

March 1997

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Annual auction is March 6 at Baptist

MARCH MEETING:

✓ Thurs., March 6
Regular monthly meeting
Baptist Medical Center
7 pm

Things & Stuff

- The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club at Newport invites our ring members to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. at 307 Main, the Boyce Law Firm.
- ✓ The same goes for Ring 308 in Searcy, which meets the first Monday of each month at Searcy High School.
- ✓ And Ring 75 in Fort Smith meets the 2nd Sunday each month at the Fort Smith Library. Go visit them, too.
- ✓ LAST MONTH: Thirty-two people attended the Ron London lecture. As always, Ron is a steady veteran who is always coming up with new ideas and variations of old ones.

We can all learn from veterans and if we are going to grow and improve in our magic, we need to make special efforts to turn out for these traveling magicians.

- ✓ <u>Damon</u> is performing Friday evenings at Books-a-Million in Little Rock, beginning at 7 pm. Make a special effort to drop by some Friday and chat with him. Magicians always appreciate other magicians in the audience.
- ✓ <u>Derrick Rose</u> is performing Sunday afternoons at Shorty Small's. Stop by after church to eat and cheer him on!
- ✓ Did you see the Lance Burton special on television last Monday? Reports are generally good, although some thought his first special was better. Isn't it tremendous that we're seeing so much magic on television that we can afford to compare one with another? It wasn't so long ago that when a magician had a TV special we didn't have anything else to compare it to.
- ✓ Also on television Monday, **David** Copperfield performed an illusion as part of the Elizabeth Taylor birthday salute.

We'll be back at our old meeting place -- Baptist Medical Center --- for our regular March meeting. It will begin at 7 pm in one of the conference rooms behind the cafeteria. We'll start with a short business meeting, and then go into our ever-popular annual

AUCTION!

Every magician has tricks which they haven't even LOOKED at in years, let alone PERFORMED. So here's your chance to not only get rid of some unwanted things and stuff (if you haven't touched it in over a year, you don't want it!), as well as to make a little money for the club and more for yourself.

The club keeps 10% of every item sold, for the club treasury. We had more lecturers and special events last year than maybe in the history of the club. We need to keep the treasury well-greased in order to keep bringing in more visitors.

Please look through all your magic tricks and illusions, and donote one or more to the club. We'd like every member to show up with at least ONE (1) trick (preferably more). And we'd like everyone to consider donating the entire profits to the club for at least one (1) trick. Think about it!

We will ask that everyone fill out a form on each item they have to sell, including name, basic effect and the minimnum bid. We are asking that magicians who donate tricks either explain the effect in some detail, or be willing to actually perform the trick.

Proposal to raise dues

There has been some discussion by club members and leaders that we need to raise our club dues. They have been the same \$10 since the late 1970s. We are doing more things than ever, and need to keep our treasury solvent. Come to the March meeting to discuss this.

So what's your news?

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or Jim at 455-6242 and tell them what's going on! We really do want to know.

More things and stuff

- ✓ James Kinsey, current club president, has been nominated as a territorial representative for our area for IBM. Mary Ann Campbell has held that position for several years, and has graciously stepped down to allow others to have the honor.
- ✓ <u>Scott Davis</u> is performing Sunday afternoons at Casa Viva.
- ✓ We were at Dixie Cafe in Lakewood Village the other evening and there was **Juggles the Clown**, performing. He left a stack of calling cards at the check-out register. He's not a member of our Ring. Why not? Hasn't anyone invited him?

(Pretty soon we'll have to report all the restaurants which do NOT have a performing magician.)

resented by Arkansas' own <u>Bill Pitts</u> of Fort Smith, is on again this year. It will be <u>April 3-5</u> at the <u>Inn of the Ozarks</u> in Eureka Springs. Did you see his ad in the latest *Linking Ring*?

How about getting up a carload or two to drive up? It's always a good conference, with magic dealers (including Mr. Magic), lots of lectures and a magic show or two. Mark your calendars. Should we hold our regular meeting the night before? The conference actually begins Thursday evening with an early-bird get-together.

Wouldn't it be great if so many members went from our club that we had to cancel our regular monthly meeting?

- ✓ Rocco had to cancel his lecture date with us recently, but is tentatively scheduled to come back April 10. That's the week after our regularly-scheduled monthly meeting as well as the Cavalcade of Magic conference in Eureka Springs. He's the inventer of the popular "D'Lite", is a prodigy of Dai Vernon and is a master coin manipulator and close-up mechanic. Don't miss it!
- ✓ Tentatively we are scheduled to have Aldo Colombini to lecture in August. You won't want to miss him, either. We're lucky to be able to schedule these masters.