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## President's Message

by Gary Schwartzwald

We had a good turn out and great support at our March Auction and Swap Meet. Sincere thanks to all of those that donated items, bid at the auction and participated in the swap meet. Members helped Ring 76 raise \$300. As a thank you, the Ring 76 board will provide you with an outstanding surprise at the April 13th pre-meeting. Be in your seats at 6:30 so you can fully enjoy your surprise.

April is membership month. Please renew your membership as early as possible and encourage your friends involved with magic to also join. At the April meeting we will select a nominating committee for the purpose of nominating next year's Ring 76 Board. Please let one of the current board members know if you would like to be on the nominating committee. The committee will present a slate of officers in May and we will vote at the June meeting. If you are interested in being on the board or nominating someone to the board, please let the nominating committee know.

Remember that the Stand-up Contest will be held on June 8th. Sign-up now and start practicing. Winners will be announced at the installation banquet in July. Good Luck.

I read the novel The Magicians Wife by Brian Moore. It is a fictional account of Robert Houdins' experiences in Algeria using his magic to avoid a war. It is an interesting and well-written book that does focus a fair amount of attention on the magician and the magician's wife. See you at the April meeting. Remember to pay your dues and show up for the surprise before it disappears.

*Gary S*

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our April 13th meeting will be a bag night. Here's all you need to do. Bring a paper bag with you to the meeting and inside the bag will be a trick of your choosing. As each member is called to perform, he or she will grab one of the bags other than their own and give an impromptu performance using what's inside. It is not necessary to include directions for the trick.

You won't want to miss the very special pre-meeting program we have planned which starts promptly at 6:30. You snooze, you lose on this one. It all takes place at the La Mesa American Legion Hall. Be there!

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# Ring 76 March Meeting

*by Gary Schwartzwald*

Ring 76 held an Auction/Swap Meet for our March meeting. The auction was conducted as a fundraiser for the Ring. Members donated items that were then auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Ring 76 treasury. Our members were extremely generous and supportive. When auctioneer Dick Dale was finished conducting the auction, the Ring was over \$300 richer. Many members participated and all deserve great thanks for their donations and bidding. The only sad note of the evening was

when Dick Dale announced the passing of his long time friend, Karrell Fox.

After the auction, we opened up the swap meet with the sellers doing very well. Sellers included Roy and Betty Armstrong, Skipper Frank Herman, Dick Dale, Paul Thomey and Terry Lunceford. They did a brisk business and everyone came away a winner. The crowd of nearly 40 members were encouraged to be on time for our April meeting so that they don't miss out on a big surprise planned.

## Ring 76 March Board Meeting

*by Don Soul, secretary*

The March 23rd board meeting was held at the home of **Tom La Chance** and attending were **Gary Schwartzwald**, **Dick** and **Julie Dale**, **Don Soul**, **Rick Bruce** and Tom. Gary opened the meeting by giving Rick the floor to discuss the current status of a planned Ring 76 public show. Tentative talent has been scouted but of primary concern is the venue. Rick has press releases ready to go and he will continue to seek a location. Dick will investigate use of the large Legion Hall auditorium. Rick excused himself from the meeting.

Next, a board vote of five for, one against and one abstaining in favor of holding the July installation banquet at Jack White's commercial building was determined. It was agreed that because of limited parking in the area (42nd & University) car pooling should be encouraged to the banquet, and again, to the lecture the following evening.

Ranch Catering will supply the barbecue-style buffet dinner. In order to break even on dinner and entertainer cost, banquet prices

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## About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.

## RING 76 MARCH BOARD MEETING

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will be \$15 per person with children to be charged their age: eight years old = \$8, etc.

Gary then asked for IBM Ring Recognition preparation status reports. Tom went through the requirements list and the board determined it was nearing completion. Gary asked that each board member submit a summary of their board position to be included with the application. Don will furnish to Tom a list of events which have occurred since October, '96 regarding meeting themes, lectures and special events.

The treasurer reported current funds at \$639.17. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Karrell Fox passed away in his sleep in his hotel room immediately after the Desert Magic Seminar in March. Karrell's contributions to the magic community were numerous. He was always ready and willing to give. The Southern California magic scene has suffered a great loss.

Ironically, two days earlier, North County resident Johnny Dahms also passed away. John manufactured some wonderful magic over the years. He was a delightful man and loved magic. Memorial services were held April 4th.

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A.C.E.S. present...

# WHIT HAYDN

Winner of the 1996 Magic Castle award for Best Lecture of the Year!

Whit Haydn has given expert talks on linking rings and street magic in the past. The A.C.E.S. would like to congratulate Mr. Haydn on his nomination for this year's Magic Castle Best Lecturer award and invite you to come and say "hello" as Whit presents his top-notch lecture right here in San Diego!

**Admission is \$15 at the door. (\$5 discount to Ring 76 members.)**

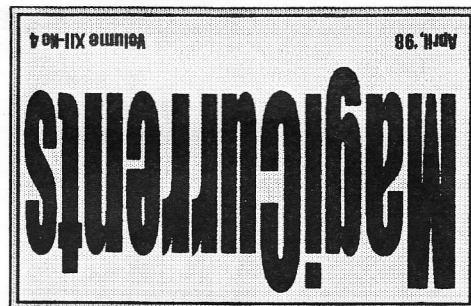
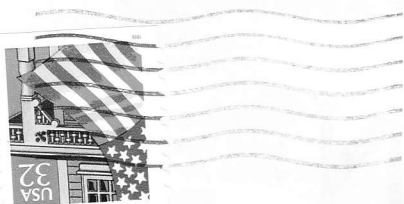
The lecture will begin promptly at 11:00 am, Saturday, April 11th at Jack White's commercial building, 4275 University Ave. Viewing Jack's antique magic collection is worth the price of admission alone!

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## What's Happening

- April 11 11:00 am 4275 University Ave.  
Whit Haydn lecture
- April 13 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: Bag Nite  
pre-meeting: A special 1-hour event  
you won't want to miss!
- April 20 7:00 pm Rick Bruce's home  
Public show organizational meeting
- April 27 7:00 pm Board meeting  
Don Soul's home
- May 11 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: Mental magic  
pre-meeting: Close-up teach-in
- May 27 7:00 pm Board meeting  
Don Soul's home
- June 8 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: Stand-Up contest
- June 22 7:00 pm Board meeting  
home TBA
- July 13 6:30 pm Jack White's commercial bldg  
Annually officer installation banquet

## At the Magic Castle

April 20 - 26	Apr 27 - May 3	May 4 - 10
<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 - 10:30 <b>Rene Lavand</b> Guest spots 11:30 - 12:30 <b>Jay Scott Berry</b>	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Bob Busch</b> Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 <b>Steve Valentine</b>	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Steve Dacri</b> Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 <b>Larry Clark</b>
<b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 <b>David Avaden</b> Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 <b>Dana Daniels</b>	<b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 <b>Bob Jardine</b> Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 <b>John Carney</b>	<b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 <b>Andrew Goldenbersh</b> Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 <b>Cheri Soleil</b>
<b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>Larry Wilson</b> <b>Skilldini</b> <b>Robert Curtis &amp; Co</b>	<b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>The Pendragons</b>	<b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>Jim Bentley</b> <b>Craig Dickens &amp; Co</b>

### Lectures

(for magician members only)

Lectures are currently presented on Sundays at 3:30 PM in the Parlour. Watch this space for a probable upcoming TIME CHANGE to an earlier time, for better crowd and parking control.

- Apr 5 T.C. Tahoe Comedy magician T.C. (too cool) Tahoe has much to offer in the way of presenting entertaining magic. He is comfortable working in any venue and has many new tricks up his sleeve to show you.
- Apr 19 Rene Lavand Rene is from Argentina and is a true legend in the fine art of close-up magic. He will be performing in the Close-up Gallery the week of April 20 following the presentation to him of a Close-up Fellowship Award at our Annual Awards Banquet.
- Apr 26 Jay Scott Berry It has been many years since we have seen Jay Scott Berry, who has been spending a lot of his time in Scotland. Jay is extremely creative in both magic and visual lighting effects. This should be a very interesting lecture.