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RING #29

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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



Party Jan. 15 takes place of regular meeting

NEXT MEETING:

- **Christmas Party**
January 15, 6 pm
Otter Creek Racquet Club

BITS & PIECES

● **LOOK FOR SCOTT** Davis' article on performing outdoors, in the January issue of *Magic* magazine. He wrote the article and submitted it cold, and lucked out that they needed another article for that issue. Congratulations, Scott.

● **WE'VE HEARD** that the Martin Lewis lecture at Ring 308 in Searcy was a good one and you should have been there. Let's all try harder to take advantage of these lectures at neighboring clubs.

● **PERSONAL DATA FORMS** are still needed from all of you who have not turned one in or mailed it to Dennis, our newsletter editor. He will use these to write monthly profiles of members, and then create a Ring Directory of members. We can't feature or include YOU if you have not filled one out. Enclosed is another one. Please mail it or give it to Jim ASAP!

● **PAUL THOMAS** is to have heart surgery Jan. 14th at St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

● **THE LECTURE** by Scott Hollingsworth is now scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. Mark your calendars now. We'll have more details in the February newsletter.

● **JON & SUSAN** Bucher were featured in the Three Rivers Edition of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* on Sunday, Dec. 12. They had a full-page article with some great pictures. Ask Jim to see the article when you go by the magic store.

Jon & Susan also provided this quote from Harlan Tarbell: "And as they gazed, their wonder grew. The more they saw, the less they knew." Think about it.

● **DANIEL GIBSON** has moved out of state but continues to be a member of our ring. Good luck to him and his family.

First things first:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We're not going to say Happy New Millennium because it really isn't until NEXT year. But 2000 sure sounds like a new millennium and people all over the world are treating it like one. But that just gives us all TWO excuses to party (and, hopefully, for more engagements for member magicians).

Let's start out the new year (we DO know that much) with a party! Yes, it is the tradition of our Ring to have a Christmas party several weeks after Christmas. Talk about stretching out the fun and games. Here are the details, so pay attention:

WHAT: Annual Ring 29 Christmas Party. BBQ with all the fixings. The cost is only \$6 per person, a real bargain!

WHO: Ring members and their spouses,

significant others, family and friends.

WHEN: eat at 6 pm, Saturday, Jan. 15; magic show at 7 pm.

WHERE: Otter Creek Racquet Club (the same place as last year). It's not very far from Mr. Magic, and there's a map on the back of this page, the one we used last year.

WHY: To see some good magic, to get to know members better, to eat and have a good time, and to start off the new year with a bang!

HOW: Must make reservations with Mr. Magic (455-6242) by January 12.

NOTE: If you would like to perform, tell what your trick(s) will be when you call in your reservation so we can avoid duplication. If you are going to perform, please practice and do your best since we'll have a number of lay people in the audience.

We also plan to have a new member induction ceremony that evening.

See you there!

Junior Program is gradually building interest and momentum

We've had some ups and downs with the Junior Program our Ring has tried to start and keep going. Young people have so many different interests and distractions that it is a challenge to keep them focused.

But we're pleased to say that we now have a core of young people interested in magic, and have had a half dozen inquiries about the program, so we are encouraged.

The Ring Board has decided to open the membership in the Junior Program to anyone 17 years old or younger. If you know of such a person, please call Jim Henson.

Board discusses 2000 activities

At its meeting last month, the Board of Directors discussed a variety of topics including the following: Life Membership, awards to be given at Christmas Party, lectures for the year, the Junior Program, treasurer's report, and public shows.

For more information on these contact Damon or Jim. The program chairman for the year will be Michael Strobel. Auditions for the public show will be Jan. 23rd. Contact Dan Hecke: magic-dan@juno.com

Welcome new members:

A special welcome to the following new members of Ring 29:

- David Taylor, Hot Springs Village
- Margaret Thompson, White Hall
- Jim Allen, Jacksonville
- John Wofford, Sherwood
- Aaron Robinson, Plummerville
- Jana Bundy, Little Rock

Most of these have been to at least one regular meeting. Please introduce yourself to these and other people you don't know, making them feel welcome.

● **IF YOU MISSED** the "Christmas time in Arkansas" song on TV, which had many Arkansas scenes, you missed seeing **Bob and Janie Owens** as part of the segment, carrying a tree across a field. Janie looked great!

● **DERRICK ROSE** performed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming New Year's Eve at a Larue production. This is put on by Connie Stevens and is his third return engagement.

● **THE SOUTH CAROLINA** Association of Magician's annual convention will be January 21-22 in Columbia. Call Damon for more information if you're interested.

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

PROFILE OF THE MONTH:

Richard Knoll
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K. Richard Knoll is the subject of this month's member profile. He lives on Doral Drive in Little Rock and is a professor of pharmacy at UAMS. He teaches clinical pharmacy in long-term care facilities (nursing homes and related facilities). He has taught in the geriatric specialty area since 1965. He directs the instruction of students interested in geriatric therapeutics. In addition, he is on the executive board of the UAMS Don Reynolds Center on Aging. He also is a regular contributor of articles on medication management in the elderly in *Aging Arkansas*.

He's a 1956 graduate of Stuttgart High and a 1960 chemistry grad from Hendrix. He has a doctorate in pharmacy from UA. He was born in Stuttgart July 20.

He says he got an interest in magic too long ago to remember, which probably means a long time ago. Richard is an amateur performer of magic, using his skills to conduct sessions related to his profession. His promotion brochure describes his lecture as "Offering a unique mixture of Magic and Medicine."

The title of his talk is: "Avoiding Thrills from your Pills, or, How to medicate with sophistication and eliminate complications." It is a presentation about improving your quality of life through appropriate use of medication, nutrition, exercise and staying on the go."

Among his specific magic skills Richard lists Stage and Dove magic. His three favorite magic tricks which he performs are: Z-Dove, Birthday Surprise, and Phantom Box.

For hobbies, he likes to ride motorcycles (with a motorcycle club), boating, illusions and providing hugs (we all need at least three hugs a day, he says!).

Nice to know you better, Richard. Thanks for sending in your data form!

DIRECTIONS to the IBM Christmas Party, Sat., Jan. 15

1. Keep going South on Stagecoach Road, past Mr. Magic
2. Turn right onto Otter Creek Parkway (between Stax and Harvest Foods).
3. Go 1/2-mile to Otter Creek Racquet Club, on the right.

