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RING #29

June 1998

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
 8912 Stagecoach Road, #7, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209 • (501) 455-6242
 Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Lecture next Monday, June 1; regular meeting June 4

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Monday, June 1, 7 pm**
Alan Ackerman Lecture
- **Thursday, June 4, 7 pm**
Regular Monthly Meeting
(Both at Baptist Medical Center)

Bits & Pieces

✓ **LAST MONTH** about 28 people came to our regular monthly meeting and enjoyed the theme of the month -- children's magic. We missed YOU.

✓ **BOARD MEETING:** The Ring #29 Board of Directors will meet at 6 pm, Monday, June 15 at Mr. Magic. Food will be served. All Board members are asked to attend. Other Ring members are welcome but **you must RSVP** so enough food can be arranged.

The main subject to be discussed will be the upcoming IBM national convention which will be held in Little Rock in July of 1999.

✓ **LECTURE FEES:** Future lecture fees will need to be increased a little to maintain a minimum balance for emergencies and other lectures. Any questions or objections should be presented to the Ring board of directors.

✓ **SECRETS OF DECEPTION.** If you missed this NBC special May 17, give a blank tape to Jim Henson and he will make a copy for you. Darwin Orteza was featured.

✓ **MEMBERSHIP LIST:** Watch for a new complete list of Ring members before August 1.

✓ **MEMBER HANDBOOK:** A new Member Handbook is also nearing completion. If any member wants to review the draft in order to make suggestions.

✓ **GO SEE GILLIS:** Greg Gillis is doing table magic at the new River Rock at 500 East Markham on Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 until whenever.

✓ **MOMMY MAGIC:** Pam Metrez, known at "Mommy Magic," is working lots of birthday parties and school carnivals, and her costume and balloon delivery busi-

ness is taking off. Remember her for any of your special occasions.

Both meetings will be at 7 pm at the Baptist Medical Center (basement, behind the cafeteria).

● **Next Monday** -- June 1 -- we'll have a special lecture by Alan Ackerman. He's the author of "Las Vegas Kardma," and the three-volume set of videos, "Advanced Card Control." If you like cards and/or coins, you must

attend. Cost will only be \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members.

● **Next Thursday** -- June 4 -- is our Ring's regular monthly meeting. The theme for the month is "Mentalism." We have one of the best around in our member **Damon Reinbold**, who will lead the program. Bring your best mentalism trick.

Dues are due June 30

June 30 is the deadline to pay 1998-89 Ring dues. They are \$15 if paid by then. After that date the dues increase to \$20. Treasurer James Kinsey is now providing receipts for paid dues.

Junior magic program reset for Saturday, June 6

We've had a couple of false starts for the first-ever Junior Magic Club. But now the first meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 6** at 6 pm at Mr. Magic.

Anyone who is 11-17 years of age who is interested in magic is invited to talk with **Jim Henson** or any other club officer for more information.

Don Baer -- known for his Patches clown character -- will lecture to the group at the first meeting. All Ring members are encouraged to support this worthwhile project. Future Ring members will come from this club.

1998-99 officers elected; will be installed in July

The results of the recent election by members of Ring 29 are the following. The installation ceremony will be at the July 9 Ring meeting.

President	Jim Henson
Vice president	Damon Reinbold
Secretary	Bill Fulton
Treasurer	James Kinsey
Sargeant at arms	Derrick Rose
Historian	Mike Curtis
Newsletter editor	Dennis Schick

Mark your calendars

May 31 Northeast Magic Club, Newport
 June 1 Alan Ackerman lecture
 June 4 Regular monthly meeting
 June 6 Junior Magic Club meeting
 June 8 Searcy Ring meeting
 June 15 Board of directors meeting

★ Goals of Ring 29 for 1998-99 ★

1. To encourage all local Ring members to join International IBM.
2. To develop Rules of Conduct for meetings and lectures.
3. To enhance local magic performers, through media and support.
4. To appoint operating committees:
 - () Public Show Committee (two during 1998-99)
 - () IBM 1999 International Convention Committee
 - () 1999 Convention Hospitality Room Committee
 - () Publicity Committee
 - () Future Planning Committee (Long- and short-range goals)
 - () Lecture Scheduling Committee
 - () Annual Summer Picnic Committee
 - () Annual Christmas Party Committee
5. To continue support of the newsletter: Magic Musings
 - To list new members each month
 - To encourage members to contribute news
 - To feature a member each month in the newsletter.
6. To develop guidelines for performing fees
7. To produce list of companies and organizations who use magicians
8. To produce the Quality Ring Report for IBM International
9. To develop a club T-shirt for sale at the IBM convention next year
10. To arrange for a club picture of all Ring members.
11. To develop other goals as needed or requested.

More Bits & Pieces

✓ The Stern Hall Company is a consumer event marketing firm that is looking for magicians to perform Oct. 2-4; 9-11, 11-16 and 16-18.

These are 90-minute shows. Each pays \$350 a day. Locations are close (Dallas, St. Louis, Nashville, Memphis, etc.). Applications and more information are available from Jim at Mr. Magic.

✓ Don't forget our sister Magic Clubs nearby:

- Ring 908 in Searcy meets June 8 at White County Public Library. Call John Bucher at (870) 268-7959 for more info.

- The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club meets in Newport at 307 Main, at 2 pm, Sunday, May 31. The meeting place is Sam Boyce's office, a magic museum in its own right. Go see them and it.

✓ **Preston Strobel**, son of Ring 29 member **Michael**, is working in Mississippi on a movie called "Cookie's Fortune," with Glenn Close, Ned Beatty, Chris O'Donnell and Patricia O'Neal.

The movie is a murder mystery and 7-year-old Preston is the only young person in the film. He witnessed the murder. We look forward to seeing the movie on screen.

✓ **Bill Fulton** will present a lecture at Pinnacle Mountain State Park on June 27th. It will be 7-8:30 and the subject will be the history of magic, and of I.B.M. He is trying to attract interest from people who are not now interested in magic.

Since the seating is limited, he can't really issue a general invitation to attend. But he would like our Ring members to invite others to attend.

Member of the Month:

Margaret LeClair is our June member of the month. She lives in Little Rock and works for the Arkansas Highway Department. She has two children: Benjamin (6) and Ryal (1). Her husband, Jim, works for Dassault-Falcon Jet.

Her stage names include:

"Margarette A Magician" and
"Margarette, The Magician with a Message."

Recently, she had 75 people attend three shows. She has been interested in magic for 25 years. She graduated from Mills High School and has an engineering degree from UALR.

Her hobbies include magic, T-shirt design, making lapel buttons, and collecting coins and stamps. She is a Yellow Belt in Taekwondo, is skilled in Spanish and sign language, and is a certified CPR instructor.

Margaret joined Ring 29 in April, and gave her audition performance at the May meeting. She gave the Professor's Nightmare and the Magic Coloring Book for her performance.

Welcome to the club, Margaret.

A Letter from the Prez:

Dear Ring 29 members:

Thank each and every one of you for your support and vote in the election. I look forward to another year of growth and excellence in the art of magic for Ring 29.

The 1999 I.B.M. International Convention is coming to Little Rock in July. This means a new era in magic for the Arkansas Magic Community is about to begin. Our club has grown from just a few members and even less attendance just a few years ago, to over 65 members and at least 25 people attending every meeting.

What a great commemoration to the founding fathers of Ring 29. I know they would be proud of our Ring and its members.

The club needs to shine before the World Magic Community over the next 14 months. We need to have a good attitude and lots of enthusiasm for this convention.

Attending magicians and their families will leave Little Rock with the joy of having come to the best convention ever. Only YOU -- and ALL OF US working together -- can make this happen.

The club is always looking for ways to enhance the magical arts, so if you have any thoughts or ideas to help the club and its

members improve, please contact any board member, preferably in writing.

I join the others of Ring 29 to sincerely thank outgoing Ring president Don Baer, V.P. Derrick Rose and the other Board members, for a wonderful job during 1997-98.

I also want to thank Dennis Schick, editor of this newsletter the past five years. We all look forward to getting it every month and seeing what's going on in Arkansas magic. Every month he and I have to scramble to try to gather news. Please help us by regularly giving us your news as well as any news you see or hear about relating to magic.

Again, I meet with considerable enthusiasm the honor you have bestowed on me and I pray that my service to you is acceptable.

Thank you.

Jim Henson