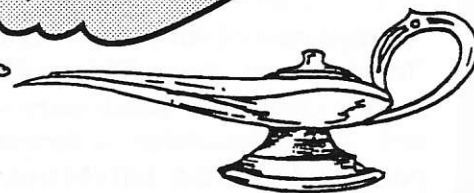


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those of you who attended the last general membership meeting in September, you saw how long it went. It was obvious that most of you were getting rather bored and frustrated. Well, I don't blame you. I want to keep these meetings short and get on with the entertainment.

I'd prefer not to be repetitive, but hashing out problems should be done at the Board Meeting.

Referring to it as a Board Meeting in some ways may create a false conception. It is not some kind of elite or secretive group. It's not only for the Board of Directors and officers. It is where the actual business of the club is conducted. Therefore, it's open to all members who wish to attend. We encourage everyone's input and their presence. It's a way to deal with the numerous details that keep the club going (hopefully, smoothly). Then we can bring the results to the general meeting and keep it short and simple.

Most of the members have indicated they like it this way. While a few of you want to go over all of the issues at the general meeting, I must look out for the best interests of the club. I ask anyone who has lengthy business to discuss to please do it at the Board Meeting.

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LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

The theme of our September meeting was "Magic From Your Oldest Copy Of *The Linking Ring*." On hand were 23 members and 3 guests. After a lengthy business portion, President Jeff Marcus presented Todd Stuart with his membership kit, and it was on to the magic.

Greg Wauson opened our show with a quick Jerry Andrus routine. After producing a coin from between two business cards and from a business card torn in half, the half card was torn again and - you guessed it - another coin emerged from between the torn cards to conclude this clever routine!

New member Todd Stuart then came on and after providing a few suspenseful moments pondering which ends to pull, did a nice job with "The Professors Nightmare." That brought on our Prez, Jeff Marcus, who performed an effect from the January 1973 *Linking Ring*. After assistant David Lane selected a card, Jeff first changed the back of the card from blue to red, then seconds later displayed it as again having a blue back.

The 1973 issue looked like current events after our next performer, Dick Dale, took the stage with a copy from October, 1941. After reading a couple of items to show how our taste in magic has improved over the years, Dick performed a quick rope routine called "Knots to You", from the September, 1942 issue.

Our final performer of the night, Dana Law, opened with his version of "Tossed Out Deck". He proceeded into a humorous routine with a mini baseball appearing twice from an empty bag. The routine was entertaining and a fitting conclusion to an evening of magic and fun!

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

This month's Board meeting was held on October 5th at Mary Brown's house with Jeff Marcus, David Lane, Sherry Luft, Todd Stuart, Julie & Dick Dale, Dick Bush, Mary Brown and Tom LaChance in attendance. The main topic of discussion was an upcoming questionnaire for Ring members. With an eye on dwindling membership numbers, the Board wants to find out what you expect of the Ring. Dick Dale is working on the project and will present it at the next Board meeting.

The Board will also have a series of short surveys on specific topics. They will be distributed at meetings with the first one hopefully ready for our October meeting. It will concern the Ring Library. Please take a minute to fill these out. It's your club and we want to make it as enjoyable and as rewarding as possible.

Regarding the upcoming Christmas party, Dick Bush proposed using the recreation center at the complex where he lives. The center has a wide variety of appealing features such as kitchen and dining areas, pool, sauna, etc. The Board decided, however, the regular meeting hall would be more convenient for the Christmas party. The possibility of having a Ring picnic or similar function in spring of next year at this location was well received and will be reviewed at a later date.

"Halloween Magic" is the theme for the October meeting and the next Board meeting will be Monday November 7th at Jeff Marcus' house. The address is 10513 Kerrigan Court in Santee. All members are invited to attend.

RECRUIT A MEMBER!

MEMBER PROFILE

by Frank Syren

To those of you who have been remarking about the wonderful new appearance of *MAGICURRENTS*, I'd like to introduce you, both of you, to the new publisher. His name, if you were to read the masthead, is Mike Lowe, a name not unknown to the wheeler-dealers in San Diego's entertainment and television industry.

A five-time winner of the San Diego Communicating Arts Group Awards, Mike also received San Diego's first Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for commercial writing. (So that's where they get that stuff!) He's a writer, a producer/director, and a Master of Ceremonies AND a magician! He has appeared, on and off camera, in over 1700 radio and television commercials, at dozens of trade shows, on stage at The Comedy Store and the MGM Grand Hotel in Reno.

He wrote, produced and starred in *FRACTURED FUNNIES*, a series of forty comedy shorts that ran on the Nickelodeon television network. (But when does he do magic?)

Mike got started in magic when he was seven or eight and an aunt gave him a magic box that switched a quarter and a nickel. An uncle also showed him the "Broken Toothpick in The Handkerchief" trick. Perhaps, had that aunt and uncle lived longer, Mike would have grown up to be more magically inclined.

As it was, he quickly declined into stand-up comedy. He did his first stand-up comedy routine when he was in the fourth grade. We don't know how well he did - there are no reports from (or is it "of?") survivors. (But when does he do magic?)

In 1961, a three-year naval tour of duty brought Mike to San Diego where he settled after being discharged. For the next eight years, Mike worked as a disc jockey at various radio stations and developed his humorous approach to communications and life in general. In 1969, he left radio to try his hand at television production and spent the next nine years writing, producing and directing. (But when does he do magic?)

In 1978, he formed his own creative services company and branched out into trade show and business communications. Currently, Mike is involved in producing and directing videos on energy conservation and recycling for the educational community. (For the last time, when does he do magic?)

Through all this, Mike has maintained a keen interest in magic, both in trade show and corporate venues, as well as a hobby. His main interest lies in comedy magic, close-up magic and grand illusion.

All of this background has led eventually to his chosen profession as a -- well, a Renaissance Man of the Communication Arts.



COMING UP

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On the plus side, I should point out that these Board Meetings can often be fun! They're less formal - usually some joking intermixed with business - and there are great snacks, too. Even if you don't have something to discuss, why not show up anyway and see what goes on? After all, it is *your* club.

All of our thoughts and good wishes go to member Ed Popovits for a speedy recovery from coronary bypass surgery. Get well soon, Ed!!

Don't forget to bring your item(s) that you intend to donate for November's mini-auction to this meeting. Some neat items already donated include: Collectors Workshop's "Any Card to Billfold", "Needle Thru Arm", and some other great collectibles. This auction will help us get a head start on a major fund-raising project for the Ring.

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Oct. 19	Ring 76 Meeting 7:30 pm La Mesa American Legion "Halloween Tricks" Theme Pre-meeting video 6:30 pm
Nov. 1	Bob Little's Super Sunday Guaranteed Magic Hatboro PA
Nov. 2	Ring 76 Board Meeting Jeff & Peg Marcus' 7:00 pm
Nov. 5-7	Yankee Gathering Watertown MA
Nov. 12-14	Atlanta Harvest of Magic Atlanta GA
Nov. 22	New York Super Magic Conv. New York NY
Dec. 4-6	Ron MacMillan Int'l Weekend London England
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