



Sacramento Area Magicians

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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 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Medical Center). Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!



## WRIGHT WRITES

By: David Wright, President

## Competition = 4 Recognition + 0 Inhibition

*If you were asked to judge a magic competition, what would you look for in an award-winning act? What would impress you most? What would be worthy of a trophy or prize?*

*When putting together a magic act for a competition, you should first consider the judges' point of view. Would they be most amazed by a new trick, an old trick done in a new way, or a classic effect performed very well? Would they rather see a fancy dresser, a new themed act, or patter they could steal?*

*Performing in a magic competition is different than performing a routine magic show. The magicians in the audience are the judges, not the laymen. Therefore, you should think about crafting your act to wow magicians.*

*You have the perfect opportunity to compete in a magic competition by signing up now for our May 27<sup>th</sup> Close-Up Competition. Why do this? Because there is no surprise more magical than the surprise of winning.*

*We had a fun magic meeting in March. Comedy magic was the theme of the night. Turn out was small but everyone present enjoyed the entertainment and the company. We followed up the entertainment with a general discussion on performing magic for children.*

*Lloyd Shaffer joined our club last month. Lloyd is not new to magic and not afraid to perform. He happily volunteered to perform for us at his first meeting. Lloyd considers magic a life-long passion and hobby. Please take time when next you see him to introduce yourself and welcome him to the club.*

*This month's performance theme is Children's Magic. Come prepared to entertain the children in us all. Entertainment is hereditary; if your parents don't have children, you won't be entertaining.*

## **March Meeting Minutes:**

- It was noted that close up competition rules we voted on at the IMB meeting and signup sheets were made available.
- Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- It was moved and approved that the meeting time be moved from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM to make it easier for members to make it to the meetings.
- The treasurer reported that we had \$4106.07 in the bank.
- It was noted that the Oakland Magic Circle was having an auction and the secretary will send out a notice to the distribution list.
- Dale Lorzo said that he would get information on a possible Jeff McBride lecture.
- The auction was to be removed from the barbeque and a new auction time will be determined at a later meeting.
- We had a guest, Lloyd Shaffer.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

# Please note new meeting time:

## 7:00 PM

## **Performers for the evening: (Theme: Comedy Magic)**

We only had three performers for the show but two of them involved rubber chickens in their acts. What were the odds?

First up were **David Wright and Calm Eddy**. David blew up a balloon and when he popped it, Calm Eddy, his rubber chicken, made an appearance. In his best Ozzie Osborn style, David then bit the heads off the chicken and magically restored it, much to Calm Eddy's delight.

**Gary Berard and Erle The Mind Reading Psychic Chicken** were up next. Erle enlisted the help of Allen Greenberg to select a card and shuffle it back into the pack. Erle was blindfolded and as Gary went through the deck showing Allen the cards, Erle was able to tell Gary to stop on the card chosen by Allen.

**Dale Lorzo** closed off the evening with a ball to snake bit and then, using a TIDE soap box, managed to place a handkerchief into the box and have it come out "tied".

**Raymond Lee** then gave a presentation that he had used at a Toastmasters meeting that concerned Illusions and Perceptions complete with an animated Power Point slide show. It was very interesting and entertaining.

Guest, Lloyd Shaffer then decide to perform for the group and turned a two dollar bill into two one dollar bills.

As always, thanks to all the performers.

Next month the theme is **Children's Magic**.

The Murphy's certificate was awarded to a performer based on the popular vote. The winner turned out to be **Erle The Mind Reading Psychic Chicken!**

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

Until next month...

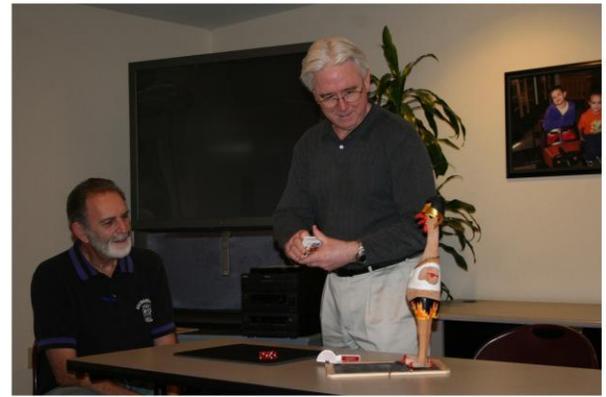
**Special thanks to:**



Murphy's continues to support our club with a generous donation that allows us to award gift certificates to performers and members. We couldn't do it without them.



*David and Calm Eddy*



*Allen, Gary, and Erle*



*Dale sans chicken.*



*Raymond gives a talk on illusion and perception.*



*Guest, Lloyd Shaffer performs.*



*Allen awards Erle the prize.*

# 2009 Magic Calendar

## Society of American Magicians - Assembly 72

<u>Date</u>	<u>Performance Theme</u>	<u>Workshop Theme</u>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<i>My Favorite Trick(s)</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
<b>Feb. 25</b>	<i>Ball Magic</i>	<i>Teach - A - Trick</i>
<b>Mar. 25</b>	<i>Comedy Magic</i>	<i>Magic Themes for Kids</i>
<b>April 22</b>	<i>Children's Magic</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition</b>	
<i>June TBD</i>	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Barbecue</i>	
<b>June 24</b>	<i>No Sleight Card Magic</i>	<i>False Count Card Moves</i>
<b>July 22</b>	<i>Money Magic</i>	<i>Teach - A - Trick</i>
<b>Aug. 26</b>	<i>Mentalism</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
<i>Aug. 12</i>	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Stand-up Competition</i>	
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<i>Rope Magic</i>	<i>Magic w/ Everyday Objects</i>
<i>Sept. TBD</i>	<i>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show</i>	
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<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>		
<b>Dec. 9 (2nd Wed.)</b>	<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 &amp; Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party</i>	