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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



February 2000

Annual auction to be held at Feb. 3 meeting

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Annual Auction**
February 3, 7 pm
Room 10, Baptist Medical
- **Junior Program Meeting**
Sun, Feb. 13, 2 pm
Mr. Magic Store

BITS & PIECES

● **DID YOU SEE** Scott Davis' article on performing outdoors, in the January issue of *Magic* magazine? Congratulations, Scott. Nice job! Now you're a published author! Don't forget, Mr. Magic is a distribution point for the magazine each month.

● **THE "HEALING OF MAGIC"** program is about to get off the ground. Call Randall if you are interested in knowing more about it, and/or participating.

● **JANUARY 15th**, we had 108 people attend the annual Ring 29 Christmas Party. This was the second largest turnout we've ever had and many people said it was the best one yet. There was good food, good company and -- best of all -- good magic! We hope you will make a special effort to attend next year.

● **WELCOME NEW MEMBER** David Shellnut. We'll have more information on him in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, please welcome him.

● **RING PRESIDENT DAMON** appears on Channel 11 every Monday morning between 6:30 and 7. He and Robin Richardson have become good friends. Be sure and tune in Monday mornings.

● **DERRICK** is also performing on Channel 11, on Fridays between 6 and 7. His personality and magic go over great. Give him a look, too.

● **SPEAKING OF TV**, Mary Ann Campbell still has her Saturday Daybreak Money Magic Show about 8:10. We enjoy the money tips, Mary Ann, but sure would like to see magic every week!

● **A FEW TICKETS** are still available for Don & Lynn's wedding in March. We'll

Hey, it's AUCTION time!

Yep! It's time to dig out all your magic tricks which are gathering dust and at least get some value for them. It's also the time to pick up some great bargains, for very little.

Ring 29 is having its annual **Magic Auction** and you don't want to miss it!

So what are the details?

WHAT: Annual Ring 29 **AUCTION OF MAGIC**

WHO: Ring members and anyone with money to spend.

WHEN: 7 pm

WHERE: Baptist Medical Center, Room 10 (lower floor, behind the cafeteria)

WHY: To sell unused and unwanted magic, to buy some great magic bargains, AND, to help raise money for the club (10% of all sales stays with the club).

Scott Hollingsworth to lecture Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20th

The lecture by Scott Hollingsworth is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 20th. We're still working on lining up a location and time. Please call Mr. Magic for more details. We'll try to get our calling tree up and running, as well as post the details to you who have E-mail addresses.

have more details in next month's newsletter. For now, plan your clown costume for the fun occasion. Speaking of clowns, is it true that cannibals refuse to eat them because they taste funny?

● **RING 29's public show** is tentatively scheduled for May. Tryouts will be this month. If you are interested, contact **Damon** at 1-800-248-1530 or **Dan Hecke** at 455-2777, for location and time. This show will benefit the Arkansas Children's Hospital and/or the Arkansas Arts Center. If you do not plan to try out and perform, we will need workers for the show, so please speak up and volunteer to help. This is our first public show in several years, so let's make it good.

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

Derrick Rose will be our auctioneer. It should be a lot of fun, and everyone who gets involved should go away happy (whether you buy or sell or do both).

Clean out your closets, garage and drawers and COME ON DOWN!

Juniors to meet Feb. 13

Ring 29's **Junior Magic Program** will meet **Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 pm** at Mr. Magic. They want to develop a program for a show at Aldersgate Summer Camps. Please call if you plan to attend and bring someone interested in magic with you. Remember, ANYONE under 18 is invited to join the Junior Magic Program.

On the back of this page is a list of the proposed Junior Program Guidelines and Goals. Please help us recruit and develop our Junior Program.

"Cavalcade of Magic 2000" is set for March 30-April 1 in Eureka

This year's "Cavalcade of Magic" has been set for March 30 through April 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. Bill Pitts is working hard to make this one the best one ever. Some of the talent he has lined up so far includes Brian Staron, Ab Dickson, Ken Klosterman, Ron London, Jerry Schnepp (last year's IBM president), Anthony Baker, our own Damon Reinbold and many others. Call Bill for reservations. More details next month.

Brett Daniels to open new show

The Brett Daniels Show near Tunica, South of Memphis, will open a new show Feb. 19th: "*Journey into the Unknown*." The show will be some 85% new. You still have a chance to see his current show if you hurry. Tickets are now \$24.95.

The November issue of *Casino Players* magazine rated Brett, Lance Burton and Siegfried & Roy as the top magic shows, according to Mike Rice. Well-known magician **Paul Harris** will appear with Brett until after the new show starts.

MORE BITS & PIECES

● **RUMOR IS** that Ring 29 Lifetime Member **Henry Johnson** is retiring from his medical practice. We know his patients are disappointed. But maybe he'll have more time to spend with the magic Guys.

● **THE LONG STAR** Magic Auction in Fort Worth will be 9 am, Feb. 19th. Admission is \$8, including an auction catalog. If you are interested, see a flyer at Mr. Magic. Last year, the auction sold over \$34,000 in merchandise. For more information go to their Website:

www.fortworthmagicclub.com

● **WE'RE STILL LOOKING** for more personal data forms on Ring members. These will be used for a new Club Directory, as well as for Profiles for this newsletter. Extra copies of the form are available at Mr. Magic, or call Dennis at (501) 374-1500, for another copy. We need yours!

● **ON FEBRUARY 14th**, Monday, the Kinseys and the Hensons will be going to Searcy for their monthly meeting. Anyone interested in going along should contact Jim or James (or the other way around).

● **THE RING** is trying to start a "Performing Calendar" to be included in each month's newsletter. Please let Jim or Dennis know of your upcoming performance dates. You know a month or more ahead when you are booked. Why not automatically call Jim or Dennis and let them know so others can consider attending your performance? It would be a great benefit to club members to get a constructive critique from fellow magicians.

● **AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY** last Sunday, Ring member **Fred Hartman** of Hot Springs was inducted as a Ring 29 Lifetime Member. Several Ring members went to his home for the nice occasion. We are pleased to report that he is doing better now.

Fox reruns exposure shows but they get low ratings

THE BAD NEWS is that Fox recently reran two of their four terrible "Magic's Biggest Secrets Revealed" shows. The good news is that #4 only garnered a 57th place (6.1 rating) and #3 was even lower, at 68th place (5.3), for the week. But the bad news is that those low ratings still account for a heck of a lot of people.

The rating is the percentage of the nation's estimated 101 million TV homes, and each ratings point represents about one million households.

PROFILE OF THE MONTH:

Jon Bucher • jonbucher@medicaid.state.ar.us

Jon Bucher is the subject of this month's member profile. He lives in Searcy and holds dual IBM memberships in Ring 29 as well as Ring 308. Jon is an April 19 product, born in Lincoln, Kansas. He is a graduate of ASU-Beebe with a major in Computer Systems Technology.

He is married to Susan Ann and their family consists of six children, four girls and two boys. They also have five grandchildren so ask him about them at your own peril.

Jon works for EDS in Little Rock, as a provider representative. He researches Medicaid billing problems; loads and teaches software programs; and speaks publicly.

As a teenager he found a book about magic in his school's library and tried some of the tricks. When they worked, he was hooked, and he's been at it ever since.

He learned his first real routine from Maurice Lowe, at Ring 47 in Wichita, KS, so he is one of Jon's heroes in magic. Also, he mentions Dick Oslund, a professional school magician performer, who mentored Jon. A third hero who he says he always looked up

to is Karrell Fox.

He lists as his interests in magic that he is a parttime performer, likes to and does teach magic, and is a magic collector, of figurines of magic clowns and magicians pulling rabbits out of hats.

Jon has many magic skills, including cards, ropes, money and coins, scarves, cups and balls, close-up, stage, show illusions and comedy magic.

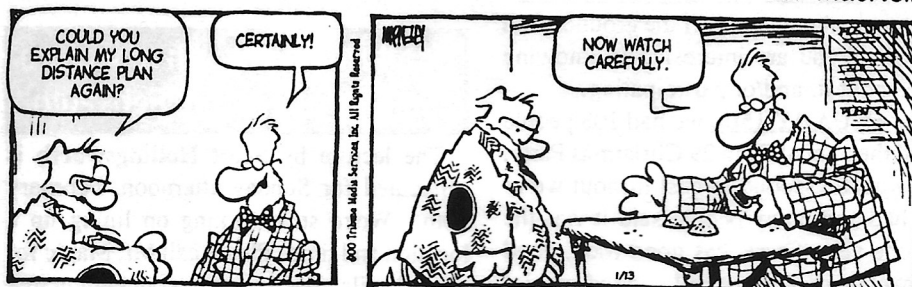
His magic specialties include: Park bench scene (Jon and Susan in an 1890s music act with hand magic); Theater of Magic (banquet-type, 30-40 minute act with audience interaction); and Balloonatic: a balloon act about 30 minutes long.

His three most favorite magic tricks which he performs are: (1) The Dancing Hank; (2) Shooting a hole in a selected card; and (3) the production of a silk streamer from bare hands, coupled with the 20th Century Sock trick.

Jon is a regular attendee at Ring 29 meetings, and is an active performer in the Searcy area. Thanks for allowing us to get to know you a little better, Jon.

Shoe

Jeff MacNelly



People who have filled out and returned member data forms:

The following 14 people have filled out and returned a Personal Data Form, and thus will be included in the Ring Member Directory, as well as will be profiled in a future issue of this newsletter. If you didn't receive or have misplaced the forms sent to you, contact Jim Henson or Dennis for another: Bucher, Jon Ludder, Grant

Carlson, Paul McGrew, Richard
Hamsher, Kyle Presson, Kelly
Hecke, Dan Schick, Dennis
Henson, Jim Stirman, Andy
Knoll, Richard Walker, Graham
Leggett, Tom Wofford, John

We appreciate you 14. Now where are the REST of you? Want to be left out?

RING 29 JUNIOR PROGRAM GUIDELINES/GOALS

- To sponsor a show at least annually and possibly semi-annually;
- To provide entertainment at Camp Aldersgate in the Spring;
- To support Ring 29 by participating in Ring-sponsored events (optional);
- To encourage visitor attendance to help the club grow;
- To keep all members informed, preventing possible membership decline;
- To plan stimulating programs which make all members want to attend;
- To respect other's level in mastery of magic, knowing that proficiency comes from practice and support with positive feedback;
- To have fun!

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