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The International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring #6
 "The Delaware Valley Conjurers Club"

www.magictalk.com/dvcc

March 28, 2001

April Meeting 4/9 - 7:30 p.m.

Hello fellow conjurers,

We have an incredible and fun-filled night for you this month!!! This is our **children's magic** workshop night and I personally can't wait!

We have 20 or so children coming(thanks Pont!) to see the show. Here's how it's going to work;

7:30- Showtime! We will start promptly at 7:30 with a show featuring some of our best area children's entertainers! **Eric Paul** will MC followed by **The Amazing Poly**, **Silly Reba**(not confirmed) and **Ed Schmitt**. The kids will than be led out to the lobby where they will get a magic prize and balloon animals.

I still need some more volunteers for doing balloons for the kids. So far **Ba-Ba** has stepped up, but we could use some others. Please contact me.

We will than reconvene for a few announcements and directly into the lecture protion. I will be giving a mini-lecture right out of my new course for children magicians and Poly will talk with us about what works and what doesn't in kid's shows. We will then open the floor to y'all to share your experience and pet routines with us.

This looks to be a great evening of sharing what most of us do, entertain children with our magic. Come out and learn some valuable information from those actually in the "trenches"! Don't forget also, you are invited to bring your children to the show as long as you have transportation for them afterwards. We will be demonstrating effects and for obvious reasons, we ask that there be no lay-man present. Thanks!

Club Business

Wednesday, March 28, 2001 America Online: HGaul

Due to having the public at this meeting, there will be no business meeting. Please take advantage of our new announcement board and table in the back of the room.

Member Profile

This month, our good buddy Pont introduces us to our current Vice-President, Don Camp...

Don Camp by Aurelio "Pont" Pontarelli

If you've seen the new Burger tome, you have seen evidence of Don Camp's artistic talent(he created the cover photo). This multitalented man came from a small Western Pennsylvania steel mill town. His first experiences with magic occurred at a young age. A friend's father did some effects, but more influential was when his father did a Halloween show for the kids. Do you believe he did needle swallowing and not one of the kids tried to repeat it, except for Don. Another and perhaps most influencing experience was walking five miles each way on Country roads to see the Dr. Carlo stage show, which he saw twice. By then he was hooked. A magic junkie. A teenager who remained locked in his room with five of the then six Tarbell volumes, Greater Magic, other little bits of purchased magic, all given to him by his father.

Don stood many hours practicing in front of a mirror, doing an occasional show. Freddie Meryle, saw one of his shows and sponsored that fifteen year old kid for membership in the IBM. He gave advice, pointers, and introduced Don to a wider world of magic. He never went to the IBM meetings or met any other magicians. But in 1955, that was not the thing to do.

Don continued magic in the United States Air Force where he actually did some touring with his magic, winning several base, and air division talent contests. Then in 1966, he decided to get married, (in France to Marie Dumont), be more serious with his photography, and have a few children (Dorothea, and Stephanie). Don stopped doing shows but kept his eyes on magic. In 1972 Don moved to Philadelphia to work as a staff photographer for the Philadelphia Evening

& Sunday Bulletin. Don also visited Chanin's Magic Studio on occasion. Jack sponsored his membership in the Houdini Club. During the 1982 annual competition Don claims that Jack withdrew from the competition so that Don would win first place. He performed while standing on a chair, a most beautiful torn and restored dollar bill and was awarded first place with a

modified version of Nelson's Needle In A Haystack.

He took a hiatus from magic to attend both under graduate, and graduate school at Tyler School of Art. (Why would anyone do this at age 42?) Anyway Don did it and it was worth it. He is now a professor at Ursinus College. His photography has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship (very prestigious), a National Endowment for the Arts (prestigious too), A Pew fellowship (ditto), American Academy in Rome, (Yup!) and several Pennsylvania Council for the Arts fellowships, and other stuff.

Don thinks the magic world is a lot nicer than it was in 1955. It was fun to attend his first IBM convention in Virginia seeing Tommy Wonder, and Lennart Green. He met Marc DeSouza who had this cup collection that Don just had to see. He also did flawless magic. He met Larry Reichlin in HocusPocus, they talked, lost each other, and met again at Marc's lectures. Don kept meeting new magicians like Berger, Maven, Green, Wonder, McBride, Nu, and on an on.

Anyway, magic has been a part of his life since Don was a kid and it still is. "My greatest fear of performing is that even though I hate to see magic butchered, I'm more afraid of butchering it myself. But unless magic is performed, it's not magic. Magic is a performance art." Obviously Don has a great reverence for all forms of art, and he strives for beauty in all he does.

Members in the News

John Cassidy did it again. He won back his Guinness Book of World Record for the most balloons blown up and constructed in an hour. He had to win back his previously set record from some balloon guy from Germany. Congratulations John!

Mike & Andrew Grasso appeared with Ed Schmitt and others at The Colonial Theater on Saturday. It was a complete sell-out for them and they raised a bunch of money for the Society of Young Magicians & Holy Family School. Good Job!

Marc DeSouza is coordinating efforts for the upcoming Franklin Institute exhibit on science and magic. There will be walk-around shows and magic classes given by our members and it should be great exposure for the club. Thanks Marc!

Dick Gustafson and his beautiful wife, Joanne, will be appearing at The Village Players Theater in Hatboro April 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14th. Call: 215-657-3311 for tickets and information.

Ba-Ba, A.K.A. Rich Cahoone, is holding workshops at his home with Ed Winkens. Call him if you are interested in attending and learning some magic in a hands-on enviroment! 610-344-7943

Just For Fun

Norm Klar sent me this one and I understand everyone will have to do this criminal check before renewing their dues:

www.policeguide.com/cgi-bin/criminal-search

Check out our other local magic ring, The Society of American Magicians:

<http://members.aol.com/phillysam4/home.html>

A valuable resource and excellent newsletter for magicians:

<http://www.thelearnedpig.com.pa/>

Upcoming Events

May - Ray Kosby Lecture!	June - Mini-Convention/Strolling Lectures	July - open, possibly video night
August - Restaurant Night	Sept. - Cody Fisher Lecture!	Oct. - Close-up Contest
Nov. - Stage/Platform Contest	Dec. - Holiday Banquet	

That's all for now. See ya on the 9th with the kids!
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(Professional Magician)

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