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RING #29

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



April 2000

"Gospel/object lesson magic" is theme for April 6

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 6, 7 pm

**Annual Gospel and
Object Lesson magic**
Baptist Medical Center

Many magicians use magic to teach special object lessons and themes, including gospel magic. Those are the focus of Ring 29's April regular meeting, April 6.

WHAT: Ring 29 April meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 6th, 7 pm

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

WHY: To learn some new tips and tricks with a message.

There will be a short lecture by our own **Paul Carlon**, and specific Ring members have volunteered to perform their favorite tricks related to the theme, including: **Mike Curtis, Gerald Posey, Earl Hughes, Dana Hoyt, Margaret LeClair and Dennis Schick.** If YOU have a good object lesson trick, bring it and share it with the rest of us. That's what our Ring is all about.

BITS & PIECES

● **KYLE HAMSHER**, Junior Club president, was featured in the *Jacksonville Patriot* recently for his swimming skills. He won three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd and one 4th at the Arkansas State Swimming Championships in February. Congratulations, Kyle. This is another example of the versatility of our members.

● **RING PRESIDENT** Damon flew to Philadelphia, PA to perform at a birthday party March 10th. Wouldn't it be nice if all of us could be in that kind of demand a couple of times a year or so?

● **DON & LYNN** were married March 17th at Salem United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful event in their lives and we wish them the very best. The Kinseys said the wedding was beautiful.

● **THE CLUB ELECTION** is coming up in June. The Board has decided to send out ballots with the June newsletter. Anyone interested in running for an office needs to submit their name to vice president Dan Hecke no later than April 30th. All positions will be open except treasurer and the trustees. (Editor's note: I guess that means Newsletter Editor, too. Anyone want it?)

● **DERRICK ROSE** performed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming at a benefit recently. How about a report, Derrick?

● **JIM HENSON** performed on the cruise ship *Enchanted Isle* march 22nd. He said there was a great magician on the ship and Jim enjoyed getting to know him. As usual, Jim made a complete fool of himself, with Brenda running for cover denying she even knew him. It was their first cruise and Jim nearly went stir crazy from being held

Ring members to attend Texas Magic Convention Sept. 1-4

In case you haven't heard, a number of Ring 29 members are planning on attending the Texas Association of Magicians (TAOM) annual convention in Dallas, Sept. 1-4.

If anyone would like to go, we want to car caravan and room together as a group. The cost is \$75 before August 1st and \$85 after that. This includes the membership fee into TAOM. Registration forms are available at Mr. Magic. Those interested in driving and/or riding or going need to contact Jim.

captive on the ship for long periods of time. He's a "Type A" personality who has to be doing something all the time.

● **LOOKING AHEAD:** The theme for May will be: "May the Force be with you!" It will feature card forces with workshops. Read next month's newsletter for additional information. Want to participate?

● **AT THE APRIL MEETING,** Michael Strobel will be providing information on the "Fellowship of Christian Magicians" and their annual conference in Indiana (July 17-21). Registration is only \$50, with rooms only \$20 per night. Meal tickets are \$75 for five days, three meals per day.

● **TOM BURGOON** will be at Sanford's Comedy House in Breckenridge Village the first week in April. Call Jim for exact times and dates.

● **RANDAL ELLER** will perform at Dunbar Junior High May 11th at two shows. His theme: "Let Our Violence End."

BRIEFS

SHUFFLE TO BUFFALO?

If any Ring member is interested in attending the IBM annual convention in Buffalo, N.Y. in July, contact Jim Henson to coordinate Arkansas activities there.

HAVE AN E-MAIL? TELL US.

If any Ring 29 member has an E-mail address and has not been receiving occasional E-mail from Ring members, please give your address to Don Thompson. E-mail it to:

magiced@alltel.net

If you had been on the Ring E-mail list, you would have received several recent reminders about television magic shows and other interesting information. It's easy to reply, too. Let's build up as large a list as possible, so we can communicate instantly with each other.

WE NEED PHONE NUMBERS...

for the following people. Please call Jim at 455-6242 and leave the number(s) with him:

- Tom Leggett • Edward Metcalf
- Joe Rhine • Clayton Cavaness
- Paul Thomas • Daniel Young

THE NEXT JUNIOR MEETING...

is set for May 7th. This new program is still looking for interested youth (under 18). For more information, call Mr. Magic.

COME HEAR A REPORT...

from President Damon, about the Cavalcade of Magic, which is being held this very weekend (March 30-April 1). Did anyone else from our Ring attend the convention in Eureka Springs?

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING MARCH 28:

The Ring 28 Board of Directors met March 28 and the following are highlights of the meeting:

- (1) Having quarterly board meetings, the next one being June 25th
- (2) The public show location and date. Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for August 3rd at the Baptist Medical Center Sheffield Auditorium. If you are interested, contact Randal Eller at 851-7768. His E-mail address is: magicisu@aol.com
- (3) Dick Berry lecture in the Fall.
- (4) Workshops on showmanship, presentation, professional performing and the value of preparation.
- (5) Ring 29 Awards Banquet in January each year (replacing the annual Christmas party).
- (6) Nametags to be issued at the door of regular meetings to visitors. (Might not be a bad idea for ALL members for a time.)
- (7) Randal Eller says "Hi!"

MORE BITS & PIECES

● We have seen a variety of newspaper clippings from throughout the state, about local magic performances. Please make a note and contact the sponsoring organizations if YOU would like one of these gigs "the next time." We ought to try to keep these in Arkansas.

• Jan. 24: Kevin and Cindy Spencer, "Masters of Mystery," performed in Harton Theater at SAU.

• Feb. 4, a magic show was scheduled for the Burdette Elementary School by that school's PTA.

• Feb. 5, Jonathan Dupree, the former Las Vegas illusionist who is currently touring the U.S., performed in the Camden Fairview Junior High auditorium. He is from Baton Rouge, and is a graduate of the Chavez College of Magic in LaVerna, California.

• Feb. 26, Anthony Baker performed at the Melody Theater in Leachville. He is from Piggott and is a co-star on the syndicated television series, "Theater of Magic."

● Local musician and drummer David Randels, 39, died March 19 of congenital heart disease. He was an amateur magician who frequently performed at birthday parties and loved to perform for children.

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

I ONCE HEARD...

by Mona Santow

I once heard a whisper,
but in a voice so loud and clear.

I once heard a whisper,
to love the magic that was so far and so near.

I once heard a whisper,
to believe in the impossible, to be able to dream.

I once heard a whisper,
saying go try and to work on those schemes.

The whisper because louder for all the world to hear
People started to believe that Magic could be enjoyed, so clear.

A man with a smile, with a voice so small but clear
Gave us this picture, with what he held so dear.

So once again whisper,
Your words will be heard,
For your love of magic will keep you
with us forever on the wings of a bird.

In memory of Doug Henning
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Bart Rockett accepts offer to star in Branson

by Janie Pritchett-Clark
Eureka Springs Times-Echo

Bart Rockett, local entertainer and illusionist, has accepted a contract to produce the Bart Rockett Show in Branson, at The Magical Palace.

The show is scheduled to open March 15. According to Rockett, the show will be much grander than his show in Eureka Springs. "Everything will get a major upgrade that will make our show in line with Las Vegas quality," Rockett said.

Rockett will continue to operate The Bart Rocket Magic Shop in downtown Eureka Springs. The theater, which has been closed for the winter, will not reopen.

"This is a bittersweet decision," said Rockett, who announced his decision to the press and the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Monday.

"It's a good move, but I was really excited about our third season here. I'll always be a friend of Eureka and will do everything I can

to help promote it with my Branson contacts." Rockett claimed that since opening his show in Eureka Springs, he has had several offers to move the show that he did not accept. But the financial offer to move to Branson was too good to pass up, he said.

According to Rockett, The Magical Palace is a \$5 million theater complex on several acres, next door to the Mel Tillis Theater. The building is customized for magic, with a lighted marquee and top quality equipment.

"We will have a custom-built magic shop on premise that will serve as headquarters for my Internet magic gift shop and the store in downtown Eureka Springs," he said.

According to Rockett, the theater in Eureka Springs, which he occupied for two seasons, is currently in negotiations to bring in a new show. There are no particulars as to what kind of show.

NOTE: Rockett's new theater was the one owned by magician Kirby Van Burch.