



MagiCurrents



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



If you attended the reception we held for the IBM executive folks on January 4, hopefully you had as great a time as I had. It was terrific to meet so many of the people whose names we only see in the Linking Ring. Everyone I talked with enjoyed the evening as well. And no wonder; not only were there lots of desserts but a magic show as well, featuring some of San Diego's brightest: Joe Mystic, Jeff Marcus, Curtis Clark and Craig Stone.

I heard only positive comments about the event, including thanks from several of the out-of-town visitors. A letter from Dale Salwak, the executive producer of IBM's shows just came in the mail. In Dale's words, "... I speak on behalf of all the committee members when I say how much we enjoyed ourselves and how much we appreciate all that your members

did to entertain us." Earle Christenberry, a past IBM president wrote us, "The party was absolutely delightful and it was a great pleasure for us to meet your members who really outdid themselves. The show was excellent."

One other letter I received was from Don Wiberg, another past IBM president who attended the reception. He wrote, "Be sure to thank the performers who so graciously entertained a tough audience. They did a great job. Should you ever have need for assistance with any of your ring activities please feel free to contact me or the St. Louis office."

You can see this event did much to foster a positive relationship between Ring 76 and others in the magic community. Many thanks to everyone involved: the people who worked

very hard with a limited schedule and budget to bring the reception together, the performers (who donated their time and talent), Sherry as emcee, Ring 76 historian Rick Bruce, Don and

Donna Soul who selected and served the food, the people who decorated and set up and tore down, the drivers who shuttled our guests to and from the Town & Country Hotel and last but not least Sandy Laun and the other folks at the Vacation Inn.

As mentioned in the January newsletter, one reason they were in town was to consider bringing the 1998 convention to San Diego. The chances of our hosting it now seem not quite as bright as just a few weeks ago; the major problems are finding hotels which can accommodate the hundreds of convention guests and also needing to be conveniently located near a very large theater for some of the evening shows. I'm waiting to hear more.

Presidents report cont.

Shifting gears, it's always encouraging to hear of Ring 76 members progressing in the magic world. Bill Gillis is one of our newest members and last week joined the Magic Castle as a *performing* member. He auditioned there although he could have just joined by mail.

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Congratulations for a job well done...

Congratulations are also in order to both of the new Ring 76 members who successfully auditioned for us at the monthly club meeting on January 14. We're pleased to welcome Bonnie Love and Myron Josephson. Also at that meeting a question was raised about our meeting time. Do you like our present schedule of a pre-meeting at 6:30 with the regular meeting at 7:30? Let us know what you think... your input matters.

Don't miss the next monthly meeting on Monday, February 10. If you want to see a serious mentalist become a kid-show magician, or a kid-show and gospel magician do some bizarre magic, this will be the place to be!

Until next time, Greg

The Broken Wand--

It comes with great sadness the news that one of our fellow ring members has passed away. Ed Forsythe passed on Jan. 16. His wife Lee said he passed peacefully at 6:00am due to Heart Failure. Ed leaves his wife of 54 years, Lee, daughter Karla&Jim and 2 grandchildren.

Ed was a member of Ring 76 from 1984 thru 1995. They had moved to Portland Ore. to be near their daughter.

see next column for mailing add.

GOING TO JAPAN?

Yes NOW's your chance to visit Japan! A request has been made for a close up illusionary magician to perform in Japan for Japanese television

For information call or e-mail Marianne Wada, Production Manager for KZ Associates.
(818) 793-9311 or
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KID MAGICIANS

Mary Brown is doing her part to encourage young San Diego magicians by leading a students' magic club every other Thursday afternoon.

She welcomes help from Ring 76 members to either teach or perform for these enthusiasts. Mary can be reached at (619) 560-5099.. Also, call Rick Bruce at (619) 299-1875 for more information about a new magic club for San Diego youth.



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We will miss you Ed.....

Board Meeting Minutes..

Attendees: Tom Kasner, Bill Monroe, Sherry Luft, Don Soul,

Greg Wauson and Gary Schwartzwald.

Greg shared letters of thanks, from IBM dignitaries such as; Don Wilberg, Dale Salwak and Earle Christenberry, regarding the successful reception and entertainment Ring 76 provided for the executive board.

The board decided on the following schedule for the upcoming meetings:

Feb. Pre-meeting Card Control Demo by Greg Wauson and Bill Monroe. Meeting- Out of Character Magic.

March- Skipper Frank Herman mini-lecture Your Magical Treasures.

April- Lecture????!!!!

As you can see the Board has decided too alter the meeting agendas. Stemming from the comments made by Mary Brown, Ring 76 meetings will begin and by 9:00. Details will be given at the February meeting and in the next newsletter.

All future International IBM and Magic Castle applications will go through the Ring 76 Board. The ring will keep records of these applications. This should be of assistance if applications (and fees) are lost.

The ring is considering sponsoring a Ralph Benetar lecture in March. Bill volunteered to research this opportunity.

In this Newsletter is a membership survey. Please complete the survey as your views are essential to a successful ring.

RETURN SURVEYS AT THE FEB. MEETING OR MAIL TO Gary Schwartzwald

6135 Haas Street

La Mesa, CA 91942 PLEASE return by Feb. 15th. Thank you. G

WHAT'S COMING UP....

Come to the Magic club on Feb. 10th for quite a evening of entertainment by our own outstanding magicians!

Come and see a Mentalist perform kids comedy magic, perhaps a clown!! Rick???

Joe Mystic (if not booked:) perform a daring escape act!!

Diane and Dick both have gone for the Mentalist acts!

How about Tom Kasner performing a silent routine.

Bill Monroe is breaking away from the cards for a show on stage with a assistant! Go Bill!

Can you imagine such an honest,nice guy like Greg Wauson performing the bizarre!!!

What kind of act will our fearless leader come up with?

Be there at 6:30!! We have a fun and exciting program lined up, get a good seat!!

A real highlight for the evening will be the performance of "The sword Box" to be performed by a group of Marys Magic Kids!



EDITORS NOTES.....

By Diane Lane

Hi everyone! I thought I would try out the Newsletter job. Please

hang in there with me while I learn this program!

I need help! Yes it's true, help! I need people willing to submit articles for the MagiCurrents Newsletter. I feel that a good newspaper must have input from all different people, to gain a good perspective on the subject. As well, our club is a living resource of great information!! I'm sure there are some that have forgotten more than others will ever learn! You could help me by writing articles on events that would interest others. By submitting some favorite routines to share, oldie but goodies are great!

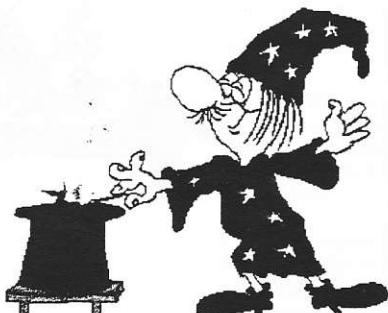
You can E-Mail at ICLOWN2@Juno.com. Call me at 278-1669. Thanks...

Diane

Anyone heard from Jim Jolly this month? Our wandering magician!

QUIZ

How many of the past and current presidents can you name that attended the IBM reception????



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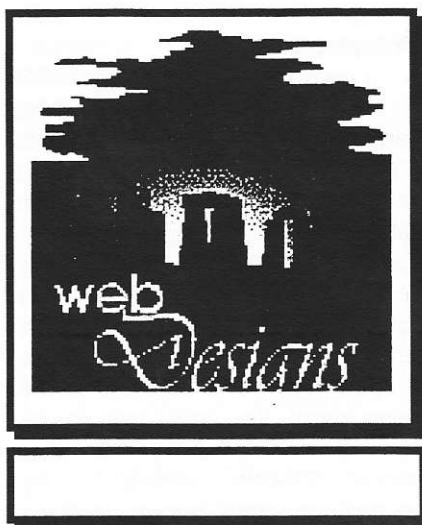
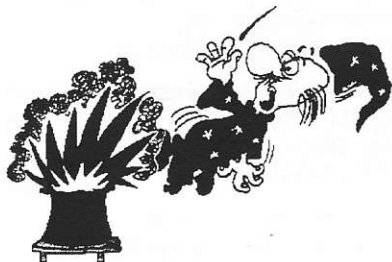
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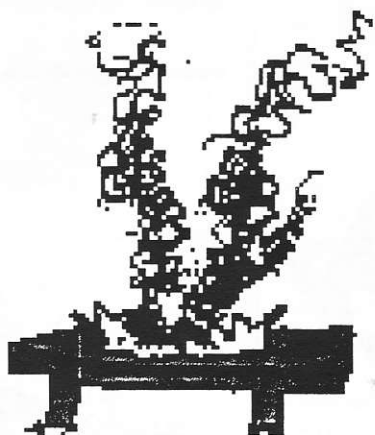
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 6:30-9:00
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 PERFORM KID'S
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**SEE YOUNG MAGICIANS
 PERFORM THE
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FEB. 10, 1997





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I'm sorry that we didn't have a chance to talk longer, but hopefully we can remedy that soon. Until then, the very best wishes for the new year, and thanks again, Greg.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Greg:

I'd like to personally thank you and the members and spouses of Honest Sid Gerhardt Ring for your fine hospitality during our recent visit to San Diego. The deserts were wonderful and the people were most friendly. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet all of you. My wife and I were especially impressed with the youngest prospective member in attendance, "Allie."

It was quite reassuring to see so much enthusiasm and interest in promoting magic in the San Diego area. The Rings plans for working with young magicians is one that will pay rich dividends in the future. I would love to see an International convention in San Diego and I know Jack Greenberg feels the same way. Finding a suitable facility seems to be a major stumbling block. If not San Diego, I'm sure we'll see something in the general area.

Please be sure to thank the performers who so graciously entertained a tough audience. They did a great job. Should you ever have need for assistance with any of your Ring activities, please feel free to contact me or the St. Louis office.

Sincerely,

Don Wiberg

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January 13, 1997

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Dear Greg:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, it is my great pleasure to extend to you and the members of Ring 76 our appreciation for the hospitality extended us following our meeting on January 4th.

The party was absolutely delightful and it was a great pleasure for us to meet with your members who really outdid themselves. The show was excellent. You should be very proud of the excellent talent in Ring 76. Please extend our thanks particularly to those who went the extra step to perform for our benefit.

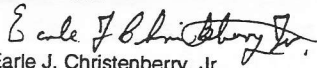
And we can't say too much for the transportation. They really went out of their way to accommodate us.

We cannot say enough to tell you how much we were impressed.

Wishing you and all the members of Ring 76 all the best that Magic has to offer, we remain

Most sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
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Earle J. Christenberry, Jr.,
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Wauson

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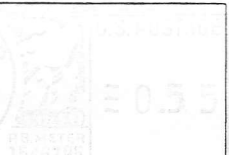
As a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, I would like to thank you, your wife and all the wonderful ring members, their spouses, and the entertainers for the great dessert reception that you had for us in San Diego concluding our Mid-year Board meeting. Your hospitality was paramount and Donna and I were happy to meet so many nice people and talented magicians.

Please look us up if you are ever in the Chicago area.

Donna and Jerry Schnepf

P.S. Keep up the good work in keeping an active Ring.

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