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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

What's Math Got To Do With It?

I have recently rediscovered my love for mathematics. The credit for my mathematical renaissance is due to two individuals: Jo Bowler and Vi Hart.

Jo Bowler is an amazing professor of mathematics at Stanford University. She has written several books on the subject of mathematics, mindsets, and brain research as it pertains to how we learn mathematics. I am about a third of the way through her book, *What's Math Got to Do With It?*, and I can hardly put it down long enough to type this letter.

Vi Hart is a self-proclaimed "mathemusician." It would do me no good to try and describe her brand of math to you as it is best experienced. So quick, minimize this document for a moment and search for one of her YouTube videos. Really! I'm not kidding! I'll wait...

What did you think? A bit zany? Kind of ADD? Was it too much? I don't know what you think, but I am addicted to her frantic and fantastic look into the art of mathematics. My 5th grade class has been playing around with some of her ideas, and, to my delight, have been coming up with inspired ideas of their own.

For those of you who are still with me, and looking for the connection to the art of magic, here it comes. When I began typing this I first thought about the connections to mathematical tricks. Something along the lines of, "Mathematics can be magical, so go grab your Karl Fulves books, deal out some piles of cards, and make some magic!" I also thought that I could tie in a message here about rediscovery and inspiration, but that seemed thin.

So, after spending WAY too much thinking about it, I have finally settled on this: Mathematics is a beautiful paradox. It is simple and complex. It rigid and flexible. It is limited and infinite. It is predictable and surprising.



Magic, for me, is the same. Make Memories, Make Magic.

Joshua Ray

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

Josh Ray works out with an Invisible Deck Routine.



Dale Lorzo has us all



seeing spots

David Wright produces matching sets from random picks.

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Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. We meet at Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street.

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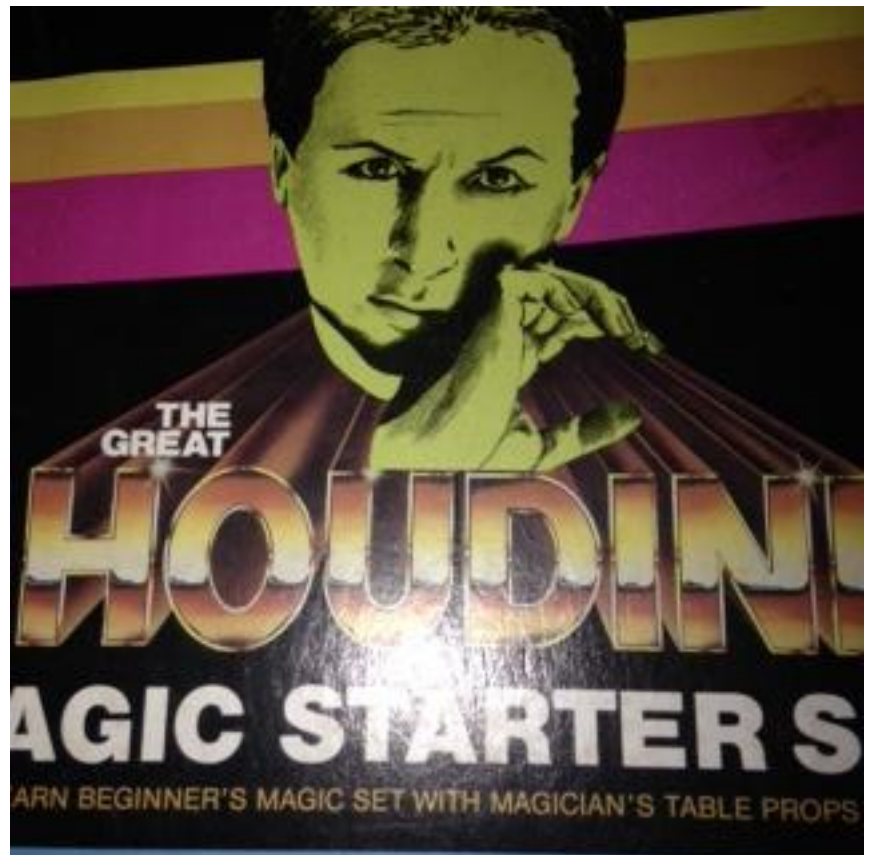
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2017 SAM Assembly 72 Calendar of Events

Meeting/Activity Themes

Date	Performance Theme/Event	Additional Meeting Activities
January 4 th	Shawn Farquhar Lecture	(Elk Grove Grange Hall)
January 25 th	Your Favorite New Trick	Discussion: Resolutions/Goals “How
February 22 nd	Gift Magic	Teach-a-Trick
March 22 nd	Borrowed Objects	Mini-Member-Lecture: Dale Lorzo -
April 26 th	Hands Free Magic	Workshop/Discussion: Junk Drawer
May 24 th	Annual IBM/SAM Close-up Competition	(Ronald McDonald House)
June TBD	Annual IBM/SAM Magic Auction	(Location TBD)
June TBD	Annual IBM/SAM BBQ	(Location TBD)
June 28 th	An Old Dog, A New Trick	Teach-a-Trick
July 26 th	My Pride and Joy	Workshop/Discussion: “What makes
August 9 th	Annual IBM/SAM Stand-up Competition	(Mission Oaks Center)
September 27 th	It’s in the Bag	Mini-Member-Lecture: TBA
October 25 th	Holiday Magic (Not just the obvious one)	Teach-a-Trick
November 29 th	????? No Meeting ?????	
December 13 th	Joint IBM/SAM Holiday Magic Meeting	
December TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo’s Annual Holiday Party	
December 27 th	No Meeting – Happy Holidays	

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