

**I.B.M.**

RING #29

AUGUST 1993

# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital



## August 5 meeting will feature two new members

### BRIEFS

#### Coming events:

**Right Now** -- Annual dues (\$10) are due**September** -- Picnic

(Call Andy Stirman if you have any ideas about when and where to hold it.)

#### Great turnout at July meeting

At the July meeting of Ring #29 we had a great turnout -- 39 people! Our special guest from England -- Bob Hayden -- demonstrated a dozen or more tricks, mostly of the type appealing to younger audiences.

He also told us about the state of magic in Great Britain (see article on next page).

#### McDorman & Davis are performing as opening act at Hot Spings theatre

Ring members Danny McDorman and Scott Davis have been performing the opening act for the Music Mountain Jamboree in Hot Springs this summer. They are regular performers but not every night, so call before you drive over (767-3841). The theater is on Highway 270 West. Their show has been well received.

#### Washington magician visits Benton

Tacoma, Washington magician Shep Donovan visited his mother in Benton recently, and Jim Henson visited with him. He specializes in ventriloquism with a country flavor and is booked solid in the Pacific Northwest. Jim is trying to get him to book an act in Arkansas so we can see him in action. His real name is Rick Shephard and Jim has an autographed picture of him at the Mr. Magic shop.

### Where's your news?

If you have news, call Jim or Dennis and we'll include it in this newsletter. If you don't, fine. But if you have news but don't call and then wonder why it isn't in the newsletter, don't blame us.

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or mail to:  
1701 Broadway, Little Rock 72206

The regular monthly meeting of I.B.M. #29 for August will be the regular time and place -- the first Thursday of the month at the CARTI Auditorium.

Mark your calendars right now and plan

### AUGUST RING #29 MEETING:

● **Thursday, August 5th**  
7:30 pm -- CARTI

#### New members perform:

- (1) Ben Bradley
- (2) James Kinsey

### FLASH!

Efforts are being made behind the scenes to attract the annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. IBM representatives visited Little Rock several years ago and ruled us out. But now there is a strong Ring and lots of interest. The soonest we could get the meeting would be 1997. Watch for more details.

#### Where is your data form?

Who will be the first person to complain if they are left out of the new Ring #29 Membership Directory? Of course! Those who didn't turn in a form! (Only people who turn in forms will get a copy of the book.)

Newsletter editor Dennis Schick has volunteered to take the data and compile a Ring Directory for each member.

Please bring your form to the meeting or mail it to Dennis ASAP. We'll have additional copies at the meeting, too. People who have returned the forms so far include:

Ben Bradley	Tom Leggett
Melvin Brown	Danny McDorman
Mike Curtis	Ray Neal
Trivedi Deepakkumar	Jeremy Newton
Fred Hartman	Theron Nunley, Jr.
Earl Hughes	Mike Pridemore
Henry Johnson	Dennis Schick
Mike Jones	Andrew Stirman
Christy Kinsey	Daniel Veazey
James Kinsey	Sean Westbrook

We really do need YOUR data form!

on being with us at 7:30, **Thursday, August 5** at the Northeast corner of the St. Vincent Infirmary/CARTI complex. Look for the propped-open door.

Two new members will give their acceptance performances. As you know, all new members are supposed to perform one or more tricks in front of members.

Ben Bradley of Pine Bluff will perform his show. He may perform his fascinating straight jacket/vest trick (if he doesn't, ask him about it).

James Kinsey will also perform his initial tricks for fellow magicians.

Let's have a good turnout to come and give them encouragement and a magical welcome.

#### New officers are inducted.

New Ring #29 officers for 1993-94 were inducted at the July meeting.

New officers are:

President:	Andy Stirman
Vice president:	Ray Neal
Secretary:	Theron Nunley
Programs:	Sean Westbrook
Treasurer:	Mary Ann Campbell
Asst. Treasurer:	Lisa Bolin
Historian:	Mike Curtis

### Ring dues are due NOW!

Annual ring dues (\$10) were due July 1 and are now overdue. Don't be a delinquent. Pay up! Please bring your check to the meeting.

### PERFORMANCES

✓ Don Baer recently returned from Clown College in Birmingham, Alabama. He also was involved with Arkansas' Clown Camp in Hot Springs (which had a great article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette recently). Maybe next year we can get the dates for both early enough for others of you to attend.

✓ Andy Stirman will present a free show August 20 for Alexander Youth Services. He also has been asked to return for Zoo Days -- August 28-29 -- and conduct two shows. Look for the times and stage in the newspaper, and go give him your support.

## MORE BRIEFS

### Randall told how he uses magic to fight drugs and promote self-esteem

After performing his new illusion at our Ring meeting last month, **Randall Eller** talked about his use of magic in his business.

He uses it in appearances before youth groups as part of themes such as "Just Say No," race relations and positive self esteem. One program teaches magic to young people who then perform it in the community, giving them a sense of worth and appreciation.

Recent appearances include working with cheerleaders in Midland, Texas and in Memphis at the Peabody for the Kellogg's Company.

### Magic taught at UCA as part of "Summer Discovery" program

**Theron Nunley** has been teaching magic at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway this summer, as part of the "Summer Discovery" program for gifted and talented students.

Attending the courses have been over 30 5th to 7th grade students from all over the country.

### Fort Smith's Bill Pitts, past IBM president, visited Ring #29

It was an honor to have several guests with us at the July meeting of Ring #29. Included were a number of people with guest Bob Hayden, including his wife (who was attending a convention in Little Rock).

But it was a special honor to have **Bill Pitts** with us from Fort Smith. He is past international president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Bill is also responsible for the annual magic convention in Eureka Springs each fall. He is a member of Ring #75.

Please come back, guests, and often.

### Magic is jumping in England; they have lots of publications

During **Bob Hayden's** talk at our August meeting, he told us about magic activities in his home country. The following are some excerpts from his remarks:

✓ His ring in England is #25 and it has nearly 1800 members. There also is a Magic Circle with 1400 members. Most large towns have magic societies.

✓ There are numerous magic publications in Great Britain, from monthly magazines to a weekly magazine begun in 1946 (the only weekly magic publication in the world), *Abracadabra*.

✓ Their annual convention runs five days -- Tuesday through Sunday -- and this year's (September 21-26) will be in Southport, England.

✓ He recommended David Guinn's book: *Children Laugh Louder* for tricks and tips on various aspects of performing.

✓ Among the magic tricks he performed were "Pop-off wand," "Clip-it," "Demon Wonder Box," "Color gift boxes," and "silks on rope" (using a change bag).

### Earl Hughes won international talent contest on cruise ship!

**Dr. Earl Hughes** recently won first place in an international talent contest on the cruise ship *Stella Maris* while on a cruise around Italy in the Mediterranean. He gave an impromptu magic performance to passengers from seven nations.

The professional magician on the ship is Ms. Alison Dorgan of Oxfordshire, England. She is the first female magician ever to be accepted into the prestigious group, "English Prestidigitators."

This should be a good lesson for the rest of us: always carry several tricks with you, as well as props, because you never know when you will have the opportunity to perform (and win a contest). Also learn a number of tricks with common items.

### Ray Neal volunteers to write profiles of Ring #29 members

Ring vice president **Ray Neal** writes a column for his church newsletter, and has volunteered to write an occasional profile of Ring #29 members.

The profiles will go a long way toward preserving some of the history of our ring, its people, and its activities.

### Mary Ann Campbell continues to gain great publicity for her magic.

So who's the most famous Ring #29 member? Who knows? (Besides, it could set off an ego tug-of-war and -- without trick rope -- someone could get hurt.)

But it seems that our own **Mary Ann Campbell** deserves the title as well as anyone. Consider the following:

- There was a long feature article about her use of magic in the ministry to disabled people in the July 16 issue of the *United Methodist Reporter*.

- An article in the June 25 issue of *Dallas Business Journal* told about her performance at a meeting of Dallas' National Association of Women Business Owners.

- She appeared in a story and photo in the June 25 issue of *El Sol de Tijuana* (which I have no idea what it said since it was in Spanish).

### Schick to visit two magic attractions in Cincinnati; will bring back slides.

New member **Dennis Schick** will attend a convention in Cincinnati, Ohio in September. While there he hopes to visit *Haines House of Cards* as well as hopes to get to see **Ken Klosterman's** magic collection, which was featured in the March issue of *Magic*. He hopes to take slides of both of these and will present a program for the club at a future meeting. Others of you could do the same thing when you're in another city.

## BLONDIE

## Dean Young & Stan Drake

