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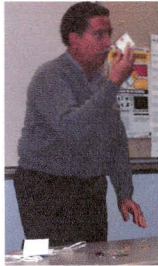
NEWSLETTER

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January Club Meeting Smoke & Mirrors Show tickets

are on sale now. Evan presided over our first meeting of the year and started the club meeting off with an exercise called "A Sack of Crap". Six groups of 5 members each were given a different bag of items and 10 minutes to develop and present a routine, performed before the body.



The Librarian's challenge: Who was the husband of Adelaide Herrmann? Answer: Alexander, answered by Evan.



The Monthly Magician highlighted: P. T. Tibbles (1879-1923), presented by Jeff Dial. Performing before the club; Philemon with some high tech PDA magic, Don Brisbane with one of his classic card counts, and Payne with "Balloon Bunny Foo-foo & Home Detention Collar".



Next regular meeting will be, **Feb. 14th, 7:00pm** at the **Blue Ridge Fire Station**, 18800 - 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood. Remember you can save on the cost of lectures if your NWRP 2008 dues are paid up to date now, \$15.00 annually saves you \$5.00 at each lecture.

Ruben Barron announced: Outta Control Magic, an opportunity to perform in the Laughs Comedy Spot in Kirkland. Shows are the 3rd Thursday of each month. Check out myspace.com/ottacontrolmagic.

Upcoming Events outside of the Puget Sound area:
Stan Kramien's Northwest Magic Jamboree, Newberg, OR. The 21st Annual NWMJ is set for April 25-26, 2008. www.magicjamboree.com
PCAM 2008 Convention

The next Pacific Coast Association of Magicians Convention is slated for July 10-13, 2008, Monterey, CA. www.pcam2008.com

I.B.M./S.A.M. 2008 Combined Convention
This special event--to be held in Louisville, KY--is set for July 21-26, 2008. www.ibmsam2008.com

Lectures for 2008 are shaping up nicely with a variety of talent, including: **Ken Scott**, lecturing; February 23rd. **Steve Beam**, lecturing in April 2008.

Lectures are only \$20 for NWRP paid members, \$8 for ROS members and \$25 for all others. Join us in 2008.

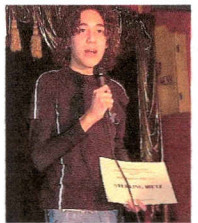
Ring of Smoke just a reminder: the meetings are the third Sunday of each month. I am still alone as facilitator, something I'd like to change for 2008. I'd like to put together a board made up of parents & helping magicians. If you would like to volunteer for the ROS board, let me know. Our meeting January 20th was well attended and had a 9 year old, Anthony perform for the first time in front of a group. Matt, Zach, and Adam also performed. Dave Callahan, Fred Turner, and Rich Waters showed a few tricks and taught some things, as well as donated several boxes of past issues of Geni and Linking Ring magazines to the members. See you February 17th for our next meeting. We will still be meeting at: Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant, 122- 128th Street SE Everett.

Contributed by:

Bruce Meyers

Christmas Party was Sunday afternoon, January 6th,

at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant in south Everett. New club officers were recognized: Evan West is our new president, and Jim Rodgers was elected second vice president for 2008. Awards were presented for 2007 accomplishments: The Magician of the Year award went to Sterling Dietz, the Palmeroy award



went to Ralph Huntzinger, and the President's Choice went to Roger Needham. This year we were treated to a line up of entertainment by Sterling Dietz, Shawn O'Donnell, and Magic Joe. A great time was had by all.



The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Magic Mondays - Ravenna Third Place Books each month. Offering live close up and stage performance opportunities. It's the Second Monday of each month at 6504 20th Av. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. www.ravennathirdplace.com Tableside close up, begins at 6:30 pm, & the platform show begins at 7pm. It's a good venue for working your magic with an appreciative audience. For details or booking contact Fred Turner (206-526-2752 or fredrickmagic@yahoo.com).



Northwest Ring of Fire Member Survey Results

The Officers and Board of the NW Ring of Fire surveyed the paid membership for the first time in November 2007. Response was good, with approximately 40% responding. The survey was conducted via e-mail & web.

In sending the survey out to the members, there were quite a number of bounced e-mail addresses. If you did not receive a survey invitation, please update your contact information with Roger Needham or Don Bloomer.

Amongst the results, we learned that:

- 39% of us attend meetings monthly
- 22% of us attend 8 to 10 times a year.
- 48% of us are part-time performers
- 30% of us are hobbyists
- 13% are full time performers
- 63.6% of us perform at the meetings
- 36.4% of us do not

The following questions were set up to allow multiple responses.

When asked why we attend meetings, we said:

- To talk about magic - 90.9%
- To learn about magic - 72.7%
- To see magic performed - 63.6%
- To have a night out with friends - 40.9%
- To perform magic - 36.4%
- To have a night out of the house - 9.1%

When asked what we enjoy about the meetings, we said:

- Member performances - 90.9%
- Teach-in sessions (trick/sleight taught to whole group) - 86.4%
- Workshop sessions (trick/sleight taught to small breakout groups) - 86.4%
- Works In Progress (performances with written feedback from all members) - 68.2%
- Librarian challenges (magic trivia contests) - 54.5%
- History of magic talks - 54.5%
- Collector's item/rare prop presentation - 54.5%
- Officer (President/VP) challenges (performance creativity challenges) - 50.0%
- Videos of magician's performances - 50.0%
- Videos of magician explaining tricks - 31.8%

What else did the survey say? Amongst the comments and suggestions, there were requests for:

- More structured schedule for each meeting.
- More encouragement of others to perform or demonstrate without fear, i.e. no heckling. The club is a good place to be bad so we can get better.
- More magic and less business meeting!
- More teaching/learning opportunities. Not just teaching sessions, but with the aim of getting in front of the group and doing something.
- "Contests and awards" to encourage performance.
- Have a limited amount of time to get in groups of 2 or 3 and have each person show & teach a trick that they have learned during the previous month.

The 2008 Officers and Board are currently working to implement many of the ideas you suggested. They are only a few people who can do only so much. If you see something that you feel needs done, volunteer to do it. If you want to see something happen that isn't, volunteer to make it happen. The Lynnwood Magic Club is only as strong as each of you make it

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Fred Turner



The Third Wednesday of each month between 6:30 and 10:30 pm Roger Needham and a group of magicians get together at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant for an informal time of practice and sharing magic skills. Just look for a table or two with a bunch of; cards, rings, ropes, cups and balls... And you've found them.



A message from our President:

My goals for the upcoming year:

1. Make the meetings as fun as possible
2. Attract new and repeat members
3. Give back to the community
4. Publish newsletter back in Linking Ring
5. Expand the performance skills & knowledge of the club members.

The Themes for the year are as follows:

Feb. 14, LOVE magic
Mar. 14, Birthday magic
Apr. 10, Money magic
May: 8, Effects you shouldn't have bought
Jun. 12, Pirate magic
Jul. 10, Beach magic
Aug. 14, Coin magic
Sep. 11, Magic with music
Oct. 9, Halloween magic
Nov. 13, Adult magic
Dec. 11, Holiday magic

Also some new club events like the Monthly Magician, Show and don't tell, and the review group.

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Evan West



A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.



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