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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month, Baptist Medical Center



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July 1 meeting to feature "Outdoor Magic" at Baptist

Next **Thursday, July 1**, the regular monthly meeting of Ring 29 will feature "**Outdoor Magic**." We hope everyone will bring some trick which you can perform outdoors, or has an outdoors theme.

The meeting will begin at 7 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium at Baptist Medical Center, our usual place.

Plan on performing one or more tricks and then explaining them to the audience.

BRIEFS

- **Dues are now due!** \$15 until July 31. Beginning August 1 dues will be \$20. Make checks out to I.B.M. Ring 29 and send to James Kinsey or to Mr. Magic.
- **August 5 meeting** will be a Coin lecture. Several of our own magicians will be lecturing on coin magic. More details next month.
- Ring 29's Convention in Hot Springs will be held at the **Velda Rose Sept. 24-26**.

Performers/lecturers will be **Bill Palmer, Steve Bender, and Danny Archer**. There will be a close-up contest and a stage contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to contest winners. A pre-convention reception will be held Friday night. There will be a public show Saturday night and a Magic Idol competition Sunday afternoon. Hotel cost: \$75. Registration fee (one person or family) is \$70 before September 1; \$80 after that.

If you are an I.B.M. member, you will receive a \$5 discount on registration fee. An "all you can eat" buffet for one person is included in the registration fee. Cost for buffet \$15 for each extra person. Registration forms will be available soon

• **Gerry and Judy** were married July 25. Congratulations to them as they begin their lives making magic together!

• Several Ring 29 members went to see **Dan Garret** in Searcy last month. Those that went said it was a great lecture.

• The I.B.M. Convention in Cleveland and the S.A.M. Convention in St. Louis are in July and will each be attended by several Ring 29 members. If you attend one of these conventions please write up a report and send it to Dennis or Christy for the next newsletter.

• Ring 29 has added several new members over the last month. When you see someone you don't know, please introduce

yourself and make them feel welcome.

• **Invisible Lodge Konklave** will be held in Fort Smith Aug. 13-14. Carl Ballantine, John Calvert, Mark Wilson and Nani Darnell, Lee Grabel and possibly Lance Burton and David Copperfield as well as many others will attend. Registration forms can be picked up at Mr. Magic.

• **Lannie Cox** says he is staying busy performing at birthday parties.

• **Christy Henson** is going to Micronesia for most of July. Please add her to your prayers as she continue to witness in far-off places. Yes, she'll take magic with her.

From the President:

Our annual convention is September 24-26. The most important way for you to show loyalty to our Ring is to make an effort to register early and come to the convention. Your convention committee, headed by **Gerry Bailey**, has put a lot of work into bringing this to you. They did not do this to receive praise. They did not do this because they enjoy going to conventions. They did it to bring to you some of the top magic performers to lecture to you at a reasonable cost.

To me the lectures and dealers are the primary events. The competitions this year will have both awards and money for the winners. There will be an "all you can eat" buffet for everyone. There also be a Magic Idol contest. The audience gets to vote on all who enter. The word I have is that we are trying to get Paula Abdul as a judge. We also have some great performers for our public show Saturday night.

This is our Ring's one big event to raise money. We need our members to support this convention.

NEW RING 29 2004-05 OFFICERS

President: Don Baer
Vice-President: Christy Henson
Secretary: Chris Westfall
Treasurer: James Kinsey
Sargent at Arms: Gerry Bailey

Installation "Party" to be July 29

You read it right -- the annual I.B.M. Ring 29 Installation Banquet will be an Installation PARTY this year. It will be held Thursday July 29 at 6:30 pm.

Jim and Brenda Henson have invited Ring 29 to their (Hen)house, about 5 minutes from the magic shop.

Please RSVP (that means call to say you're coming) to Mr. Magic by Tuesday July 27. Cost is only \$5 per person to help pay for food.

We'll have a famous Ring 29 Contest: pull out your oven mitts or magic wands and come up with the "Dessert with the Most Calories."

The winning entry will win a prize, so start counting. (Note from Christy: chocolate has a lot of calories and the Hensons love chocolate -- hint hint).

Calories or not, bring a dessert and it will be a great time. Entertainment will be provided following the Installation of Officers.

Got magic news? Call Mr. Magic or send to newsletter editor Dennis Schick at dschick@arkansaspress.org

From Margarete LeClair:

On June 19, I was privileged to attend the **Wesley James lecture** in Chicago, IL. Wesley retired from performing magic in 1982, and until the publishing of his latest book, *Enchantments*, has stayed mainly in the "underground" of magic, performing seldom and lecturing even less.

He still does not perform much, but he has been lecturing more. The main observation I had from the lecture is that Wesley James has a true passion for magic that is possessed by very few. To some degree, all of us have a love for magic, but Wesley has this passion that I have seen in very few people.

In attending the lecture, I learned that Wesley developed the first "card morphing" routine where two cards seem to melt into one. The most widely known version is Anniversary Waltz, but Forgery was the first. Wesley got my phone number when he chose me to help with that routine.

Also in the lecture was his very funny version of Cannibal Kings, complete with the "Eddie Marlo munch-munch move." Very entertaining!

Wesley also performed a couple of four ace routines...one where the spectator cuts to the aces. I'm glad Wesley encouraged me to attend his lecture, even though I'm not a card magician, and I'm glad I had friends in Chicago who made the trip possible. If anyone has an opportunity to see his lecture, do it!

From Dennis Schick:

Well, it's official. After 25 years as Executive Director of the Arkansas Press Association, it looks like I and my wife, Jan -- who is my Administrative Assistant -- will retire on July 30. APA is the oldest trade association in the state, whose members are the 33 daily and 113 weekly newspapers in the state. I plan to do some writing and consulting, and we will do some traveling, spending more time with grandchildren and tending to neglected house and yard. (I'll also hang out at Mr. Magic.)

COMING EVENTS:

July 1: Regular monthly meeting:

Theme: Outdoor Magic

July 29: Installation Party

July 31: \$15 Dues deadline

Aug. 5: Coin lecture regular meeting

**Aug. 13-14: 1st Invisible Lodge
Konklave, Fort Smith**

**Aug. 31: Early registration deadline for
Ring 29 Hot Springs convention**

September 7: Annual Ring 29 picnic

**Sept. 24-26: Ring 29 Convention III,
Hot Springs**

✓ **News From Derrick Rose**

I could not ask for a better booking schedule than I have had in the past month. I'll just give you a couple of the highlights.

I traveled to Hollywood, Florida, to perform at a national Neighborhood USA conference. There were over 1,200 community activists in attendance from across the United States.

I performed and hosted the main stage at the Pink Tomato Festival in Warren, Arkansas. The festival will be featured in a documentary being produced and aired by the Food Channel. I was filmed often over the two days of the festival and was told by the film crew that I could expect to be part of the program. The program's producer said it would air in approximately four months. I'll try to give you a heads-up when I find out when it will be televised.

Many of you have asked when I will appear again on Channel 11. I was just called and asked if I would do a "Derrick's Magical Weekend" segment Friday, June 25. Sorry this won't get to most of you before that date.

Finally, I will be performing two shows and hosting the stage at 4th Fest in Maumelle. I hope you will all come out and watch. The event is being held on Saturday, July 3rd. Yes, I know that 4th Fest is being held on July 3rd. I will be performing at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m. Come on out!

GOT MAGIC NEWS?

Call Mr. Magic!

From Jon Bucher:

On Saturday, June 19th, I accompanied former Ring 29 member Brad Matchett to Walnut Ridge for the last of his Arkansas Library Show tour.

It was an excellent experience for the almost 100 kids and 50 adults who attended. The show was fast paced with lots of music, color, excitement and audience participation. The message about Arkansas and Reading was intermingled with the effects very well. I sneaked a peak at the written evaluations after the show and they were highly complementary of the performance.

Brad will be on the road for another week of library shows in another southern state and then he'll head home to Richmond, Virginia; but not to rest....he'll start the very next week on more magic shows.

Brad can be seen lecturing again at the annual Kidabra convention in August. He's a very busy magician who has come a long way.

✓ **A note from Pam Medrez:**

Just finished up Kid's Day at the New Academy of Sports and Outdoors. Will be at the Laman Library as Patriotic Pamy on the 29th of this month.

Finished up a couple day cares this month with birthday parties in-between. Monday I'll be doing a show for a group of lawyers at Gator's and will be twisting balloons at Custom Direct Check Printers annual picnic on Saturday. Been pretty busy and how grateful I am!!!

I was privileged to perform at a Roast and Toast of our own Dennis Schick, at the Wyndham, who is retiring the end of July. He's our newsletter editor.

I have a kid starting college this fall and I've even resorted to picking up pennies. This will be my first time supporting a kid in college and it looks like it's going to be a long haul.

Casa Viva called me. They're looking for someone to entertain a couple of nights a week. Their business is slow and they only pay about \$50 for two hours -- too low for me but it might be a great starting point for someone in our club. Have a great day. Pam aka Mommy Magic; aka Patriotic Pamy