

Magic Musings

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 29
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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month @ Baptist Medical Center



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March 2006

March 3rd Meeting is Help and More Auction!!!

March Meeting:

*This month's magic meeting will be on Thursday, March 3 at Shuffield Auditorium in Baptist Hospital. The meeting is a continuation of last month's Auction and a help session for all those auctioned items you have bought and now have no idea how to work them. Last Month Gerry sold 91 items in just over 90 minutes for a total of \$935.25, of which the club receives \$93.53. We will begin a brief business meeting at 6:45pm and begin the continued Auction at 7pm. If you have an item to auction, come by the magic shop before Thursday and pick up auction cards for the items. You may also arrive early on Thursday at the meeting to pick up cards to mark your items. Only the first 100 items will be auctioned off. There is a 12 item limit per person of items to auction. Those of you who had items to auction last month and we did not get to them, please

bring your items back to the auction.

Also the meeting is to help you with any items that you have bought and now cannot figure out how they work. So bring those items and be prepared to have fun!

Member News:

* **Judy Bailey** had surgery February 23 relating to her accident a couple of years ago. Please remember her and **Gerry**.

* **Joey Williams** and **Richard Knoll** spent the long President's Day weekend in Las Vegas at the World Magic Seminar. He was sponsored through a grant by Hendrix College to attend the seminar.

* Be sure to read the article about **Derrick Rose, Don Baer** and the Balloon Bouquet.

* **Derrick** and **Julie Rose** performed Sunday February 26 at Soup Sunday for Center for Youth and Family at Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Their performance was a blend of music and magic.

* **Derrick Rose** is performing Friday mornings weekly on Channel 11. Keep your eyes open for his early morning performance. He is also performing magic soon at the Clear Channel Metroplex for the Therapeutic Arts Festival.

* This could be your news. Let us all know what you are doing. It's easy! Drop a line to James at jamesk39@swbell.net or Christy at cih0914@aol.com or you can drop by or call the magic shop and leave your information with Jim. **Take advantage of this opportunity to keep us informed. If you visit a magic shop, see a magic show, perform somewhere, see a magic article or a magic cartoon, share it with us. Deadline for the April newsletter is March 29th.**

Conventions:

* The 35th annual Cavalcade of Magic, the Bill Pitts Convention, in Eureka

Springs will be held March 31- April 1 with a night before on Thursday March 30. The Cavalcade will be held at the Inn of the Ozarks. The toll free number is 1-800-552-3785. The room rate will be \$59 for a single or double. Make reservations directly with the Inn. Let them know you are there with the Cavalcade. There will be dealers, lecturers, and special shows along with the regular close-up and stage shows in the evenings. There will also be a show for younger magicians to perform and a show for female performers. There are still openings for young magicians or female magicians who would like to perform in either of these shows. Contact **Bill Pitts** for more information. BandRPitts@aol.com or call at 479-484-7512

* The International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention will be held in Miami, Florida on June 27th through July 1. If you have never attended an international convention, this will be a great first one. Keep an eye in the *Linking Ring* and the Ring 29 newsletter for more details including performers, lecturers, and dealers. There will be plenty to do for the non magicians in your family. Spouse events will be available at the convention, and Miami Beach is nearby along with many shopping areas. Check out www.Magician.org

Just a few of the dealers so far: Spider Backdrops, Dancing Spring Magic, Joker Magic, Joshua Jay Productions, Mogar's Magic Stars Studio, Wild Magic, etc.

There is a Stage Contest and a Close up contest which are always a highlight of the convention. Money goes to Contests winners. These competitions are a great way to receive positive feedback about your routines. For great routines, it is a great way to get your name well known in the magic community.

Miscellaneous:

*Jim Henson is working on an article about Ring 29's mascot, Rabbit E. Lee. If you at any time during the past 16 years have been the keeper of Rabbit E. Lee, please contact Jim at mrmagiclr@aol.com or Christy at cih0914@aol.com

. Jim needs to know the year(s) that you kept Rabbit and the addition you made to him. Please contact Jim or Christy within the next couple of weeks.

* Ring 29 friend and past I.B.M. President **Bob Escher** has been in Little Rock for cancer treatments in February. He and his wife **Sandy** should be back in Little Rock late this spring, and we will try to get a group together to go to dinner.

Pam aka Mommy Magic:
I am still working at Ryan's.

The owner said business has really picked up since I've been there and that really makes me feel good. Birthday party business has been steady and fun. I also did the grand opening for the Academy of Sports.

* **Maxwell Blade's** Theater of Magic in Hot Springs will be opening in March. We will also work on getting a group together to go see the show and support him this spring. Opening dates will be in upcoming newsletters.

* Must do!!! Check out the following website: <http://www.littlerockmagic.org/copper/>

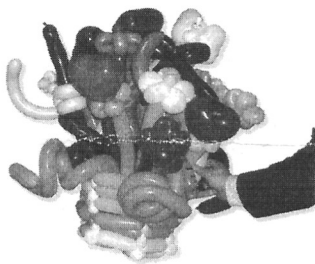
This website shows pictures from different magic events at Ring 29. Recently added are pictures from the January Christmas Party. James Kinsey worked hard getting this webpage set up so a big thanks to him.

* Visiting Memphis in the next couple of months???
Get Into the Act!

Magic: The Science of Illusion
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
(February 2, 2006) — Mind reading, floating in thin air, a head without a body — is it magic or science? Or is it perhaps, a little of both? Visitors can find out and get into the act at *Magic: The Science of Illusion*, a new exhibit coming soon to the Pink Palace Museum. Through engaging

performances, artifacts, films and interactive experiences, *Magic: The Science of Illusion* reveals the art and science of entertainment magic. *Magic* opens February 4, 2006 and runs through April 23, 2006. www.magicexhibit.org

A Must Read from Derrick



As you know, I had an emergency yesterday afternoon (Thursday, January 19, 2006) that Don Baer fixed. A young man, 19-years-old who had special needs, passed away the day before. A close friend of the family of this young man called me to say he was a huge fan of balloon animals and particularly enjoyed seeing the balloons I made when performing on Channel 11. She said she understood that it was already mid-afternoon, but was at all possible for me to create a balloon bouquet to take to the visitation that night in Conway. The visitation was between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. After hearing her story, I told her that I had created bouquets before and would do everything I could to make one and get it there in time. At 4 p.m. I was still trying to get away from my

office to begin working on the bouquet. I knew it would be nearly impossible to make it and get it delivered to Conway by 6 p.m. I called Don Baer who thankfully didn't have a booking, gave him the scoop and he agreed to meet me at the magic store and get started, that way when I arrived we could knock it out in no time and get me on the road to Conway. By the time I made it to the store it was nearly 5 p.m. Don was already there and sitting on the counter was this beautiful balloon creation that he allowed me to add a single balloon flower. Now I could at least truthfully tell the family that I had a hand in making this beautiful thing that, in reality, was totally Don Baer's. I can't thank him enough for his help. I loaded my/his artwork in the car and sped away toward Conway. On the way I stopped at my house in Maumelle to take a photo that I have attached. When I walked in at about 6:35 p.m. with the bouquet, the family and guests were nearly speechless. The picture is good but like the Grand Canyon, you just have to see it in person to fully appreciate it.

For the family of the child it was very special that I personally delivered the bouquet and I was emotionally touched. For me, Don Baer is a hero and I not only wanted to thank him but for everyone else to

know what a special person he is.

* If you receive this newsletter via email and you are a Ring 29 member who wishes to receive it also snail mail, please contact James at jamesk39@swbell.net

Advertisements:

* All Sankey DVDs are available at Mr. Magic. Prices range from \$20- \$35

Calendar:

March 3, 2006- Ring 29 Continued Auction at Baptist Hospital

March 30-April 1- Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs

June 27- July 1, 2006- I.B.M. Convention in Miami