



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING No. 11

QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY MEETING

January 6, 2011

7:00 PM

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

ASSIGNMENTS

MC: TBA

Theme: Walk-Around

Drinks: Mike Finney

Snacks: Bradley Wheeler

Teach-A-Trick: Eric Dany

Media Rpt: N/A

FEBRUARY MEETING

Theme: TBA

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held the first Thursday of the month as usual at the Garden Room in Moline, IL. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

The theme for the month is walk-around, or close-up. Please bring one of the new effects Santa brought you to share with us. We're expecting a big crowd (where else would anyone be going in the middle of the Winter?) and everyone wants to see your new tricks.

DECEMBER MEETING

President Todd Herbst opened our meeting in a timely manner. At 7PM sharp with his LOUD MAGICAL HORN. What did you say Todd?

Officer reports: There was no Sgt. of Arms report this month. Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported that we had funds available of \$7,745.533.

Rick Eugene handed out the last Magic Bucks for the year and thanked all those who have helped throughout the year. He also announced two shows booked so far for 2011: Eldridge Iowa at 7:00 pm on January 15th. That will be at 200 South 1st Street in Iowa. The second show will be on June 5th at Iowa City. We will perform Stage and Close-Up from noon until 4 pm.

Old Business: Part of what the Club spent money on was the backdrop for Club shows. It is on its way to us now! The venue for the Holiday Banquet was changed. We are back at our familiar location, Johnny's Italian Steakhouse on Tuesday, December 7. Cost is \$25 per person. Our guest performer will be

Fred Baisch from Minnesota (Twin Cities Magic).

New Business: The Club is looking into which type of monument to sponsor at a local park in honor of Del Kiefer. Also, the Club approved providing a package for a fundraiser for the Davenport Public Library. The package will include one year's membership dues, picnic admission, and Holiday Party banquet.

The following slate of officers was voted in by acclamation:

Sgt. of Arms:	Jason Hamilton, Michael Dyer
Treasurer:	Jerry Phillips
Vice President:	Micheal Finney, Sir Richard, Eric Dany
Secretary:	Linda Dany
President:	Todd Herbst
Officers at Large:	Chuck Hanson, Joe Dobson, Rick Brammer, Mark Yeager

Dues for next year will be \$15 if paid before the end of the February meeting. Afterwards they will be \$20.

Monkey Business: Sir Richard again informed the Club he had many Ike dollars to sell for those interested.

Kim Meacham described a few new items available at the Wizard's Den to ramp up your magical performances. Stop in and see what he has to show you!

President Todd gave a mini lecture on two topics, Creativity and Technology in magic. He performed part of his Pirate Act to illustrate both. In the course of the lecture we saw how technology can make a performer's life MUCH easier by taking guesswork out, and by allowing more control over what the audience sees and hears. Todd also challenged us with some examples of how he used creative ideas to enhance his act.

Finally, five performers entertained the group: Jerry Phillips, Eric Dany, Sir Richard, Joe Dobson, and Chuck Hanson. They all did a wonderful job as evidenced by the standing ovations each received. Actually because the room was cold I think the audience was standing up just to wave their arms around in an effort to keep warm! Regardless the performers each did a wonderful job and we appreciate their performing!

Just a few nights later, the Club enjoyed its annual Holiday Party. Good food, a lot of camaraderie, and some pre-dinner close up magic by our featured entertainer, Fred Baisch.

President Todd then presented two awards. First, the Magician of the Year to Jerry

Phillips. Go Jerry! Then our most beloved Chuck Hanson was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award, which includes lifetime membership in the Club. Congratulations, Chuck! You truly deserve it!

Fred Baisch then channeled some old-school nightclub magic and performed for the group over the course of the next hour and eight minutes. He involved numerous members of the audience in his show, bringing up both adults and younger volunteers to be on stage with him. After his last effect, the group socialized some more, then slowly took leave of the last magical event of 2010. Hurry up, 2011!

See you next year!!!

Many thanks to Joe Dobson for his excellent job as club secretary!

FUTURE MEETING THEMES

We'll let you know!!!