



N E W S L E T T E R

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Smoke & Mirrors is set for Saturday **April 2, 2005** at the Everett P.U.D. theater with show times at 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm. The proceeds will be split with the **Burned Children Recovery Fund**. Tickets are \$10. for adults, and \$7. for children. Contact Roger Needham for tickets at rkneedham@hotmail.com.

We still need plenty of help with this production. If you can help out in any way on April 2nd, please contact Brian Cook (*show chairman*) by phone at (425) 418-2255, or e-mailing him at briancookmagic@msn.com.

As many of you may have heard, the Northwest Ring of Fire will be producing the program to be handed out at Smoke & Mirrors. (The programs will be letter size folded in half.) If you are a magician for hire, this is a great place to advertise! The people receiving these programs will of course be fans of magic. For those of you not hustling magic gigs, can support this effort by advertising yours or your employer's business in the program, all for the low rate of: Full page = \$110, a half page = \$60, a quarter page (*business card size*) = \$35. Don't wait! Contact Don Bloomer at (206) 364-6056 or e-mail him at donhblומר@yahoo.com.



A quick reminder concerning our club meeting location/agreement . . . sales are not allowed at the club, but occasional notification of a new product release by club members is okay. Actual sales (or exchange of money) needs to take place elsewhere (such as the Buzz Inn).



Bruce Johnson would like everyone to know; what he will be doing this year is teaching and performing at the Magic Show Conference May 12-14 in Branson, Missouri. The conference is organized by Duane & Mary Laflin and Marty & Brenda Hahne. The thing that makes this conference unique is that it is focused on showmanship and how to do different types of shows. There are no trick lectures. Tricks are taught, but only in the context of illustrating an aspect of showmanship. Further information can be found at www.Dazzlingmagic.com or www.CharlieTheJugglingClown.com.



Joe Rehaume would like to thank the club for their support after the theft of his car containing all of his magic. He was able to perform for a gig he had that weekend thanks to the club's help.



The Magic of Brian Ledbetter & Company

A whimsical evening of enchantment, mystery, miracles, and magic. A theatrical magic and illusion show in two acts to benefit Skagit Community Art Theatre Skagit County's second oldest community theatre organization!

Showtimes:

Th. February 24 and March 3 – 7:30 PM

Fri. February 18, 25 and March 4 – 7:30 PM

Sat. February 19, 26 and March 5 – 7:30 PM

Matinees – Sat. Feb.26 & Mar. 5 – 2:00 PM

Sun. February 20 also at 2:00 PM

Ticket: Adults - \$12.00

Seniors & Students - \$10.00

Children under 6 - \$5.00

Family Package - \$45.00 up to 6

Thurs. February 24 is Half Price

SCAT Theatre

720 Murdock Street

Sedro-Woolley, WA

For Reservations and Information call 360-855-9680, or visit our website [HYPERLINK](http://WWW.Skagitact.Org)

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Local family needs our help!

On December 31, 2004, Jessica Aldrete shared many of the same hopes for the upcoming New Year as most of us. She looked forward to enjoying the love of her wonderful children, Cassandra (10) and Armando (7), as well as the daily companionship of her parents, Benjamin and Aurora Soltero, of Paraiso's Restaurant in Smokey Point where Jessica was also employed. Unfortunately, due to a driver whose blood alcohol level was nearly twice the legal limit, Jessica's plans were cut short when she was involved in an auto accident later that night resulting in the death of a dear friend and severe head trauma to herself. Jessica has survived brain surgery but remains in a coma.

Jessica is currently in an extended care facility in Tacoma, 80 miles from home, making it difficult for her family & friends to provide the daily support that is vital to the recovery of coma patients. Our goal is to bring Jessica closer to her family and to relieve them of some of their financial burden. PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING JESSICA AND HER CHILDREN BY ATTENDING A **BENEFIT BREAKFAST & AUCTION**

Sat. March 12th & Sun. March 13th 7am – 11am

Paraiso's Mexican Restaurant

3611 – 168th St. NE, Smokey Point

(360) 653-6133

Donations accepted at any Bank of America branch, under "Let's help Jessica". Thank you for your support.

Benjamin Soltero, (father) is a performing magician and member of our Lynnwood Club.



Last months club meeting theme, was a performance workshop. "Try out a routine or effect". It was a great success with Rich Waters, Don Bloomer, Jeff Dial, Payne, and Kirk Charles who even had his own pre-typed critique. A friendly audience of their peers offered some great suggestions and tips.



Lectures

- Don Bloomer wants to remind us of upcoming lectures:
 - o **Daryl** - **March 12th** Saturday 6:00pm, at the Edmonds P.U.D. auditorium.
 - o **Bob Sheets** - **April 16th** Saturday afternoon at the Edmonds P.U.D. auditorium.

* * * See: accompanying flyers * * *



On Saturday afternoon (Feb 19th), Banachek lectured to a packed room of 40 – 50 people. His lecture contained everything from PK touches, to predictions, to card tricks, to psychokinetic pens, to metal bending, and a business card trick for magicians and mentalist alike. Some came from clubs as far away as; Spokane, Wa. and Coeur d' Alene, Id. well worth the time & travel!



Subtle . . .



Not So Subtle . . .



Next regular meeting will be: **March 10th**, 7:00pm, at the **Blue Ridge Fire Station**, 18800 - 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood. The theme for the March Meeting is a trivia game show with a magic theme. Jeff Dial, our Emcee says "come try your luck and win a new Cougar or Jaguar. . . or whatever 'stray cat' we can find". . . .



Check out our club's web site at: <http://www.nwringoffire.com>