



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB
JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING:

January 8, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

JANUARY MEETING

MC: Jeremy Haak

Theme: Party Magic
Del and Chuck Talk

Drinks: Rick Brammer

Snacks: Mike Bowker

Teachers: Eric Dany (easy)
Sir Richard (easy)
Bob Beardsley (advanced)

Book/DVD Report:

Kim Meacham
Jerry Phillips

FEBRUARY MEETING:

No Assignments Yet

Happy New Year everyone. Celebrate by attending the January meeting, which is JANUARY 8, the second Thursday. Del and Chuck have been busy putting together a five to six hour presentation entitled "I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now" or something like that. Unfortunately as this newsletter is being typed only a few minutes worth has been remembered. Nevertheless it will all be extremely valuable information [invaluable?] So don't miss it.

Also don't forget to bring your favorite trick for entertaining friends at parties or other social gatherings. With all the holiday hoopla behind us we must have some good stuff to show around. Don't be bashful.

WE ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009...and here they are, folks.

President.....Joe Dobson
V. Presidents.....Rick Brammer, Todd Herbst
Treasurer.....Jerry Phillips
Co-Secretaries.....Eric Dany, Chuck Hanson
Sgt at Arms.....Rickie Szewczyk, Ken Thompson
Officers at Larg.....Bob Beardsley, Del Kiefer

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ DOOZER DUE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ See Jerry Phillips if you haven't paid your 2009 dues yet...\$15 until the end of the February meeting...then \$20. Send him a check if you won't be at the first two meetings.

Jerry reported that we had \$5372 in the bank, not counting the \$1000 to be received in February from the club's performance for the Polo Club last August.

Eric Dany volunteered to check into the club's website status and report at the January meeting. The website can be viewed at <http://quadcitiesmagicclub.org/>

Guests at the December meeting were Rick Liedtke [Marissa's dad] and Mark Swanson [PC Swanson's son]. Glad you could be with us. Please come back.

MORE GOOD STUFF

When PC Swanson's name appeared in the Sick and Convalescent section of the Linking Ring he received Get Well wishes from the Ring in Lexington, KY. That act of kindness so moved him that he volunteered to do the same thing on behalf of our Ring...at his expense...a wonderful gesture. So when you see him tell him "Thanks".

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd:

QCMC Meetings...still the first Thursday except January, March and possibly August...all of which will be the second Thursday...in the Garden Room.

March 5.....Monroe School, Davenport. Evening Show.

March 14...North Scott H.S. Auditorium...evening show for the Eldridge library.

April 6.....Monday late afternoon walk-around for the Mt. Pleasant, IA library.

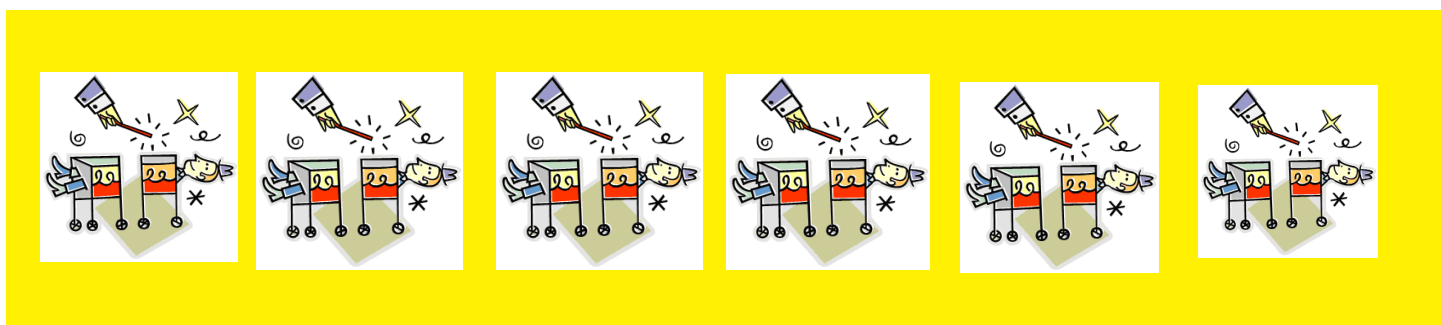
April 18.....Dixon, IL show, Dixon theatre.

August 8.....Bettendorf...walk-around for the Polo Club...same as in 2008.

There are others in the planning stage. Rick Brammer needs workers. Contact him if you are able to help.

MONKEY BUSINESS

The old monkey went to Florida for the holidays without reporting. Smart guy.



RING 11 REPORT

Ring #11 enjoyed a whirlwind of magic activity for ten days starting in late November. John Calvert and Tammy were house guests of Eric and Linda Dany during the Thanksgiving weekend. John has been lecturing in the Midwest on his way to the Magic Castle. When Eric brought him to the weekly Saturday Magicians Brunch all of us were excited and thrilled to hear about John's various experiences doing magic around the world. This was one fun brunch, a little out of the normal mode...and how.

A few days later at the regular meeting we elected officers for 2009, then sat back and watched Troy Hooser, our guest lecturer, amaze us with his new material. What a pleasant and talented guy he is. Somehow those sleights look so easy in his hands. He featured cards, coins, and some other props for a nice, varied program. This was another fine evening.

The Ring's annual Christmas Party capped off the magical ten days. After a social hour and an excellent meal President Joe Dobson presented the Magician Of The Year award to Jerry Phillips. This award is based on the amount of a member's participation in Ring activities, such as performing during meetings and other club programs, teaching, doing book/DVD reviews, entering the talent contests, and just attending meetings. Jerry was the winner but others were close behind.

Then we were treated to the powerful mentalism act of Christian and Katalina, the charming husband and wife team from Indianapolis. If you were at the IBM/SAM or Abbott's GetTogether last summer you probably saw them perform one of their acts. Their goal is to make what they do fun for the audience, so when they do the mentalism act there's lots of excitement and humor built in. Besides that, Christian and Katalina are just plain fun to be around.

They came to Moline a day early and presented a marvelous lecture on things mental. The stunts Christian did were all excellent, but what everyone talked about afterward was the showmanship he exhibited throughout. Mentalism can be quite boring, at least to magicians, but that certainly was not the case here. Nobody even thought about nodding off...too much happening all the time.

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Some Christmas Memories from December 2008



Christian & Katalina

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Is this how you shake your Christmas presents??



Has anyone ever noticed Todd always hangs out with the pretty girls?



*Magician of the Year
Jerry Phillips*



Jerry needs a suit just like that Elaine!



*What a cute couple!
Anybody know who they are?*

Another "Big" story from Candy!



What a happy group!!!



Peace Man!



Looks like too much vino for Eric's wife!

*Abra Cadabra! Poof
Brittany grew up!*



*We missed Doug
this year.*

*Make sure he
comes back next
year!*

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year Doug. Good
luck with school.*