

Magic Musings

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January 2005

February 3 Meeting is what else but a Valentine theme.

Bring Balloons/Magic related to Valentine's Day. Love, Hearts, Red Magic- Be creative, 7pm
Baptist Hospital

News from the Ring

***Balloon Magic-** Whether you do balloons or not, you will not want to miss our February 22 Tuesday night lecture. Tom Vorjoran and Daniel Herron will be coming to Little Rock for this great balloon lecture. They have lectured all over the country and performed at last year's International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention in Cleveland. Cost will be \$8 for members and \$12 for non members. You may bring your own balloons and pump. Place has yet to be determined. We will be sending out emails when a place has been set. You may also call Mr. Magic for time and place.

*The Auction has been moved to March so that we have our Auctioneer Gerry Bailey in attendance. He is recovering from heart surgery and we look forward to having him back at our meetings. Pull out your old magic and get it ready for the auction.

*Those of you who missed the Christmas Party missed a great time. Look for the article and pictures in this newsletter.

*Bill Pitts "Cavalcade of Magic" in Eureka Springs is coming soon. Look for the invitation in this newsletter.

*Tom Mullica as Red Skeleton will at Murray's Dinner Theater on

March 8-9. Make reservations in advance.

*International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention June 28th-July 2nd in Reno, Nevada.

Member News:

*Ring 29 Magicians Paul Carlon, Bill Fulton, Richard Knoll, Jimmy Rhodes, and Joey Williams will be performing at the Public Theater on April 1-2

*Jim Henson, Richard Knoll and Jimmy Rhodes will be going to the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas in mid February. We look forward to reading a report from you three about the Seminar.

*Jim and Christy Henson went to Reno in January for the IBM Convention Committee Meeting. Look for an article in this newsletter by Christy.

*Look for the article "Magic Retreat" in this newsletter. Jim Henson has an idea to share with Ring 29.

*Joey Williams is performing at Western Sizzlin in Jacksonville on Sundays from 12-3 p.m.

*You can see Derrick Rose on Channel 11 on Friday mornings around 6:15am.

*Jim and Christy Henson were on Channel 7 Daybreak on January 13.

*We have several new members to Ring 29. In the coming months we will ask all recent members to Ring 29 to perform a 5 minute routine for the ring. More details in next month's newsletter.

*****If you are performing at a restaurant or you do a birthday party or show, please email James at jamesk39@swbell.net or Christy at cih0914@aol.com. We want to hear about it.**

International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention

By Christy Henson

Jim Henson as a ring host for Reno and myself as Spouse events coordinator went to Reno on January 6-9 for the annual Board/ Convention Committee Meeting. Plans were made for the upcoming International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention to be held in Reno on June 28-July 2. During the first day at the Reno Hilton, we toured the hotel making Convention preparations. For entertainment at the hotel, you can find a 40 lane bowling alley, a casino, numerous restaurants, dozens of shops, and an outdoor go-cart facility and miniature golf course. But of course those of us attending the convention as magicians will not likely find much time for the above mentioned due to the large amount

of magic going on during the convention.

The first evening in Reno we all went to Darren Romeo's Magic and Music Show. I have seen many magic shows but none quite as entertaining as this one. There was not as much magic as I would have thought but Romeo tied it all in so well with his music. He sings live (while performing) with such energy, and he engages the audience very well. Whether you like "old" music or more updated music you will enjoy this show.

And if you do not like music... well you like magic and that should be enough to go see this show.

Though we saw him in Reno, I am mentioning this great show because he will be in Branson this upcoming season. My suggestion: Get a caravan to head up to Branson for a memorable show!

During the second day in Reno, we went to the mid year board meeting. It was interesting watching the inside workings of this great organization. That evening we went to the Larry Wilson's Wonderland Show. There was lots of dancing and little magic. It was entertaining enough for one time.

*Begin making plans to attend this IBM Convention.

The 2005 Convention will be exciting. A list of magicians to lecture and perform is at the bottom of this article. There will be four great Stage Shows each evening which will be at the hotel theater. There will be the close-up and stage competitions. Now I have seen many of these competitions and I have seen many of you perform. We have so many Ring 29 members who are talented enough to compete in these competitions and win. It is a great way to jumpstart your career in magic if you are looking to go full time or even if you just want to have fun competing.

During each day of the convention there is a two- four hour programs in which all registrants can take part. Two of the days will be lectures or cabaret shows. One day will be a once in a lifetime

opportunity. For the first time, large groups of magicians will be leaving the hotel and heading downtown to the Mark Kalin and Jinger's Underground show. Everything is included in the IBM Convention Registration.

Spouses, I am working on a great plan for you all. You may participate in all activities as well as the Spouse events and Tour.

Kids, the convention begins a day earlier for you. Magic X-treme hosted by Tom Vorjoran (who will be lecturing here in L.R. in February) will be working with you.

So you can see that Reno will be an outstanding magic convention whether you are a beginner in magic, professional, or you just like to be entertained. There is plenty to see and do and it will be a great time. You can register online at www.magician.org or you can find a registration form in your Linking Ring magazine. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Jim or check the magician.org website.

Only some of the 2005 IBM Convention Performers/ lecturers: Stan Allen, Les Arnold and Dazzle, Gay Blackstone, Rich Bloch, Mike Caveney, Mike Close, Aldo Colombini, Steve Dacri, Dana Daniels, David Ginn, Paul Green, Cyril Harvey (France), Mark Kalin and Jinger, Jorgos Katsaros (Germany), Tina Lenert, Johnny Lonn (Sweden), Chip Lowell, Hank Morehouse, Marvyn Roy and Carol, Steve Walker (Australia), Frank Zak, Lee Gabel

Dealers (just to name a few) to come to the IBM Convention: 23 committed so far- many more to come: Dean Dill, Mike Caveney, Paul Green, Norm Neilson, Mogar's Magic, Laflin Magic, etc.

"Magic Retreat"

by Jim Henson

If anyone is interested in having an overnight magic retreat to Queen Wilhelmina Lodge in Mena, AR,

please contact Jim at Mr. Magic 501-455-6242.

We are looking at a date in March, April, or May. There are a couple of options depending on the response. We can plan a Saturday afternoon 4pm till bedtime and Sunday breakfast till 3-4 pm Retreat or just an all day Sunday Retreat.

The drive is about 2 ½ hours and the lodge is on top of Rich Mountain, 14 miles north of Mena, on one of the most beautiful drives in Arkansas.

The rooms are as nice as any motel room and cost is about \$60 per night. If enough people sign up we can get the conference room for free or each person pays \$5- \$6 toward the rental. The restaurant has a terrific menu and the Sunday buffet is tops. If you have not had their famous Toll House Pie, you have not lived. Brenda and I were there last weekend and people were sitting in the lounge area around this large fireplace playing Dominoes. It would be a great place to relax and enjoy each others company and have a great time with a magic program. We would do our own lectures, performances, and I have some tapes of old magicians performing live and on TV. So call as soon as you decide if you and your family would be interested. It will be great fun and all ideas are received with an open mind.

Christmas Party

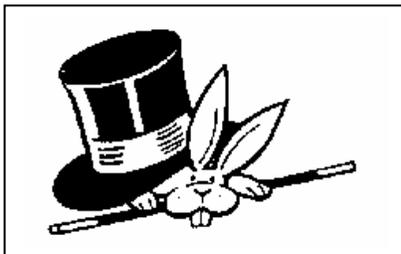
Close to 80 magicians and their families were in attendance for Ring 29's Annual Christmas Party held on January 15th.

Awards were presented to Larry Roberts for Outstanding service for Ring 29, Lannie Cox for Ring 29 Member of the Year, and Bob Owen for Lifetime Member. Ring 29 rabbit "Rabbit E. Lee" was passed from Melvin Brown to James Kinsey for care during the 2005 year.

A huge thanks to Don Baer's Mom and her staff of cooks for a great meal.

Also a huge thanks to Susan Bucher for a great night of entertainment. The program was a bit different this year. Instead of a round of magic performers, Susan Bucher wrote a Reader's Theater Murder Mystery and involved several of our own Ring 29 members. The mystery was the Murder of Magic Performer David Coppertone. Murder Suspects were Christy Henson as Bendova Bac. Wards, Lynne Baer as Minnie Kashflow, Mike Curtis as Cameron Tripod, Derrick Rose as Professor Nitemare, Don Thompson as Ron Dewing, and David Mariner as Mr. Magic Man. Jon Bucher was Inspector Awesome Powers, and Susan Bucher was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Attendees voted on the Murder Suspect at the end of the evening. Those voting for

Professor Nitemare as the murderer were correct. To those of you who attended the party, please let a board member know what you thought about the entertainment so we can plan for next year.
Christy Henson



Mark your Calendar!

February 3, 2005 Valentine Magic- Baptist Hospital
February 22, 2005- Balloon Lecture
March 3, 2005- Auction- Baptist Hospital
March 8-9, 2005- Tom Mullica as Red Skeleton- Murray's Dinner Theater
March 24-25-26, 2005- Calvacade of Magic- Eureka Springs
April 1-2, 2005- Magic at the Public Theater
June 28-July 2, 2005- IBM Convention in Reno



Lannie Cox (right) receives the Member of the Year award from Don Baer



The cast of characters from "The Murder of David Copperstone". Back row: Don Thompson, Christy Henson, Derrick Rose, Mike Curtis, Lynne Baer and David Mariner. Front Row: Susan Bucher and Jon Bucher.

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