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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



October 1999

Oct. 7 meeting to feature Holiday Magic

NEXT MEETING:

- **Thursday, October 7**
Regular meeting
7 pm, Baptist Medical Center

Picnic was a big success

Last month's Ring 29 meeting was the annual club picnic. It was a big success, even though the weather turned wet.

The turnout was about 45 people which is the largest club picnic crowd ever. Thanks to all who attended and who helped in any way to make it a success.

Besides magic, the highlight of the gathering was the induction of club officers, listed at the right. Congratulations to all of them, as well as all the outgoing board members. Thanks to all of you who left the board for your contributions during the past year.

BITS & PIECES

• **BOO! The Halloween Magic Weekend** 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.)

• **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.

• **Don Baer** (Patches the Clown) is tying the knot on Feb. 12, 2000. We wish Don and Lynne the best of luck and we hope they have a funny marriage. Lynne has two girls (Jennifer and Rachel) and an exchange student from Germany, Susie. More information to come as we approach February.

The regular monthly meeting for October for IBM Ring 29 will be held at the regular time and place: **7 pm, Thursday, Oct. 7** in the basement of the Baptist Medical Center.

Come early, go through the cafeteria line and bring your food to the meeting room to enjoy eating with fellow magicians.

The theme for the October meeting is "Magic for Halloween and other Holidays."

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Board members inducted

• **New officers were inducted at the ring**

• **September picnic, September 12:**

- **President:** Damon Reinbold
- **V.P.:** Dan Hecke
- **Secretary:** Bill Fulton
- **Treasurer:** James Kinsey
- **Asst. treasurer:** Lisa Bolin
- **Program chairman:** Michael Strobel
- **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
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Suggested topics for coming Ring 29 meetings:

The following are some suggestions for topics for coming meetings. Of course these will have to be changed if circumstances change, such as lecturers becoming available, etc.

October: Halloween and other Holiday Magic
November: May the Force be with you:

Card forces

December: Board meeting (no regular)

January: Annual Christmas party

February: Annual Auction

March: It's in the Bag: Tricks with bags, eggs

April: Magic with a Lesson: Gospel and other object lessons using magic

May: Sponge balls or rope tricks

June: Presentation Skills

July: Don't Play with Your Food: Dinner Table Magic

August: Newspaper, money, paper magic

September: Club Picnic (humor, clowning, funny routines, balloons)

OTHERS: Openers and closers; cheap magic (made-at-home tricks); coins; thumbtips.

TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA:

The following is the planned agenda for Ring 29 meetings. We'll try to follow it as closely as possible, but will have to be flexible from time to time.

7 pm **Welcome** and introductions
Ring business; new members

7:15 **New Magic Review:** A discussion of new tricks people have purchased or have read about. This segment may also include discussion of Web sites, shows visited, etc.

7:25 **Tricks in Progress:** A chance for one or more people to do a trick or technique that they are working on to get feedback and suggestions.

7:45 **Opening Routine:** A trick which exemplifies the topic of the evening.

7:50 **Others demonstrate tricks** with each person receiving feedback from other members using a feedback sheet.

8:10 **Workshop:** a basic skill associated with the night's topic is demonstrated and discussed. Other methods may also be presented. Then those who can do it will assist and mentor those who can't or critique each other. This way everyone leaves the meeting with a new skill.

8:25 **Raffle:** Each meeting there will be a raffle for a magic-related item, costing \$10 or more. Tickets will be \$1 and each person presenting that night will be entered for free.

8:30 **Closing Routine:** Another example of the night's topic but may be done in a different way or with a different approach or presentation.

Let's all give this an honest effort. To make it work please **be there on time.**

Board sets goals for Ring:

1. **Begin weekend training sessions or workshops for members.**
2. **Give public shows at Halloween, Christmas or during the summer.**
3. **Create Public Relations Committee**
4. **Work to have the IBM Convention return to Little Rock.**

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Be the life of the party

Be prepared for every occasion!

Looking for something to spice up those holiday gatherings or do you have a trick that is only good on certain occasions?

Maybe they seem a little ghoulish or foolish?

Then you will like our October meeting!

Magic for Halloween and other Holidays!

Christmas

Valentines Day

Thanksgiving

New Years

