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# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meets 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



## July meeting one week later, July 11. Theme is close-up magic.

The July meeting of Ring 29 will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month -- July 11 -- instead of the first, which is a holiday.

It will be at the regular place (UAMS) and at the regular time (7 pm).

The theme for the month is "Close-up Magic." We will use the popular teach-around format, where members will sit around tables and several performers will rotate among the tables demonstrating and teaching various close-up skills.

If you are interested in being one of those

trainers, please call Bill Fulton at 663-9380 or 413-1614. This should be a fun and educational evening so don't miss it!

### NEXT MEETING:

- **Thursday, July 11, 7 pm**  
**Baptist Medical Center**  
**"Close-up Teach-in"**

## IBM president installed officers, entertained at annual banquet

What an honor: International IBM president **Bob Escher** of Louisville, Kentucky, attended Ring 29's annual banquet on June 18. It was his last official appearance as IBM president before he turns over the reins in July in San Diego at the IBM convention.

Bob not only performed the installation ceremony of officers for 2002-03, but he also was the entertainment for the evening. He repeated his performance in Eureka Springs in April, at the Cavalcade of Magic.

He performed a counterfeit bills trick, changing ropes, an ESP switch of cards in envelopes, a hilarious linking coat hangers routine, and a finger ring/card routine using a gumball machine to produce them.

All incumbent officers were reelected and therefore reinstated. Congratulations to them and we appreciate their willingness to serve the club in this manner. Ring 29 is one of the best rings in the country and it is because of the dedication of both the officers and the members which makes it so.

**Wells Autrey** conducted the moving Broken Wand Ceremony, in memory of the late **Col. Frank Seymour** and **Ralph Bird**.

Thanks to everyone who helped with set-up and decorations.

The small meeting room at **Brown's Country Kitchen** in Benton, was crowded, but intimate. Several people suggested it be moved next year, which the Board will consider in due time. The food and cost is always good, of course, but the distance from so many people is another drawback of the location. If you have any thoughts about any of these points, please contact any board member. They are always looking for input and feedback.

## Register now to save \$10 for convention

If you register now -- **before July 6** -- for the Ring 29 Magic Convention in October, **you will save \$10**. On that date the fee will increase from \$50 to \$60. It will **increase even more** as the convention approaches. You **know** you are going, so why not register **now** and save a whole bunch of money?

This fee includes your spouse and children in your immediate family, so it is a great bargain. Remember, the board voted that **everyone** has to pay a registration fee, even those who work on the convention.

● **NAME:** The name has been selected for the convention: "**Magic in The Natural State**." It was entered by **Jon Bucher**. He will receive \$10,000 a month for the next 20 years for his submission. (See, it **pays** to enter!) The board received about 20 names and they were all good. Thanks to all who entered.

● **AUCTION ADDED:** Recently the Ring board voted to hold a **Magic Auction** at 5 pm on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the end of the convention. **You must be registered** for the convention to participate in the auction!

The club will advertise it in **The Linking Ring** and by mail to all clubs within a 350-mile range of Hot Springs. We hope the auction will attract an even bigger crowd for the convention.

## BITS & PIECES

● **LAST MONTH** 42 members attended the John Calvert lecture and performance. At 90 years old, he was amazingly agile, showing many of the skills and much of the stage presence which has served him well over a long career. You could feel his personality and charisma as he moved smoothly from one trick to another.

His lecture notes, videos, books and posters were popular, as people realized they could get a piece of a legend in action. If you missed this evening, you missed a good one. Talk to anyone who was there.

● **CONGRATULATIONS** to **John West** and his wife, who pulled **Veronica Rene'** out of a hat recently. (So **that's** where babies come from!) It's always great to add to our magic family.

● **CHRISTY HENSON** has received an assignment from her church, to go to the Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, this September, for a year of teaching English and Bible to girls and women. While there she will also attend classes learning to speak the Czech language. Proud father, Jim, says of all the things she could have asked to have sent to her, she asked for this newsletter, to keep up with all her magic friends.

Perhaps Christy can spread the magic of magic while she is there, too. Good luck, Christy. We're proud of you, too.

● **ANYONE FROM RING 29** going to this year's IBM Convention in San Diego next week (July 2-6)? If so, please plan on writing up a report for this newsletter so the rest of us can appreciate it more. Of course the Linking Ring will give a report, too.

## Dues are overdue!

As we have reminded you for a couple of months now, annual dues to be a member of IBM Ring 29 are **now due**. If you **pay by August 1**, you will receive a \$5 discount making the figure \$15. After then the regular dues amount will apply, or \$20.

Bring your dues to the July 11 meeting, mail them to treasurer James Kinsey or you can even pay them at the Mr. Magic Store. Look at the envelope this newsletter came in and if there is a "P" next to your name, you are paid up until next year. If no "P," you owe dues.

