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RING #29

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center

September 2000



Annual club picnic will be September (10) meeting

NEXT MEETING:

- **Sunday, September 10**
2 pm, Maumelle Park
Annual Ring Picnic

BITS & PIECES

● **LAST MONTH**, tryouts were held on two separate nights for the Ring public show November 4.

On our regular meeting night, 10 people tried out at the BMC Sheffield Auditorium, with a nice crowd of other Ring members in attendance to cheer them on. It was a good chance to see some class magic and to see our own members perform. What a treat.

Then a second tryout was held at Maxwell's Theatre of Magic in Hot Springs, with nine additional people performing. Again, it was a lot of fun on a hot Sunday afternoon. (Related article at far right.)

● **SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER**, IBM Gold Medal Winner Oscar Munoz lectured to our club. It was a solid lecture which a large crowd enjoyed. It was an entertaining and instructional evening and if you missed it you missed a good one. Try to get to these special events. They are worth the small cost and investment of time.

● **WITH SUMMER GONE**, Maxwell's Theatre of Magic will be changing its days of operation. Call to find out when it will be open before driving over to Hot Springs: (501) 623-6200.

● **THE JUNIOR MAGICIANS** meeting previously scheduled has been reset for September 24th. Call Jim at the magic store for time and location and more information.

● **SOME RING MEMBERS** are talking about getting a group together to attend the international convention of IBM next July in Orlando. If you are interested in more details, call Jim Henson at Mr. Magic. It would be a lot of fun to have a good group from Arkansas to attend.

● **BE A CLOWN! BE A CLOWN!** Everyone wants to be a clown. If so, con-

Sunday, September 10 will be the annual IBM Ring 29 picnic. It will replace the regular monthly meeting, so don't show up at the Baptist Medical Center on the first Thursday of the month, which is the regular meeting time and place.

Here are the facts:

WHAT: Annual Ring 29 Picnic

WHEN: 2 pm, Sunday, September 10

WHERE: Maumelle Park, Pavillion #7

WHO: All Ring members and guests

WHY: To have some good food, magic and fellowship

MAGIC DAY is still tentatively set for **Oct. 8** at the Gold Strike Casino at Tunica. A lot of hard work is going into putting this together to make it an **annual regional magic convention**. A highlight will be a **huge magic auction**, including some world-class illusions. Discussion to support the day financially will be held at the picnic.

sider joining the new Arkansas chapter of the World Clown Association. **Jim Henson** and **Don Baer** are looking for people interested in forming this club. Having a local clown group would be a lot of fun and a good affiliate of our Ring. Call Jim or Don for more details.

● **MARGARET LECLAIR** performed at the Little Rock Zoo August 27, at Zoo Days. A doubler tip of ye ole top hat since it was a scorcher out there!

● **LET'S SUPPORT** the other rings in our area, including those in Searcy, Fort Smith and Memphis, as well as the Northeast Magic Club in Newport. Call Jim Henson if you want to know when and where they meet.

● **RING LIFETIME MEMBER Fred Hartman** is in very bad shape in the hospital in Hot Springs. Some members went over to see him recently on a Sunday afternoon, but he was sleeping. Nora was feeling down but is hopeful. Let's keep them in our prayers.

● **BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS**, a group of Ring 29 members will be in Texas at the annual state magicians' convention. We'll have a report in the next newsletter and maybe you'll be inspired to go next year.

HOW:

(1) Sign up to reserve places. Call the magic store at 455-6242 before Sept. 9 to find out what to bring and to say how many are coming in your party.

(2) Go West on Highway 10 and look for the signs to Maumelle Park.

(3) If you want to perform magic at the picnic, also say so when you call.

This is always a fun time for the entire family so bring them and any special guests, especially any who you think might want to join our Ring.

Public Show set for Nov. 4-5 at Theatre of Magic, Hot Springs

Mark Saturday, November 4 at 8pm and Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm on your calendars right now. Those are the dates and times for our big public shows which have been planned for several months.

The shows will be at Maxwell's Theatre of Magic in Hot Springs, a perfect location.

The following ring members will be performing on stage, having auditioned last month:

Paul Carlson & Colin Cheesman, John Patterson, Derrick Rose, Richard & Tara Knoll, Jeffery O'Connell, Rebecca Roberts, Kelly Presson, Andy Stirman, Don Baer, Sean Westbrook, Scott Davis, Randall Eller and Master of Ceremonies, John Bucher.

Some of these people will also perform walk-around magic before the show and during intermission. Others performing will be listed next month.

Tickets will go on sale Oct. 1. All proceeds will go to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The club will profit from ads sold for the program.

Many volunteers are needed, so please contact Dan Hecke at 455-2777. We'll need ad sellers, ushers, ticket takers, backstage help, etc. Please speak up and volunteer. This is **YOUR** club's project and **everyone** needs to be involved in some way.

Tickets will be \$17.50 for adults, \$15.50 for senior citizens and \$10.50 for 12 and under. We've wanted to have our own annual show for a long time. Here it is!