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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings and Happy New Year!

### 2016 Officers

After the usual conversations, negotiations and elections, our officers for 2016 are:

Rick Hill, President, rrhill@ucdavis.edu

Lloyd Shaffer, Vice President, amagicman1@gmail.com

George Thoma, Secretary, gthoma53@yahoo.com

Allen Greenberg, Treasurer, allenhg@comcast.net

### Meetings Back at Ronald McDonald House in 2016

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. We back to the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street behind the UCD Med Center, in Sacramento, CA. So we'll see you on January 27 at 7pm!

### Assembly 72 Dues Are Due

If you have not paid your local dues for yet, please pay them as soon as possible so you can benefit from the membership privileges. You may pay them at the meeting or you can send a \$20.00 check to treasurer Allen Greenberg, 5500 Oak Hill Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.

We are also updating our Roster. Please e-mail your current e-mail address and mail address with your phone number to Allen Greenberg. Also, remember to review and update your profile on the SAM national website: [http://www.magicsam.com/members/manage\\_profile.asp](http://www.magicsam.com/members/manage_profile.asp)

### Murphys Gift Certificates

Once again, Murphys Magic has generously provided us \$1200 in gift certificates. As you know we use these as prizes for our competitions as well as incentives for those attending meetings. I'm going to try changing the way we distribute these at meetings this year. I'd like to give out two certificates as in the past. One would go to a member performing an effect for the group or discussing some aspect of magic (in lieu of a performance) as usual. The other would go to a member who teaches an effect or presents an informative lecture on magic to the group. A portion of each meeting will be set aside for these teach-a-trick sessions. There will only be one per meeting. If you are interested informing the group either by teaching an effect or doing a mini lecture, **please contact me in advance so we can discuss your idea and schedule a meeting for you presentation.**

### Event Calendar

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will find our event calendar. As you probably know, this calendar is subject to change as circumstances dictate throughout the year, So make sure you keep up to date and review it each newsletter or on our website at <http://magic1.org/sam72>. This year, we will have suggested themes each month for magic performers. As usual, you are encouraged to come to meetings prepared to present magic on theme. However, any magical performance is always welcome. One purpose of

performing magic for the group is to get input on effects you are working on to help improve your presentation before performing for a lay audience. Remember that when a compeer asks for input on an effect, they are asking for constructive advice. And when members offer advice, it is not an attack but rather a source of ideas to improve your performance that you may (or may not) incorporate. Being open to all ideas is sometimes hard, but the goal is always for us to help each other improve our magic!

This year, the themes for magic performances will be drawn from Dariel Fitzkee's book *The Trick Brain*. In this book, Fitzkee proposes a classification of the types of effects. It is not the first or the last such attempt to create an effect taxonomy. And we don't have the time to explore each of his classifications. But it will serve as a guide for our monthly magic themes. Hopefully, by focusing on effect rather than prop, we will have a wider variety of kinds of performances each month. Also, I hope it causes some of you to review *The Trick Brain* if you have a copy. It is a book about inventing magic effects. I hope this year we can focus on how to improve our performances and part of this is being inventive.

### **Upcoming Lectures**

At the December 2015 joint IBM/SAM meeting, we agreed to schedule two great lectures in early 2016. Here's a bit of information on these. Of course, as in the past, Lectures will be free to dues paying (hint) SAM 72 members (what a benefit!)

On February 24th, we'll host Karl Hein's "Go With The Flow" Lecture at Ronald McDonald House. I've attached two brochures to this newsletter about Karl and his lecture. This will be a great event. I personally have seen Karl lecture and am working on a couple of his effects. A good time will be had by all.

Karl Hein is known all over the world for his amazing card handling abilities and his naturally disarming performance style. He has performed over 100 lectures in more than 15 countries and has authored many instructional DVDs including "The Heinstein Shuffle", "Heiny 500", "Heinstein's Dream", "Hein's Catch Up" and "The Heinous Collection". If you are looking for original and entertaining routines developed by an experienced professional magician than this lecture is for you. Karl will use these routines to teach sleights, flourishes and principles of magic and misdirection that both beginners and seasoned professionals can appreciate. More importantly, you will learn how to "Go With the Flow" as Karl explains how to change his routines depending on your skill level, audience and performing conditions. If card tricks aren't all you're interested in, you'll be glad to know that Karl specializes in performing for family audiences. Don't miss out on learning commercial routines that bring coins, ropes, bills, and cream filled goodies to life. Even more valuable are Karl's thoughts on performing and his tips on how to make a great living performing shows for all ages.

We are also trying to schedule Gregory Wilson in March. Greg is a two-time FISM award-winner with a number of best-selling instructional DVD's on the market. In 1998, he was also awarded "Most Creative Magician of the Year" by the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He has contributed scores of original effects to *MAGIC*, *Genii*, *Linking Ring*, *M.U.M.*, *Arcane*, *Penumbra*, *Magic Menu*, *Channel One*, *Vanish*, *Magicseen* and other magazines, as well as a full chapter in Paul Harris' *The Art of Astonishment*, a chapter in Harry Lorayne's *Best of Friends 3*, a chapter in John Lovick's *Switch*, and a chapter in the wildly popular *Magic for Dummies*. Just don't hold that last one against him! He has performed and lectured in 47 countries and 1,000 cities, giving him the experience to add to your own personal experience. Greg just finished up 2015 with lecture tours of Japan, Canada and northeastern part of the US. The comments and reviews from this just completed tour were nothing short of incredible and Greg is one of magic's true innovators as well as an outstanding performer. You will learn magic and mentalism using cards, coins, dice, cell phones as well as magic with borrowed objects.

### **Business**

As you may know, I don't like the business portions of our meetings. I like to focus on magic. So, I promise to keep the business portion of our meeting to a minimum. To help me with this goal, if you have an announcement or a proposed business item, PLEASE send it to me in advance of the meeting so I can deal with it appropriately. As much as possible, I'd like to just provide a printed status report at the meeting in lieu of taking up meeting time. I also hope that the board can deal with most issues outside of meetings. And of course, we'll share all we can here in the newsletter. Let's focus on making our magic better, not on business topics!

## **December 2015 Meeting**

*Courtesy Mary Mowder, Vice President, IBM 192*

Notes from combined IBM Ring 192/SAM #72 meeting December 9 at Mission Oaks Community Center. The Slate of current IBM ring 192 officers were elected for 2016. Both clubs were interested in Karl Hein and Greg Wilson. It was decided that Dave Wright would see if Karl could lecture in February and if Gregory could lecture later (both were interested in February).

The Evenings Performers were Scot Smith who did a Magic Square using cards with numbers and an inventive display board to show them. The numbered cards were spread neatly and automatically and what's more, the Magic square worked all over the place. Scot seems to have a head for numbers.

Lloyd Shaffer Showed us some Mentalism and found a chosen card and name.

Don Banks showed us some Cigar moves with the more socially acceptable mini Markers from Sharpie. His endlessly multiplying mini markers were fun to watch.

Tom Allen Showed us some of his latest work on Ring and Ribbon.

Mary Mowder made an attempt to levitate a member but he only felt a "little lighter".

Rick Hill showed us a Torn and Restored Card which he attributed to Karl Hein.

Harry Mossman showed us a ring and string bit using Chinese coins that he is working on.

(The newly married, CONGRATULATIONS!) Pepe did a Jumbo Rising Card.

Dave Wright performed a fabulous 4 Ace trick wherein he showed that he is well qualified to play with the big guns in Magic.

Dale Lorzo had a good time with 20th Century Silks.

## **2015 Holiday Party**

Thanks to Dale and Elaine Lorzo for hosting their holiday party, for the 22st time. The party was on the evening of December 7 at Dale and Elaine's home. Food, conversation, magic tricks and a raffle.

## **SAM/IBM Video Library**

A reminder that one of the benefits of membership is having access to the SAM/IBM video library. This is a collection of instructional (and some historical) videos on DVD. 22 DVD's fire recently added including Michael Ammar's Easy To Master Money Miracles (#1,2 & 3), Michael Close Devious (#1 & 2), World's Greatest Magic Series, which includes Money Effects, Rope Routines, Sponge Balls, and Color Changing Knives, Dean Dill's Flip it, Aldo Columbini's Roped In and many others. The library is available at meetings for check-out through librarian Dick LaVergne. You need only be a member of either Assembly 72 to check out material.

## **SAM ASSEMBLY**

**72**

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In Memorium

Courtesy Dale Orzo

George Westwood

George passed away on Sunday morning, December 13, 2015, in Sacramento at the age of 87, as a result of a stroke he had in September. After the stroke he had made some progress with his rehabilitation, then reached a plateau before his sudden turn for the worse. No funeral services are being held at his request.

You may send condolences to his wife Armie and family at:

Mrs. Armie Westwood

639 Haggin Avenue,

Sacramento, CA 95833

William "Bill" Foster Brooks.

William "Bill" Foster Brooks, another one of the pillars of the Sacramento magic community passed away shortly after midnight on December 23, 2015. Bill had devoted many years supporting the local magic community and Ring 192 in particular with various magic events, conventions, and holding Ring 192 offices. He was always willing to share and talk about his magic collection for those really interested in the art and history of our art. Bill Brooks will be greatly missed by his many friends.

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**[www.magic1.org/sam72](http://www.magic1.org/sam72)**



# S.A.M. 72 Calendar of Events for 2016

Meeting / Workshop Themes

<i>Date</i>	<i>Performance Theme</i>	<i>Workshop Theme - Location</i>
Jan. 27	Fitzkee 1– Production	TBD-propose a topic!
Feb. 24	Karl Hein Lecture	
Mar. 23	Fitzkee 2 - Vanish	TBD-propose a topic!
April 27	Fitzkee 3 - Transposition	TBD-propose a topic!
May 25	Annual SAM/IBM Close-up Competition	Ronald McDonald House
June 22	<b>Fitzkee 4– Transformation</b>	<b>TBD-propose a topic!</b>
TBD	Magic Barbecue	TBD
TBD	Annual SAM/IBM Magic Auction	Mission Oaks
July 27	Fitzkee 5 - Penetration	TBD-propose a topic
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>SAM/IBM Stage Competition</b>	<b>IBM Meeting</b>
Aug. 24	Fitzkee 6 - Restoration	TBD-propose a topic
Sep. 28	Fitzkee 7 - Animation	TBD-propose a topic
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Annual Mission Oaks Community Show (tentative)</b>	<b>Mission Oaks</b>
Oct. 26	Fitzkee 8 - Anti-Gravity	TBD-propose a topic
Nov. 23	No meeting- Have a Happy Thanksgiving	
Dec. 14	SAM/IBM Combined Holiday Magic Meeting	Mission Oaks Com. Ctr.
Dec. 28	No Meeting	
Dec. TBD	Dale and Elaine Lorzo's 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](http://www.magic1.org/sam72)**