



The Gimmick



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Tell Us a Story

David Wright, President

*Beginnings of a brand new year...
Not a time to wax nostalgic!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear;
To love, laugh and conjure magic!*

Our January club performance theme is *Tell Us A Story*. This is a perfect way to start off a new year. What in your arsenal of tricks requires good patter, embellishment and/or theatrics to perform? What magic isn't enhanced through dramatic narrative? This meeting should prove to be a night filled with entertainment, mystery, illusion and surprise. Come and enjoy the magic.

For continuity I plan to continue running club meetings this year much the same as last year. 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 appropriate time on the agenda is given to them.

To guarantee we get the most out of the year, I will be assigning tasks to others to make sure our calendar of events gets completed on time, including the magic auction, barbeque, competitions, and community show. I will ask for volunteers to Teach-A-Trick and conduct T.I.P. (To-Improve-Performance) Mini-Lectures. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas how we might improve our club experience, please let me know and I will try to act upon it.

The reason we come together each month is to perform magic, share ideas, fine tune 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 experiences even better.

*Unable to tell a story,
But we all really should try it.
May you your magic be interactive,
And to all, a good diet!*



IBM 192 Meets at
7:00 p.m.
2nd Wednesday of each month
at Mission Oaks Community Center
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Secretary Needed

I write and print well if I can take my time but due to arthritis, I can't take notes during performances or the meeting. Mary has done a great job of taking notes this year but she understandably wants to pass that duty on to someone else. It would be great if someone would volunteer to take over. Otherwise there won't be notes.

Harry



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Date	Performance Theme/Event	Additional Meeting Activities	Location
Jan. 4 th	Shawn Farquhar Lecture		Elk Grove Grange Hall
Jan. 11 th	Tell Us a Story	Teach-A-Trick	Mission Oaks
Feb. 8 th	Inflatable Magic	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
March 8 th	Old, New, Borrowed, Blue	"Bag Full of Fun" Challenge	Mission Oaks
April 12 th	Magic of the Mind	Teach-A-Trick	Mission Oaks
May 10 th	Packet & Pocket Tricks	Social Mixer	Mission Oaks
May 24 th	Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition		Ronald McDonald House
June 14 th	Magic to Music	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
June TBA	Annual IBM / SAM Magic Auction		TBA
June TBA	Annual IBM / SAM BBQ		TBA
July 12 th	From Page to Stage	Social Mixer	Mission Oaks
Aug. 9 th	Annual IBM/SAM Stand-Up Competition		Mission Oaks
Sept. 13 th	Gambler's Dilemma	Teach a Trick	Mission Oaks
Oct. TBA	Multi-Club Magic Community Show		TBA
Oct. 11 th	Eat, Drink and Be Scary	T.I.P.* Mini-Lecture	Mission Oaks
Nov. 8 th	Conjuring Comic Connections	Teach a Trick	Mission Oaks
Dec. 13 th	Joint IBM / SAM Holiday Magic Meeting		
Dec. TBA	Dale & Elaine Lorzo's Annual Holiday Party		Lorzo House

*T.I.P. = "To Improve Performance"

Lorzo Holiday Party

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