

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Nov, 2017

The magician for our annual Christmas party has been found. It is **Bob Higa** from Chicago. He is a master magician who has appeared on television, headlined in Las Vegas and Atlantic City and on major cruise ships, and opened for several popular celebrities. The Christmas party will be at The Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, as always. The cost will be \$15 per person, children \$10. (A child is not defined by age; rather, it is anyone who needs to order a meal from a children's menu.) There will be five entrees from which to choose. It promises to be a great evening!

This is also the time of year to begin thinking about paying for next year's club dues. The dues are \$15 for the year and can be dropped off at the Fun Company, or included with the Christmas party cost, or contributed at the upcoming Dec. or Jan. or Feb. meetings. At the end of the Feb. meeting the dues go up to \$20 for the year.

The opportunity for the club to perform as announced in Oct. by Ken Wilson has been set with at least seven magicians performing. It will be at St. Giuseppe's Heavenly Pizza in Moline on Nov. 11 from 6-8pm.

Todd Herbst announced another opportunity for our club in April for the Plus Sixties Club – it will be an hour show plus a half-hour teach-in.

Our annual Spooktacular was a great success. There were 1500 kids on the park walk with about 100 for the magic event. The Park Board wants us again next year for Oct. 20, 2018.

This is the month for the nomination of new officers for the club.

For President: Ken Wilson

Vice-President: Kim Meacham, Richard Abel

Secretary: Michael Dyer

Treasurer: Todd Herbst

Sergeant-at-arms: Tyler Cronin, Carol Yodts

Person-at-large: Joe Dobson

Final nominations and election will be held next month.

Finally, Grace Abel has announced her wedding date on June 2 at Bishop Hill.

Media report: Joe Dobson spoke about reading magic books with the intention of understanding how and why a magician does what he does in the way that he does it. Several books were recommended, but particularly *The Incredible Dr. Jaks* – that is, Stanley Jaks.

Hard teach-a-trick: Todd Herbst had a volunteer secretly place a quarter in one of his hands. Todd chose a hand and illustrated two satisfactory magical endings, depending on which hand the volunteer was actually holding the quarter.

Easy teach-a-trick: Craig Cox showed a new version of the knife suspended in the hand. Then he placed a glass mouth-down on a book, and turned the book over with the glass still mysteriously clinging to the book, and explained that effect also.

Performances:

Craig Cox began the evening with a glass penetration using a lovely blonde doll.

Todd Herbst presented a truth or lie routine with a story involving a bully and four volunteers with assigned roles and mottos: "I have it all," "I know it all," "I do it all," and "I have a big heart." Bringing out a clear box with coins in it, then covering it with a black cloth, the first three boastful ones could not lift the box off the sheet of plastic with their little fingers, but the one with a heart could.

Kim Meacham did sleight-of-hand, first with a Delite appearing and disappearing between hands and mouth, ending with it in his hand and apparently burning a hole in it, since a lot of smoke rose from it. Next, he engaged in a poker chip routine, producing three of them one-at-a-time and cleverly making them all disappear in like manner.

Joe Dobson performed a baffling and complex card trick, too awesome to recall the exact details.

Then, as a nice surprise, one of our guests, Jackson Williams did a clever card trick involving four piles of cards, each one a different suit containing the Jack through Ace. The piles were then turned over, mixed, and cut several times. When the piles were dealt out again, each of the piles now consisted of four cards of the same denomination. Glad to have you aboard, Jackson!

Ken Wilson ended the evening with a nice card routine by Eugene Burger.

Many great routines with surprising results, both magical and human.

Next Month in December:

Snacks: Ken Wilson

Beverage: Carol Yodts

MC: Jerry Phillips

Media report: Michael Dyer

Easy teach-a-trick: Richard Abel

Hard teach-a-trick: Eric Dany