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RING #29

MAGIC MUSINGS

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



September 1999

Annual picnic to be held Sun., Sept. 12

NEXT MEETING:

- **Sunday, September 12**
Annual Ring 29 picnic
2 pm, Burns Park

Special board meeting will be held Sept. 2 at BMC

Even though Ring 29 will NOT meet next Thursday, Sept. 2, for its regular monthly meeting, the Ring board of directors WILL meet at the regular time (7 pm) and the regular place (Baptist Medical Center). New president **Damon Reinbold** has called the meeting and has asked that every board member make a special effort to come.

He also asks that all out-going officers and trustees also attend, and emphasizes that the meeting is open to all members.

The major purpose of the meeting is to discuss planning for the new year so the meeting concerns all members.

BITS & PIECES

● **PATCHES (DON BAER) THE CLOWN**, is engaged. The lucky gal is **Lynne Pierce** of Bryant. You may have met her at the convention, so you know she has to be a good sport to put up with Don. The wedding date is to be announced.

● **GO SEE MAX:** Maxwell Blade's Theater of Magic in Hot Springs is still going strong and you need to make a special effort to go support him.

● **ED'S MAGIC** has moved to Utah. We feel certain that when he realizes what he is missing back in Arkansas, that he will return. We will miss him.

● **MARGARETTE LECLAIR** will perform at Zoo Days -- on stage and strolling -- on August 28th and 29th.

● **TEAMEFFORT**. Several Ring members are sharing the stage at The Pizza Company in Jacksonville on Friday nights. **Don, Derrick** and **Randall** will appear on Fridays, and **Rebecca** is handing performing on Saturday nights. Go see them.

No regular meeting this month.

Pay attention! **DO NOT** show up next Thursday evening for the regular Ring 29 monthly meeting because **you will be alone** (or with others who are not paying attention)!

There will be NO REGULAR MEETING in September! Instead, we'll have the annual Ring Picnic ten days LATER, on **Sunday afternoon, September 12th**. It will begin at **2 pm** at **Burns Park, Pavillion #8**.

A lot of Ring members have birthdays around that date, so the theme of the picnic's magic show will be: **"Birthday Party."**

As usual, the club will provide the meat and people attending will provide the rest of the food and stuff. If you plan to attend, you must call the magic store at 455-6242 to make reservations and to find out what to

● Watch **Mary Ann Campbell's** "Money Magic" segment on Channel 7 each Saturday morning, shortly after 8 am.

● **ERIC** has left Central Arkansas to attend school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Come back and visit when you can, Eric.

● **DAMON** will be on Channel 11 from 7-8 am on Sept. 13; and on WBN 22 at 1 pm on Sept. 3, doing handwriting analysis. He also made several appearances on Channel 11 on Friday 13th earlier this month, with lots of spooky and superstitious stuff.

● **BOO!** The Halloween Magic Week-end at the **Brett Daniels Show** near Tunica, is still being planned. If you are interested, tell Damon or any board member so we can start a list. The special weekend will be October 30-31. (Daylight Savings Time ends Oct. 31.)

● **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**. Bob Owens went to Alaska recently. Ask him if he caught any salmon.

● **SUMMER** has moved to Knoxville, Tenn. as a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee.

● **CHRISTY HENSON** is leaving Sept. 15th to study in Greece. She should be back before Christmas. Mom and Dad Henson are already sad about the "empty nest."

bring. Christy Henson has the list and will assign you something to bring.

There are three main parts of the picnic:

- Eating, of course.
- Installation of new officers.
- "Birthday Party" Magic Show.

Plan to perform your best birthday party magic trick(s) during the show. Tell Christy when you call if you plan to perform.

This picnic is for the entire family so plan on bringing everyone.

New Board members elected

Ring 29 members elected new officers at its August 5 meeting; installation will be at the September 12 picnic.

President:	Damon Reinbold
V.P.:	Dan Hecke
Secretary:	Bill Fulton
Treasurer:	James Kinsey
Asst. treasurer:	Lisa Bolin
Historian:	Mike Curtis
Sgt. at Arms:	Chris Westfall

Other appointed officers:

Board rep trustee:	Mike Curtis
Performer rep trustee:	Randal Eller
Goodwill/welfare chairman:	Christy Kinsey
Newsletter editor:	Dennis Schick

Congratulations to all our leaders.

● **WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL**. We need your E-mail addresses and your fax numbers to help us communicate with you. Please call, mail, fax or E-mail these to Jim Henson or Bill Fulton as soon as possible. We'd like to send our newsletter out this way to get to you faster, and to save postage.

● **THE SEARCY RING** is having two lectures before Christmas:

- **Lee Asher**, October 11, and
- **Martin Lewis**, Dec. 6, 7 or 8.

They are still waiting for confirmations. Their September meeting theme is "Escape Magic."

Members David Roper and Gerald Posey lectured on gospel magic at the last meeting and we heard it was terrific.

GOT MAGIC NEWS? Call JIM at 455-6242 OR DENNIS at (374-1500).

Neat, rare magic event offered to our club. Do you want it to happen? Call now to say you would go!

Brian Staron of Tennessee, is touring the country with the 1954 film "Mad Magician," starring Vincent Price. This is a full-length, feature movie that uses a number of neat magic props and effects. He also has memorabilia from the movie to display.

He will bring the show to Little Rock for a Ring 29 viewing if enough members are interested. The date he can come is **October 2nd, a Saturday night**. The time and location will be announced, but the suggested time is 9 or 10 pm. The charge to attend would be only \$3 per person, with no cost to the club.

The Board will discuss maybe underwriting the cost to club members and having only guests pay. If you would like to have this event in Little Rock and would attend, contact Jim, Dan or Damon immediately. This can only happen if members are interested.

(Editor's Note: But why WOULDN'T all

club members be interested in making this happen in Little Rock and bringing guests? Pick up the phone right now and call to say you will attend and bring guests! This sounds like a fun event we all should support! Here are the telephone numbers to make it easy:

- Jim Henson, Mr. Magic: 455-6242
- Damon Reinbold: 1-800-4HABITS
- Dan Hecke: 455-2777

David Blaine on TV: a review

Both of **David Blaine's** television specials were rerun recently, the second one just last week. His gimmick, of course, is doing magic on the streets, in rather bizarre locations throughout the world. Some of his magic is fresh (and some bizarre, too), but most is rather ordinary (for magicians) but still well done. Taking magic to the streets is not new, but it is new for television specials. The shows are nicely produced and have a lively pace and are generally entertaining.

Ring Profile of the Month -- Stella Stout

Stella Stout is this month's featured member. Her husband, Dean, works for U.P.S. They have been married for five years, and they live in Cabot. She has worked for Ortho Arkansas for the past 18 years.

Stella got her start in magic in 1993 and joined Ring 29 shortly thereafter. She and her husband have two children and one grandchild. She has an identical twin sister, Della, who has approximately the same length of hair as Stella -- four feet. She won't let anyone do the cut-and-restored hair trick on her.

Dean is such a nice guy that he even allowed Stella to talk him into honey-mooning in Orlando so she could attend the IBM Convention.

Stella uses her magic skills in Briarwood Baptist Church in Cabot to help in Children's Church. She also performs at the Benton Service Center and at work for the doctors and employees. Her hobbies -- besides magic -- include painting, calligraphy and floral designing.

The next time you see Stella, scream at the top of your lungs: "HEY, STELLA-A-A-A-A-A!" She will appreciate it!

Ring to participate in new IBM "Healing of Magic."

A new project was introduced at the recent IBM Convention in Little Rock, "Healing of Magic." It is a concept based on the David Copperfield "Project Magic," started a number of years ago.

The project uses volunteer magicians to assist therapists in hospitals, by teaching simple magic tricks to patients in order to help them regain lost skills as a result of their impairments. It involves teaching certain prescribed magic tricks from the Healing of Magic Book. The magician is part of a team.

On the first visit, you would teach a prescribed trick to your patient and his or her therapist. The therapist continues to work with the patient with the trick. When you return, you would help perfect it and add any finer points, etc. to help them master it. Once they have it mastered, you would teach a new trick.

Member **Bill Fulton** is leading our club in this effort. He will set up a training program for Arkansas Children's Hospital.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time at a hospital or nursing home, contact Bill to be part of this project. Call him at the Department of Education: (501) 682-4471 or fax him at (501) 682-4886.

Bits & Pieces

✓ **Scott Davis** performed at the Garland County Library August 14th. He was heavily promoted on Channel 7. It was the largest turnout ever for the library and they were delighted. He performed for 30 minutes with his stage act. Congrats, Scott.

✓ **Scott** also has signed a contract with ALLTEL to perform at three Razorback games for the "ALLTEL HOG TROUGH" at War Memorial Stadium before their Little Rock games.

✓ **MARGARET** has just returned from vacation in Florida, where she attended several magic shows and visited a couple of magic shops. Ask her about the trip. Better yet, Margaret, call Jim and Dennis for an article in the next newsletter.

✓ **ED MAGIC** of Sherwood performed at the Jacksonville Community Center July 10. A portion of the proceeds was given to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis.

✓ **OUR SYMPATHY** to Derrick Rose, whose brother, Terry, died July 2 in Los Angeles of kidney failure. Terry was a well-known musician who wrote and performed many commercials in Arkansas and all over the country. Keep Derrick in your prayers.

Hi and Lois



Brian & Greg Walker