



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



NEXT MEETING:

September 4, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Auctioneer: Joe Dobson

Theme: AUCTION

Drinks: Rick Brammer

Snacks: Michael Dyer

OCTOBER MEETING:

**Location: WIZARDS DEN
1228 Brady
Davenport**

**Theme: Stage Magic
Contest**

OCMC WEBSITE

<http://quadcitiesmagicclub.org/>

REVISED ISSUE PLEASE CHECK MEETING DATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUCTION NIGHT...September meeting...your chance to unload some unwanted miracles and replace them with some other unwanted miracles. Such a deal! The rules...same as before. Limit--10 items. You can put a minimum bid on each one. The Club gets 10% of the selling prices. Payment is by cash only...no Magic Bucks, credit cards or checks. Come. Bring money. Have fun. Take home some goodies.

STAGE MAGIC CONTEST...OCTOBER 2 MEETING...at the WIZARDS DEN in Davenport...7 PM. No meeting in the Garden Room in October. The reason for the change is to be able to use the stage for a better setting. Sounds like a great idea. Get your act together and participate in the fun. The rules are the same as for the Close-up Contest in May, except the time limit is lengthened to 10 minutes. As before, the judges will base their evaluation on five factors...Performing Poise and Personality, Appearance, Ability, Originality and Audience Response. My memory is very suspect so I'm MARKING THE CALENDAR NOW regarding the date and location. You might want to do the same. I say, you might want to do the same.

It was nice to have some visitors/prospective members at the last meeting. Say "Hi" to Don Hultgren, Wayne Weems and Kyli Miller, Adarious Jones and his grandfather, and Levi Samuelson, his brothers, Jacob and Noah and father, Curt. Welcome folks. We're glad you were with us and hope you return.

Jerry Phillips reported the treasury has a \$4,055.19 balance. Rick Brammer said the Club's participation in the August 9th Polo Club Charity Event will bring us about \$800. Although we will receive \$1000, the shortage of Club performers due to simultaneous conventions required going to others for help. For their assistance they will be comped into our Christmas Party, an estimated \$200 worth of value. And...we are booked again for the event in 2009. Great job, folks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd:

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5...QCMC to provide walk-around magicians at the downtown Davenport Library in the afternoon. Contact Rick Brammer if you can participate. [563 823 1471]

October 12...Same thing for the Independence, IA library. Car-pooling will be organized.

October 10-12...MAGIC IN SAVANNA. Internationally acclaimed magicians Jonathon Neal Brown and Liane and Joel Ward will perform all three evenings at the St. George Center for the Arts, 88 Chicago Avenue, Savanna, IL. The shows are open to the public. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for adults, \$15 for children under 19. More info at 815 273 3900 and 815 273 7262 [or possibly area code 309.] Website is www.facemakersincorporated.com/theatre/upcoming.html

October 25...Third Annual SPOOKTACULAR...the Club show that pays the rent for our meetings and picnic shelter. It's in the pavilion in Prospect Park in Moline. Showtime is 6 PM. Walk-around from 5 to 6. Contact Eric Dany or Chuck Hanson if you want to be a part of it.

December 8...CHRISTMAS PARTY at Johnny's Steakhouse in Moline. Featured performer is Tom Burgoon. Make your plans now.

MONKEY BUSINESS NEWS

Convention Stuff...Loren Beck and Joe Dobson took in the big combined IBM/SAM convention in Louisville in July. Allen Holdsworth was in St. Louis for the Midwest Magic Jubilee. Abbotts Magic Get-Together was enjoyed by Dave Curley, Eric Dany, Chuck Hanson, Todd Herbst, Doug, Mike and Sherry Johnson, Del Kiefer, Jerry Phillips, Brittany Schmidt and Ken Thompson. Doug entered the stage magic contest. We all thought he did very well but the judges seemed to favor manipulators over a well-rounded, personable presentation, much to our collective disappointment. Nevertheless we all came back invigorated by the infusion of magic...more magic...and yet more magic.

Toto Johnson was recently in the Azores, again by special invitation, to take part in an international clowning event...a great honor for a deserving individual. This time the airline didn't lose his luggage.

Rickie Rowray played a number of dates at the Iowa State Fair.

Jerry Phillips and Rick Brammer and other members have been busy doing shows this summer.

Try to join us at the Magicians Lunch each Saturday, starting at 11 AM at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline. We have a good time.

A Point to Ponder...

Do you know the difference between Slight and Sleight? Which is the magical term?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

SAD NEWS

Sadly, the Club has lost another treasured friend. Bob Brown passed away on Tuesday after losing the battle with his lengthy illness.



The following appeared in today's Cedar Rapids Gazette --

CEDAR RAPIDS - Robert A. "Bob" Brown, 72, of Davenport, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008, at Genesis Medical Center - West, Davenport, following a lengthy illness. His body was donated to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy.

Celebration of Life services: 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids.

Survivors include a son, Harold of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Janis Shank of Queens Creek, Ariz.; and four sisters, Marlene Lee of Council Bluffs, Vicki Phelan of St. Louis, Mo., Cynthia Sorenson of Gloucester, Va., and Julie Driscoll of Evansdale.

Also surviving are daughter-in-law, Marty; son-in-law, Steve; six grandchildren, Travis (Nora) Shank, Jordan Shank, Janelle Shank and Connor Shank, all of Queens Creek, and Jon and Hannah Brown of Cedar Rapids; a great-grandchild, Kate Shank of Queens Creek; and brothers-in-law, Dean Lee, Tom Phelan and Guy Sorenson. Bob treasured the special relationship he had with his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Helen June Denning and Mavis Schroedermeier and husband Paul, all of Charles City; and brother-in-law, Rich Driscoll of Evansdale.

Bob was born Dec. 14, 1935, to Harold and Helen (Rabe) Brown, in Charles City, Iowa. He married Kathleen Bosma in 1957 in San Francisco, Calif.

Bob's vocation was broadcasting, but his passion was magic and illusion. Bob began a career in radio broadcasting at KCAK in Charles City and continued in Cedar Rapids with KCRG and KWWL, where he became news director. He worked with the city of Cedar Rapids as CETA director from 1973 to 1976. Bob starred as "Judge McCauley" on the popular locally produced television program, "Tell it to the Judge." Bob worked in Davenport for three years as part owner of a magic shop and then moved to Chicago and worked for Magic Inc. He also did volunteer work for Precious Blood Homeless Shelter for nine years.

Bob was an accomplished entertainer who thrilled many audiences with his magic, hypnotism and mentalist shows. He shared his love of magic by teaching and lecturing, and many former students are now full-time magicians.

Bob will be remembered for the love he shared with family and friends and for the compassion he had for people. He was an amazing man whose talent was only outdistanced by his kindness. Bob will be greatly missed.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy end of summer to everyone!

Great things are happening at the Quad Cities Magic Club. At our August meeting, we had nine visitors, some of whom became members. Yes!

And we had eight members perform, including Carter Hagen, straight from his appearance at the Iowa State Fair. Great job, Carter!

Next month we have our auction, so get your unused items ready to pass along to your fellow magicians. Details about the auction are listed in this newsletter.

In October, we have our Stage Contest. The judging criteria will be the same as was for the Close-Up Contest. Those categories will be distributed at the September meeting. The only difference is that the time limit for an act has been extended to ten minutes for the Stage Contest. And, remember the contest will be held at the Wizards Den, so we can take advantage of Kim Meacham's stage and auditorium area.

Finally, here is an updated list of the leaders in our Magician of the Year contest. These are points through August:

27 Points: Jeremy Haak and Jerry Phillips
23 Points: Chuck Hanson
18 Points: Rick Brammer and Eric Dany
16 Points: Rick Szewczyk
14 Points: Ty Bernier and Kim Meacham

See you at the Auction!

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