



Sacramento Area Magicians

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Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

A Magical Journey From Dream to Reality... Part Four of George Westwood's History of Assembly 72

(From October 1989 to November 1990 newsletters)

Due to some unforeseen reason, there was no information found for the months of May, June, July or August in 1989. In September we lost two of our officers: **Tom Turk**, our Secretary and Scribe, had to resign due to other commitments. **Roy Profido**, our Vice-President and one of the best magicians in the field of children's entertainment, up and left us for greener pastures (?) in Livermore, CA. This month I changed the name of our newsletter from *Spectra* to *The Magic Flash*; being the Editor, I can do this!

The November 1989 *Magic Flash* shows that we celebrated National Magic Month (October) with our first annual magic show at the Colonial Heights Library. The show was well attended by no less than 75 people, including 69 guests. All of this was due to the efforts of a small group of performers led by none other than our **Illustrious President Dale Lorzo**. Dale was our M.C., **Tom Allen** and **Mary Mowder** were the opening act followed by **John Heinen**, **George Westwood** and **Armie Westwood**. Dale closed the show with a great escape act.

During our November meeting before a small but enthusiastic group of members and guests, we were very pleased to announce the results of the election for the coming year. **President: Dale Lorzo**, **Vice-President: John Heinen**, **Treasurer: Allen Greenberg**, **Secretary: George Westwood**. **Board Members: Art Gross, Richard Kowaleski, and Lloyd Rich M.D.**

February 4, 1990 was a big day for a lot of us who attended the **Billy McComb** lecture. A lot of thanks should go to **Dale Lorzo** and his lovely wife **Elaine** for all the work they put into this event to make it such a great success. We made a few friends at the **Galleria**. I understand we even made a few dollars on this lecture; that in and of itself should make the history books! This has been a first for our Assembly, but I hope not the last.

Our first auction was held on March 27, 1990, and from all reports the auction was a great success for both buyers and sell-

ers. **Allen Greenberg** reported a gain of \$63 in our bank account; sounds good to me!

The theme for May was "Brown Bag Nite." Last year it was so much fun we decided to do it again. It was nice to report a gain in our financial status, too. As of April we had \$844 plus a few cents in the bank. Sounds good. We should give **Allen Greenberg** a giant thank you for taking such pains to oversee our account. Those who performed for Brown Bag Nite were: **Richard Kowaleski, Bob Raker, Fred Bronner, John Heinen, the Physician Magician, Lloyd Rich, Wilmer Hornbostel** and **Bill Etgen**.

The theme for June 1990 was "Trash Can Magic," and videotaping of the performers finally took place after a year of trying to get it started. Yours truly recently performed at the McClellan AFB D.S. Family Day and Open House. The big news, I ran into some old magic buddies, **Rick Kiefer** and **Bob Kersten**. **Greg Gregory** has been down with some serious health problems and will not return. **Stan Matty** also has health problems but hopes to return as soon as he recovers.

A new column, *A Teenager's Point Of View*, was introduced in July, written by one of our young magicians, **Vincent Hancock**. As it turned out the July edition of this newsletter was the first and last time Vincent wrote the column. To bad, it would have been a real nice contribution to the newsletter. Note: Fifteen years later, Vincent is living in upstate Michigan doing freelance writing. He got back into magic along with doing some airtime for the public radio station there.

It's August, but elections are just around the corner. I personally believe the experience of serving as an officer should be shared by everyone in order to appreciate what a fine club we have. We have enjoyed an easy and relaxed atmosphere this year and hopefully will for years to come. This month, **Richard Kowaleski** presented a lecture on the business of magic. The lecture also received input from the following magicians: **Dale Lorzo, Art Gross, Bill Etgen, Wilmer Hornbostel** and **Fred Bronner**.

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In September we welcomed guests **Sam Bocklich, Gary Berard, Brent Calhoon, James George, Ray Richardson and Madeline Spicer**. We were pleased to announce videotapes will be available soon! I hope each member will receive as much pleasure viewing the tapes as I did taping them.

In October 1990 our Video Library had begun to take shape with the placement of four videotapes into our collection. Those who entertained us for the October meeting were **Dale Lorzo, Bob Brown, Fred Bronner, Vincent Hancock, and Tom Turk**.

The theme for the November 1990 meeting was "Artistic Magic." *Webster's New World Dictionary* describes "artistic" as something being done skillfully, tastefully or aesthetically. "Magic" is described as the art of a performing skill to produce baffling effects or illusions by sleight of hand or concealed apparatus. I had to look this one up, I was afraid I might have to show up as **Vincent Van Gogh!** Our annual dues for 1991 will be increased to \$15. *(To be continued)*

Thoughts from el Presidente

At our September meeting we are supposed to take nominations for the Assembly Officers for 2006. I strongly encourage members to nominate themselves and run for an office. I know that any of us who are holding an office or who have held an office will support any new officers. Even if you have held an office in the past, please consider doing so again. Often our "nomination" meeting becomes a discussion of who is willing to take an office. I expect this meeting will be the same, so it is critical for all members to attend and participate. As further enticement, the President and Secretary get their local dues covered by the club each year!

Don't forget that we will be having a November meeting this year (and a December meeting if there is sufficient interest. We will discuss it at the meeting on September 28th.) The Mission Oaks Community Center made our meeting room available on the first Wednesdays of those months so we can meet and not conflict with anyone's holiday schedule. We don't have performance themes for those meetings at this time, so if there's a theme you'd like to suggest, let me know.

Again, we are always looking for volunteers to present a workshop or lecture on some magic-related topic. If you have a topic/workshop idea you would like to share with the group, please let me know. Every member presenting a workshop is awarded with a Gift Certificate from Murphy's Magic Supplies to show our appreciation for your efforts.

Congratulations to James Johnson on the 10th Anniversary of his membership in SAM!

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If you have not paid your local dues for 2005 yet, PLEASE pay them as soon as possible. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00 to our Treasurer:

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Each member must pay \$12.00 a year for membership to Mission Oaks in order for us to use their meeting facilities. Please show your receipt to Allen Greenberg.

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00p.m. at Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Senior Citizen's Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., in Carmichael. Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!

August 24th Meeting Minutes

SAM 72 • August 24, 2005 Minutes

I. Meeting called to order at 7pm by President **Rick Hill**

II. Attendance:

- a. Officers present: President, V.P., Treasurer
- b. Guests: 2 Members: 12

III. Reminders:

- a. Pay dues and Mission Oaks fees PLEASE!
- b. New members get free local dues this year
- c. Members bringing in the most new members gets Local and National Dues paid for 2006. Easy to win this one!
- d. We are seeking members to present workshops at future meetings. Earn a Gift Certificate to **Murphy's Magic Supplies** for presenting a workshop! Thank you Murphy's!

IV. Announcements

- a. **Rick Hill** passed out newsletters & news from other magic clubs for members to review.
- b. Check out the magic at the State Fair! **Bill Devon** and **Dale Lorzo** (aka Ronald McD) will be working out there!
- c. The annual Oakland Magic Circle All-Club Competition will be held 9/6/05. See info in *The Magic Flash*.
- d. **Michael Ammar** asked for our Roster for a mailing, but we declined his request. Email him if you would like to be added to his list.

e. **Dale Lorzo** reports that he is looking into doing a show at the Veteran's Home in Yountville, maybe for Magic Week in October. They have over 1,200 residents.

V. Old Business

- a. **Roster** - Everyone should have received the Roster. *Please* email Viktor Berry to correct or supply any information.
- b. **Banquet** - No news from Dale Lorzo about the proposed banquet.
- c. **Mission Oaks September Show** - The show was a big success! See the story in this issue for details.
- d. **Treasurer's Report** - **Allen Greenberg** reports that we currently have \$2,412.23 stuffed in our mattress.

VI. New Business

- a. **Library Book Offer** - **Rick Hill** reports that **Murphy's Magic Supplies** has again offered some books to our library at greatly reduced rates - (1) *Mnemonica* by Juan Tamariz, (2) *Mark Wilson's Complete Course on Magic*, (3) *Syzygy, The First Five Volumes*, edited by Lee Earle, (4) *Cyclopedia of Magic*, by Mark Wilson. The club decided to buy *Syzygy* and *The Complete Course on Magic*.
- b. **Election News** - We will start taking nominations for the election of officers for 2006 at the September meet-

ing. We need some more members to step up and volunteer to fill a opening in 2006. The club can't survive without some new volunteers at the helm to provide some fresh ideas and renewed energy. Please consider contributing some time to your club in 2006. The election will take place during the October meeting and the new officers will take office in January, 2006.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

I have \$93.00! Going Once, Going Twice, Gone! To SAM & IBM!

Annual Magic Auction a BIG Success!

This year's version of our Annual Magic Auction was held on September 14th this year -- and on an IBM meeting night this year. The attendance was mind-blowing and the entire evening was great fun.

There were nine sellers and 25 buyers (with a few spectators.) Buyers spent a total of \$1,032 on merchandise. After expenses, the two clubs evenly split \$93 (10% of net receipts). So, SAM Assembly 72 made \$47.50 on the event. You'll have to do the math to figure out Ring 192's take.

Money aside, it was a very entertaining evening and there were some great values to be had. Notable among the evening's activities was **Daryl's** fast paced, entertaining auctioneering and **Dale Lorzo's** auction of an **Abbot's** stage illusion that went for only \$5.00! Dale also graciously contributed all of the proceeds from his auction of several items.

Thanks to **Allen Greenberg**, Treasurer of SAM 72, and **Bob Hooper**, Ring 192's Treasurer, for their managing the business end of the event. Also, to **Dave Yost** for using his stopwatch to make sure sellers stayed within their allotted time limits.

October is Magic Month!

SAM Assembly 72 • 2005/2006 Magic Calendar

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM.
Free Refreshments! Check out our new library!

- September 28 **Officer Nominations. Children's Magic (Back to school.)**
- October 26 **Elections. Meeting Theme – Spooky Magic**
- November 2 ***First Wednesday! – Please mark your calendars!***
- December 7 *(First Wednesday if there is enough interest. Anyone... Anyone?)*
- December TBA **Holiday Party – Watch for the announcement soon.**
- January 25 **First meeting of 2006! Happy New Year!**
- February 22 **Meeting themes TBA - Suggest your favorites!**

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Next meeting:

September 28th • 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Theme -

**Children's Magic and Free
Refreshments**