



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 7:00 PM (business meeting) and 7:30 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

## The Heat Is On

*The temperatures are rising and so is the heat. This month's club meeting should be especially exciting when six magicians will compete for best close-up performer of the year. This is one meeting you won't want to miss. Bring the entire family and enjoy the entertainment. Be prepared to vote for your favorite performer.*

*This month's meeting will not follow the usual club schedule. We will not have a business portion of the meeting. Nor will there be a performance theme for the night. Only the six contestants who signed up for the close-up competition will be the night's entertainment. Everyone else will be active audience participants and contestant judges.*

*Our meeting in April was especially fun for me as the theme of the evening was one of my favorites, Children's Magic. Six performers got up in turn to show off their skills as children entertainers. It made for a lively, youthful evening of magic and laughs.*

*We will resume our normal magic meeting schedule in June with a performance theme of 'No Sleight Card Magic.' Think about all the self-working card tricks you know where the modus operandi requires no sleight-of-hand. This should prove to be an educational experience for everyone in attendance. We will follow up the performances with a workshop on False Card Counts.*

## April Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM (our new meeting time)

- *It was decided that the auction will be held on an IBM night. A date needs to be picked.*
- *Still looking for locations for the picnic. June at the old park is booked up but July is still open but there will be a band later on at the amphitheatre. (Update: as of this writing David has reserved Carmichael Park for July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Thanks, David)*
- *It was decided to book the park for July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM (see note above)*
- *There was some discussion on the close up competition. First place will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate, second will get \$75, and third will get \$50.*
- *It will be one vote per paid up members. (We may use colored tickets and boxes with performer's names on them)*
- *David said that he would check with Leroy to see if he would make trophies. I believe that this has been done and Leroy will make first and second place trophies.*
- *Two new members were welcomed to the club: Lloyd Shaffer and Raymond Lee. There were presented with new member packets (photos below).*
- *Lloyd requested the password to the SAM website. Hopefully he has it by now.*
- *The community show will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October.*
- *It was noted that National Magic week is the last week in October.*
- *The treasurer reported that we have \$4031.07 in the bank.*
- *Joe Chez paid his dues, in cash, and was given a receipt.*
- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.*

**Please remember the new meeting time: 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss the Close Up Contest.**

### ***Performers for the evening: (Theme: Children's 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 was new member, Lloyd Shaffer who drafted the other new member, Raymond Lee to help him out. Lloyd placed a hollow cylinder on Raymond's head and had Raymond hold on to it until he broke an egg into it. Great fun for Raymond! However, Raymond survived with no yolk on his face since when the cylinder was removed it was shown to be full of chocolate kisses which were shared with those in attendance. Thanks Lloyd! I had several.

John Iacono took the stage next. He had a white bag that contained a white rope and a red bag that contained a red rope. With a magical pass the ropes managed to change places. To convince folks that he did not have an extra white rope in the red bag and visa versa, John emptied the red and white bags to show that they each contained a red and white candy striped rope.

Joe Chez followed next and after the obligatory joke or two proceeded to perform the Gypsy Thread trick using dental floss. It was a nice idea and a nice handling.

Raymond Lee followed Joe and did a nice version of Triumph. It was nice to see both of our new members performing.

Gary Berard then took the stage but they made him return it. He did a coin through the hand effect and demonstrated the spectator's power of mind over matter by having them move a coin with a hole through it up a length of latex simply by willing it to move.

David Wright closed out the evening's performances with a story about Cleopatra and Mark Anthony (G rated). It revolved around Cleopatra's pearl necklace that vanished from the hand's of Anthony (John Iacono), only to magically appear back on her display stand when the magic silk was waved over it. It was a very nice story and a very good effect. David mentioned that at children's parties he gets one of the women to play Cleopatra (normally the hostess) and that they enjoy being part of the show.

As always, thanks to all the performers.

Next month there is no theme. **It's the Close-Up Contest.** Be there!

The Murphy's certificate was awarded to a member in attendance, but your secretary forgot to record the winner. So if you won, please send an e-mail to [berard.gary@gmail.com](mailto:berard.gary@gmail.com) and I'll update my records.

Until next month...

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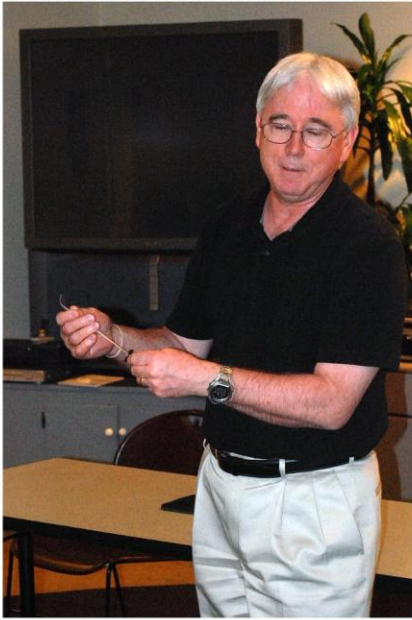
Murphy's continues to support our club with a generous donation that allows us to award gift certificates to performers and members. We couldn't do it without them.



*Raymond Lee joins the club.*



*Lloyd Shaffer is also welcomed in.*



*Looks like Gary is in a trance.*



*David make the necklace reappear!*



*John about to transpose the ropes.*



*Joe restores the thread.*



*Raymond is about to triumph.*



*Lloyd makes it tough for Raymond.*

# 2009 Magic Calendar

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<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>	
<b>June 24</b>	<i>No Sleight Card Magic</i>	<i>False Count Card Moves</i>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Annual IBM/SAM Barbeque</b>	
<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>
<b>Oct. 10</b>	<b>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show</b>	
<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>	