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Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM (business meeting) and 7:00 PM for magic. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Medical Center). Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!



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Balls!

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Seven days without a pun makes one weak! When women enter middle age, it gives men a pause.

Greetings, compeers, and welcome to a new year of the Magic Flash. Thank you for renewing your SAM 72 membership again this year. If you haven't renewed it yet, please contact our Treasurer, Allen Greenberg. Renewal cost for the year is \$20.

We had a fun kick-off meeting for the year on January 28th. We discussed the club's annual budget and calendar of events, watched several performers demonstrate their favorite tricks, and socialized for the rest of the evening. What was especially fun about this night was that we met in an adjoining building at the Ronald McDonald House instead of the normal meeting hall. Because of conflicts in scheduling with other planned events, this alternative meeting location will be used a couple of times this year.

We successfully sponsored our first lecture of the year on February 12th. Jim Pace from Portland, Oregon, was here to demonstrate his unique style of magic. Jim

specializes in strolling, walk-around magic. His ideas on magic have developed over 25 years performing in restaurants. His thoughts on the economy of use of magic props were of special interest to me. An example of his evolving style can be seen in the development of his Miser's Dream routine. In years past, Jim used to perform this effect by spreading the produced

coins all over a restaurant table to emphasize the number of coins that have appeared. Now he asks a spectator to cup their hands and hold the coins for him, the reason being that he does not want to spend time at the end of the effect collecting the coins from the table. He can more readily move on to the next trick or next table this way.

Our performance theme this month is "Balls." So pull out your billiard balls and make them multiply, squish together two sponge balls and make them one, or magically produce your bowling ball from a drawing pad. It's your choice. But come to our next SAM 72 meeting prepared to perform, amaze the club and you might win a prize. Remember, when there's a sale on tennis balls, it's first come, first serve.

This February, we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial. As someone pointed out on the Internet, if you scramble the letters in "Barack Hussein Obama," you get "Abraham is back: One U.S." Is this change in administration an uprising or an up-wising?

It is difficult to escape being a peasant because resistance is feudal. A pun can be made on any subject except a king who isn't a subject. Kings worry about their receding heir lines.

See you at our next meeting.

January Meeting Minutes:

After some initial confusion with the room location we finally were able to start the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

- David Wright (Pres.) reviewed the budget for 2009. After some short discussion and no real changes it was accepted. As part of the budget, two lectures were proposed. The lectures are by Jim Pace (already happened) and Aldo Columbini (to be held in Nov.).
- There was some discussion as to how to handle the Murphy's Magical Supply certificates. It was decided that on odd months the certificate would be awarded to a performer who is a paid member of the club. On the even months the certificate will be awarded to a paid up member in attendance. The certificate will still be for \$50.
- The subject of the annual auction came under discussion and it was decided to keep it separate from the barbeque. The main point of contention was that we normally need a longer meeting time for the auction. It was decided to see if we could hold it at Mission Oaks and get them to let us use the room until 10:00 p.m. for the one night.
- The treasurer reported that we had \$3911.07 in the bank.
- Leroy Goodenough volunteered to teach a trick at the February meeting.
- The meeting was then adjourned.

Performers for the evening: (Theme: Your Favorite Trick)

First up was **Gary Berard**, who performed a Frank Garcia routine, called TV Aces. The four aces are spread throughout the pack and each one found in an interesting and unique manner.

Leroy Goodenough followed with a memory test. He had a large poster board with 64 different words on it and a five to seven digit number beneath each word. Several spectators picked a word and Leroy was able to tell them the number that was beneath the word, thus demonstrating his incredible mental

prowess. As if that weren't enough for Goodenough, he then took a coin and passed it through his pants and into his pocket. This was followed by a nice one coin routine.

Dale Lorzo brought out his educated block and showed how it was able to defy gravity and obey his command to stop, both at the same time. He once again threaded the block onto a length of rope only to have it penetrate the rope and make a dash for freedom.

David Wright, after casting dispersions about Mr. Berard's four ace routine, proceeded to do a nice four ace revelation and then magically passed the aces into his pockets with the final ace making its appearance in his wallet.

Ely Baily ended the evening's performances by having a card selected and signed. The card was then placed between the two black aces and all laid on the table. It was then shown that the signed selection had vanished from between the two black aces only to appear back in the pack surrounded by the two red aces.

A vote was cast for the Murphy's Gift certificate and it ended in a tie between Gary Berard and Ely Baily. The time honored tradition of cutting to high card was used as the tie breaker and Gary Berard was the winner.

Members socialized for a little while before everyone headed home after a wonderful evening of magic and camaraderie.

Until next month...

2009 Magic Calendar

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Performance Theme</u>	<u>Workshop Theme</u>
Jan. 28	<i>My Favorite Trick(s)</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
Feb. 25	<i>Ball Magic</i>	<i>Teach - A - Trick</i>
Mar. 25	<i>Comedy Magic</i>	<i>Magic Themes for Kids</i>
April 22	<i>Children's Magic</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
May 27	Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition	
<i>June TBD</i>	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Barbecue & Auction</i>	
June 24	<i>No Sleight Card Magic</i>	<i>False Count Card Moves</i>
July 22	<i>Money Magic</i>	<i>Teach - A - Trick</i>
Aug. 26	<i>Mentalism</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
<i>Aug. 12</i>	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Stand-up Competition</i>	
Sept. 23	<i>Rope Magic</i>	<i>Magic w/ Everyday Objects</i>
<i>Sept. TBD</i>	<i>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show</i>	
Oct. 28	<i>Magic that Tells a Story</i>	<i>Historical Memorabilia</i>
<i>Oct. TBD</i>	<i>PROPOSED: Community Show at Other Location</i>	
<i>November - No meeting(s) this month.</i>		
Dec. 9 (2nd Wed.)	<i>Silk/Handkerchief Magic</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
<i>Dec. TBD</i>	<i>Annual RMH Toy Run - Strolling Magic</i>	
<i>Dec. TBD</i>	<i>Annual Dale & Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party</i>	