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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Dec. meeting to be at Derrick's house, Dec. 3, 6:30 pm

NEXT MEETING:

• **Thursday, Dec. 3****Derrick Rose's house**Board meeting for everyone
to discuss 1999 IBM Convention

Bits & Pieces

✓ **WE'RE GROWING:** Ring 29 now has 93 members. Everyone should be proud to be a member of such a large and active group. But let's keep growing, too.

✓ **Bill Pitts** from Fort Smith made a presentation at the Joint Conference of Teaching in Little Rock Nov. 5th and 6th. He made a presentation on magic and another on Project Blue Book (UFOs). He stayed with Bill Fulton while in town. We're always glad to have you visit us, Bill.

✓ **Shane Boyle**, from Canada, who is a member of the Little Rock hockey team - the Glacier Cats -- is living at Eagle Hill and is into magic. He will be here until Spring, so we're trying to involve him in our club activities.

✓ **Maxwell's Theater of Magic** in Hot Springs will be performing his Christmas Show in December. Call the box office for days, times and to make reservations.

✓ If you missed the **Holiday of Lights Magic Show** in Searcy Nov. 21st, you missed a terrific chance to see some great magic performed by Arkansas magicians. Make sure you attend next year's show. We'll remind you in this newsletter.

✓ New member **Joe Bounds** is from Pencil Bluff. He has been performing for a number of years in the Hot Springs area.

✓ **Margaret Leclair** has started doing elementary school shows and seems to be getting a great response.

✓ November seemed to have been a somewhat slow month for local performers but December looks very good. Please keep Jim posted on your shows.

✓ Tickets for the "Wizard Mickey" are still for sale at Mr. Magic for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Dec. 19 at 6 pm at Mr. Magic. All proceeds will go

Typically Ring #29 does not have a regular meeting in December because many of our members are so busy with Christmas parties and other performing engagements. And this year is no different.

But there **WILL** be a meeting on our regular meeting night -- **Thursday, Dec. 3**. It will be an official Board of Directors meeting, but with a twist. ALL Ring members are invited!

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss many of the details of the IBM convention to be held in Little Rock next July. So we really do welcome everyone who is willing to offer any ideas about how to put on the best IBM

convention they've ever had!

It all starts at 6:30 pm at Derrick Rose's house in Maumelle. There's a map on the back of this page.

If you ARE coming, you must call Mr. Magic (see above) since we need to plan for enough food. Chili pie is on the menu and you need to know what else to bring. Derrick says we have to keep the attendance below 225 people!

See you next Thursday!

Magic on television

Many of you who are younger do not know what a great magic era we are in right now. Hardly a week goes by without at least one magic television special. It hasn't always been that way. Now that we're in the holiday season we expect to see many more.

Last Wednesday evening "The World's Greatest Magic V" aired. Wow! Two hours of quality magic. (If you didn't see it, get a good, blank tape to Jim Henson and he will dub you a copy.)

We're still miffed at the dude who teaches viewers magic tricks throughout the show, but not as much as the Masked Magician, who revealed big tricks and illusions.

Speaking of Valentino, he was on the Regis and Kathy Lee Show last Wednesday morning. We only caught the last act he did ("Twister"), and it wasn't very good.

Now that he has come unmasked, apparently he is on the television talk show circuit promoting himself. We understand he is going around to schools, still revealing magic secrets. Bummer!

• Promotions have begun for a new two-hour made-for-television movie, "Houdini/Believe." Watch your TV or TV guide.

• **David Blaine, Street Magician**, has a new special to be aired on ABC later this year. Watch for details.

• Remember last month when we asked whether anyone had a tape of "The World's Greatest Magic 3?" It was repeated on TV **that very night**. Spooky!

Christmas party is Jan. 9th

Mark your new calendars right now. The annual club Christmas Party is always in January. The next one will be Saturday, January 9th.

It will be at the same place as last year -- the Otter Creek Center. We'll have a map with next month's newsletter.

We'll start at 6 pm, eat and then have some great magic. It's for the entire family. If you would like to perform, please contact Jim Henson at Mr. Magic.

The Board is considering having the food catered instead of everyone having to bring something. What do you think about that idea? We'd charge a modest fee to attend. Give your thoughts to any board member.

toward our Ring's hospitality room during the IBM convention here. Thank you again, Jan Hecke, for donating it.

✓ Twenty club members attended the Maxwell Blade Show in Hot Springs Nov. 4. The show continues to hold a high standard and everyone had a good time.

Most club members who attended stopped at Popeye's Chicken (owned by club member Dan Block) for supper. Dan fed us well.

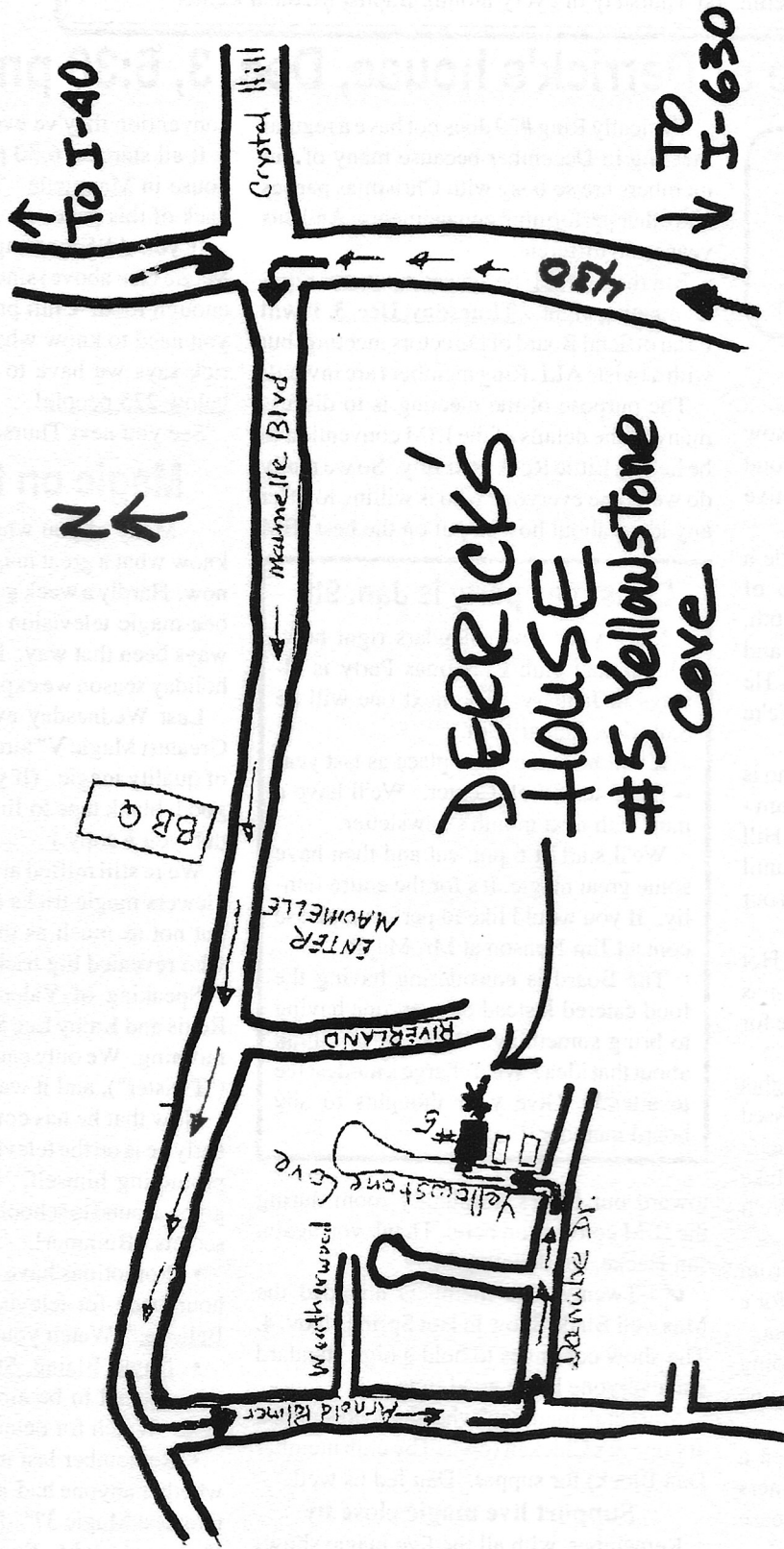
Support live magic close by

Remember, with all the live magic shows **within four hours of Little Rock** (Branson, Tunica, Hot Springs, Eureka Springs), we who love magic need to support and promote them. If **WE** won't, who will?

**GOT MAGIC NEWS? CALL JIM HENSON
OR DENNIS SCHICK (374-1500).**

HOW TO GET TO DERRICK'S HOUSE IN MAUMELLE: TAKE THE SECOND LEFT!

FROM I-430, take the Maumelle Exit and go West on Maumelle Blvd. Go past the BBQ restaurant (on the right) to the 2nd left, which is Arnold Palmer street. Turn left there and go to the 2nd left again, to Danube Drive. Finally, take the 2nd left again (hard to remember, huh?) to Yellowstone Cove. Derrick's house is the third one on the right, #5.



MEMBER PROFILE OF THE MONTH: BOB OWEN

BOB OWEN began his interest in magic in 1979. He studied with Col. Seymour for three years, was president of the SAM Assembly #180 in Little Rock and was a member of the Little Rock Magic Circle. In 1982 he was Magician of the Year for that club.

Retired from Coca-Cola, his first love in magic has been comedy magic. He performed at birthday and private parties. He has performed at McCain Mall, University Mall and malls in Pine Bluff and Hot Springs. He also has performed Christmas Shows at the Hot Springs Country Club for two years.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Janie and she has put up with him for 48 years. They have one daughter and two grandchildren, who live in Tulsa.

One of his highlights in magic was the 1 1/2-hour evening show he performed at the Arts Center with partner Dave Walters.

Bob has been running the Mr. Magic shop every Monday, giving him the opportunity to rekindle his love of magic and to meet lots of great people. He attends all the magic conventions he can and also loves to attend professional magic shows.