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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Paper magic set July 6; Oscar Munoz coming July 28.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 6, 7 pm
Baptist Medical Center

● Paper Magic

BITS & PIECES

● **LAST MONTH**, the June meeting was another teach-in, this time with cups and balls. With 36 in attendance, it is obvious we have hit upon a great format for perfecting personal skills and knowledge. Thanks to the teachers and the students. Watch for our next teach-in and plan to be there. You're missing some great magic if you don't come to these special meetings.

● **THERON NUNLEY** was chosen as Teacher of the Year at Sallie Cone Elementary School in Conway. He deserves a dep box and a pat on the back. Good job.

● **THE MAXWELL BLADE** Theatre of Magic is now open Tuesday through Saturday, at 8 pm. But be sure and call to ensure the theater is open for any specific evening. Call for a reservation: (501) 623-6200. He has added a new opening and a new closing for the show.

● **THE DOC DIXON LECTURE** was another great evening of magic for our club. We had 23 members there and have had many good comments on it. Try to come when we schedule these specials.

● **SEVEN MEMBERS** have signed up to attend the Texas Association of Magicians annual convention in Dallas September 1-4. If you want more information, call Jim Henson. We'd love to take more.

● **OUR PUBLIC SHOW** tryout will be August 3rd. Anyone interested in trying out to perform needs to call Jim at Mr. Magic to reserve a slot on the schedule. The show will be November 4th.

● **YOUR BOARD** has continued its policy of allowing one (1) family member to attend a lecture with a paid club member, to receive free admittance. Any additional persons will be required to pay the member fee. Please respect our policies and privileges.

We have another double-header this month. A **regular meeting** featuring our own members; and a **very special guest lecturer**. Read on and plan to attend both.

The theme for the regular monthly meeting of Ring 29, July 6, is **Paper Magic** -- all sorts of paper. Three Ring members will lead off the evening, talking about and demonstrating several types of paper magic:

Bulletin editor **Dennis Schick** is in the newspaper business. So it is natural that he should focus on newspaper magic. He'll do

three different newspaper tricks, adding his own spin to each, including a new version of torn and restored newspaper.

Mary Ann Campbell is famous for her Money Magic, so she will concentrate on that popular segment of magic. She uses magic in her seminars, her UALR courses and, of course, on her Saturday morning segment on Channel 7 (about 8:10 am).

Finally, **Scott Davis**, the multi-talented magician who seems to be everywhere these days, will do several paper tricks. Dennis asked him to do the Gene Anderson torn and restored newspaper trick and he agreed.

As always, we urge all attendees to bring their favorite paper magic trick, complete with tips, advice, etc.

Special Lecture on July 28

If you could select just one guest lecturer to visit our club, who would it be? Those of us who have seen Gold Cup Award Winner **Oscar Munoz** would pick him. He is absolutely fantastic, and will be featured at the IBM convention in Buffalo next week.

He will be with us at 7 pm, Friday, July 28 and we're lucky to get him. He is one of the hottest lecturers on the circuit today and you won't want to miss this special opportunity. We're still working on a location and may have one by our July meeting. Otherwise call Mr. Magic. Don't miss this one!

Hey Dudes! Dues are due.

This is another official notice that the annual ring dues are now due. Pay before August 1 and it is only \$15. After then it is \$20. Bring your dues July 6 and save \$5.

Come to "The Haunting"

Ring president **Damon** is presenting a unique spirit theater, approximately one hour, in the upstairs seance room of the Maxwell Blade Theater of Magic in Hot Springs. Limited seating adds intimacy to the adventure. "The Haunting" promises to be an evening long to be remembered. Cost is \$10. Call the theater at (501) 623-6200 to reserve your seats. The shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 10 pm.

New officers (re)elected

Technically new officers for 2000-2001 were elected at the June meeting. Actually, all were REelected.

There is a lot to be said for continuity and momentum. So when many people noted what a great year Ring 29 had, someone asked, "Why not reelect them?"

When asked, all officers and other board members agreed to serve another year, if reelected, and that's what happened. So welcome back, gang. Good job and another good year is at hand.

President	Damon Reinbold
Vice-pres.	Dan Hecke
Secretary	Bill Fulton
Treasurer	James Kinsey
Sgt. at Arms	Chris Westfall

Congratulations to these leaders, and the others who volunteer to make Ring 29 one of the very best in the country.

● **THE ANNUAL RING PICNIC** is scheduled for Sept. 10th at 2 pm. Set aside this date for an afternoon of fun, food and magic. Details coming next month.

● **SPEAKING OF PARTIES**, the annual Ring "Christmas Party" (held in January) has been changed to the "Annual Awards Party." The tentative date has been set for January 6. The Board is open to any suggestions for this new tradition. Speak up.

● **DEBBIE REAVES** of First United Bank presented a magic show for the children of Carlisle Christian Learning Center May 26 in Carlisle. There was a nice photo in the local newspaper. Do you notify the newspaper when you perform?

MORE BITS & PIECES

● **THE BRETT DANIELS SHOW** drew seven members of our Ring to his May 28 show. The group had great magic and food. Brett gave our people a 50% discount on tickets.

Our group met afterwards with the Memphis magic group and discussed having a Magic Day there, tentatively set for Oct. 8. Mike Rice is checking on renting the convention center and figuring out a program, possibly one member from each of the six clubs invited, to lecture. In addition, maybe bringing in a big-time lecturer or two to highlight the program, finishing up with the Daniels show and then food. If you would be interested in attending this, contact Jim Henson no later than August 15.

● **THE RING BOARD** met June 25th. The seven board members attending discussed: the public show, the treasury, lecture fees, the awards banquet, the Healing With Magic program and the Annual Picnic. Ask any board member if you want more information.

● **DAMON LEAVES** for Europe August 2, doing a video on his "Story Magic." He'll spend three days at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel on Baker Street in London, and will attend a "Magical Murder Mystery."

Then he'll spend a day and a half inside the circle at Stonehenge, followed by five days at Castle Stewart at Inverness. Damon will get to stay in the authentic haunted room in one of the castle's turrets. (What a place for a seance!)

● **SCOTT DAVIS** performed at a trade show in Denver June 11-12, at which some 13,000 people attended.

Scott also performed for the state Lion's Convention in Hot Springs May 19-21.

Dear fellow club members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your vote of confidence in re-electing me as president.

I urge you to pass along to me any thoughts and/or ideas pertaining to club activities. This really is a group effort as I see it.

Looking forward to seeing you guys and gals at the meetings as we all move the art of magic forward.

Magically, all the best.

Damon

● **BILL FULTON** will present an hour-long session on magic and science entitled "Put some magic in your teaching" at the Arkansas Math and Science Leadership Conference in Conway, July 19. Fulton is the state Department of Education's science education specialist.

● **MAGICIAN** Timothy Wenk, an environmental magician from the Northeast, will tour elementary schools in Northwest Arkansas, Nov. 6-13, educating youth about the importance of recycling, as part of American Recycles Day, Nov. 15. He will perform 24 shows. (NOTE: Couldn't an Arkansas magician have gotten this job?)

● **"THE MAGIC** of Anthony Baker" was performed at the Melody Theater in Leachville May 30. He is a charter member of the Northeast Arkansas Magic Club.

● **OZARK MAGIC's** John Quint performed June 16 as part of the Corning Public Library's Summer Reading Program. It was called "Celebrate the Millennium."

● **DAVID ROPER** performed magic shows in Judsonia for the White County Public Library System the week of April 17. He is a popular and busy magician, performing throughout the area.

Ronald needs magicians.

Ronald McDonald House is celebrating its 20th anniversary and is expecting about 1000 people from around the state July 15 from noon to 4 pm. They need magicians to work the crowd and make balloon animals. There will not be a stage. There can't be any clowns since Ronald can be the only clown.

There will be some big corporate sponsors there, so it will be great exposure. Also kids and parents from all over the state will be there. If you can help, please call **Michael or Debbie Strobel**, 771-4474, right now!

Jim and Christy Henson went to Las Vegas June 16-18. Here is their report:

"So how was Las Vegas, you ask? An Adventure! We stopped at the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam on the way. The remaining of our activities somehow involved magic. It was awesome.

"With a small bag of magic, Dad and I were armed to entertain ourselves and those around us on the drive going and coming.

"The **Pendragons** were performing near the town where we stayed one night. Unfortunately, they were dark that night but we went to check on tickets anyway. Outside the casino where they were performing, I ran into Jonathon Pendragon who was walking his dog. We had a great chat.

"Although Dad and I ran out of time and did not get to see their show, we did watch **Lance Burton's** show. Most everything he

Scott Davis produces video

Ring 29 member **Scott Davis** has produced a special niche video which is sure to be a big hit among the magic community. Entitled "Marketing Your Magic in the Real World: A Video How-to Guide," there will be a half-page ad promoting it in the August Magic issue. The 45-minute video features subject like how to deal with local media; how to co-op with caterers, meeting planners, etc.; and how to produce top quality promotion materials on a shoestring budget. The video will be available next week at Mr. Magic, for only \$39.95.

Dear Bill (Fulton):

In January you provided some ideas and suggestions used by Ring 29 to keep members. These were to be considered for inclusion in a booklet being written for Rings around the world.

Just yesterday, I completed a final review of this booklet, and I wanted you to know that several ideas which you suggested have been included, with credit to your Ring.

The draft booklet now goes to St. Louis for final typesetting and assembly. The plan is to distribute them to Territorial Vice Presidents during June, and they will be sending the booklets to the Rings.

Thanks again for your help. The ideas you provided, along with many others, should prove beneficial to IBM Rings around the globe.

Ray Bedwell, Member
IBM Membership Committee

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did was from his television specials, but it still was great to see in person.

"**Rick Thomas** at the Tropicana Casino also had a great show. We were quite impressed with Mac King, from the television specials, The World's Greatest Magic. He had a great comedy magic act.

"**Penn and Teller** happened to be in Vegas for only six days so we got to see their show. It was quite unusual, but what else could be expected from them? They did a double bullet catch which was great.

"After lots of magic and having lots of fun, we headed home -- only to have two blow-outs of our tires within 300 miles of each other. The ordeal only added to our great adventure."

JIM & CHRISTY