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Wright Writes

By David Wright, President

Banquet Blues

In spite of the many technical difficulties, the SAM Assembly 72 Twentieth Anniversary Banquet and Tribute to the Lifetime Magic of Bob Brown on August 26th was a success. Bob was honored to have guests attend from as far away as San Diego and receive messages from magicians around the nation. We were entertained by the magic of Manuel Muerte from Hamburg, Germany, plus our own Terry Robinson and Mary Mowder.

Those of you who attended the banquet know there were problems with the event. Although we negotiated early entrance into the building, we gained admission seventy-five minutes later than planned and only after we made numerous emergency calls to the City of Sacramento's Department of Parks and Recreation.

The caterer had previously inspected the kitchen facilities, but things did not go well in that area either. The stove and electrical system did not function properly and no one from the City could tell us where to find the circuit breakers. It may have appeared that the caterer was short staffed, but this was not the case. Her serving staff had to be redirected to prepare the meals instead of serving them to the guests. The result was that some of us were served cold meals while others received our meals well after others sitting at the same table had finished eating. The caterer was very sorry for the poor quality of the food and service, which was well below her usual standards.

We would like to thank everyone who jumped in to help get the event back on track. Many of the guests set up tables, chairs and decorations. Non-members of the club, including Karen Rappa, Monica Lopez and Elaine Lorzo, were quick to lend a hand where needed. Some people served punch and hors d' oeuvres. Gary Berard served dessert. A special thanks to Larry and Pam Impson who provided the lights and sound, and to everyone who helped with the set-up and take down of the equipment. Without everyone's help, our banquet would have turned out even worse than it did.

Some people had to leave the banquet early, before the stage show began. This may have been because they had family waiting at home or didn't want to drive after dark. The SAM 72 Board of Directors would like to express our sincere apologies to anyone who may have been inconvenienced by the night's proceedings. We would like to make amends to guests who may have suffered from events of the night. Please let us know what we can do. On a positive note, the City of Sacramento refunded our club the full amount of the rent of the hall.

September 26 Meeting

Remember that the next meeting for SAM Assembly 72 is tonight, Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 PM. As usual, we will meet at the Ronald McDonald House. The performance theme tonight is Knives, Choppers, Scissors, Spikes.

The theme for the workshop is The Business Side of Magic. This should be a very valuable workshop for those of you who are performing magic to make loads of money! Please be prepared to share your wisdom with the others while learning from them, too.

Monthly Meetings

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street in Sacramento (behind the UCD Med Center.) Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!

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