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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings Compeers,

I hope all of you are getting a good start on developing some great magic effects for 2015. You will have some wonderful opportunities to smooth off the rough spots and make a new gem for your shows. One great way to do this, is to attend a S.A.M. #72 meeting and let your peers give some additional pointers. We love to see and share magic with our friends. The 2015 Calendar is attached elsewhere in this newsletter that shows the various meeting themes and activities.



Last month's Barry Mitchell lecture was a great success and we have more interesting lectures planned for later this year. During our May 27 meeting we will have David Gabby lecturing and showing his magic that has been the hit in the Close-up Room at the Magic Castle. You will enjoy learning some new magic with useful tips. See his flyer for some of his offerings.

Steve Johnson at Grand Illusions has two great lectures in the works, also. Kim Silverman lectures on Thursday, March 12 and Thursday, April 16 will have Shoot Ogawa here in person. Two lectures you should plan to see! Now is also a good time to plan on participating in this year's Close-up and Stage contests. You might get some additional new ideas from these lectures, also.

If you have any ideas to share to improve S.A.M. #72, let the officers know. This includes meeting ideas; perform themes or workshop tricks you would like to learn. We need your input for new DVDs that we can add to our DVD Library. It is in our budget to purchase some new material, let us know what you want to learn. If you can help with the club contests or community show, drop me a note to be included on the committees.

Don't forget that your 2015 dues are now due, \$20 to Allen Greenberg gives you all the S.A.M. benefits, from free lectures to magic tips, and magic DVDs and to meeting great friends. You may pay at the meeting or send your \$20 to Allen at: 5500 Oak Hills Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. Make checks out to S.A.M. #72.

2015 has started off with some very sad news so far this year. Two internationally known magicians who were both creative and entertaining, Dean Dill and René Levand passed away on February 7th. Locally we have lost Anton Axelson in Auburn, Paul Ocello in Elk Grove and our own SAM #72 "sweetheart", Bill Devon's wife Francine. Francine's Celebration of Life will be next Saturday, February 28 starting at 11 AM. See the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Remember, our meetings this year will be held at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive in Carmichael CA. This month's theme is *Flower Fantasy* or anything else that you would like to present. Hope to see you at the meeting this Wednesday at 7 PM.

Happy magic,

Dale Lorzo

"Don't follow your dreams; chase them." - Richard Dumb

SAM ASSEMBLY

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Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th St., behind the UCD Med Center in Sacramento, CA.

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Minutes of the January meeting:

Meeting started at 7:10PM with 8 in attendance

President, Dale Lorzo welcomed members and they did self-introductions and guest, Joey Thomas was made welcome

Announcements-

Both Kevin Warren's magic show at the Benvenuti Center and the previous night's lecture by Barry Mitchell were discussed. Barry's lecture was very well received and the members enjoyed his presentations very much! It was a lecture well worth having.

Treasurer Allen Greenberg reported that we have \$3,317 in the treasury not including the monies received by those currently paying their 2015 dues.

Under new business Rick Hill made a motion, seconded by Lloyd Shaffer for the Assembly to pay the MORPD's the \$15 annual membership fee for the members to use the facilities. Allen Greenberg will work out some of the details with the I.B.M. treasury to split the fees of joint memberships. The motion passed unanimously.

Our president reported that Milt Larsen's "It's Magic" returns to Harris Center in Folsom on Sunday, March 29 with two performances at 2 & 6 PM. Tickets run for \$21 to \$45.

Ricky Jay will be featured on the PBS television station, KVIE Thursday night about 10 PM during the American Masters Series. Discussion followed about having David Neighbors lecture for our club sometime later this year. There are some pros and cons to having Neighbor's lecture. David is a great performer, but can be very hard to understand. The club decided to pass on this lecture.

Tom Mullica and Michael Vincent are scheduled to perform at Murphy's Magic "At The Table" later this summer. The members present wanted to try and book Mullica for a lecture. (Note: Steve Johnson asked Tom if he was interested in lecturing when he comes out for the Golden Gate Gathering. He had no interest in doing a lecture.) Business meeting closed and after a brief break the magic performances began.

Thanks to Dale Lorzo for taking the minutes.

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Performers:

Lloyd Shaffer started the show with some mental magic. Allen Greenberg helped Lloyd by looking at some playing cards with pips and numbers. After a couple of questions he was able to discern the card Allen was thinking of. Next he had Harry Mossman and David Wright assist him with a similar routine wherein he again was able to precisely tell what cards were thought of. Lloyd shared the working of his mental capabilities and even handed out 'code' charts for those interested.

David Wright followed and informed us he only had 12 more days to work until his retirement from the State of California. While looking at eBay he began wondering what his autograph would now be worth ... about 7¢. So he signed a piece of paper and showed another with a more important autograph. Through the power of magic the two signatures switched places thus making David's now worth more. Having just returned from an "At The Table" lecture by Danny D Ortiz, he presented a little item he learned. He had several members remember a card as riffed the deck before them. Almost all of these members remembered the same card, the Queen of Hearts. The only problem was that the Queen of Hearts was not found in the deck of his 52 assistants. It had vanished and I believe was found in the empty card box. A great psychological way to control the mind when the setup was explained!

Rick Hill followed with another card trick. It was a routine using Aces and Jacks and the rest of the cards were Rider Back Bicycle cards. The exact routine was not detailed in my notes.

The show continued with Dale Lorzo showing what seemed very difficult to do, popping a balloon from the inside out. A needle penetrated the outside of an inflated balloon and was actually able to pop it while trying to exit the other side. While demonstrated this a second time, he was not able to pop the balloon from the inside out, instead the needle actually went through the balloon completely without popping it. Dale next showed a bit that he learned from Ali Bongo when he lectured in the Magic Cellar at Earthquake Magoon's back in the 1970s. An egg was shown, covered with a cloth and then large needles were poked into the egg as one heard them penetrate the shell without making a mess. The question was, did the needles actually penetrate the egg or was it maybe a hardboiled egg? When the needles were removed and the cloth removed the egg was unharmed. It was then broken to prove it was really a raw egg.

Closing out the show was Harry Mossman showing several different uses for Octopalm, the new Anti-gravity gel that really grips small objects such as coins. Harry then went on to show Rick Hill how a ring can be magically placed onto the shank of bolt between the head and nut, without unscrewing the nut. This was followed with a display of the old ring and spring trick. Thus our January meeting of Assembly #72 came to a close.

Again, thanks to Dale for taking notes.



Lloyd Shaffer performs.



David Wright with his 7 cent signature.



A very happy Rick Hill.



Harry Mossman performs.

Funeral Service & Celebration of Life

“Francine Tsuyuko Kehaula'i Hutcheon”

Born: January 26, 1944
Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

Entered Into Rest: February 1, 2015
Sacramento, California

—**Funeral Service** —
Saturday, February 28, 2015
11:00am

Centennial United Methodist Church
5401 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 958225

Celebration of Life —
Saturday, February 28, 2015
1:00pm or immediately following the Funeral Service

Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC)
3555 3rd Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

Bill Devon would like to invite all of their friends and family to join in this Celebration of Francine's Life. She was a shining star sharing good cheer whenever she was near. Francine will hold a dear spot close to our hearts... forever.

Condolences can be sent to Bill and his family at:

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S.A.M. 72 Calendar of Events for 2015

Meeting / Workshop Themes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Performance Theme</u>	<u>Workshop Theme - Location</u>
Jan. 28	Favorite New Magic Trick	Sharing Close-Up Magic
Feb. 25	Flower Fantasy	Making a paper rose
Mar. 25	March Magic Madness	
Mar. 29	Milt Larsen's "It's Magic" 2 & 6 PM	<i>Three Stages, Folsom</i>
April 7	Oakland Magic Circle Auction	<i>Oakland, CA</i>
April 22	Paper & Money Magic	
May 27	David Gabby Lecture at Meeting	
June 24	SAM/IBM Close-up Competition	SAM Meeting
June —	Magic Barbecue	Members home
July 22 J	July meeting	
Aug 12	SAM/IBM Stage Competition	IBM Meeting
Aug. 26	Silken Sorcery	
Sep. 23 S	Storytelling Magic	(nominations)
Sep. —	Magic Auction & Flea Market	
Oct. 10	Annual Mission Oaks Community Show (tentative)	Mission Oaks
<i>Oct. 16-18</i>	<i>Old Sac Magic Fest (Jay Scott Berry)</i>	
Oct. 28	Children's Magic (Officer elections)	
Nov. 25	No meeting- Have a Happy Thanksgiving	
Dec. 11	SAM/IBM Combined Holiday Magic Meeting	Mission Oaks Com. Ctr.
Dec. TBD	Dale and Elaine Lorzo's 22 st Annual Holiday Party	

This calendar is subject to change and additional activities will be added as necessary. For up to the minute information, please phone an assembly officer or check our website at www.magic1.org/sam72