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RING #29

# MAGIC MUSINGS

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



November 1999

## 3 Thursdays in a row bring great magic.

### NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Thurs., Oct. 28:** lecture
- **Thurs., Nov. 4,** meeting
- **Thurs., Nov. 11:** movie

### BITS & PIECES

● **BOO HOO!** The Halloween Magic Weekend at Tunica was canceled due to lack in interest. It sounded like a neat idea. Maybe next time.

● **HOLIDAY LIGHTS.** On November 27 the annual Holiday of Lights Show will be held in Searcy. And Ring 303 will be performing at the famous Courthouse Lighting on Fri., Nov. 26. For more information, call Jim at Mr. Magic.

● **MARTIN LEWIS** will be lecturing Dec. 6 at the Bucher's home in Searcy. This would be a great opportunity to help fill their house with Ring 29 members. Call Jim for details and directions.

● **RING 29** is preparing for at least one (and maybe two) public shows next year, to raise money for charity. Discussion and plans will be held during the December Board meeting. If you have any thoughts on this matter, please talk with any board member. This is a great opportunity for our ring and its members to "give back" to the community. Please be a part of it!

● **THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP** Committee is working on guidelines for induction into this membership honor. Your help and thoughts would be appreciated. Talk with any committee member: Lisa, Bill Fulton and Damon.

● **DON'T FORGET** to support Ring 308 in Searcy. It meets the 2nd Monday each month. They have a small but active club.

● **MEMBER MARGARET** LeClair performed at Boo at the Zoo and for Colson Oil in El Dorado. She also has several other shows in the planning.

● **DERRICK** also has been staying busy with his Channel 7 spots on Friday mornings between 7 and 8 am. Tune in!

Yes, the next three Thursdays will bring some solid magic to the River City, and you should plan to be at all three. Here they are:

● **THIS coming Thursday, Oct. 28,** Lee Asher will lecture at the Mabelvale Church of Christ all-purpose room. It starts at 7 pm. Call Jim Henson at Mr. Magic on how to get there. Cost is only \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

● **NEXT Thursday, Nov. 4** is our ring's regular monthly meeting. It will be at the regular time (7 pm) at the regular place (Room 10 at the Baptist Medical Center). The theme will be thumb tips and related articles. As a special BONUS, two D'Lite's have been donated for drawings. Cost is only \$1 per ticket, with all proceeds going to the club.

Everyone should bring their favorite thumb tip trick. There also will be a short lecture and discussion on handling and use of this famous piece of equipment. It is -- and should be -- in every magician's bag of tricks. Come learn how to polish your thumb!

● **On Nov. 11 at 7 pm, Brian Staron** from

● **MARY ANN CAMPBELL** is still busy with her Saturday Daybreak Show, MoneyMagic, on Channel 7. She appears about 8:15 but sometimes it is a bit earlier or later so tune in at 8:05 or 8:10. You can always tell when she is going to do a magic trick since she wears her signature uniform, a sexy-looking tuxedo, to emphasize her "object lesson."

● **SCOTT & DAMON** are still working in Hot Springs Friday and Saturday nights. Both have been performing at restaurants in Spencer's Corner, but call to confirm that.

● **PAUL CARLON** will perform at the Children's Museum on New Year's Eve.

● **MIKE FUNTENATO** is now in new Jersey performing as the featured act at a major production.

● **DON BAER** says he is working hard doing shows and parties too numerous to list. His wedding is still on; details to follow.

● **DAMON** is performing his "Museum of Dreams, Shadows & Nightmares" at Hendrix College Oct. 29th; and his Hypnosis Lecture on Oct. 30th.

Tennessee will bring a special presentation to Little Rock. Unbelievably, he has an original copy of the classic film "The Mad Magician," starring Vincent Price, and we'll get a chance to see it. It is from the 1954 era. In addition, Staron will bring some memorabilia from the movie. What a neat, rare opportunity, and you shouldn't miss it.

The cost for anyone to attend will be only \$4. The showing will be in Room 20 at the Baptist Medical Center. Call Mr. Magic to confirm your attendance so we'll know how many to expect. Bring guests, too!

So there you have it. Three Thursdays in a row and you HAVE to be there!

### Christmas party talks begin

Discussions of the Ring 29 Annual Christmas party have begun and the early target dates are January 8 or January 15. We're thinking of having a Sunday afternoon party followed by dinner.

Please let any Board member know your feelings so plans can move ahead. There is lots of planning and details to take care of and we need to proceed now.

### Junior Program to get reorganized at November 20 meeting. Join us.

Here's an update on the Ring 29 Junior Program. A reorganization meeting will be held November 20 at 6 pm at Mr. Magic, on Stagecoach Road.

The goals will be to increase membership among magicians 12-17 years old, and to plan for an active year in 2000.

If you know of anyone in this age group who is or might be interested in magic, please bring them or urge them to attend. Don't forget: 6 pm, November 20.

### What are your suggestions?

Our president has started a sealed suggestion box, to be available at Mr. Magic and at all regular meetings. It will be for signed or anonymous suggestions on improving meetings and club activities. Your participation will be appreciated.

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

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Ring 29 members:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of being president of Ring 29. At the risk of sounding like a politician, I will do my best for you and the Ring.

It is your Ring and any suggestions you may have will be given full consideration. We'll have a suggestion box at each meeting (and at Mr. Magic), so please use it.

The convention activities were terrific and I thank the members for their help and participation. Now it is time to climb to greater heights.

The new club meeting format, initiated last month, is a step in that direction. Planned for the future are public shows, workshops and some other things to further both the fun and the art of magic. Stay tuned!

This can be an exciting year for the Ring and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meetings and other activities.

Yours in magic, Damon

## World Magic Awards on TV last time this Sun., Oct. 31

On September 13th, the World Magic Awards were taped at the Hollywood Palladium. The show took four hours to tape and it has been edited to two solid hours.

It aired on Oct. 22nd and was repeated Oct. 25th. But if you missed either one of these, it will be shown one more time, this **Sunday, Oct. 31** at **6 pm** on the **Family Channel**. Set your VCR so you can have it in your personal library.

## Profile of the Month -- Penni Springer

"My name is **Penni Springer**. I was born and raised in The Bronx, New York City. My parents were of Russian Jewish heritage and I am the first born American.

"I graduated from C.C.N.Y. in New York City with a Liberal Arts degree. I have been married a few times and have a daughter, Robin, and a son-in-law, Eric, a nice Jewish doctor (what else?), and a granddaughter, Sydney.

"I have a son, Ian, who is in the

## Magic featured in ad campaign

Each year the National Newspaper Association (NNA) recognizes the top newspaper advertising campaigns in the country. The award given is the ATHENA Award, which stands for Awards to Honor Excellent Newspaper Advertising. The 1999 awards were just announced.

The top award (winning a cool \$100,000) went to Goodby, Silverstein & Partners of San Francisco. The campaign is for Hewlett-Packard, promoting the company's ability to provide smooth-running products, to the point of customer boredom.

The campaign consists of three half-page ads featuring customers practically twiddling their thumbs because their products worked so well. One of the three ads features magic. It shows a man sitting at a desk practicing magic tricks from a magic book, with the copy saying: "Due to a lack of printer problems, IS manager had time to focus on other, more important matters."

## Las Vegas duo make IMAX film

Popular Las Vegas magicians Siegfried & Roy have completed their IMAX film, "The Magic Box." Not only is it in IMAX format but it also is in 3D. Anthony Hopkins is the narrator. The promotional ad says "The performance is only half the magic."

For more info. go to their website at: [www.siegfriedandroy.com](http://www.siegfriedandroy.com) or the IMAX site: [www.imax.com](http://www.imax.com).

## Hughes performing for 35 years

An article in the *Russellville Courier* recently announced that member Dr. Earl Hughes was speaking at a local church service Sept. 12. It said he is a master magician who has been performing throughout the world for church groups for 35 years.

Peace Corps in Honduras. I am very proud of him.

"The love of my life is Damon, of course and I'm his better half.

"I lived in eight states before coming here, and have been to many places in Europe, Puerto Rico, Canada, etc., and have loved every bit of traveling.

"I could go on and on, but I'll stop and say I'll see you at the next Ring meeting."

Penni Springer

## Bits & Pieces

✓ **Dennis Schick** performed at Parent's Night for the Life After School Program at St. James United Methodist Church Oct. 26. He called his 30-minute program "Magic with a Message," and featured several newspaper tricks, ending with the Torn and Restored Newspaper, which they loved!

✓ **JON & SUSAN BUCHER** have been busy with lots of performances, along with other members of Ring 308. The big question of the month is (says Jim): "How does a beautiful woman like Susan put up with 'The Old Run-down Magician?'" Only Susan has the answer. Congratulations, Jon, for being so lucky!

✓ **WELLS AUTREY** is looking for performers at Shorty Small's, table hopping on Sunday afternoon and Monday evenings. Submit your name to Jim at Mr. Magic. Wells says he'll call you back as soon as he can.

✓ **CONGRATULATIONS** to all members of Rings 29 and 308 for all the work you've been getting. Remember to call and tell Jim or Dennis when you have engagements so we can list them in this newsletter. Or you can fax them to Dennis directly at (501) 374-7509.

✓ **WE'LL PROFILE YOU** in this newsletter if you'll write us a short autobiography. Just write it in whatever form you like and we'll edit it. Tell us about:

- Where you were born and grew up.
- Any education and/or training.
- Your work experiences, including your current position and title.
- Your family: where spouse works, names and ages of children, what they do.
- Your hobbies
- How you got into magic, and your favorite tricks, types of magic, etc.
- Anything else (military service, special honors and awards, civic activities, etc.).

✓ **COL. SEYMOUR** has moved to Woodbridge, VA. We know he would love to hear from his friends. Bob Owens says to write to him at his daughter's house:

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✓ **SUPPORT** Ring 75 in Ft. Smith and the Northeast Arkansas Magic Club in Newport. Call Jim Henson at Mr. Magic for details of times, dates and locations.

✓ **"IT'S MAGIC!"** is the name of a magic show in Hardy. An article in the September 15 issue of *The Cherokee Villager* said the show will be performed every Friday and Saturday night by Jimmie Dixon, at a theater on Highway 63 South.