



# 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

## NO SAM MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER!!!!

The next get together will be the social mixer on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (Wed.) at the Ronald McDonald house.

### Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10
- We had a successful show at Mission Oaks.
- Some members performed at the Founder's Day event in the park. Lloyd Shaffer had a hard time finding the group. We did not have a booth so our banner was not used. Might want to organize this better next year.
- Our treasury has \$3571.37
- The remaining Murphy's Certificates were awarded.
- The treasurer reported that we have \$4019.62 in the bank.
- Dale said he and Elaine would host the holiday party. Date to be set. It has now been set for Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Dale if you will be attending at 916-481-2595. Due to space limitations only the first 50 to RSVP will be able to attend. Thanks Dale and Elaine for doing this for the clubs.
- Elections were held and the officers are:  
President: David Wright  
VP: Bill Devon

Sec: Victor

Tres: Allen Greenberg

- Tom and Mary will be hosting Night Magic II at the Fox and Goose on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this it will have happened.
- It was noted that there will be no November meeting due to Thanksgiving.
- There will be no December SAM meeting but on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (a Wed.) there will be a get together at the Ronald McDonald house at 7:00 PM for both clubs.
- It was decided to give Larry Impson a \$100 certificate for Murphy's for the work he did on the public show.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30

## A Young Man Making a Difference

### ***Magic is Medicine:***

#### ***Sharing the healing power of magic***

*By Daniel Rosenthal*

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When I was nine, I joined The Society of Young Magicians (S.Y.M.) chapter in Pleasant Hill where magicians taught us, watched us perform, gave us tricks – and transformed my life. S.Y.M is like a wonderful, warm family. Four years ago, when I was only ten, I got fantastic news. S.A.M. invited me to observe the meetings. Your support and knowledge propelled me into magic.

When I gave my first shows for cancer patients at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Rosa, I'd never seen so many sick children. A lot of the kids were afraid of being in the hospital. Some children were bald; others didn't have eyebrows. I was shocked, but managed to hold it in. I remember going to the Radiation Department and seeing sad mothers and fathers. Some kids were on crutches. Some in wheelchairs. I performed tricks like Sponge Balls – it's interactive and makes each child feel special. It was great seeing magic bring happiness to the saddest people.

Since then, I've performed at other hospitals and seen many ill and handicapped people laugh with amazement when they get a dose of magic in their lives. After one of my hospital shows, a patient in a chemotherapy clinic said: "This was the first time I've heard laughter here." That's when MAGIC IS MEDICINE was born.

MAGIC IS MEDICINE is about bringing smiles to the needy. We match volunteer magicians with audiences in hospitals, hospices, homeless shelters, rehabilitation and assisted living centers.

Dear S.A.M. and I.B.M. members in Sacramento, your volunteer magic can make worries disappear and laughter appear – and your audiences don't even have to leave their hospital beds or wheelchairs.

What greater satisfaction than replacing frowns with smiles? What greater sound than laughter in a children's cancer ward? Please share your magic – join MAGIC IS MEDICINE.

MAGIC IS MEDICINE will arrange for you to perform free shows in the Sacramento area -- for hospitalized children and adults; for the disabled and disadvantaged; or for veterans.

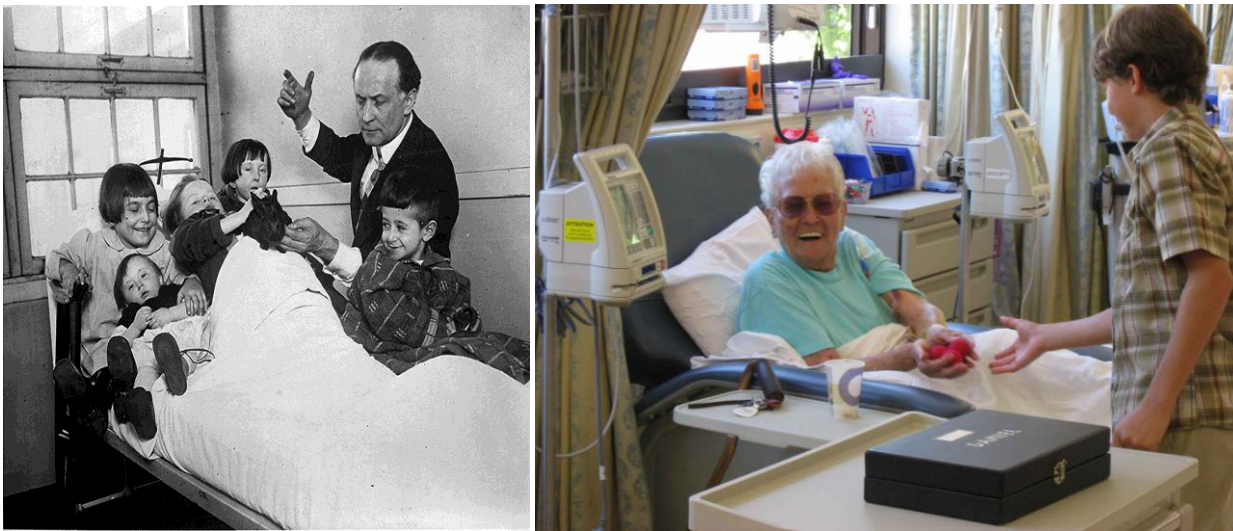
Just let me know when you are available. And we will provide eager audiences – from VA or hospice patients to children in a chemotherapy clinic. I welcome your help to share the magic. I welcome your ideas to help us grow.

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I was inspired by this photo of former SAM President Harry Houdini (1917-1926) performing for children in a hospital.



## Election Magic

The theme for the evening was “Election Magic”

First up was David Wright who did a prediction using some spooky looking characters. He was able to correctly predict one of four characters chosen by a member of the audience.

John Iacona was up next and did a nice book test using one of the Harry Potter books.

Gary Berard followed with a selected card lost in half the deck being counted down to by a card randomly stopped at in the other half of the deck.

Bill Devon was then up and did a nice three coin Three Fly variation.

Raymond Lee pulled out the pasteboards and performed the Jazz Aces.

Lloyd Shaffer closed things out with a Bank Night routine where he ended up with the money in one of several sealed envelopes that were distributed to the audience.

Murphy's certificates were awarded to Bill Devon, Dick LaVergne, and Gary Berard.

This is my last newsletter since I will not be returning as your secretary. It has been fun but now it is time to let someone else take over this role. I'll send out a reminder about no December meeting and a reminder for the first meeting of 2011.

All the best to you in the holiday season and the coming New Year.

That's it and I'm outta here...

# 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.

# 2010 Magic Calendar

## Society of American Magicians • Assembly 72

Date                      Performance Theme                      Workshop Theme

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*November - No meeting(s) this month.*

**Dec. 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Wed.)**              *Get the Spectator Involved*                      *Social Mixer*

**Dec. 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Sat.)**              *Annual RMH Toy Run - Strolling Magic 1-4 pm*

**Dec. 18th**                      *Annual Dale & Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party*