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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings and salutations. 1996 has blasted its way upon us, offering each a full year of opportunity, choice and magic. We hope your 1996 brings you successes beyond your expectations.

For the magic community here in San Diego, 1996 holds many surprises and much to look forward to. There are two major events here in town this month alone: Dan Harlan on January 11 and Eugene Burger on January 17. For Magic Castle members who have any money left over from the holidays, Dealer's Night is January 15. Looking ahead to March, *Ring 76* is bringing in T. C. Tahoe, a not-to-be-missed lecture from a very entertaining magician.

Starting this year's meetings, this month's topic is *Small Packet Tricks*. Bring your slickest packet tricks to the meeting to bedazzle and be dazzled. This month's pre-meeting will feature a teach-in to share those special packet tricks and moves. Come to learn, come to share.

The meeting starts at 6:30 and is being held at the Hungry Hunter, 402 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon (442-0517).

Rick Waterhouse has been discussing our continued meetings at the Hungry Hunter with the new management after November's meeting mishap. There are concerns on both sides about the meeting place. We plan to discuss our options at the regular meeting and up-coming Board meeting. Please bring your thoughts and suggestions to the meeting. If you cannot make this month's meeting, call a Board member so your views will be considered.

Our thanks to Dick Bush for coordinating the facilities for the annual Pot Luck Dinner at his recreation room last month. A grand time was had by all (*see page 3*).

Many changes are in store for the Ring and its members. We invite all members of *Ring 76* to make a point of coming and joining in at the monthly meetings. This month's meeting is especially important as we make plans for the coming months both for location and for scheduling events.

Bring your best ideas and join us Monday at the Hungry Hunter.



Rick & Marcia

Last month we reported that Rick Waterhouse and Marcia Ferree became engaged. This month we are pleased to report the happy couple exchanged marriage vows December 23 in Cambrie, California in a small private ceremony attended by 20 close friends and family members.

Marcia wore a beautiful and elegant black velvet dress trimmed with lace with a black velvet hooded cape. Rick wore black tux pants, a ruffled dress shirt with crossed black tie and a black overcoat accented by black suede shoes.

Rick, exercising his powers with the powers that be, *willed* the clouds to part and the rains to end. As the two p.m. ceremony began, the sun actually put in a personal appearance at the outdoors, seaside ceremony.

The couple exchanged platinum and gold rings, Rick producing Marcia's seemingly out of thin air. The Waterhouses spent their first wedded nights at the enchanted Bed & Breakfast overlooking the Pacific ocean in Cambrie before visiting family for the holidays.

All of *Ring 76* wishes the newlyweds much happiness.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

By Rick Waterhouse

Dear Brethren,

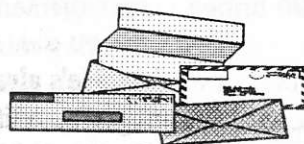
Happy New Year!!! With the New Year, it's time to start looking forward. We've had a good run at the Hungry Hunter, but this will probably be our last meeting there. The board has heard a number of requests to move west. Its time to start looking for a new location. Mission Valley seems to be a prime target area, but no decisions have been made yet. We'll discuss the move at the next general meeting, so if you want to be a part of the selection process, come and make your suggestions. Otherwise, we'll see you when we find our new home. We are also interested in hearing from the membership on other new directions for 1996. Will we do another Magic Heritage Day? Are we interested in any other public events? I believe Gary's generous offer to host an entire Computers and Magic evening is still open and had heavy interest.

What other areas of interest can you, as a member of *Ring 76*, bring before the membership? In 1995 we had some great meetings, and we had some that were not as interesting. I think this is mostly because the format for the meetings rests on the shoulders of five or so people who are mostly pretty new at running a club. I'm sure that we are very open to suggestions to make your meeting evenings more enjoyable.

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see you on the 8th. Until then, have a magical new year!,

Richard A. Waterhouse

Member Happenings



We reported last month that Marcia Ferree and Rick Waterhouse became engaged and were planning to get married by year's end. Well, they were married December 23 (*see Marcia & Rick page 1*). Our congratulations to the happy couple as they search for their new home.

Sherry Luft reports that Tom Preston is performing as Elvis in, amazingly enough, an Elvis contest at 5 p.m. at Norma Jean's on Sunday January 7. For those of you who know Tom, or who cannot get enough of Elvis, this is the place to be. Norma Jean's is located at 5286 Baltimore in La Mesa (the corner of Baltimore and Fletcher). There is a \$3 cover charge. For more information, call Norma Jean's at 462-0533.

Our I.B.M. Territorial Vice-President, Dick Dale, reports that International is looking at a revision to the position of Territorial Rep. International is trying to streamline the way TVP's interact with local groups. Watch *Ling Rings* for more information.

Terry Lunceford, oft' seen locally performing at the *Gathering*, is scheduled to be performing at the Magic Castle the week of January 8.

Annual Pot Luck Get-Together

The *Ring 76* holds its annual Pot Luck Dinner and get-together in December in lieu of a regular meeting -- a time for friends to reflect on the holiday season and a year filled with magic. This year, *Ring 76* members again met at Dick Bush's community recreation center in El Cajon. The Ring provided holiday ham and members each brought something for the buffet. About twenty-five people attended this festive event. (*Continued on Page 3*)

Fellow Magicians,
You are cordially invited to join us for...

An Intimate Evening with **Eugene Burger**



Eugene Burger is, without question, one of the finest "Close-up" magicians in the world. His unique brand of intimate theater has been seen around the world. He is known to many for his well received seance show "Hauntings" as well as his extended run at Chicago's famous Bligg's restaurant. He has twice won lecturer of the year at the Magic Castle (the maximum number allowed).

Eugene's published works include a string of best selling pamphlets and hardbacks as well as a variety of thoughtful video tapes. His audio tape set, *Growing in the Art of Magic*, should be required listening for all conjurers.

Now, it's your turn to share an evening with the master. The Music room at the Villa is small, so we will only be able to accommodate about thirty people. Seats will be assigned based on the order paid. We encourage you to make your reservation right now!!!

About the Villa

The Villa Montezuma is located at 1925 K street. It can be reached from Highway 5 by taking the Imperial Avenue offramp up the hill, turning left on 22nd street and looking for the big building with Gargoyles on the turrets at the corner of K street. Once you are near it, you can't miss it. The Villa was originally built in 1887 for a musician and spiritualist named Jesse Shepard. It is currently operated as an authentic Victorian Museum by the San Diego Historical Society. We could think of no more appropriate location for Eugene to lecture than in the Room that Jesse used for his own Seances!!!

The Particulars:

January 17th at 7:00 P.M.
San Diego's Villa Montezuma
1925 K Street
San Diego, CA
\$13.00 in advance
\$20.00 at the door
(If seating is still available)

Call for Reservations: 461-1875
Please send payment to

Eugene Burger Lecture
c/o Rick Waterhouse
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How can I make my performance unique?
Is there a method for creating new routines?

**Register now to attend Dan's private workshop
detailing the creative process!**

A maximum of 10 people will be allowed to register.

I hope to see you in

SAN DIEGO, CA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 5:30 pm

at The REGENCY PLAZA HOTEL

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You'll receive confirmation by mail.

It is never too early to guarantee your spot, since you can request a refund at any time for any reason.

Walk-ins will only be allowed if there is room.

If you would like any further info, call Dan at 702-644-4161 or e-mail TrickBoy@aol.com.

WANNA HAVE A GOOD TIME?

by Don Soul

For three out of the past four years Dave Goodsell's WEST COAST WIZARDS MAGIC CAMP have met, during the second week of August, I have been fortunate to participate in the fun. The evening show Donna and I attended this year (there's one each night for the five nights of camping) gave us "Ice" McDonald, Roy Porfido, Mike Gerson, Bob Markwood and the astounding mime act of Tina Lenert. Instructor/performers in past years have included Daryl, Mike Caveney, Eddie Dawes, Aldo Columbini, George Schindler, Karrel Fox and even Harry Blackstone, Jr !

So what's the big deal? Why devote a week of your free time (you won't be a camp counselor) to a bunch of kids in the mountains of Idyllwild at a summer camp? You might ask the others who have appeared but I think it's best you contact Mr. Goodsell himself. Considering Idyllwild is but two hours from San Diego, and just getting out of town for some time away is rewarding enough, these (well-behaved) kids are extremely appreciative, talented and highly eager to become professional magicians. With such enthusiasm, your donated time and skills will not be wasted.

There is one important aspect which I found out from Dave this time that I want to let you in on. As you can tell from the list of noted instructors, he's looking for magis with solid backgrounds. He'll be asking you for publicity promotional material and a resume. of your work but don't let that scare you off. Give it a shot and I think you'll be glad you did. I hope to see you there next year so get in on it as soon as possible. He's already looking for next year's camp. Dave Goodsell (S.A.M. M-U-M magazine editor) can be reached at P.O. Box 36, Idyllwild, CA 92549, phone (909) 659-5990.

(Editor's Note. Thanks to Don Soul for providing the article above in October. It missed being published in the past two newsletters due to my error and space considerations.)

(Pot-Luck from page 2)

After dinner, members performed some special magic they had brought along. Don Soul invited one of the kids in the audience to help him perform some holiday magic. First, the spectator made symbols -- any kind, his free choice -- on an 8" x 11 1/2" sheet of paper. This paper was wrapped in aluminum foil and set aside. Don then wrote symbols he "felt" emanating from the foil and, to everyone's amazement, they were the same symbols written by the spectator.

Roy Armstrong performed a mentalism effect. He cut a snowflake from a folded piece of white paper and then had someone pick one slip from a bag containing holiday things (snow, bells, tree, etc.) When he unfolded his "snowflake", it matched the "free" choice from the bag. Betty Armstrong read a fairly inspirational anecdote written by one of Houdini's assistants. The story (the one where young Eric says "Shake me, I'm Magic" and his mom shakes him to find coins falling from everywhere) was related to the assistant by Harry on a train trip. Once again, the group was partying until well past the Rec room's closing time.

(FEBRUARY MEETINGS: Board Meeting: February 5, call 461-1875 for directions; Regular Meeting: February 12, location to be announced in the next *MagiCurrents*.)



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At The Castle

(All shows subject to change. Information based on best available at press time. Call the Magic Castle (213) 851-3313 for reservations and up to date information.)

(Our thanks to Mr. John Scanlan of the Magic Castle for this up-to-date information.)

January 4 - 7

E. CLOSE-UP: David Regal
L. CLOSE-UP: Alfonso
E. PARLOUR: Howard Jay
L. PARLOUR: Dana Daniels
PALACE: Whit Haydn
The Magic Castle

January 8-14

E. CLOSE-UP: Mike Close
L. CLOSE-UP: Hiawathai
E. PARLOUR: Bruce Cervon
L. PARLOUR: Terry Lunceford
PALACE: John Carney
Chip Lowell, Mike Rappa

January 22-28

E. CLOSE-UP: Jesse De
L. CLOSE-UP: Martin Lew.
E. PARLOUR: Erix Logan
L. PARLOUR: Aldo Colombino
PALACE: Larry Clark
James C. Brown, John Shryock

January 15-21

E. CLOSE-UP: Bodine Balasco
L. CLOSE-UP: Vic Kirk
E. PARLOUR: Marvyn Roy
L. PARLOUR: Chuck Fayne
PALACE: Rich Block
Jade, Erix Logan

From John Scanlan:

Happy New Year from the
Magic Castle Board of Directors to
All members of Ring 76!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 - 6:30 p.m. Ring 76 Meeting Hungry Hunter 402 Fletcher Parkway El Cajon, CA 442-0517	9	10	11 - Dan Harlan 5:30 p.m. The Regency Plaza Hotel 1515 Hotel Circle South San Diego (291-8790) info: 702-644-4161	12	13
14	15 - Dealer's Night Magic Castle	16	17 - Eugene Burger 7:00 p.m. Villa Montezuma 1925 K Street San Diego info: 461-1875	18	19	20
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Next Meeting

Small Packet Tricks
(pre-meeting) **Teach-In**

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January 8

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6:30 P.M.

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