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



WRIGHT WRITES

By: David Wright, President

School Daze

Lots of people are starting school this month (including my two daughters who are heading off to college). What better way to celebrate this special time of year than performing magic that teaches a lesson?

The magic theme for our next club meeting is: School Daze. It relates to educational magic. It's an opportunity for you to perform a trick that instructs or inspires. Imagine what you might do for people in a classroom setting or church assembly. How can you use magic to instruct or motivate your audience? Your subject matter may be anything, including public safety, moral rectitude or scientific knowledge.

In addition to educational magic, we will be hosting a workshop on Rope Magic at our next club meeting. Workshops of this type are joint adventures where we share our knowledge and experience, or seek advice. It's an opportunity for us to learn and grow in critical areas of our trade. If you know a rope trick that you wish to share with others, bring it along. If you are having trouble with a particular effect, this is the time to ask compeers for hands-on instruction. Share the magic.

We will not be meeting in the large conference room at Ronald McDonald House this next meeting. We will be meeting in the small conference room in the building just north of the main building. We met there once last year.

This is a reminder that our annual Stand-Up Competition will be held on Wednesday, September 8th, at the Mission Oaks Community Center. It starts at 7:00 PM. The Stand-Up Competition is one of the best events of the year. If you want to see some original magic, this is one event you shouldn't miss.

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:17
- A brief report was given on the Mark Wilson lecture. About 35 people were in attendance.
- Folks were reminded about the upcoming Axel Hecklau lecture.
- There was discussion about the annual barbeque. Since then Lloyd Shaffer has sent out invitations to club members. It is scheduled for Sept. 6 at Lloyd Shaffer's home.
- It was noted that our SAM meeting will be in the smaller room at the Ronald McDonald house since the larger room has been booked.
- The treasurer reported that we have \$4019.62 in the bank.
- Lloyd Shaffer brought up that he would like some blank labels for the DVD library and that he is in need of a new case to hold them. Allen Greenberg made the motion to allocate up to \$75 for the purchase of a new case and labels. Bill Devon seconded the motion which was voted on and carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

A drawing was held for the Murphy's certificate and it was won by Allen Greenberg. Congratulations Allen!

Boxes and Bags, Gizmos and Gags

The theme for the evening was "Boxes and Bags, Gizmos and Gags".

First up was David Wright who used a sack and rope to lasso a selected card after the deck was tossed into the paper bag. I'd say that fit in the bag theme.

Larry Impson followed with a well made die box effect that used a large "golden coin" instead of the usual die. This was a very well made prop and this one could fit in either the boxes, gizmos, or gags category.

Bill Devon did a nice bit with his "Do It Yourself Funeral" kit. He pulled a six foot shovel out of a regular sized grocery bag. Nicely done and quite funny. He then made a catsup bottle vanish only to turn into a tomato. Both of these effects fell into the bag category.

Lloyd Shaffer closed out the evening by having Rick Hill reveal the value of a card selected by another member of the audience after the deck had been returned to its case. He then demonstrated a box from which an object placed inside could be stolen out and revealed in another location.

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



David ropes in the selection.



Larry displays the coin of the realm.



Bill pulls out the shovel.



Lloyd asks Rick to concentrate.

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2010 Magic Calendar

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Performance Theme</u>	<u>Workshop Theme</u>
Jan.27	<i>Teach - A – Trick</i>	<i>Hypnotism (Goodenough)</i>
Feb. 24	<i>Vintage Magic</i>	<i>Historical Memorabilia</i>
Mar. 10 (2nd Wed)	<i>Troy Hooser Lecture at Mission Oaks Community Center</i>	
Mar. 24	<i>What's New (Try A New Trick)</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
April 28	<i>Pasteboard Prestidigitation</i>	<i>Card Magic Clinic</i>
May 26	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Close-up Competition</i>	
June 9th	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Magic Auction (Mission Oaks)</i>	
June 23	<i>Animal Rites (Animal Themed Magic)</i>	<i>Teach - A – Trick</i>
July 14th (2nd Wed.)	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Magic Auction</i>	
July 28	<i>Boxes and Bags, Gizmos and Gags</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
Aug. 25	<i>School Daze (Educational Magic)</i>	<i>Rope Magic Clinic</i>
Sept. 6	<i>Barbeque at Lloyd Shaffer's home.</i>	
Sept. 8 (2nd Wed.)	<i>Annual IBM / SAM Stand-up Competition</i>	
Sept. 22	<i>Funny Money</i>	<i>Coin Magic Clinic</i>
Oct. 2	<i>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show</i>	
Oct. 27	<i>Election Night Magic</i>	<i>Teach - A - Trick</i>
<i>November - No meeting(s) this month.</i>		
Dec. 1 (1st Wed.)	<i>Get the Spectator Involved</i>	<i>Social Mixer</i>
Dec. 4 (1st Sat.)	<i>Annual RMH Toy Run - Strolling Magic 1-4 pm</i>	
Dec. TBD	<i>Annual Dale & Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party</i>	