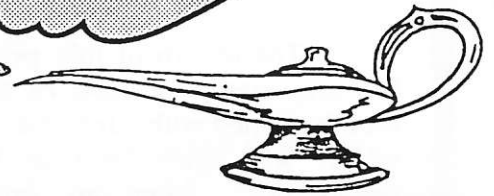


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## FROM THE PREZ

The new Board has several changes in store for you this year. We want to keep the teach-ins because we have received lots of positive feedback, but we want to expand this concept to help everyone reach their goals as a magician, professional and hobbyist alike. We would also like to expand the social activities of the club as well, like the upcoming picnic on August 29. We think it's important to get to know each other beyond just our common interest in magic.

As your new president I want to do everything I can to build the comraderie in this club. People join the club for the friendship and the learning experiences. I really want to help you fulfill that desire. One of the new venues for our club will be a performance of Cafe Mystique. Like a good magician I won't give away all the details yet but be assured it will be a lot of fun. Cafe Mystique will combine magic and theater for an experience which will be unique to Ring 76 .

You'll never know what might appear at one of our meetings, so come on in and share your creativity.

Magically,

*Sherry Luft*

## LAST MEETING or what you missed

By Tom LaChance

The month of July provided lots of fun and magic for Ring 76 members. The month opened with our Installation Banquet, which was again held at Van Winkles restaurant. After an excellent meal, Territorial Rep, Jim Riley, awarded plaques to our outgoing officers and performed the swearing-in of the newly elected. Dick Dale was then presented with an extremely well-deserved "Member of the Year" award.

After the ceremonies, featured performer Tom Ogden took the stage and really stole the evening. If you missed seeing him at the banquet, seize the next chance to watch Mr. Ogden perform. Not only was his magic clever and entertaining, but his patter and byplay with his helpers kept everyone laughing throughout the show.

The following week, First Vice-President Rick Waterhouse, filled in for our vacationing President Sherry Luft by presiding over our regular July meeting. Rick kicked off the evening by hosting an informal pre-meeting discussion on what we, as performers, feel makes magic "special". After a brief business session, it was on to show time. Although the turnout of 12 members and 4 guests was very small for our Ring, the quality of the magic performed was very high. All the performers seemed a bit more informal and talked about the thinking behind their effects.

Greg Wauson opened the show with a very clever adaptation of Michael Close's "Rubik's Dollar Bill" effect. Using a dollar bill, playing card and toothpick, he demonstrated a bizarre sandwich he had at the lunch counter. Don Soul was next up with a new prediction routine he's been

working on. Afterwards, Don was nice enough to show us the gimmick he's come up with and it's very clever!

Fred Rohrer followed and in keeping with July's "Red, White and Blue" theme, presented a very nice color changing card routine. Visitor Ashi Fachler was next. After a convincing card prediction act, he shared with us a devious gimmicked lock that a friend had made for him.

Rick closed the magic with his attempt to contact the spirit of Abe Lincoln. All I can say is that he definitely ended the meeting with a bang!

## BOARD MEETING

By Tom LaChance

Julie and Dick Dale hosted the recent Board Meeting and were joined by Sherry Luft, Peg and Jeff Marcus and Peg's mom, Millie, Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores and Tom LaChance. The first topic was the Installation Banquet. It was noted that Van Winkles sent the Ring a nice *Thank You* card for using their restaurant. Helen Hieshetter again mailed us a donation to help cover the cost of the evening. Thanks Helen, your kindness is deeply appreciated!

Rick Waterhouse has been working with volunteers in securing a location for "Cafe Mystique", the Ring show planned for early next year. He'll be reporting on their progress at the upcoming meeting and also looking for members interested in helping out with any aspect of the show.

This month's pre-meeting will feature something different called "How The Heck Do You Do A ...?".

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## MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

By Rick Waterhouse

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our group discussion on "Making Magic". If you were not able to join us, you missed a wonderful discussion on the performance of magic. Everyone present contributed to our discussion which covered such wide-ranging topics as performing before different types of audiences (would your church group dig a seance?), and in different venues, presenting magic as skillful tricks vs. miracles, performance jitters, and (my favorite), presenting magic with a sense of wonder. I had so much positive feedback that we can look forward to another group discussion (similarly fueled by a short video presentation) at an upcoming pre-meeting.

Our pre-meeting Monday will be similarly interactive. Now, this is an experiment (so was last month's), but let's give it a try. I want you to come to the meeting prepared to learn something that has been giving you trouble, or something that you would like to know but haven't been able to figure out from the little stick drawings in that old magic book. It can be a move, a trick, or polishing a routine. This can be a time for technical instruction or helpful critique. Bring any props that you might need. We'll also need some folks willing to help teach and critique. I will try to find someone in the group who can help you learn what you need to know. I'm personally looking for someone to help me with my bill-switch.

Our performing theme this month is nearly open. Our theme is close-up magic. Mark Flores is arranging video equipment and monitors to help display our close-up miracles to those beyond the first row. If you would like a tape of your performance you can bring a tape and Mark will (if possible) tape your segment for later review. This is an excellent way to help you improve your handling. Although you do not need to bring a tape, I highly recommend you take advantage of this opportunity to see your favorite trick as the audience does.

As our Pres said, we have plenty of changes in store for the club this year. I think the key word here is interaction. See ya at the meeting!

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## COMING UP

- Aug. 9      Ring 76 Meeting  
La Mesa American Legion  
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm  
"How The Heck Do  
You Do A...?"  
Meeting 7:30pm  
Theme: "Close-up on TV"
- Aug. 12-14      Abbott's Get Together  
Colon, MI
- Aug. 29      Ring 76 Picnic  
10am to 9pm  
Dick Bush's community  
room/pool/etc.  
(Map enclosed)
- Aug. 30      Ring 76 Board Meeting  
7:00pm - The Dales'  
2447 Nielsen St. El Cajon
- Sept. 13      Ring 76 Meeting  
La Mesa American Legion  
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm  
Meeting 7:30pm  
Themes: TBA
- Sept. 27      Ring 76 Board Meeting  
7:00pm  
Site: TBA

(Board Meeting, continued)

If you have a certain move or routine that's giving you trouble, plan on arriving early. Hopefully, we can find someone to help you master it! Members who enjoy helping others learn should also arrive early.

The theme of the meeting will be "Close-up" magic. As an added bonus, Mark Flores has volunteered to bring a video camera and a TV set or two in hopes of giving all those in attendance a better view. It should be a fun experiment and it's a nice gesture on Mark's part.

Don't forget Sunday, Aug. 29 will be Ring 76's all-day Pot Luck Picnic. The event will be held at Dick Bush's recreation center, 12970 Highway 8 Business Route, #55, El Cajon. The center has a kitchen, lounging area, pool, sauna and several other features. Although there is no magic show planned, members are encouraged to bring cards, coins or... whatever to share and perhaps learn from other members. Along the lines of last years Christmas Party, there will be plenty of time to get to better know your fellow members. There is no charge for this pot luck event and, of course, family members are invited. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone should bring a dish to share. The event will begin at 10:00am and will run till...whenever.

Finally, the next Board Meeting will be on Aug. 30 at The Dales' house, 2447 Nielsen Street, El Cajon. All are invited.

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