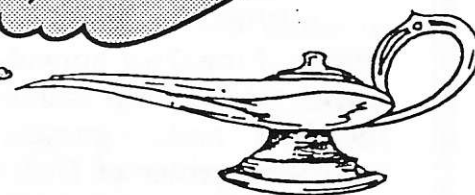


# MAGICURRENTS



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## FROM THE PREZ

*"Of the various branches of entertainment, I consider the art of Magic to be the most fascinating and intriguing. I would not give up my profession for anything in the world."--Dante, 1940*

Whether a hobbyist, collector, or professional, I think we could agree with Dante. Magic incorporates the mechanics of magic and the skill of presentation including: psychology, art, music, storytelling, theater, choreography and more. The list goes on. That's why I truly enjoy the art of magic. Keep up your own passion of magic.

Now to the passion of eating. Our holiday potluck (actually a feast) was terrific. Thanks again to Dick Bush for the use of his clubhouse, Dick and Julie Dale for cooking our delicious turkey, and our entertainers- Rick Waterhouse, Don Soul, Tom Owen and Dick Dale. And a special thanks to everyone who brought their favorite foods. It was all yummy.

Happy 1994 to everyone!

*Sherry*

## LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

With Christmas right around the corner, Ring 76's annual Holiday Pot Luck was a big success. Over 50 members and guests met at the recreation center of Dick Bush's trailer park and enjoyed an evening of great food and mind-boggling magic. Special thanks should be extended to President Sherry Luft for organizing the event and to Ring officers Rick Waterhouse and Mark Flores for their efforts in contacting all club members and coordinating the food. Those late night chefs, Julie and Dick Dale, also should be thanked for working into the wee hours to insure the turkey would be cooked to perfection.

Sherry conducted a brief business session with the announcement that Terry and Bruce Love have moved their store "Clowns, Magic 'N More" to a new and bigger location at 7761 Broadway in Lemon Grove. Everyone is invited to come down and look around. Tom Owen, in a departure from his usual lighthearted acts, opened our entertainment with a little "magic of the written word" - a dramatic reading of Dylan Thomas's "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night."

Most of the evening's magical entertainment was provided by Don Soul and Rick Waterhouse who took turns presenting mental magic. Rick displayed his aptitude for reading minds, using the power of his mind to transmit heat into a piece of metal, and the ever-popular *Communicating With the*

*Dead*. As he stated, "everyone needs a hobby". Should he ever lose interest in magic, Rick should consider acting, as his presentations are very captivating and believable.

Don also presented three baffling routines, even risking his own money for our entertainment. After failing (?) to give away a \$100.00 bill hidden in one of five envelopes, Don quickly identified the suit and value of a selected card. He closed the show with a terrific mind reading demonstration where he was able to determine a name and phone number chosen randomly by Julie Dale from a borrowed address book.

Sandwiched between Don and Rick, Dick Dale and Jeff Marcus also shared their talents. In a very quick and straightforward effect, Dick was able to mentally discover a card freely chosen by Betty Armstrong. Jeff answered many requests by again performing his Linking Rings routine. I'd seen him do it a few years ago and didn't think he could get any better, but it seems he has. If you weren't there, you missed a great routine. In fact, you actually missed several great routines and a lot of great food!

Last but not least - our thanks to Jim Whiting for his generous contribution of a new batch of cartoons. The first one is featured in this issue.

## RICK'S RAMBLINGS

by Rick Waterhouse

I hope everyone had a good time at our Holiday Pot Luck. Thanks to everyone who called to R.S.V.P. It made our job of getting food quite a bit easier. We also appreciated hearing from those who were unable to show up. If you missed it, we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting.

While I'm on the subject of R.S.V.P.'s, Olive Edwards (who was unable to attend) asked me to convey her regards to Jim Riley (likewise unable to attend).

I neglected to mention during the course of our performance, that most of the material performed by Don Soul and myself was gleaned from the recent Larry Becker/Lee Earle lecture tour. I hope that you enjoyed our program. Thanks to Dick, Don, Jeff, and Tom for the entertainment. Speaking for myself, it was the first time any audience had seen me perform those effects. Which leads me to another point...

Thanks to those who spotted me flashing and told me. This is very, very important. As about half of the people in attendance could tell you, during one of my better effects, I flashed. I did fool the person that I was working with, but at the expense of a portion of the audience. If no one had told me of my error, I would have walked away thinking that I had created a miracle, never suspecting that I had to further polish the effect. I am making a point of this because I find there is a tendency to "crutch" our fellow magi.

Now, I'm not suggesting that harsh, rampant criticism will make us better performers. In fact, too much criticism can crush that part of us that we wish to make blossom. It should also be mentioned that as a performer, I might not agree with your assessment of the situation (although it's pretty hard to argue with "I saw you palm that card"), but I will always listen to and appreciate your suggestions. Though I may not agree with them, thoughts regarding my performance may improve it.

Our lay audience will not always tell us when they have seen us make a blunder. They will, however, tell each other. It is a great benefit to us when our fellow wizards, in the kind spirit of fellowship, point out our errors as well as sharing our successes. (Note: In addition to not spotting our failures, we are not always aware of our successes until we have been told.) For me, the Magic Club is a place to hone my talents. That honing can only be accomplished with the gentle aid of those in the audience.





## BOARD MEETING

This month's Board meeting was held at David Lane's house and attended by David, Sherry Luft, Julie & Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus, Rick Waterhouse, Mark Flores and Tom LaChance. Rick led off the meeting with an initial budget proposal for the upcoming "Cafe Mystique" show. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Rick would next test the water with potential sponsors and advertisers and see what kind of interest he can generate.

The next topic discussed was that of a Ring sponsored Junior Magician program. Mark volunteered to do some research into a location for the program and what interest there might be in forming such a group. The remainder of the evening was used to work on future Ring meeting theme's and pre-meeting events.

The next Board meeting at Rick Waterhouse's house at 7788 Orien Ave. in La Mesa.

## COMING UP

- 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. 3-5 Columbus, Ohio Magi-Fest  
Contact: Jep Hostetler
- Feb. 6 David Ginn Lecture 4-7:00pm  
De Anza Mobile Home Park  
Pavilion - \$15.00  
Contact: Dee Gee 223-1138
- Feb. 14 Ring 76 Meeting  
La Mesa American Legion  
Pre-Meeting: 6:30pm Dialogue  
Meeting: 7:30pm  
Theme: Romantic Magic
- Feb. 21 Loren Michaels Lecture  
Brad Burt's 7:00pm - \$15.00
- Mar. 14 Mtg. Theme: Spring Magic  
La Mesa American Legion

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