



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



NEXT MEETING:

December 3, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS:

DECEMBER MEETING

Election of Officers

Theme...Big Teaching Session

Drinks and Snacks...Joe Dobson

Book Review...Sir Richard

JANUARY MEETING

January 7, 2010

Riverside Garden Room

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hi folks. WE HAVE TWO BIG EVENTS IN EARLY DECEMBER...the Christmas Party and our regular meeting. Let's talk about the Christmas Party first.

THE QCMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY is December 7, 2009. It's at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse again this year, 1300 River Drive, Moline [across from the wireless center]...cocktails at 6 PM, buffet dinner at 7 PM and showtime after dinner.

Here's why we'll want to be there.

- * A fun time, good fellowship, a chance to participate in a festive evening with your friends.
- * Good food, a sumptuous buffet...two entrees, salad and side dishes.
- * A super-duper show by Ben Ulin, a very versatile professional comedy magician living in Des Moines but performing all over. His comedy illusion act is the longest running show at Adventureland in Des Moines...since 1988. He's worked for cruise lines, comedy clubs and major corporations. Several of our members have seen him and praise him highly. I think we have a winner.

The cost is \$25 a person, payable at the door. Magic Bucks may be used. Some of us have made reservations either by signing the reservation list at the last meeting or by email. Others may do so before December 4. Any cancellation must be made by that date. Please contact Chuck Hanson 309-797-5996. NOTE...We hate to remind you but if you make a reservation you will be charged the \$25 because the club will have ordered and paid for your meal.



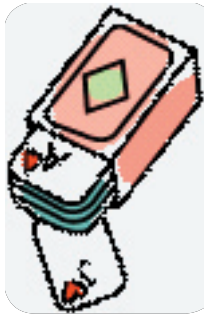
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A BIG TEACHING SESSION...that's what the program for the December meeting will be as well as the election of officers. So come prepared to learn a few new tricks from four "master teachers": Bob Beardsley, David Casas, Joe Dobson and Chuck Hanson. We'll be divided into four groups, a teacher at each one. Then we'll rotate, then again, and again so everyone will have the opportunity to be with each teacher.

This is a hands-on kind of thing so WE'LL NEED TO BRING SOME PROPS...a deck of cards, a finger ring, a spoon [table size] a shoelace or short piece of thin rope, and several coins...2 pennies, 2 quarters and 2 half dollars. If we don't bring the props we'll not be able to actually do what is being taught.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS is on the agenda. Those nominated at the last meeting are: President...Todd Herbst; Vice President [2]...Eric Dany, Ken Thompson; Secretary...Joe Dobson; Treasurer...Jerry Phillips; Sgt. at Arms [2]...Jason Hamilton, Brandon Lipkowitz; Officers at Large...Chuck Hanson, Del Kiefer. More nominations may be made at the meeting.

BRING PROPS FOR THE TEACHING SESSION



OTHER BUSINESS

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Dues are due for next year. That's what Jerry Phillips, our treasurer and head collector of monies says. They are only \$15 for the entire 2010 year...such a deal. Jerry also reported a bank balance of \$6831.69 plus a little minus a little.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Magician of the Year contest and the two performing contests. No conclusions were drawn and the discussion was tabled. Members were asked to think about these subjects. A vote is to be held at the January meeting. Kim Meacham volunteered to write up his thoughts about the criteria for the performance contests.

BRING PROPS FOR THE TEACHING SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Rick Brammer said the club has the following shows booked for 2010:

Jan 23...Eldridge, IA, evening, North Scott HS for library.

Jan 30...Aledo, IL, evening, for library.

Feb 13...Dubuque, IA, evening, middle school location.

Mar 4.....Davenport, IA, evening, Monroe School.

June 6...Iowa City, IA, similar to last year.

Contact Rick if you can help as a performer or in any other capacity.

OTHER STUFF

Sure was nice to see Bill and Edna Sowards, Ralph Crowe, Brian Lees and Tod Waller back for the meeting. Tod recently had a heart attack and is now practicing sleights with his five new stents. Goodness me!

We also had several other guests...Nicholas Jones, David Sprinkle, and Bradley and Diane Wheeler. Welcome friends. Do come back.

Our historian, Ty Bernier, and Karin Smith were married recently. Congratulations to the newlyweds from all of us.

The last report [now a bit old] is that member Karen Smith, who underwent a mastectomy last summer is recovering very well. She had chemo treatments and was slated for radiation, but her doctor said she didn't need it. Good news!



RING 11 REPORT

It was Kids Magic Night, and boy, did we have fun. About thirty members and a few guests showed up to enjoy the festivities. The theme for the November meeting was “Tricks and Bits of Business for Childrens Shows”. For an hour and a half we watched Joe Dobson, Eric Dany, Jerry Phillips, Laura Anderson, Todd Herbst, Delmar Dade, Rochelle Beardsley, Jeremy Haak, Del Kiefer, Ken Thompson, Jason Hamilton and Chuck Hanson perform and discuss things that have been effective for them when entertaining children.

Joe Dobson started the program in a strange way. He donned a rubber skull mask and began putting unusual, occultish props on the table. Then he was reminded that Halloween was over. “Oh. Then I’ll bring out Roscoe the mind reading rat”, he said. Roscoe was a white finger puppet that ran up and down his arm before getting to work at devining a selected ESP card that a young spectator had selected.

That act set the standard for the magic that followed...lots of it, and too much to detail here. There were several comedy mind reading effects, two different versions of Forgetful Freddie, two effects in which a black and white drawing magically became colored, the mutilated parasol, cups and balls, the frog in throat gag, a drawing of an ice cream cone in which the ice cream disappeared when heated, a torn jack of clubs and some soda crackers that turned into a Chick Pan full of crackerjack, the [W]hole Card...and more...all packed with lots and lots of tips and bits of business and humor. It was a delightful show.

All of this followed a lively business/monkey business portion of the evening, presided over by President Joe Dobson. Club Show Chairman, Rick Brammer, thanked the members who have participated in the numerous fund raising shows this year and announced that seven more are booked in the first half of 2010. Jeremy Haak did the Teach A Trick session. He revealed a selected card in a strange way. It was inscribed on his belt buckle...of all places. He showed an interesting way to force a card using a special gaff which he distributed to the membership.

The new Trevor Lewis book, “Routines Matter”, edited by Phil Willmarth, was reviewed by Chuck Hanson who gave it his highest recommendation.

Please join us if you are in the area. In addition to our regular monthly meeting a number of us get together every Saturday at 11 AM at The Windmill restaurant in East Moline, IL to chat about things magical and do a few bits of wizardry. We’d love to have you drop in.