The Gimmick

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Next Meeting Theme
Everything Old Is New Again

Wright Writes (David Wright, President)

Our January club performance theme is *Everything Old Is New Again.* This is an especially poignant theme to start off the year as it also applies to me as your new IBM President for 2015. To the best of my recollection, I was President of IBM 192 in 2003 and 2004! I look forward to this year being even better than those prior years.

For continuity, I plan to continue running the meetings much like last year's president, Rick Hill. I will make the business portion of our meetings as brief as possible in order to focus more on magic and member interaction. I will start each meeting by passing along pertinent information on club business and announcements, defer critical decision making to the club elected board members, and postpone lengthy discussions of new business to the end of the meeting so that any newcomers will not find the meetings boring. You can help by letting me know about business items or announcements for upcoming meetings in advance so they can be given time on the agenda as warranted.

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The reason we come together in monthly meetings is to perform, share ideas, fine hone our skills, critique one another, and most of all to have fun. Let's plan to come together this year with renewed energy and spirit to make our shared talents become even better. In this way *everything old is new again*.

"My life is full of magic, but the most wonderful magic of all lies in my people connections…" Phil Willmarth

Holiday Party a Success, as Always

IBM 192 thanks Dale and Elaine Lorzo for hosting the holiday party, for the 21st time! The party was on the evening of December 7 at Dale and Elaine's home. Food, conversation, magic tricks and a raffle. Young Miles cleaned up on the raffle. (See pictures on page 3.)

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2015 Calendar and Meeting Themes

Date	Performance Theme	Additional Information
Jan 14th	Everything Old Is New Again	
Feb 11th	Pasteboard Prestidigitation	
March 11th	Comedy Magic	
April 8th	Wand Wonders	
May 13th	Silver Sleights	
May 27th	Close-up Competition	SAM Meeting – Ronald McDonald House
June 10th	Magic to Music	
July 8th	Mental Mysteries	
Aug. 12th	Stand-up Competition	IBM Meeting – Mission Oaks
Sept. 9th	Gambling Gimmicks	
Oct. 10th	Annual Mission Oaks Community Show	Mission Oaks
Oct. 14th	Ghostly Animation	
Nov. 11th	Rings, Rope, Strings & Things	Elect Officers for 2016
Nov. TBD	Magic Auction and Flea Market	(location TBD)
Dec. 2nd (1st Wed.)	Holiday Magic	IBM/SAM Mixer (Location TBD)
Dec. TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo's 22nd Holiday Party	Dale & Elaine's House
Dec. 9th	NO MEETING	

DECEMBER MEETING PERFORMANCE NOTES

David Wright opened the evening's entertainment performing a rubber band trick called *Stairway* by Marcus Eddy. Two rubber bands are shown and stretched between the fingers of both hands to show four long strands. A dollar bill is borrowed, folded length wise and wrapped around the bottom strand of the four-band ladder. One by one the dollar jumps from strand to strand up the ladder without any effort. The bill then jumps back down the ladder, one stand at a time. Finally, the bill jumps all the way up to the top strand of the ladder just like magic. (cont. right box)

Dec. Performance Notes (cont.)

Lloyd Shafer next performed Hen Fetsch's *Mental Epic*, a triple prediction effect using a slate with six panels. Lloyd asked various spectators to name a word, a number and any card. He then proceeded to show that he knew the outcome as his predictions matched the selected items perfectly.

Dale Lorzo performed a other mental effect using large posters with symbols of Christmas: Christmas tree, a gingerbread man, a candy cane, and a Christmas stocking. The audience eliminated three of the images and Dale showed that he could tell the future by showing his prediction, which was in plain sight all along.

Dave Fiscus closed out the evening's entertainment performing Ian Rowland's *The Lying Game*, a mentalism routine which involved two themes, telling the truth from lies, and being able to predict the choices people make. Two spectators took part in this game. Dave presented several faintly surreal statements about his own life and the spectators got to guess which ones were true and which were made up.

The first surprise was that Dave was apparently able to turn one of the spectators into an expert "human lie detector" with just a few simple crumbs of advice. Secondly, when all the results were in for both participants, Dave proved that he correctly predicted every one of the spectators' verdicts.

SAM/IBM Holiday Party 2014

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