



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



NEXT MEETING:

December 4, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

DECEMBER MEETING

Theme: Troy Hooser Lecture

Drinks: Joe Dobson

Snacks: Todd Herbst

Election of Officers

JANUARY MEETING:

January 8, 2009 (NEW DATE)

Need snack and drink volunteers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's HO-HO-HO time again...time for the jolly man in the long red underwear to make December into another magical month. And a magical month it will be... BECAUSE...we have three really big magic events coming up...TWO LECTURES and the CHRISTMAS PARTY. Brace yourself. They will all occur in the first eight days. Here's the skinny on them.

TROY HOOSER will lecture on our regular meeting night, December 4, in the Garden Room. You'll remember that he did a lecture several years featuring some very clever magic including a few great effects with a flipper coin. This time it will be a different lecture covering coins, cards and some other items. Troy is a good friend of Todd Lassen and a highly respected member of the sleight-of-hand "underground" guys. Should be a great evening. Cost is the usual...Members--\$10 [IBM--\$5], Parents and spouses of members--\$5, Other non-members--\$15.

CHRISTIAN AND KATALINA, our Christmas Party entertainers, will do a lecture on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 4 PM at the Wizard's Den in Davenport. Their specialty is mentalism. Should be interesting. Normally the cost to attend would be the usual, but the officers decided to give us all a nice Christmas present and make this FREE TO ALL MEMBERS, PARENTS AND SPOUSES. For other non-members the cost is \$15. Can't beat that, folks. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY is the next evening, December 8, at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in the John Deere Commons across from the I Wireless Center in Moline. Show your presence, not presents, starting at 6 PM for meet, greet and cocktails. Buffet dinner follows at 7. Then the Christian and Katalina show, a delightful act from Indianapolis that several of us saw at a convention last summer and decided to book. The cost for members and guests is \$25 a person. **Reservations are necessary.** If you haven't already signed up and want to do so, contact Chuck Hanson [hanson3108@aol.com] or Eric Dany [ericdany@mchsi.com] by December 4. All people making a reservation will be expected to pay unless they cancel by December 4, same as in the past.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be done during the brief business part of the December meeting. All other activities are postponed. We have a good slate of candidates and nominations may still be made at the meeting. Here is the current list:
President.....Joe Dobson
Vice President [2]...Rick Brammer, Toto Johnson, Todd Herbst, Bob Beardsley,
Kim Meacham and Levi Samuelson
Treasurer.....Jerry Phillips
Co-Secretary [2]....Eric Dany and Chuck Hanson
Sgt at Arms [2].....Rick Szewczyk, Ken Thompson and David Casas
Officers at Large [2]...Del Kiefer and Bob Beardsley

Only paid members may vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont'd

Remember...Santa loves to shop at the Wizard's Den. So start making up your magic wish list right now. Kim has magic sets, a little different than those being offered at box stores, plus lots of new, cool magic and DVDs. He graciously allows the club to use his theater without charge for our special events. We can thank him by patronizing his place of business. We're very lucky to have his shop in our area.



MONKEY BUSINESS AND OTHER SERIOUS STUFF

Jerry Phillips reported a balance of \$5375.89 not including the \$1000 the club will receive in February from the work done for the Polo Club last August.

Jerry will be happy to accept your payment of \$15 for the 2009 dues anytime soon. Deadline is the meeting in February. Afterwards the dues increase to \$20 except for new members.

Welcome new member, Jesus Rios, from Mt. Pleasant, IA. He did the very nice and smooth rope routine at the November meeting. Nice work, Jesus.

The large brass Chinese coin that was lifted at the auction in September still hasn't reappeared. Unbelievable.

Bob Beardsley was recently inducted into the Iowa Girls Coaches Association Volleyball Hall of Fame. His Dubuque Senior High School teams won state championships in 1982 and 1983 and finished second four other years. Congratulations Bob. Another magical experience.

We recently received a request for advertisement from another I.B.M. former president. He has published a book and would like to get the word out. Here is his link and a bit about the book.

"In 1973, Alex Holloman got a job as a courier and met a wonderful lady. Suddenly, his world fell apart; his parents were killed and then he inexplicably disappeared. When America's Foremost Magician, John Michaels, agreed to perform for his high school's 30th Anniversary Reunion in June 2000, he didn't know it would also involve searching for his friend, Alex Holloman. Unlike creating a magic illusion, which is based on principles of mathematics and science, attempting to find a missing person would challenge John Michaels' expertise to 'create a miracle' in less than three weeks."

MAGIC-THEMED MYSTERY NOVEL MAKES ITS APPEARANCE.

"Alfred M. Albers blends a heartwarming story about friendship and an unsolved mystery into a magical tale that every reader will truly enjoy. His book, *Of Ghosts and Magic* (ISBN 0-7414-4121-7) is available from Amazon, his publisher (Infinity Publishing, Inc. www.buybooksontheweb.com), or special order from your favorite bookstore."

Saturdays at 11 AM it's the Magicians Brunch at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline. You never know who is going to show up, or what is going to happen. This past Saturday Eric Dany came waltzing in with a guest. Yes folks, John Calvert joined us for brunch and had us all in stitches. He is 97 years old and who knows when he will make it back here again. Did you know he writes a column for the Linking Ring every month? He started his column in July this year. Look for it.

RING 11 REPORT

After a lively business meeting during which nominations for next year's officers were made, we got into the serious business of doing things magical. Kim Meacham showed some of the new items he has in his well-stocked magic shop, the Wizard's Den, in Davenport, IA. He also showed and taught a clever card trick in which a prediction card and a selected card matched.

In the monthly teaching session Jerry Phillips showed us how to perform the Juan Tamariz trick, TNT, from Robert Giobbi's fine book, *Card College Light*. Two selected cards were located from a mixed-up deck...a very interesting approach to a common theme. Jerry didn't have quite the flamboyant style of the creator but he did it very well anyway.

Jeremy Haak told us about some of the Richard Osterlind Mind Mysteries DVDs and performed "Out of Hand" from one of them. It's a trick that starts with the performer holding five aces. He keeps throwing one or two away but still has five left. Then there is a surprising ending...a cute trick well done.

Turkey-less Magic--the Best of the Best...was the theme for the evening show. And it was certainly a perfect theme for what occurred. MC Rickie [Sir Richard] Szewczyk kept us laughing or groaning throughout with a series of cannibal jokes interspersed between the acts. President Joe Dobson kicked off the show with a nifty card location by spelling the name of the selected card. Very nice. Kim Meacham followed with several of his favorites...a card trick where the aces kept appearing between two red kings one at a time; the money paddle stunt; nuts and bolt routine; and WOW, the miracle class signed card appearance.

Pulling a rabbit from a hat, the silk version, was Jerry Phillips's choice. It's a nice piece of magic. Then he did DeadEye using a jumbo deck. That's the trick where a helper fires an invisible gun at the deck a random number of times and the selection is eventually located with a corresponding number of holes in it. Teenager Rochelle Beardsley from Dubuque did a clever stunt her dad had purchased from Bob Brown's and Allen Holdsworth's Davenport magic shop thirty years earlier. Nine pictures, each depicting a different room in a house in which a murder had been committed, were placed face up on the table. A spectator, using instructions from a tape player, moved a marker from picture to picture, systematically eliminating the pictures until only the picture of the room where the murder happened remained.

New member, Jesus Rios, drove over 100 miles to be at the meeting. And we're delighted he came because he did a super rope routine packed with lots of humor. Chuck Hanson used three juggling rings and a long silk scarf to create a variety of penetrations of the rings through the scarf. Bob Beardsley, Rochelle's proud father, came up with some dandies. First, a nice version of the haunted deck, then the classic BWave, followed by a BWave derivative called Entourage. Bob performs a lot and it shows in his smooth presentations...a real pro.

Joe Dobson came on again doing another classic trick in which two prediction cards, placed randomly in the deck by two different spectators ended up adjacent to their mates in a deck where all the other cards turned out to be blank. I love that trick.

Jeremy Haak, our resident Jack, the Ripper risked serious injury as he did the Knife Board. You know...that's where a spectator secretly places a sharp carving knife, pointed up, under one of five paper tubes. One by one, Jeremy smashed the four empty tubes, leaving the knife and himself unscathed. Whew! Sir Richard concluded the show with a nice series of coin productions and manipulations.

We're always glad to have visitors at one of our meetings and at the Magicians Brunch at 11 AM every Saturday at The Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, IL. Come and have fun with us.