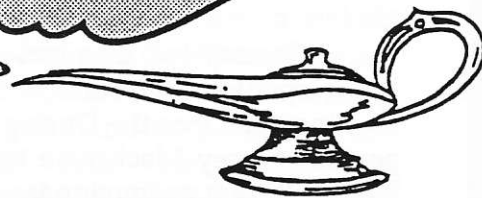


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the big election is over, and whether your candidate won or lost, I think you'll agree it was one of the more interesting elections. As mentioned elsewhere in *MAGICURRENTS*, the theme of the November meeting is the auction. All the money received will be used specifically to bolster the club treasury (so we don't go broke before the end of the year!). I've seen many of the items already donated and there are some real gems! All of the "goodies" seem to be in very good to excellent condition.

If you have any items in good shape and worth at least five dollars - *please, no junk* - that you'd like to donate, please bring them with you to the auction. If you can't make it, call me and I'll try to arrange for someone to pick them up.

I hope you'll all try to attend this meeting. Also, please bring any friends interested in magic and call everyone you know who used to go to the meetings. This meeting is open to everyone, not just members, and there won't even be a door charge. See you there.

Magically,

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

Twenty-two members and five guests had a "spook-tacular" time at our Halloween meeting last month. During the business portion, Stacey Mackenzie told us about a Eugene Burger promotion involving 3 audio cassettes on magic techniques and philosophies available for \$32.00. For more information, or to order, contact Stacey. A preview was given of some of the items in our upcoming auction and it was announced that other magic clubs would also be invited to attend the auction.

Roy and Betty Armstrong opened the evening's magic and amazed us with a "Daylight Seance" starring Luke the Spook. Dana Law followed and, with the aid of Tom Owens, performed a borrowed coin prediction. Seth Asser was next on stage and with volunteer Mary Brown performed "Impossible Odds". Although the cards were continually cut and shuffled, Seth defied the laws of probability by continually turning up cards without getting any pairs.

Dick Dale followed with a demonstration of a timely item from his collection, "Forgetful Freddie", complete with pumpkin head and Halloween cape. It was then on to Joe Florian who performed a chosen card effect, with the selected card ending up in his pocket. Tom Owens was up next and after demonstrating his "French Drop" technique, explained how he performs it and offered some tips on finesse.

The final performer of the evening was Rick Waterhouse, who demonstrated the aura of the kiss (Hershey chocolate variety). It was "too hot to handle"!

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

This month's Board Meeting was held at Peggy and Jeff Marcus's house on Nov. 2 and was attended by Julie and Dick Dale, Peggy and Jeff Marcus, Sherry Luft, Mary Brown, David Lane, Rich Robertson and Tom LaChance. David Lane opened the meeting with a review of the October survey (see details elsewhere in newsletter) and future survey topics. Please fill out the new survey at this month's meeting. Your views and comments are very important to us.

The next topic was the Ring 76 auction. As you know, ALL proceeds from this event will go directly into our treasury. Please plan on attending and donating an item if you can. Also, feel free to bring your friends as the usual guest door charge has been dropped for the evening. One common complaint at Ring auctions seems to be that they drag on forever. In an attempt to solve this problem, auctioneer Dick Dale will keep things moving at a brisk pace. When you arrive, pick-up a bidders card, open your wallets and get ready for action.

The annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner was next on the agenda. The dinner will be held on a date to be announced at the American Legion Hall. The dinner will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Mary Brown's Junior Magicians will provide the entertainment, and from the sound of it, you won't want to miss them. Julie Dale has volunteered to coordinate the pot luck.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday Nov. 30 at the Dale's, 2447 Nielsen St., El Cajon. All members are invited.

EDITOR'S NOTEPAD

by Dick Dale

Dave Lane, our erstwhile Librarian and resident computer guru, provides the following summaries of the first two of many more-to-come surveys:

Library Survey Results

Most people have never used the library, but would like to start using it. The check out charge of \$1 was accepted as being very reasonable. A lot of the respondents liked the idea of computerizing the catalog. This would allow for multiple search criteria. Most wanted to see a selection of books at the meeting. Some people liked the idea of receiving raffle tickets for performing magic from a book they had checked out. Unfortunately, only a few folks volunteered to write abstracts or brief summaries for the club. Fortunately, nobody wanted the library disbanded.

In answer to several queries about adding video tapes to our library: the pre-meeting videos that Brad so graciously provides are an alternative to buying tapes for the Ring library. The Board took this position after considering many factors including ethics, legality, and the complexity of choice procedure. It's *your* library-check it out!

Raffle Survey Results

Raffle participation generally consists of the purchase of \$2 worth of tickets. Most think the price is right and the overall quality of the items is good. The majority favored fewer items of

greater value with the price of tickets remaining unchanged. To financially aid the Ring, some people would be willing to donate or sell items to be raffled off. Some would even be willing to demonstrate their donated item.

From the various surveys several comments bear repeating:

"The list of books, (prepared many years ago), listing books by topic, should be updated and used!"

"Does anyone want to perform in a public show?"

"We should perform more and talk less!"

Christmas Potluck Dinner will be held at the American Legion on a date to be announced. (Tentative choices are December 13, 16, or 20.) Julie Dale will be coordinating the dishes and may be reached at 562-7379.

The Mid-City Adult Day Care Health Care Center has a \$40.00 budget for a December magic show. Contact Dick Dale at 562-7379 or Rodney Clark at 584-0305.



AUCTION ITEMS ... a partial list

- Mis-Made Lady Illusion-to be fixed up and used or used as pattern for building a new one.
- Needle through arm
- New Zombie
- A production brain
- Mummy Asrah
- Wireless microphone system
- Racherbaumer's *Card Finesse*
- Collector's Workshop "Any Card to Wallet"
- Stargate
- Jumbo Color-Changing Knives
- and much, much more.

This does not include what YOU bring the night of the auction. We'll see you and your guests there.

COMING UP

- Nov. 12-14 Atlanta Harvest of Magic
Atlanta, GA
- Nov. 22 New York
Super Magic Convention
New York, NY
- Nov. 30 Ring 76 Board Meeting
Dick & Julie Dale's 7:00 pm
- Dec. 4-6 Ron MacMillan
International Weekend
London, England
- December Ring 76 Christmas Pot Luck
La Mesa American Legion
TO BE ANNOUNCED
- February Eugene Burger/Jay Ingle
La Mesa American Legion
Double Lecture

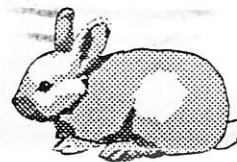
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