

# Magic Musings

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 29  
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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month @ Baptist Medical Center



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August 2005

## August 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting "A Surprise"

### Meetings:

\* Two meetings for the month of August:

Our regular magic meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> at Baptist Hospital in Sheffield Auditorium at 6:30pm. This evening of magic will be a fun surprise for all. Bring yourself and no magic (unless you have something new you would like to share). There will also be a short magic auction following the business meeting. The first ten items brought to Christy at the meeting will be auctioned so if you have something you are wanting to make disappear from your magic collection, this is the perfect time. As usual 10% of the profits go to the ring. This will be a great evening of fun magic so come on to the hospital and have a magical time.

\* Our second meeting will be a lecture by Wild Magic on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm also at Baptist Hospital but on the Cafeteria floor in room 20. Tom Jones & Rachel Wild are full-time professional entertainers with more than forty years of combined experience! This magical tie joins two countries. Tom is a native of Upstate New York,

U.S.A. and Rachel hails from Manchester, England. Now they travel the world with their special brand of magic and exciting entertainment. They are extremely inventive and versatile. They perform close-up and stage magic as well as some comedy. Cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. We will plan to begin right at 6:30pm because there will not be a business meeting.

\* The September meeting will be Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at Baptist Hospital. The theme is "Back to School Magic" so find a pencil box, sharpener, or some other prop from your school days, make it magical, and bring it to the September meeting for "show and tell".

\* The picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Place and time will be announced in the September newsletter.

### Member News:

\* Ring 29 member Margaret Thompson lost her husband on July 15, 2005.

\* Ring 29 member Bill Fulton will have surgery at Baptist Hospital on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. No visitors at this time please.

\* Jimmy Rhodes and Richard Knoll will be going to TAOM on Labor Day weekend. We look forward to hearing a report about the Magic Convention.

\* Jim Henson, Summer and Christy went to visit Damon and Elizabeth Reinbold in New Mexico at the end of July. Damon and Elizabeth performed a great show "Journey to Center of Your Mind" for them in their own theater in Albuquerque. They are working hard performing every Friday and Saturday nights.

\* Randall Eller is staying busy performing around the state and throughout the South.

\* Gene Berry is performing at the Pizza Company on Friday and Saturdays nights in Jacksonville along with Greg Maxwell. Gene is also performing at Western Sizzilin on Thursday nights.

\* Scott Davis will be in Montgomery, AL on August 11-13 performing at a corporate event. He will also spend the week of August 16-23 performing at school shows and corporate events throughout Arizona.

\* John Patterson & His World of Magic performed at the Searcy Performing Arts Center

for Kidstage last Tuesday to a standing room only crowd.

\* *Pam Medrez*: Went to Clown Jam in Branson in July. Took a few notes and only stayed two days. I think the workshops and teachers we have here in Little Rock are better and we don't have to drive to far. We did take in a great show featuring a European clown, juggler and magician who actually did a fantastic show featuring about 13 cats he trained. They were abandoned cats that he adopted from various animal shelters. Also, he had about 12 dogs that he dressed up as classroom students that erase the board, bark out answers to math questions on command and go to time out when they missed an answer. It was hilarious. He's a fantastic juggler and the physical comedy was excellent. That actually made the trip worthwhile in itself. Pam aka Mommy Magic

\* Ring 29 President *Don Baer* spent the first week in August in Georgia at a Gospel Clown Convention.

\* International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Convention was held in Reno, Nevada on June 26- July 3. Over 1200 magicians from around the world were present along with quite a few from Arkansas: *Larry Bean* and his wife from Fort Smith Ring 75, *Ron Stevens* and his wife from Searcy Ring 308 and Little Rock's Ring 29, *Mike Curtis* and his family, *Vernon Hallum* and *Leroy*, *Ernie* and *Wilma Staggs*, *Bob Bullock* and his wife, and *Jim Henson* and *Christy*. Most people agreed

that the highlights of the convention were the Stage and Close-up Contests. There were 25 Stage Contestants. Jim said "It was probably the best overall stage competition I have ever seen at a convention" For only the 8<sup>th</sup> time, the Gold Medal for outstanding performance was awarded this year. Be sure to ask one of those who attended about the Gold Medal Winner's performance. There were 26 close-up contestants with 3 wonderful (?) and talented (?) announcers for each of the 3 close-up rooms (Oscar Munoz, Jim Henson and Christy Henson). The close-up performers did an outstanding job, however; the highly coveted Gold Cups were not given this year. The Big 3 Event was quite a success. One: Aldo Colombini and David Ginn Lecture, Two: Close-up Performers- Steve Dacri, Nathan Gibson, Frank Zak, Rick Merrill, and Paul Green, Three: bus to Downtown Reno to see Mark Kalin and Ginger's Underground Show. It was a busy Convention but all seemed to enjoy themselves. Attendees saw Carl Ballantine Lecture and the Pendragons in one of the evening shows along with much more.

Start making plans for next year's Convention. It will be near the beach in Miami, Florida at the end of June 2006. Great plans are in the work for this convention. Check your Linking Ring and Ring 29 newsletter for upcoming details on the Miami Convention.

#### Ring News:

\* Dues!!! Dues are now past due. Prior to August 1- \$15. After August 1- \$20. Please send dues to James Kinsey or bring them to Mr. Magic.

\* Junior Magicians Program is now in the works. If you know of a young magician or someone who is interested in magic under the age of 18, please have them contact Christy at [cih0914@aol.com](mailto:cih0914@aol.com). For those of you who may not know, there is a scholarship fund set up for junior magicians who wish to attend magic conventions and be assisted with other magical needs. Junior meetings will begin this fall. Let's support these young magicians; They are the ones who will keep Ring 29 going.

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#### Ring 29 Calendar:

September 1 –"Back to School Night" Magic Meeting Baptist Hospital

September 18 -Picnic (Tentative)

October 6 –"Halloween" Theme Magic Meeting