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Message from the President

An invisible president, WOW!!! Again this month I have been taken away from my family, friends and life in San Diego.

NEW DIMENSIONS. At the organizational Board of Directors meeting while scheduling the club with pre-meeting and meeting themes, we also discussed that we still might not be reaching all the interests of our membership. With that thought in mind and a healthy treasury we purchased a TV/VCR for the club. This TV/VCR is the new dimension for the magical meeting night whereas if the theme is not entirely your "bag of tricks" we have the TV/VCR for viewing. The logistics and courtesies need to be worked through especially if we are having teach-in, lectures, auctions, performances and then, if there is a need to experience both happenings at once. This meeting will be the testing ground. Dick Dale will be lecturing/teach-in thumb tricks and Loch David Crane will have available a video of a magic show he attended in Austria. The intent is to provide more and better for the membership. The TV/VCR will provide our membership with "video sharing". Tape your act and bring it in for a critique. Magical specials we can view together if you miss the original broadcast. Local magic shops may want to provide a preview of new available tapes. Auditioning lecturers providing promo tapes. Viewing the performances of our junior magicians.

This month's meeting theme we again approach the "your favorite trick" request. Have you ever thought of your favorite trick that was performed by someone else? or my favorite trick I haven't learned yet? Or has my old favorite been replaced by a new favorite? Revisit the appeal, thrill, or accomplishment with your favorite trick and we may see new ideas. My favorite trick is reappearing in San Diego. Another one of my favorite tricks is I just never find the time to spend with my trick to learn it, practice it and perform it. Don't follow my lead, dust off your best and let's all experience your performance.

Have a great September meeting.

President

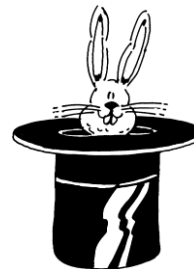
Julie Dale

August Meeting

Our August pre-meeting started with a presentation of the new "Healing of Magic" program endorse by the I.B.M. We saw the video presentation on this new for of therapy and looked over the manual. We then discussed how the Ring could use this information. Roy and Betty Armstrong agreed to head the "Healing of Magic" committee to explore this.

Dick Dale was acting President and headed the meeting. He announced that the club had purchased a VCR/Television unit to better videos and educational alternatives. Ideas for future uses were briefly discussed. Then came the presentation of IBM certificates to our new members, **Len Cardoza**, **David Burgess**, and **Paul Killea**. These new members were warmly welcomed. **Jeff Smith** read an e-mail from member **Loch David Crane**, who is currently entertaining US troops in Germany. After the minutes were approved and Old and New business addressed we were all entertained by **Michael Feldman** as he auditioned for membership. His card talents impressed the membership and he was unanimously voted into Ring 76.

The theme of the evenings magic was "Cups" and four members stepped up to entertain. **Dick Dale** brought his vast collection of magic cups, including his "Don Alan" chop cups. **Jeff Smith** started off the show with the old bar bet, "Can you do this in 3 moves," with young volunteer **David Vazquez** up for the challenge. In three moves Jeff could turn all three cups mouth up, David was not so lucky. **Diane Lane** then impressed us with a mental demonstration of advanced spoon bending. **Rick Bruce** showed his famous Cups and Balls routine, the one he did in competition at this year's IBM national convention. His skill in manipulation and story



telling delighted us all. **Jeff Marcus** ended the evening show with a display of his cup collection and his version of the Don Alan Chop Cup routine. Each performer was met

with warm applause by the enthusiastic audience. Once again the talents and knowledge of Ring 76 was well represented.

Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:00. In the absence of president Julie Dale, the meeting was run by VP Membership Tom La Chance.

Loch David Crain addressed the Board on participating in this year's "Magic Week" as well as Halloween and Christmas shows. Magic Week had been traditionally celebrated with a show at Villa Montezuma in Old Town. It was decided that Rick Bruce should be contacted to see if his youth group, "A.C.E.S." would like to perform. It was also decided that this information should be in the next newsletter.

It was reported that last month's "Daryl" lecture and workshop went well, with eleven people attending the workshop and twenty-four attending the lecture. Jack White hosted the event at his "Magic Museum," and played host with hotdogs and chips.

VP of Entertainment Dick Dale confirmed Tom Allen as guest lecturer for October's meeting. The lecture will be complete so that members do not have to bring anything. Other events in the area that we should promote, though not ring sponsored, are the Johnny Ace Palmer event, October 21, in Rancho Bernardo, and the Dennis Loomis lecture, September 16, at Jack White's Magic Palace.

The September meeting will feature a pre-meeting workshop on "Thumb Tip" magic, presented by Dick Dale, and the theme of the magic will be, "My Favorite Trick." The close-up contest this year will be in January, and Dick Dale should be contacted for any questions.

The next order of business was the planning for the Christmas Banquet. The Board decided to try to get the American Legion hall for its' location and to see if Rick Bruce's ACES would like to do strolling magic. Tom La Chance will contact Rick on this.

While there are currently sixty-eight paid members in Ring 76, there are more than sixteen members on the rooster who are currently delinquent. Past president Gary Schwartzwald will contact these members to update their status.

Gary also brought up the idea of future fund raisers for the Ring. The example of Mike Stille's PTA show was presented. Don Soul will contact him for more information.

The February dealer demo will be Mike Rogers. It was also decided that L & L and A-1 should be contacted for a list of dealers available for demonstrations at our meetings.

Ammar is currently being considered for the April lecture.

The newsletter was addressed and it was decided to solicit information, from members, about their upcoming shows. This information would then be listed in the newsletter so that members could attend



these show and support our fellow Ring members.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 27, at Tom La Chance's home. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Working without A.NET

If you're a magician, and have a computer, and are on-line, then you have already hit every search engine and directory to find quality magic information. If you have not found any, or are still looking, maybe this can help. These are good sites, well recommended, and should address most of your magical needs.

www.linkingpage.com- For general interest this page has it all. From gatherings to TV magic, from books and reviews, to online magic tricks, this is a good place to start.

www.magicsmith.com - free catalog you can order by email from their site, very reliable, helpful by phone or email. Good prices.

www.dennymagic.com - leading dealer in sleight of hand, manipulation, older and new books on these two subjects as well as stage magic, very reliable, very helpful and they have a toll free phone number.

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www.magicstore.net - Charlie Ellis, excellent new books & tapes, good discount, highly reputable.

www.bradburybooks.com - Dan Bradbury's Used Magic Book site, tons of excellent stuff in many categories, highly reputable.

http://members.uss.net/magicinc/main.htm - Magic Inc, in Chicago, as old as Abbotts and just as reliable. Excellent catalogs of tricks and books. Again, you have to pay for them, but well worth it.

www.morrisseymagic.com - Morrissey Magic Ltd. in Canada. Large catalog, well worth the money. Very reputable.

Looking for some good books on magic? Then try: New Books, Charlie's Electronic Magic Store. **www.magicstore.net**, Louis Tannen Magic in New York (online catalog at **tannenmagic.com**), or **www.chazpro.com**.

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\$10 per year for out of area magicians. Membership Questions should be sent to the club treasure, Gary Dismukes. All Ring 76 members must be members in good standing with the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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Used, H&R Books, magicbookshop.com or BiblioFind.com (do a search for MAGIC TRICKS to find hundreds of books). I have had very good luck finding magical classics at decent prices at these.

Need custom cards for your magic effects? Try Gibson Magic Cards at www.gibsonmagiccards.com

If you know a quality magic site for props, information, or general talk with other magicians, or you have a quality site magicians should know about, let the Ring know. E-mail me with the site information

Upcoming Magic

at rustick@flash.net

Dennis Loomis is coming to San Diego

Would you like to Snap a piece of rope and instantly create a knot?
Cut to any card in the deck called out by the audience?

Make your own normal thickness double-faced or double-backed cards?
In short, would you like to learn how to improve your magic and create your own props by attending a lecture from a pro with 30 years of experience?

This man has been a consultant to David Copperfield. This man has given very few lectures and only to a select group of magicians about performing from the standpoint of the working professional, be it large stage props or close-up magic. This man has done it all...performed with his traveling stage show, appearing on TV and at trade shows, and frequent appearances at the Magic Castle. This man is Dennis Loomis.

Dennis presents a baker's dozen of effects and presentations you'll want to learn and incorporate into your repertoire the moment he does them. Something for everyone: Chop Cup, Kelly Bottom Placement, Oil and Water, Mentalism 101, Coins from Cards and others. And, best of all, you won't have to

bring a tape recorder or be distracted by taking notes because Dennis will GIVE each person who paid for a ticket a video tape of his current lecture, as well as his two previous lectures. In these he reveals, among other things, his Cups and Balls routine and the complete workings and plans of the Loomis Doll House Design - an illusion endorsed by such big names as Doug Henning, Abb Dickson, Walter Blaney and others. There is approximately five hours of information on this one tape!

So how big of a hole is this magic education going to burn in your pocket? The price of the lecture is only \$30. And that includes the tape! This once-only chance to absorb the inner workings of Dennis Loomis' magic (the very last time in this century!) will be held at **Jack's Magic Place**, 4275 University Avenue on Thursday, September 16th starting at 7:00pm. For reservations call Dick Dale at (619) 562-7379 not later than



September 13th. Tickets at the door will be \$35 without a reservation.

Blackstone Conclave

You are cordially invited to attend a completely different and unique convention, unlike and in which you have ever participated! It will be a complete day of

intense experiences. The motto of the Harry Blackstone, Jr. Floating Ring is "Magic, Humor, Education and Generosity." The First Annual Blackstone Conclave will emphasize these aspects of our organization and your personal involvement with The art of Magic.

Saturday, September 25, 1999

The Day Begins...
Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM

SESSION COMMENCE...
There will be five unequalled educational sessions with the "movers and shakers" presently involved with magic.

DELICIOUS LUNCHEON...
One of the more creative sessions will include lunch, feeding the body, mind, and soul.

SPECIAL TOUR
There will be an exclusive tour of the Secret Blackstone Warehouse of Magic and Illusion, and a special presentation of "100 years of Magic on the Road"

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION...
Your evening will begin with a wonderful wine and cheese reception to build camaraderie among the convention participants.

DINNER...
Dinner is not included, but there are numerous fine restaurants within a pleasant walk of a few short blocks.

CAPPING THE DAY...
There will be a special late-night coffee and dessert reception at the hotel.

Registration fee: \$99.00
Spouse/child: \$55.00
www.harryblackstone.com

An Evening With Johnny Ace Palmer

World Champion Magician Johnny "Ace" Palmer will be at the Morada Clubhouse, Rancho Bernardo, on Thursday, October 21st from 6:30-9:30pm. Tickets are \$25. Call Jeff Smith@ (858)451-9101 for more information.



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Upcoming Events

September 13 6:30pm American Legion
Pre-meeting: Thumb Tip teach in
Theme: My Favorite Trick

September 27 7:00pm Board Meeting
Tom La Chance's
home

October 11 6:30pm American Legion
Pre-meeting: Collectors
Theme: Lecture by Tom Allen

October 25 7:00pm Board Meeting
Richard Ustick's
home

November 8 6:30pm American Legion
Pre-meeting: Impromptu Magic teach in
Theme: Y2K magic

November 22 7:00pm Board Meeting
Richard Ustick's
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