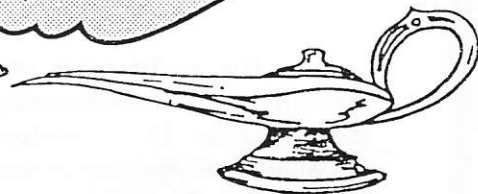


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## FROM THE NEW PREZ



ell, as you probably know by now, I'm the new Prez. The Board and I are looking forward to working with all of you to move the club in a positive direction. If you have any comments, please feel free to talk to me or any Board member. I definitely want to keep the art of magic alive.

More Fun  
All together  
Great times  
Inspiration  
Clever

*Sherry  
Luft*

## FROM THE OLD PREZ

Friends, Romans and countrymen - - no, wait. That's wrong. Start again. Club members, non-members, guests: as my year as president ends, I'd like to say *thanks* to all of you who gave me input and support. I even appreciate the criticism. I feel that constructive criticism is the best way to become a better performer as well as a better person (and better to hear it from a fellow MAGI than a layman!).

In the last year I've tried my best to help the club get better. I realize I may have gotten wordy at times and a little "soap boxish", but I've always done it with the best of intentions. I tried to use your comments to make the club what you wanted it to be. Hopefully, this year we've become a little more informative with the teach-ins and provided a little more variety. I hope I accomplished at least some of the goals and I continue to invite your comments in the future. Please keep in touch.

Magically,

*AS*

## LAST MEETING or what you missed

By Tom LaChance

The early birds at Ring 76's June meeting were well-rewarded as J.P. Jackson and Marcus Day combined to give an excellent pre-meeting presentation on magic collectibles. Their tips, stories and samples of their prized old books and apparatus whetted everybody's appetite for this inviting hobby. Tom Owen opened the business session by volunteering to coordinate magic shows for local senior citizens. Please check with him if you would like to help out. In the elections that followed the proposed slate of candidates was voted into office. The new officers are: Sherry Luft-President, Rick Waterhouse-1st Vice-President, Mark Flores-2nd Vice-President, David Lane-Treasurer, Tom LaChance-Secretary, Dick Bush-Sergeant-at-Arms, Julie Dale-Board Member and Dick Dale-Board Member.

Greg Wauson led off the magic with some very impressive coin manipulation he's working on from John Bannon's "Impossibilia" tape. Jeff Marcus followed with some slick rubber band magic and gave a brief lesson in sponge ball magic. He demonstrated parts of his routine and gave many valuable hints on the workings behind them. Jeff has just released a new video which sold out at his recent lecture in the North County. According to reliable sources (aka Dick Dale who has seen it), you will definitely want a copy!

Tom Owen, demonstrating props he uses while performing for kids, was our final act. Starting off with "Stratosphere", Tom had three colored balls repeatedly transposing with each other inside of a tube. He also performed his clever "magic coloring book" routine.

## BOARD MEETING

By Tom LaChance

President-elect Sherry Luft hosted the recent Board Meeting on June 28 and was joined by Mary Brown, Julie and Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus, Dick Bush, Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores, David Lane and Tom LaChance. The Board spent most of the meeting ironing out the details of the installation banquet.

With all the new officers in attendance, many ideas for the upcoming year were touched upon. Several members expressed their thoughts on what direction the Ring should take, but no decisions were reached. One topic in particular, on which we need your input, is the planned "Cafe Mystique" show the ring will be sponsoring early next year. At the upcoming general meeting Rick Waterhouse wants to talk with members who are interested in helping out.

That meeting will be on Monday, July 12, with the timely theme of "Patriotic Magic." The pre-meeting event sounds like another winner as Rick Waterhouse will call on the assistance of Tony Andruzzi and Eugene Burger to answer the question, "What makes magic special?" So dig out some red, white, and blue magic to perform and come early.

The next Board Meeting will be July 26th at the Dales' house. The address is 2447 Nielsen Street in El Cajon. The Board Meetings are open to all members, but if you can't attend, please feel free to discuss any topic with the Board members before or after our general meetings.

***SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER***

## MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

By Rick Waterhouse

As of Wednesday, July 7th, your magic club has a new set of officers. We are all prepared to try our best to meet the needs of the membership of IBM Ring 76. The only way that we can do this is to know, on a personal level, what the needs of the membership are. As Vice-President of Entertainment, I would like to take a few minutes to discuss what I would like to get out of the club.

First, I would like to commend the last group of officers, led by Jeff Marcus, for their hands-on approach to club meetings. I feel it is imperative that club meetings be more than a spectator sport. I would like to talk with my fellow magi about tricks, certainly. I would also like to talk with you about magic. Why do we do what we do? What can we do to improve, not just our double-lift, but also our performance?

It was based on this desire that I planned this administration's first pre-meeting event. I will be chairing a group discussion on magic. We'll start with some of the thoughts shared with us by Eugene Burger and the late Tony Andruzzi. Where the conversation goes from there, who can say? I hope you'll join me in this exploration of magic.

But what about our technical skills? I also would like help with my double/triple/quad-lift, bill-switch, etc. I think that technical improvements are often best taught by people, not books or video tapes.

With this in mind, I would like to schedule time, in the form of both formal teach-ins and off-line bull sessions, to learn from each other. If you are interested in teaching in any capacity, let me know. Someone in the club is willing to learn from you.

Lastly, I would like to address the topic of performing. In the next newsletter, I will cover my plan for monthly entertainment. For the moment, let me just say this: as magicians, we are, first and foremost, performers. The club can provide a safe place to test your skills, new routines, sleights, etc. I know it can be scary, but the best way to overcome the fear is to feel good about your performance going in.

If you would like to perform, but have always been a little shy, please see me personally. I'll help you get ready and include you in our club's monthly entertainment. We want to encourage our members to perform and I will make *sure* that you have the support you need to make your performance a positive experience. Don't let your nerves stand in the way of the reason you became a magician - to perform.

Those are my needs, please tell me and your other officers what your needs are.

***PERFORM AT THE  
NEXT MEETING***



## COMING UP

July 7-10 SAM National Convention  
New Orleans (800) 527-4727

July 12 Ring 76 Meeting  
La Mesa American Legion  
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm  
"What Makes It Magic?"  
Meeting 7:30pm  
Theme: Red, White & Blue

July 13 Mike Rogers lecture - \$15.00  
Brad Burt's Magic Shop 7pm

July 26 Ring 76 Board Meeting  
The Dale's - 2447 Nielsen St.  
El Cajon

July 29 PCAM Convention  
Vancouver, BC Canada  
(800) 325-3535

Aug. 9 Ring 76 Meeting  
La Mesa American Legion  
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm  
Meeting 7:30pm  
Theme: TBA

Aug. 29 Ring 76 Picnic  
10am to 9pm  
Dick Bush's community  
room/pool/etc.  
Details forthcoming

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