

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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Special Report

Marty & Tammy Haughn

Excuse the interruption of our newsletter format as Dane is not available this month. Having said that, I would like to say a few words in his place.

The past month and a half has been very challenging for Tammy and I. Between the two of us, since mid March, we have been to 22 individual doctor appointments, mostly Tammy's. As you can imagine this has kept us pretty busy and hopping all over central Arkansas working to improve things. There are many more appointments in the near future. In turn, the constant running and worrying how things may or may not turn out has kept me from my duties in keeping up a newsletter.

It is with the help from other members who were willing to step in and provide us with what has been happening within the Ring. Joel and Blayk for newsletter content, Joel and Jim for photographs and everyone who continues to support the Ring by attending meetings. Without the support we would have nothing to post for members and potential members. Thank you everyone.

I also wish to say that Tammy and I are so very lucky to have a family like Ring 29 who genuinely care for one another. As you all know by now, Tammy is still recovering from a stroke and with a lot of hard work and the consistent outpouring of support from this family, I am confident she will recover and if not be 100% will be very near that number. To all of you who called, sent a text or email, created a post on Facebook, sent cards, visited at rehab, and kept us in your thoughts, we are both in your debt. Our plan is to be at the May meeting and hope to see everyone there.

Marty & Tammy Haughn

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Thank you goes out to Joel Nicholson for taking charge of my duties in writing a good newsletter. Once again I was unable to attend the meeting. Thanks to Joel and Jim we will also have photos this month!

Our meeting was held at the Fletcher Terry Library in Little Rock on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Jim Henson arrived early with a loaded 2-wheeled dolly full of items he had carefully prepared to present a rapid Teach-in and refresher for the Ring 29 volunteers that would be teaching adults that had signed up to come to the upcoming class at the Terry Library on April 29, at 5:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce folks to magic and create interest in joining Ring 29. The material that Jim based his magic tricks upon came from three references; they were: Joshua Jay's Magic: The Complete Course, Mark Wilson's Complete Course in Magic, The Fitzkee Trilogy by Dariel Fitzkee. Jim had prepared an outline he passed out to all the "teachers" and he explained the tricks listed had eleven card tricks, two coin tricks, and seven gimmicks. Deck Shuffle subjects were Riffle, Overhand, and Hindu. Card forces were Cross (bottom), Hindu (bottom), and Slip (top). Other tricks with force: Two of Spades, Two Card Monte, and Three Card Monte (overhand). Next was Card Warp followed by Right and Wrong. Coin moves taught were Classic Palm and French Drop. Fun gimmick tricks were: Jumping Rubber Band, Paddle Moves, Multi sponges, TIP with silk, Quilted Loops, Animal Hunt (Pig, Monkey, etc., and Balancing Wand.

Jim Henson had created and donated to all the teachers and students a silver wand and a full bag of their own with all supplies they would need to do the tricks listed on the outline. Ring 29 President, Dane Dover will give opening introduction, explain Ring 29 briefly, and mention some historical facts of interest about magic.

Explanations, encouragement, and self-direction will be woven into a fourteen-step outline Jim had created to follow including: 1. practice builds confidence, 2. never repeat a trick to the same individual, 3. presentation, 4. technique, 5. Sleight of hand, 6. Fundamentals, 7. misdirection, deception, perception, 8. Reference books, DVDs, 9. Timing, 10. routine, 11. building anticipation, 12. teaching, 13. psychology, 14. most important "having fun".

That's not all Jim Henson did at this meeting. After his lecture/presentation preparing teachers for the upcoming class when other members presented their magic tricks Jim came up with gifts he handed out to everyone. The partial list of items he donated was: Stop light Cards, Torch to Rose, Hot Rod Deluxe, Heart Sponges, Card Bill Slasher, Houdini Bolt thru Card, Magic Necklace, Tenyo memory trick, and several books on card magic tricks. We all give you our inadequate Thanks!

Secretary Report

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Jim is a shining example of loving and giving.

Sid Salmans selected Janie Nicholson to trick with two tricks: the first was with two coins and they never behaved (Cent by Roy Johnson) and second comedy spectator's choice cards (Cloak by Chris Congreave). Very good show!

Blayk Puckett with a coin and a baseball cap (un-gimmicked) created a toss-the-coin-up routine where unbelievable things happened. Then, to "Cap it off" the cap bill tip jumped upon Blayk's nose and balanced itself without Blayk's help. No way!

Al Henager attired in oriental regalia and with beautifully decorated oriental dragon on front of his table kept pulling beautiful twenty inch oriental silks from a tripod supported empty square item atop the tripod. Proof that the square device had no top or bottom was given when Al removed it from the tripod and that revealed a round bowl with water and goldfish swimming in it just where the silks had been pulled from. Al had presented The Al-dini Fish Bowl Production.

Mike Curtis borrowed two paper money bills and proceeded to fold them as he explained it was related to solving some of your life problems. With the two bills folded into each other he then pulled one bill through the other without damaging either of the bills. Amazing magic!

Jim Henson handed Janie Nicholson two cards with Stop Light printed upon it and as he worked his magic the green light jumped to the other card!

Joel Nicholson placed a glass atop a short stand and slipped a cylinder over the glass. He then held a plastic yellow tube and pushed a small silk inside it. With a quick wave of a magic wand the small silk vanished from the tube. He then raised the cylinder from the glass and the silk had been found inside the glass!

Ring 29 will meet next time at a new location: First Community Bank, 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72223. We will meet in the Community Room the first Thursday of the month starting in May, 2024.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

What was the Ring doing 18 years ago? Let's take a peek back to the February, 2006 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Don Baer and the Secretary was Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20, Little Rock.

February found us at our much anticipated and well attended annual auction. A mercifully brief business meeting was overseen by our talented President, Don Baer. A surprise appearance by Ring 29 alumnus Lanny Cox, and his magically canine friend, Zorro, made the evening even more pleasantly memorable. It is always good to see old friends!

Then it was on to the main event. Gerry Bailey, auctioneer par excellence, was in top form. Mike Curtis snapped up his usual bargains, Sid Salmans provided copious quantities of books, videos and apparatus of the highest caliber, and Derrick Rose continued his lifelong quest for magic made for TV.

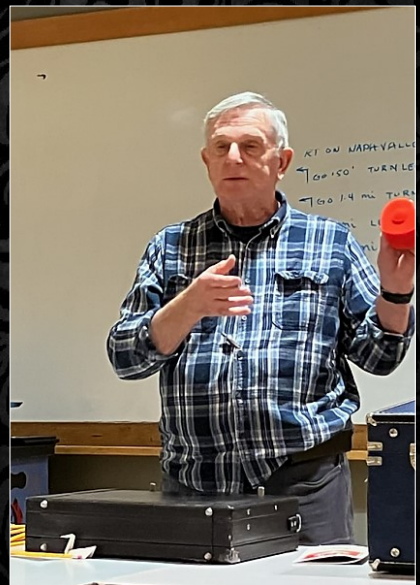
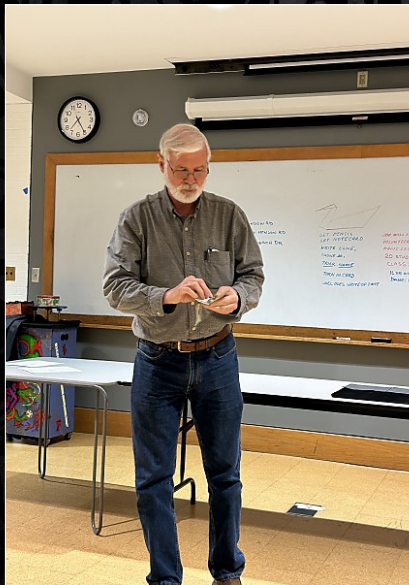
There were bargains galore, and bidding was fierce. Special thanks to Christy Henson, James Kinsey, Bill Fulton and Mike Curtis for their organizational skills, executive abilities, and most importantly, strong-arm collection tactics! A great time was had by all.

Bidding was limited to the first listed 150 items. However, the event was such a success that requests to extend the auction to our next meeting will most likely be honored. To be continued (?).

That meeting was particularly memorable because it was a magic auction masterfully conducted by the Ring's premiere auctioneer, Gerry Bailey. He had a special flair for combining his wit with fast paced promotion to get us to bid higher and higher. He was a talented magician as well as a master at many other impressive endeavors. His recent passing took away a bright inspiring light from within the Ring. He will continue to be missed, but fond memories of that stately gentleman with his wry smile and twinkle in his eye remain with us all. Our prayers of comfort continue for his family.

Until next time, remember, according to Mehmet Murat Ildan, "Every lesson you take from the past immediately turns into stairs to the light!"

April Performers



Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 13, 2024	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	Mary Ann Campbell
February	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Number Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Coin Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Terry Library 2015 Napa Valley Drive	Liquid Magic	N/A	Joel Nicholson
May	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Classic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Rope Magic	N/A	
August	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Card Magic	N/A	
September	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR 72223.	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained from http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf.

Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

www.littlerockmagic.net or www.littlerockmagic.org

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "Mr Magic"
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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