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



October 7 meeting features Dick Zimmerman lecture

BRIEFS

Coming events:

Now -- Annual dues (\$10) are due**October 7th** -- Regular meeting

Dick Zimmerman from California

November 4 -- Regular meeting

Magical People:

✓ **Dennis Schick** took advantage of a convention in Cincinnati two weeks ago to visit:

- Bill Brewes Magic Shoppe,
- the famous Haines House of Cards (where most of the trick card decks in the world are made), and
- the unbelievable Klosterman Collection, a private magic museum 84 feet underground.

Part one of a two-part report is on the back of this page, and he will show photos and give an oral report at the next meeting.

Only people who turn in data form will receive copy of new Directory.

We're still trying to create a **Ring #29 Membership Directory!** We've begun compiling it and only those who turn in a data form will receive a copy! Maybe some missing forms will now show up.

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

What's new with you?

- If you have news, call Jim or Dennis and we'll include it in this newsletter.
- **Call Dennis at 374-1500 or mail to:**
- **1701 Broadway, Little Rock 72206**

Put everything else aside and be sure to show up promptly **October 7 -- this coming Thursday** -- for the regular meeting of IBM Ring #29. That's when **Dick Zimmerman** will bring his world-famous lecture -- "Think Creative" -- to Little Rock.

We'll meet at our regular place -- the CARTI auditorium on the east side of St. Vincent's Hospital. Look for the propped-open door at the northeast corner.

OCTOBER RING #29 MEETING:

Thursday, October 7

7:30 pm -- CARTI

Dick Zimmerman lecture
Only \$10

Magician's rabbit disappeared; irate wife served it to him!

A friend of Ring member Mary Ann Campbell, knowing of her interest in magic, sent her the following article recently:

RYDE, England -- A magician's wife, irritated at his frequent absences abroad, pulled the rabbit he usually pulled from his hat from her stove.

Chris Cox said Friday that his 29-year-old wife and former assistant, Christine, killed Roger the rabbit and served him for dinner at their home in Ryde, southern England.

The Times newspaper reported that Chris Cox said she killed the rabbit accidentally when she kicked over a pile of her husband's stage props in a fit of rage at his absence.

An accomplished cook, she skinned and cooked the rabbit in a marinade of prunes, stewed tea, bacon drippings and red wine.

"Christine's a good cook and is always making unusual dishes," Cox was quoted as saying in the Times. "She asked me to guess what it was, and I said I thought it might be chicken. Eventually she told me, and I just couldn't finish it. I nearly threw up. It's causing a fair amount of tension between us," Cox, 48, said.

We'll begin promptly at 7:30 in order to give maximum time to Dick's 2 1/2+ hours of magical demonstrations and explanations.

The **bargain cost** for the lecture is **only \$10**. Please bring cash, a check and a guest (especially prospective members).

More magicians around the world have seen Dick Zimmerman's "Think Creative" lecture than possibly any other single magic lecture. After winning the "Best Lecture of the Year" award at Hollywood's famed Magic Castle, he has presented it throughout America and in such diverse places as Argentina, New Zealand, Japan, England, Canada, Australia, Mexico and Holland.

In his lecture he thoroughly explains his famous "**Dancing Ring**" and shares a wide variety of baffling, highly-visual award-winning originalities which are of equal value to the close-up and the stage performer.

In addition, he reveals the little-known true characteristics of good magic plus the secrets which enable anyone to invent original, commercial magic -- even if they feel they are not creative.

Zimmerman has created original mysteries for the biggest names in Magic and has appeared on many stage and television shows with his "Magic Circles" act.

A member of The Magic Castle Board of Directors for over 15 years, he has also designed magic sets for Mattel, directed Milt Larsen's "It's Magic" show for 20 years, invented special effects for movies and amusement parks and continues to co-produce the annual Awards Banquet for The Academy of Magical Arts. From California, he has long been regarded as one of America's most original magicians.

All of Arkansas has the rare opportunity to experience the **magical creativity of Dick Zimmerman**. You'll make a big mistake if you miss this one. So don't!

Are your dues overdue?

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.

If these comments don't make you want to hear Dick Zimmerman, then you're just plain dead!

The following are some of the comments made about Dick Zimmerman's "Think Creative" lecture by magic clubs throughout the country:

"Anyone thinking of having a wonderful lecture should have Dick."

"Get him if you can!"

"Dick Zimmerman's lecture is most informative and will stimulate you to think in new directions."

"He is one of the great creative minds in our field today."

"The lecture was fresh, clever and WOW!"

"The members of Ring 12 were impressed not only with his knowledge and performing ability, but also with his keen insight into what makes "Magic" magic!"

Dennis Schick had a magical trip to Cincinnati, including a private showing of the fantastic Klosterman Collection and a visit to Haines House of Cards.

by C. Dennis Schick

Part 1 of 2

Yes, it was a business trip -- to the National Newspaper Association annual Fall Convention & Trade Show in Cincinnati, September 15-18. But for a friend of mine -- professional magician Jania Taylor of Fort Wayne, Indiana -- and me, it also was a magical two days.

Here is a report on the first day. I'll continue next month with a report of our visit to a private magic museum the second day, and will bring photos to show and tell at the November meeting.

Jania (pronounced Jane-ya) needed some new silks and wanted to visit Bill Brewwe's Magic Shop since he specializes in them. He has an interesting store in an old residential section, east of downtown. My first thought when we walked in was "What a great selection of magic books (I bought two)." I resisted buying more although I wanted to.

On display above the several shelves of books, and across the room were thousands of tricks and props, all for the serious magician. This was not a joke, novelty and costume shop, like many modern magic stores. The shop even has a stage (where the local SAM chapter meets).

Bill believes in quality silks and -- becoming dissatisfied with his supplier -- began making his own. He buys bolts of quality material and is particular about the handiwork, too. I bought a pink one for my "Rose-into-silk" effect.

For those interested, Bill Brewwe's address is: 1685 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45214.

Where decks are made

Then we drove across town to the famous Haines House of Cards. A retail magic store -- with over a dozen display cases -- occupies

the front room as you enter. An island of display cases greets visitors. One entire wall is devoted to magic books, pamphlets and lecture notes. It's a fine magic store, and worth a visit.

But the highlight -- and our main reason for the effort to find the store at a busy intersection just north of downtown -- was to see where all those "Haines decks" we all have in our collections, are made.

When it became obvious that we were serious magicians, we were offered a tour of the back rooms, where the decks of cards are produced. It was fascinating to see the process of preparing and assembling the thousands of decks of cards which are shipped all over the world.

There were hand-made racks and forms where normal decks are disassembled and then prepared with all those secrets which make them work, and reassembled and packaged. Currently the magic craze in Japan is straining the small, all-woman crew to keep up with the demand.

Bill Brewwe told us an eerie story when he heard we were going to the Haines shop. He said many years ago, the store had to move from the original location for more room. Still later -- under new owners -- they outgrew the second location and looked around for still another one.

Finding an old cinder block building, they decided they could expand and remodel it and make it work. Having completed the deal, the woman owner asked the Haines people what they were going to use the building for. They said a magic store. "Oh, came the reply, "my father used to own a magic store." Come to find out, he was the original owner and that was the original site of Haines magic company.

Talk about spooky and fate.

Mary Ann Campbell graces cover of new women's publication

The first issue of "Arkansas Women's Journal" -- a new tabloid newspaper -- appeared in August with our own Mary Ann Campbell on the cover.

The article really didn't do justice to Mary Ann, her use of magic in her financial planning business or her new position as chairman of the National Women's Business Council. But we know her well and that her business -- and magic -- accomplishments deserved more than the short article.

She continues to use magic in her talks and presentations throughout the world, and is a great ambassador for magic.

Randal Eller is back home with a very busy schedule

We're very proud of our own Randal Eller and how his professional magic career continues to grow. He is back in Arkansas for several months and here is the schedule for his "The Magic is You" performances:

- 9/7 Gibb's School Little Rock
- 9/8-10 Richton, MS. Filming video
- 9/16 Retired Federal Employees
- 9/17 Film video
- 9/21 Bigelow High School
- 10/4 Dardanelle Middle School
- 10/6 Kirby Elementary and High
- 10/7-8 David City, NE Schools
- 10/11-22 Tour of North Dakota schools
- 10/25 Piggott
- 10/26 Sloan Hendrix
- 10/27 Batesville
- 10/28 Oakridge Central
- 10/30 Hot Springs 2nd Baptist Church
- 11/1-2 Van Buren Elementary Schools
- 11/3 Mt. Vernon
- 11/7-8 Indianola, MS.
- 11/9 Lake Village

Randal says he'll be touring in Northern Arkansas and Memphis the first three months of 1994, with possible tours out West and through Mississippi. He also hopes for a trip to Hawaii since a pastor there has contacted him and is interested in bringing him over.

His two videos should be done and available in November.

