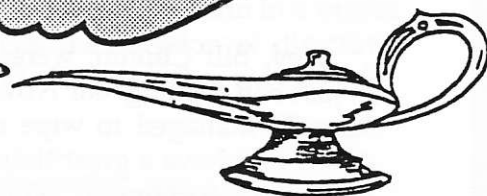


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who didn't make it to the auction missed a "Goodie". The pace was fast, it didn't run all night long and people got some great deals! Best of all, the club raised over \$500.00 for the treasury (which was the whole point of the auction in the first place)! I want to thank all of you who donated items as well as the people who made the auction run sooooo smoothly.

I'd also like to congratulate our auctioneer, Dick Dale, who recently won the Golden Wand Award presented by the International Academy of Performing Arts. Also, if you aren't aware of it, Dick has been nominated as the new Territorial Vice President of IBM. Please show your support and vote for him when you get your ballot from International.

Lastly, I hope you can make it to the club's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, December 13. We need plenty of people to make it successful! Call Julie Dale at 562-7379 for what food to bring - the club is supplying turkey and ham. And, if you want to perform that night, call Sherry Luft at 543-0354. Hope to see you there.

Magically,

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

Hey, Bill Clinton, were you watching? In just one evening, our November meeting, Ring 76 managed to wipe out our budget deficit and have a great time in the process. Advanced economics? Nope just an old-fashioned auction of items donated by Ring members, with all proceeds going directly into our once-sagging treasury.

President Jeff Marcus kicked off the evening by conducting a brief business session. The main topic discussed by the 23 members and 10 guests was the upcoming Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. The dinner, replacing our regular December meeting, will be held on Sunday, December 13, at the American Legion Hall from 5-8pm. This will be a family affair, so bring the kids! Entertainment, food and decorations will be spectacular! After marking your calendar, be sure to give Julie Dale a call (562-7379) and discuss what you can bring to the pot luck.

The last item of business at the meeting was Jeff presenting Rob Wasson with his IBM membership kit. Then it was on to the auction.

It appears to me at this point that two huge congratulations are in order. - the first goes out to all of our members who attended the event and donated items. When called on to help the Ring out of its financial problems, you came through in a big way! We auctioned everything from books and small pocket tricks to installation of custom Topits and custom-made cig-thru-card gimmicks to a magic table and full size "Mis-Made Lady" illusion.

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BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

December's Board Meeting was held at Julie and Dick Dale's house and attended by the Dales, Peg and Jeff Marcus, Sherry Luft and Tom LaChance.

The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Christmas Pot Luck dinner, which begins with a social hour from 5-6 pm, followed by dinner and magic. The Board decided to use some of the money from our recent auction to buy ham and turkey as the main course of the dinner, but the rest of the pot luck is up to the members. Since the number of people attending will dictate how much turkey is bought, please call Julie Dale (562-7379) by Friday, December 11, to confirm how many people are coming and also to coordinate what foods will be brought.

Unfortunately, Mary Brown's junior magicians will be unable to perform as previously planned, so the Board decided to look toward Ring members for the entertainment. Sherry Luft is coordinating the show and anyone interested in performing for 5 to 7 minutes should call her at 543-0354 before Sunday.

The dinner will be replacing our regular December meeting, and, as such, will be the Ring's last function of the year. Hopefully, with a good turnout it will also be one of the most enjoyable. Plan on attending and come early so you don't miss any of the fun.

The next Board Meeting will be at Tom LaChance's house. The address is 447 Nila Lane in El Cajon and all members are invited.

EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

by Dick Dale

HELP!

Do you want some warm fuzzies? Helping and entertaining others who are less fortunate is a great way to make yourself feel great. The Salvation Army needs some volunteer help with their annual canned food drive. They put on the presentation in schools and through past experience it has been found that when entertainment is also used, the drive is much more successful. The magic does not have to be themed to their "Sharing" theme (although it would be great if it was). Just entertain. They are presenting programs in schools on December 16, 17, 18-some morning and some afternoon gigs. If you can help, call Victor at The Salvation Army, 239-8027 or at his home, 562-1721. Another benefit that needs our help is the Children's Leukemia Christmas party at the Handlery Hotel (formerly Town & Country) on December 20 from 1:00-4:00pm. The contact person is Judy Cleborne who may be reached at 277-1800. These are both stand-up and close-up venues that will appreciate your efforts, no matter what. Please try to give-just a little.

SURVEY RESULTS

It was unanimous that everyone who participated in the survey at the November meeting likes shorter business discussions during the General meeting, the new survey process that delivers feedback to Board meetings, and would like to see pre-meeting Dealer Demos and Round Table discussions/demonstrations returned. (Ed. note: These, mixed with the very well-received videos from Brad, would be a great way to start any meeting.) Eight people said they would participate and/or lead a Round Table. Mary Brown's questions on "Magic for Teachers" (Remember, *your* question(s)

can appear on a survey by writing them on the bottom of your form and returning to Dave Lane) lead to 50% ($\pm 3\%$) of those polled said they were interested in the subject and would like to see a lecture on the subject even though there are only a few educators in the Ring. Seven people said they would be willing to perform in a public show. This raises the question of direction, production, and all of the other myriad jobs. Any takers?

The club auction was a great success (\$516 into the coffers). Everyone liked it and would like to see it as an annual function. Written comments included:

"Let's have it semi-annually."

"The \$5.00 starting bid was a great idea."

"The magic tricks auctioned off were of great quality and value."

"It was a great club money-maker."

"I prefer flea market selling."

"Surveys like this are a great idea, Keep them coming!"

"Great job on the surveys!"...Dave Lane's parents.

"We are still on record for two selling events per year. When will they be?"

"Many new members have indicated that they come to meetings to learn more. How about 'Teach-A-Trick Night?'"

"We need more lectures of the Ron London type!"

FOR SALE

Dai Vernon's 1958 MG Magnet. 90% restored. Runs well. \$6,000.00 or best offer. Contact Joan Verner 24627 Watt Road, Ramona, California 92065.

COMING UP

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The second big congrats goes to Julie and Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus and Sherry Luft for keeping the action fast and furious. Auctioneer Dick, with the able assistance of Prez Jeff, not only kept up a brisk "you snooze, you lose" pace, but also managed to keep everyone laughing with their comments. Meanwhile, Julie and Sherry were busy smoothly keeping tabs of who bought what and collecting the money afterwards.



The net results of the evening were rewarding in several ways. Many members had new magical items to explore (purchased at bargain prices), the treasury was boosted by \$516.00, and everyone had a grand time. All in all, not a bad way to spend an evening.

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| Dec.13 | Ring 76 Christmas Potluck
La Mesa American Legion
5:00pm-8:00pm |
| Jan. 4 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
Tom LaChance's 7:00pm |
| Jan. 18 | Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
Pre-meeting 6:30pm
Meeting 7:30 |
| Feb. 8 | Eugene Burger Lecture
La Mesa American Legion
7:00pm \$20.00 |
| Feb. 9 | Eugene Burger Seminar \$30.00 |
| Feb. 15 | Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
Pre-meeting 6:30pm
Meeting 7:30pm |
| Feb. 21 | Dan Harlan Lecture
La Mesa American Legion
7:00pm \$15.00 |
| Feb.26-27 | FCM
Riverside, CA
Mick Palmer (909)923-9703 |

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