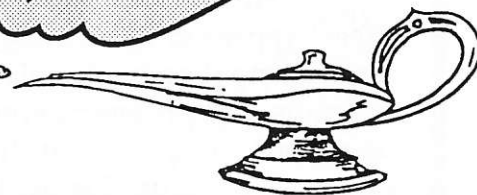


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FROM THE PREZ

At a meeting last week, I was reminded of "the power of faithful persistence." The speaker compared it to a duck formation, each one honking at the others for support if it had a problem. Thus, with their support team, they would always be in formation. Assisting each other in the Ring is important.

Speaking of support, let's talk finances. It's that time again--April is the month to renew your dues. Plan it in your budget so you won't miss out on your terrific newsletter, (Thanks, Ed.) describing all of our club events.

Bad News, Good News Department: Vic Meinert suffered a major heart attack while visiting family in Iowa. During the ensuing triple bypass operation, he suffered two cardiac arrests! Thank goodness, he is now resting comfortably at 1015 West 17th Street, Davenport IA and would love mail. By the way, his birthday is February 14.

Jan Gilmer needs entertainers for the Spring Fling at Admiral Baker Field from 12-4pm on May 15th. Some 1500 folks will be attending this foster family picnic for abused kids. Call her at 694-5205 to help with either close-up or stand-up magic.

Sherry

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Tom LaChance

Our new pre-meeting "mini swap meet" appeared to be a big success as a large turnout arrived early in search of bargains and an evening of magic. The one hour selling event filled 5 large tables and featured a wide variety of items including Greg Wauson's stack of old "Genii" magazines, some dating back to the 40's and 50's; the Armstrongs with some high quality magic and J.P. Jackson with some true "collectables". Other vendors included Seth Asser with some unique magic props and Dick Dale with some other men's treasures.

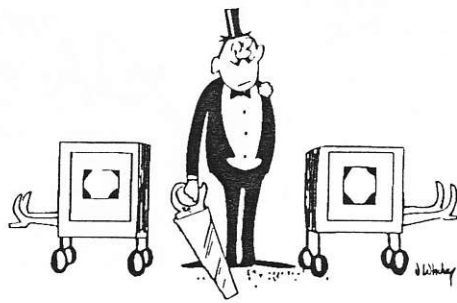
President Sherry Luft conducted the business session with the announcement of several upcoming lectures. Please check the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter for times and locations. Rick Waterhouse gave an update on his progress with the "Cafe Mystique" production. He is currently investigating the financial liabilities and advertising interest in such a show.

Our first performer was Charlie Norris who told of a time 2000 years ago when the magic of the world was done by the Shamans. It seems that Charlie met some descendants of these early

conjurers. This Shaman & Son team showed him how to tie a knot in a length of rope while holding onto both ends. Charlie demonstrated the feat three times, the final while an assistant held the rope ends.

Don Soul was next and zipped up the time line, using a deck of cards reported to be a mere 300 years old. Don said he had purchased the deck for 27 cents at a swap meet and offered to demonstrate its special powers. A card was mentally selected and when the deck was dealt down to the 27th card, it proved to be that very card. Not only was the effect well presented, it was quite baffling.

Paul Stephain took the stage next and showed how a little adjustment can transform a disposable lighter into a flaming torch. Our final performer was Jeff Marcus who also had an old deck of cards reportedly purchased at a swap meet. Unfortunately, the cards had no backs or faces printed on them. Jeff was able to print both backs and faces on the cards, then reversed the process and finished with a blank deck.



BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

This month's Board meeting was hosted by Rick Waterhouse and attended by Rick, Sherry Luft, Dick Dale, Jeff Marcus and Tom LaChance. Most of the time was devoted to scheduling themes and pre-meeting events for future Ring meetings. Rick has come up with a couple of great ideas relating to Restaurant Magic. He'll discuss these ideas with the Ring at the upcoming meeting.

Although the Ring elections are several months away, it's not too early to start thinking about running for an office. If you are interested, or know someone you think would do a good job, please contact Sherry at the next meeting. Since these jobs are not that time consuming, please consider getting involved. The Ring needs **YOUR** help, please.

The theme for February's Valentine Day Ring meeting will be Romantic Magic. Rick will lead a magical discussion as a pre-meeting event.

Ending the meeting on an exciting note, Dick announced he is the new IBM Territorial Vice-President for the state of California. After working on the Board with Dick for the past two years, I know he will do a really great job.

The next Board meeting will again be held at Rick's house on Feb. 28. The address is 7788 Orien Ave. in La Mesa and everyone is invited.

RICK'S RAMBLINGS

by Rick Waterhouse

I was fortunate enough to get tickets (not the prime tickets certainly, but tickets nonetheless) to the January 31st taping of the *Magician's Favorite Magicians* for CBS. The slate consisted of magicians chosen by past award winners from the Academy of Magical Arts/the Magic Castle. When the show comes to local television, look for a great job by Harry Anderson as the M.C., Dave Williamson in the comedy magician category, John Carney, Falkenstien & Willard, the Pendragons, and my personal favorite, RUDY COBY!!!

There were other acts as well, but in my mind these stood out for quality and entertainment. I just hope they managed to get all of the ovation for Rudy Coby on tape. If they did, they should be able to cover the whole show with applause.

I'm looking forward to my second *Desert Magic Seminar* (coming up March 10-12). If you are planning to go to this event, please let me know. Perhaps we can get together for drinks or dinner one evening in Vegas. I think that all attendees last year had a very special time. This year features the first LANCE BURTON award for teenage magicians. If you haven't attended before, you should consider making this year your first.

Cafe Mystique News. I have been very busy with my real job this month, so I have not been able to put out the feelers to see who is willing to

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advertise. Also, I was offered the loan of an illusion we needed for the show. Tom Owen contacted a restaurant location for performance. Although inappropriate for *Cafe Mystique*, it might make a tremendous rehearsal ground for our close-up performers.

Restaurant Magic is an interest of many of our members. The first act of *Cafe Mystique* will feature this style of magic (and is, perhaps, the best venue for many of our members to perform). I've arranged some special activities featuring Restaurant Magic, and a special pre-meeting guest who has a unique interest in the subject.

Someone quipped that my style of magic didn't exactly lend itself to romance (our theme for this month). I'm working feverishly to find a presentation to prove that miscreant wrong. Come see what I can dig up. If I can bring romance from beyond the grave (still iffy at this point) then *you* should be able to evoke romance through silks, rings, and other things. I look forward to seeing your presentations at the next meeting.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER!

COMING UP

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| Feb. 14 | Ring 76 Meeting: 7:30pm
Pre-Meeting: 6:30pm Dialogue
Theme: Romantic Magic |
| Feb. 21 | Loren Michaels Lecture
Brad Burt's 7:00pm - \$15.00 |
| Feb. 28 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Rick Waterhouse's |
| Mar. 14 | Pre-meeting: Strolling Magic
Theme: <i>Cafe Mystique</i> |
| Mar. 28 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Sherry Luft's |
| Apr. 11 | Pre-meeting: Drama & Magic
Theme: Betchas, Gags & Jokes |
| Apr. 25 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Sherry Luft's |
| May 9 | Pre-meeting: Dealer Demo
Theme: Flower Magic |
| May 31 | Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm - Jeff Marcus's |
| June-13 | Pre-meeting: Please Help Me...
Theme: Liquid Magic |

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