



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB
FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



NEXT MEETING:

March 13, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

MARCH MEETING

- MC:** Jerry Phillips
Theme: Original or
Impromptu Magic
Drinks: Del Kiefer
Snacks: Eric Dany
Performers: Everybody who
wants to
Book/DVD Report: Bob Smith

APRIL MEETING:

- Theme:** Silks or Ropes
MC: Jeremy Haak
Teach: Bob Smith (hard)
Jeremy Haak (easy)
Book/DVD Report: Rick Brammer
Snacks: Chuck Hansen
Drinks: Ty Bernier

RING #11 REPORT-FEBRUARY MEETING

About twenty five stalwarts braved the snow and ice on February 7th to attend Ring #11's meeting in Moline, IL. It was auction night, always a popular event. A fair amount of magic appeared on the auction block, and believe it or not, everything sold. There were some choice items like Kennedy's Hummingbird Reel, the Wandering Lovers, Black and White Surprise [checkers], a large Genie tube, 12" Linking Rings and even a full size, female manikin [the non-floating kind]. A lot of lesser items filled out the selling spree. Auctioneer and president, Joe Dobson, kept things lively with his humor and ability to get good bids without letting the action stall. 'Twas lots of fun.

Rick Brammer announced that the Ring will be putting on several shows in the next few months, some for a specified fee and some sponsored by charitable organizations in which the profit is divided equally between the sponsor and the Ring. We have had a number of these fund raisers during the past ten years. The money has been used to bring in lecturers and to subsidize the annual picnic and Christmas banquet.

The May meeting will feature a close-up contest. Later in the year there will be a stage magic contest...both firsts for our club.

Ring Historian, Ty Bernier, started his series of "a glimpse of club history" by talking about one of the early get-togethers the club held...this one being a picnic in 1944 at a park in Moline. Magicians and their families from as far as 150 miles away attended. In addition to the consumption of food the day's agenda included an auction, an impromptu show and an evening show, to which the general public was invited. Featured in the afternoon were two famous magicians of that era...Harry Blackstone, Sr. and superb card manipulator, Paul LePaul. Ty distributed copies of the newspaper articles about the event.

We think these spotlights on club history will be very interesting and will give club members an opportunity to learn more about the treasures residing in the old archives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Attention all you thaumaturgists, legerdemainiacs, wand-wavers and other practitioners of the art of magic. March will be busy, magically speaking. Mark your calendar NOW so you won't forget...not that any of us "disremember" anything as important as a magical event!!!

MARCH 6....is the club show at Monroe School in Davenport. More on this later in the newsletter.

MARCH 9....Andre Kole, the excellent illusionist and magician will present a program at Rock Island High School in the auditorium, starting at 7 PM. He is being sponsored by a local church so there will probably be a modest charge or offering. He is a marvelous magician with original illusions, which he has presented all over the globe.

MARCH 10...Fielding West Lecture in Peoria. Information on this event has been sent to you earlier. Contact Rick Brammer or Jerry Phillips if you would like to attend.

MARCH 13...will be the new meeting night for this month...same place, same time.

During the next meeting...**remember, it's March 13th**...a special Teach-A-Trick session will feature three members, each teaching a specialty in a round-robin fashion. We will all have an opportunity to learn and actually do three different tricks...really.

BE PREPARED. BRING A DECK OF CARDS AND SEVEN QUARTERS OR HALF-DOLLARS.

There will still be time for a regular program, and MC Jerry Phillips is looking for performers. Bring something to do. Get some points towards the Magician of the Year Award.

MARCH 25...is the Rick Maue Lecture...a club sponsored event at Mr. Wong's, 7 PM.

Ring #11 members...\$10 [Ring/IBM members get in for \$5]
parents and spouses...\$5
other non-members...\$15

See page 4 for more information about Rick Maue's lecture.

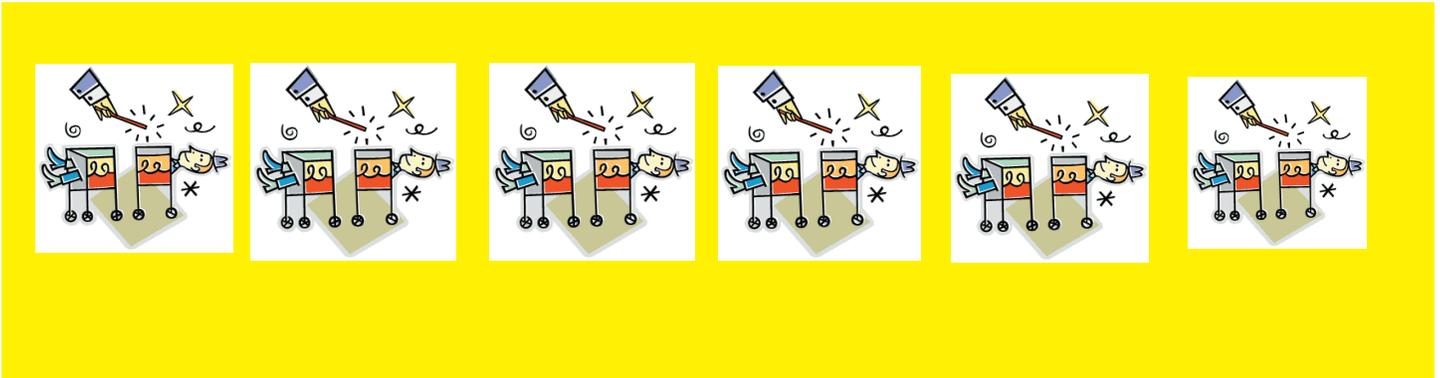
The Club Show on March 6 [that's why we post-poned the regular meeting] is at Monroe Elementary School, 1926 W. 4th St., Davenport, starting at 5:30 PM. Performers and helpers should be there by 4:30 or earlier to set up and eliminate any duplication of effects. The school will be open at 3:00.

Rick Brammer is in charge and can use one or two more helpers and maybe another close-up performer. If you haven't already committed to being there and want to help call Rick at 1-309-945-3414 now. Food will be available [but not free] in the cafeteria from 4:30 to 5:30.

Most of you know that Myrt Kiefer, Del's wife, had a stroke the morning of our last meeting. She is recovering in Trinity West Hospital, Room 506, Rock Island, expecting to stay another several weeks. You'll be happy to know that she is improving. Some feeling seems to have returned to her right arm, which had been paralyzed, and her speech is quite a bit better. A lot of therapy lies ahead but the noticeable improvement is encouraging. The club sent a plant to her. She and Del could use whatever prayers you have to offer...and a card, too, even if you already sent one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

Friend Toto had been scheduled to be in China about now to participate in a big Spring Festival along with other clowns from around the world. But the old weather Gods wouldn't cooperate. China had a severe storm comparable to Katrina plus a lot of snow, and the entire event had to be cancelled. Now he's eating his rice at home. Maybe next year, Toto.



Greetings from Colon

Just a quick reminder about the Abbott's annual Closeup Convention. You can register online or by calling (269) 432 3235 (Toll Free at 1 800 92-magic). Below is the schedule of events.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7	7:00pm	People's Choice One Trick Contest and Show with \$300.00 in merchandise certificate prizes. PLUS Mini Auction
	9:00pm	Justin Miller Lecture
SATURDAY, MARCH 8	9:00am	Wake up with Coffee and Donuts
	10:00am	Mini Auction
	10:30am	Marc Oberon Lecture
	12 Noon	Lunch Break (on your own)
	1:30pm	Mini Auction
	2:00pm	Kostya Kimlat Lecture
	4:30pm	Banquet
6:00pm	Saturday Night Gala Show	

March 2008 - The Hidden Agenda Tour featuring Rick Maue with special guest David London

Rick Maue's Mental Deceptions Lecture is not a regular magic lecture, nor is it a mentalism lecture, or a "bizzare" lecture. Instead, it is a lecture on creating, adapting, and performing strong magic and mentalism for audiences in the real world. That is probably why Rick has been getting such wonderful endorsements from not only Phil Willmarth, Joshua Jay, Doc Eason and Marc DeSouza, but also a wide range of performers such as Simon Lovell, Banachek, Paul Gertner, Kenton Knepper, Jon Stetson, Doc Hilford, Harley Newman and many others.

Rick Maue has been creating deception for over four decades. He is the founder of Deceptions Unlimited & the author and creator of The Book Of HauntedMagick; FATE; Imagine; The Final Picture; Mixed Emotions; The Journey; The Book Of Spirits Séance; and the upcoming Occam's Magic. In addition, Rick recently shot a video series of original material for an upcoming DVD release from L&L Publishing.

At his Mental Deceptions Lecture, Rick will feature a number of his signature pieces, and also several unreleased items. None of the effects will require expensive gimmicks or props—just everyday items such as envelopes, poker chips, paper, playing cards, etc...

And all of the material will be what Rick refers to as VdM Magic—which means that it will all be so technically easy that the Venus de Milo could perform it.



But wait, there's more!

David London will be joining Rick on the road. Many of you enjoyed David in 2007 when he came through with Arthur Trace and now he's back! David will be featuring a brand new lecture that you have got to see.

In addition to being a creative mind in magic, David has a magazine called Beyond the Smoke and Mirrors that all of the insiders in magic are reading.

For more information, visit www.magicalthinking.net.

Go to this link for Info on Ricks Lecture <http://www.deceptionsunlimited.com/lectures.html>

