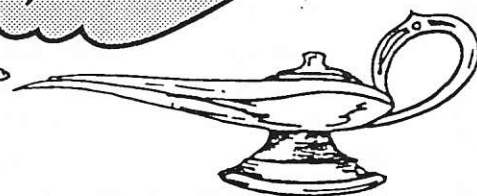


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FROM THE PREZ

"You have to go out there and give a piece of yourself-your life, your soul. And you better give the audience everything you can-physically, emotionally"...

--Neil Diamond.

What's the difference between a good entertainer and a great entertainer? Both are well prepared and skilled professionals. I believe that extra ingredient is giving a piece of your soul to the audience. Even if it is your 50th time to perform, show your enthusiasm and your commitment. It really breaks down to enjoying your audience and having fun, whether as a working professional or as a hobbyist.

In this club, we *do* have great entertainers. With the approaching holidays, we can touch so many with our magic. Let's continue to forward the art of magic in those positive ways.

Sherry

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

Ring 76's October meeting featured a lecture by Michael Lair and drew a crowd of 36 members and 5 guests. Our pre-meeting event was a very informative mini-seminar on escape magic hosted by Jeff Marcus and Rick Waterhouse. Jeff, as always, proved very knowledgeable on the subject. He even taught Rick how to perform a routine. While not quite the second coming of Houdini, Rick was very entertaining and did manage to escape from his chained confinement.

It was obvious from watching Mr. Lair perform, that his first love is candle magic. However, he also proved very capable with coins, cards and other items. His "Billiard Ball Finale" featured his finish to a billiard ball routine and allowed him to demonstrate his skills with the appearing and vanishing balls. Mr. Lair continually sprinkled bits of business and tips on performing magic on stage throughout his lecture. Such tips from a working professional can be invaluable to those working their way up in the magic field.

The lecture contained items featured in Mr. Lair's books on cards, coin and candles along with several props of his own design. There was an off-beat card discovery routine, coin vanishes and productions, a couple of items just for fun and, of course, the candles. They appeared, disappeared, sparkled and just about everything else you could ask for. It was obvious that Mr. Lair takes a lot of pride in his performing and designing skills and enjoys sharing both with an audience.

After the lecture, books and props were for sale. Everyone went home with some new ideas to play with, thanks to Michael Lair.

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

The Board Meeting was hosted by Dick Bush and attended by Sherry Luft, Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus, David Lane, Rick Waterhouse, Greg Wauson and Tom LaChance. Topics included a review of last month's lecture by Michael Lair, membership dues, Christmas party entertainment and future meeting themes and pre-meeting events.

Rick announced a hot lead for a location to present our Ring-sponsored "Cafe Mystique" show. Once established, things should start happening quickly, so be sure to talk to him if you want to help out.

Julie Dale sent word that she really appreciated all of the good wishes received from Ring members. She is healing in a timely fashion and will be fully recovered from her neck surgery in two to four weeks. (And we thought she was just a pain-in-the-neck carrier! Ed.)

This month's theme is "Food Magic". The pre-meeting event promises to be interesting and informative as Dick Bush and Dick Dale present a symposium on "Dove Magic". Plan on coming early.

I'm updating the Ring 76 membership list and could use your help. If your address is wrong on the mailing label, let me know at the meeting or call me at 441-3747. Also, we're missing many phone numbers. When you sign in at the meeting this month, your phone number will appear by your name. Please correct it if necessary.

Next month's Board Meeting will again be held at Dick Bush's on November 29. The address is 12970 Hwy. 8, Business, Space #55 in El Cajon and everyone is invited to attend.

RICK'S RAMBLINGS

Cafe Mystique — At long last, I believe I have found a workable location for the much discussed, but little acted upon, Cafe Mystique. Following up on a suggestion by Board member Dick Dale, I went downtown to check out the newly open Comedy Night in the Gaslamp District. The showroom layout is very good and will accommodate all of our lighting, sound, and decoration needs. The stage is not too big (8'x16'), but has plenty of wing area. The house size of 230 guests is about right. Oh yes, Comedy Night has a restaurant license. This means there need not be a minimum age to attend. Due to the extra expenses of holding a show in a downtown club, which include parking and a two item (food or drink) minimum purchase, we need to keep our cover charge on the low side. I think, however, that performing the show in a professional venue downtown will certainly go a long way toward elevating it from a "magic show" to an *event*.

Our next task is to provide a budget, and start finding some initial funding. I am interested in finding talent as well. We will be looking for stand-up and close-up magicians, musicians, and one female songstress. As I mentioned when we started this project, I would like to use as much club talent as possible. The other officers and myself will work with anyone who wants to tighten their material for the show. Remember, we only want the close-up workers to perform one trick or short routine. We can all master one trick, right? For those who don't want to perform, there will also be plenty of behind the scenes work.

If you would like to learn more about my visit, the terms needed to use the facility, or would like to provide me with comments or additional location suggestions, please contact me at the next meeting or give me a call at 464-4574.

Meeting Themes and Food Magic — Ok gang. Last month I allowed myself to be chained up for your entertainment pleasure. Ok, so maybe the entertainment value *was* confined to watching the pretty blue and purple hues that rose in my cheeks. Maybe the gurgling sounds in my throat were as close as we got to real fun. Ok, so I'm no Mike Weber (inside joke for Desert Magic attendees). But here, my friends, is the point. I gave it my best shot. What I know about escapes could fill the head of a pin and leave room for several angels to dance. Still, I used the club as an opportunity to try something a little different.

I'd like to encourage all of you to try something different. Our meeting themes are often fun ideas that don't pan out. I don't always follow them. Sometimes I don't feel like performing that night. Sometimes I have been working on something unrelated that I'm just dying to try. Most often, I don't know about the theme until it is too late. I'm going to try to encourage more participation with our themes by reminding all of us what the themes are a month ahead of time. If you forget what the upcoming theme is, please call me. My number is... 464-4574. In the past I have denied this phone number to all but my closest friends. Now I give it to you. I'm that serious about increasing participation in our theme magic nights.

As always, you may feel free to perform any effect at most meetings. Our meeting themes are not meant to be restrictive, but rather to provide the motivation to try new plots, patter, and tricks, and generally have some fun. If you feel up to it this month, I'd love to see some yucky stuff out of Penn and Teller's most recent book.

Rick Waterhouse

BITS 'N PIECES

HE'S BAAAACK! — On November 9, 1993, Doc Eason will return to San Diego to lecture at the La Mesa American Legion Hall at 7:00pm. The lecture is sponsored by Larry Frankel and will be in the small room upstairs at a cost of \$10.00. For an additional \$10.00, Doc will conduct an intensive session after the lecture. Seating for this intensive session is limited to ten individuals.

People who would (a) like to receive a flyer on this lecture or (b) be added to Larry's mailing list, should contact him at 4355 Elma Lane, La Mesa, California 91941, or call (619) 464-4961.

DON'T CALL ME GRANDPA! — Fred Rohrer happily reports that his (and also, Ursula's) daughter recently made him an "OPAH".

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COMING UP

- Nov. 8 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
Pre-Mtg.: 6:30pm-Dove Magic
Meeting 7:30pm
Theme: Food Magic
- Nov. 20 Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Dick Bush's
12970 Highway 8
Business Rt. - #55, El Cajon
- Dec. 13 Ring 76 Christmas Banquet
Location : TBA
- Jan. 3 Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - David Lane's
7816 Eagle Ridge Drive, SD
- Jan. 10 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
Pre-Meeting 6:30pm
1 hour Swap Meet
Theme: Magic Purchased at
Any Swap Meet
- Jan. 31 Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Rick Waterhouse's
- Feb. 14 Ring 76 Meeting
Pre-Meeting: Magic Dialogue
Theme: Romantic Magic
- Mar. 14 Mtg. Theme: Spring Magic

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