



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



NEXT MEETING:

August 14, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

AUGUST MEETING

MC: Eric Dany

Theme: Comedy Magic

Drinks: Joe Dobson

Snacks: Chuck Hanson

Performers:

Rickie Szewczyk (easy)

Joe Urbain (advanced)

Book/DVD Report: P.J. Wiese

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

09-04-08

Theme: AUCTION NIGHT

7:00 (6:30 for members

bringing items)

Auctioneer: ??

Helpers: ??

Snacks: ??

Drinks: ??

OCTOBER MEETING

10-02-08

Wizard's Den

1228 Brady, Davenport

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hey...we have a club lecture coming up on Monday, August 18 at the Wizard's Den starting at 7 PM. We're honored to have Mike Powers, a very fine performer from La Porte, IN as our lecturer. Mike specializes in close-up magic, using cards, coins and other objects, and he is the current editor of The Card Corner, a feature article in each issue of the Linking Ring. For a long time he has been doing table magic at supper clubs in his area so he knows what sells. Let's have a good showing. We know you'll have a good time. Cost...same as usual. QCMC members...\$10, QCMC/IBM members...\$5. Parents and spouses...\$5. Other non-members...\$15. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR LECTURES -- PLEASE COME!

We need your help with two upcoming club events.

Sunday, October 12 at the library in Independence, IA. This is a walk-around gig for several hours in the afternoon. Car pools will be put together. Call Rick if you're willing to help.

Saturday, October 25 is the third annual SPOOKTACULAR... the club show that pays the rent for our meetings and picnic. It's in the pavilion in Prospect Park in Moline. Showtime is approximately 6 PM. Walk-around from 5 to 6. Contact Eric Dany or Chuck Hanson if you want to be a part of it. We have a good time.

Kim Meacham reports the Wizard's Den has lots of the latest magic now in stock...some cool material, folks. If you haven't been there in the last several weeks you owe it to yourself to get over and be amazed. The Den is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 6. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Now is a good time to join the IBM if you're not already a member. In addition to other benefits you will receive one of the finest, all-around magical journals, the Linking Ring, every month by mail. It's full of interesting articles on a variety of subjects, lots of magic know-how in the Hocus Pocus Parade, plus ads for all the new neat stuff. Chuck Hanson has application forms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd) :

Sadly, the Club lost a dear friend this past July. Myrt Kiefer, wife of Del Kiefer, passed away. She will be sorely missed. Please keep Del in your prayers during this time, and a hug or a pat on the back wouldn't hurt either.

(A note from the typist:)

I apologize to all of you for not getting this out to you last week. Rick, I hope you were able to get enough people for the event I didn't get out in the bulletin.

Did everyone see who is featured on the cover of this month's Linking Ring? Our friend John Calvert. He and his lovely wife, Tammy, have moved to Kentucky. He recently did a week long gig, packing them in at 200 people a night. What is their advertising secret? We need to get on the ball and actively participate and promote our local functions. Think what we could do with that kind of windfall in the coffers!!! Anyway, if you haven't read the article it's worth the read. John is "97" now and still going strong.

Linda



RING 11 REPORT

It's July. It's warm. It's picnic time. That's what brought out over fifty members and guests to Ring 11's annual family picnic. Somebody sprinkled the right amount of woofle dust on the local weather controllers, who in turn created a lovely evening. Several outdoor skill games kept the youngsters and adults occupied as the festivities started. Then it was chow time.

This year we asked Drew Herbst, member Todd Herbst's son, to take over the food preparation responsibilities. With his ten foot long portable grill Drew caters a lot of tailgate parties at the University of Iowa football games so he knew just what to do. Everyone said the food was excellent.

Past President Eric Dany kicked off the evening program along with his little rabbit hand puppet named Buggsy Bunny. Buggsy, like a lot of his relatives, lives in a tophat and does funny things like pulling off a delightful array of sight gags, puns, groaners and even some real magic. Since Eric was the MC the audience had a number of opportunities to see Buggsy do his thing. [Buggsy is a "he", isn't he, Eric?]

After this whiz-bang start, Eric introduced Jerry Phillips who proudly and professionally presented one of his prized pieces of prestidigital paraphernalia, the Jumbo Balloon Wand. This is the trick in which a selected jumbo card is to appear in one of three balloon attached to the jumbo wand. But before the selector can decide which balloon will be the recipient, two of them have malfunctions. Nevertheless the chosen card finally makes a bang-up entrance into the remaining balloon. 'Twas a beautifully made prop and a very nice performance.

RING 11 REPORT (cont'd):

It was a pleasure seeing Del Kiefer do his Mutilated Parasol routine again. He is getting back his old professional chops after suffering a a serious stroke twenty months ago that slowed him down quite a bit. We are really pleased to see him back in action. Last December Del was honored when the Ring added his name along with C. Thomas Magrum's to its banner.

The Square Pig That Looks 'Round was given an updated treatment by its owner, Chuck Hanson, who started doing the thing in the mid-40's [1940's, not 1840's, wise guys]. Believe it or not, the original cloth hinge still works.

Next up was Rick Eugene [Brammer] who introduced his young guest, Levi Samuelson. Levi performed a trick in which a fan of cards seemed to magnetically stick to his outstretched hand. Rick then did a very nice mentalism effect with the assistance of two helpers from the audience. He correctly predicted which two items had been selected from a list of ten. Rick is a real pro. He keeps things lively and entertaining.

Teenager Joe Urbain made a \$1 bill change into a \$50, then back to a \$1, after which he did an interesting ring and rope sequence. It's good to see these young people come along and improve their capabilities.

The last act was something very special. Douglas Johnson, another upper teenager, presented his new, four minute patriotic act that he will be doing in several upcoming contests. Briefly and without mentioning all the special touches he added, here's what happened. He produced three colored scarves, first a red one, then white, then blue. They were placed in a cylinder where they changed into a large American flag...then a second American flag...which he hung on two flag poles. Finally a cannon shot off a large bunch of streamers and a giant American flag appeared on his backdrop. Douglas is dedicating his program to a young soldier and friend from his hometown who was killed last year serving his country in Iraq. It was a beautiful and meaningful act. We hope he does well in the contests.

Saturday is magicians round table day at The Windmill restaurant in East Moline, IL. We gather about 11 AM and palaver for an hour or two. Join us if you can

