High Magic and More |
| Sept. 20 | Ring 292 (North County)
Annual Picnic
Live Oak Park \$3.00
Call 723.7307 to RSVP
and for directions. |
| Sept. 21 | Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm
La Mesa American Legion
"Tricks From Your Oldest
Linking Ring"
Pre-meeting video 6:30pm |
| Sept. 29-
Oct. 4 | British Ring Convention
Eastbourne, England
Jeffery Atkin, Kings Garn
Fritham Court, England |
| Oct. 5 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
Mary Brown's 7:00pm |
| Oct. 7-10 | Tannen's Jubilee
Monticello, NY |
| Oct. 8-10 | NYCAN
Binghamton, NY
Phil Messina
Johnson City, NY |
| Oct. 19 | Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm |

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