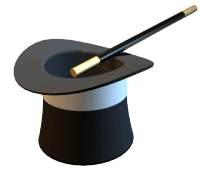


The Apparition



January Welcomes 2008 and our Auction!

Congrats to the winners of the stage contest! It was a fantastic night of magic, food, and fun. I would also like to congratulate all of the contestants and performers. It was a great show.

This month's meeting is our legendary auction. **DON'T BE STINGY!** I KNOW you have 100 VHS videos and 200 DVDs that you never watch. Bring some to be auctioned. I KNOW you have 100 books that you never read. I know you have 1,000 tricks you never use. They just sit in your closet weeping because they are no longer loved. Bring them to the auction where they can find a new home where they will be loved and treasured. Come ready to sell. Come ready to buy. We need auction items in order for this to be a successful night. Last year was not as good as years past because we didn't have much stuff to auction. So do your part. See you there!

Here are some photos of the contest courtesy of Dave Kelly.



I.B.M. Ring 6

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Meeting Times:

January 14, 2008

- 7:00 PM The Doors Open
- 7:15 PM Socialize/Dealers
- 8:00 PM Business Meeting
- 8:30 PM Annual Auction

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From the President? by Forrest Chapman

I suppose this month I will wax eloquent on the subject of prioritizing. Life is busy and frankly sometimes difficult. Sometimes one reaps the benefits and rewards of hard work and discipline. But sometimes one just works hard. Sometimes it is a lonely road. Sometimes one is faced with important decisions. Sometimes the right thing to do is very clear. Sometimes one doesn't know what to do. Sometimes life is joyful and pleasurable. Sometimes life is frustrating and stressful.

At the end of one year and the beginning of the next I believe it is wise to reflect on mistakes made, accomplishments achieved, and areas of improvement and progress in the previous year. It is also profitable to ponder the best plan of action for the new year. I learned a lot in 2007. I grew a lot in 2007. I made a lot of mistakes in 2007. One thing I really need to do is prioritize in 2008.

Right now I need to focus on God, school, family, and work. Believe it or not those four things can take everything I have to juggle and balance. I have to let some things go. After careful consideration I have decided to step down as president of the club and let someone else have a crack at it. I am happy to contribute to the well-being of the magic community, but when it comes in conflict with the above four things, I must prioritize. Having said that, you will still see me around and even at some of the meetings. I won't be a stranger.

Forrest

December Ring Report

By Dave Kelly

December 2007 Ring 6 Report

Everyone in the club pitched in to make our annual Christmas/Holiday Party and Stage Competition night a tremendous success. President Forrest Chapman ended his first term by coordinating all of the details: Half of us brought desserts, half brought pre-dinner munchies. Forrest and his wife bought several super size sandwiches from Subway for the main entrée. We set up the hall as a banquet room, and munched away as the participants nervously got ready for the main event: The 2007 Stage Magic Contest. This year we had five contestants and one (who was too young) exhibition performer.

President Chapman acted as Master of Ceremonies for the contest, and had just enough magic ready to give each act time to set up behind the curtain. He entertained with his amazing Rubik's Cube, short Thimble Act, and Sponge balls, among others. New member Steve Cambian treated us to his amazing stage act. He produced several colorful doves, vanished candles, and then vanished a cage full of the magical doves. He finished by transforming two of the doves into a large white bunny rabbit! Classic stuff with a modern twist.

Ten year old Yosyph, not old enough to compete, showed us a great routine with a framed picture of a magic Top Hat that produced a rabbit, then vanished it, and then produced a picture of flowers. He has the stage presence of a veteran, and

his routines are always polished and well-rehearsed.

Hunter Gaul had a routine of classic magic, including spikes through balloon, an amazing card prediction, and a show-stopping Head Chest. In this effect, he used a volunteer and placed a sword box on the head of this young victim. Hunter then pushed nine swords into the box. The real shocker was when he opened the doors to reveal that the head was gone! Fortunately, Hunter removed the swords and restored the young man's head, to great applause.

Professor Rem had a volunteer, young Alyssa Schmitt, help him to cut a lady into three parts. Actually, it was a large playing card with the Queen of Hearts on the face. Rem placed the card into an open-faced envelope with two openings and had a plastic jigsaw "cut" the card. We didn't believe that the Queen was cut, then he removed the middle section of the Queen! When he replace the middle, it was backwards, but somehow this section was now part of the original card.

Al Angelo put aside his amazing juggling to present some pure magic. He used only rope, and started with what looked like the old Professor's Nightmare. The kicker was when he tossed the three ropes into the air, and they were now all REALLY the same length! He had a lovely volunteer (Pete Cuddihy's mother) help him to cut a rope three times. He then restored the rope to a single piece.

David Hale also began with his Patriotic Rope mystery: A red rope, white rope, and blue rope were tied together, then became a single length of red-white-blue rope. The curtain

Ring Report

Comic Magic

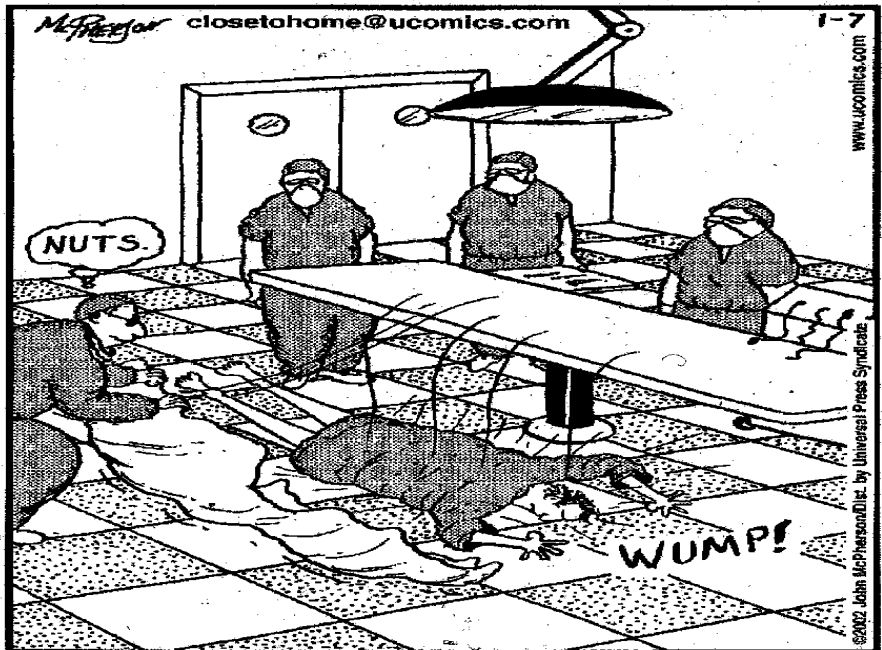
opened, and we next watched as David's assistant (Mrs. Hale!) tied him onto a large wooden beam with several lengths of rope. As a strobe light flashed, David visibly walked through the ropes!

Performances done, President Chapman distributed ballots to everyone in the hall, and asked for us to vote for our top three performers. He collected the ballots and announced the results as soon as his team tabulated them.

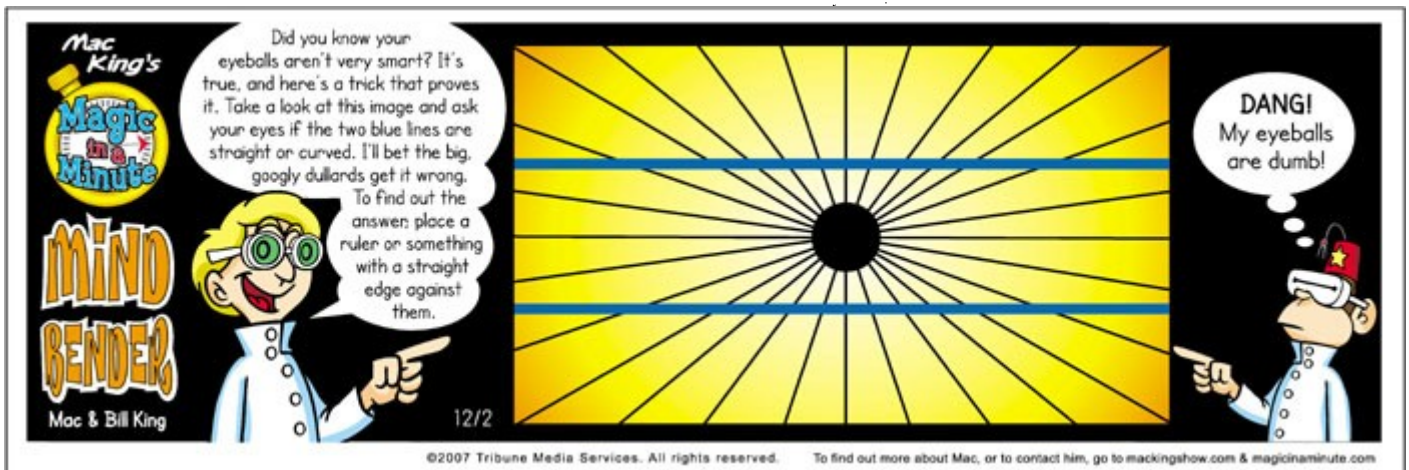
Here are the winners for 2007 Stage Magician of the Year: Champion - Steve Cambian; Second Place - Hunter Gaul; Third Place - Al Angelo. They will receive their awards and gift certificates at the January meeting.

Dave Kelly

CLOSE TO HOME



An aspiring magician as well as a top-notch surgeon, Dr. Curmbott always tried the old tablecloth trick after each operation.

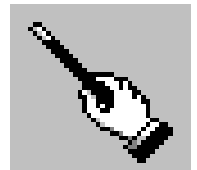


Annual Dues are Due!

It is time again for the annual dues to be paid. This revenue is crucial for the Ring to provide a quality program for the year, so please pay them promptly. The dues this year are \$30.00. There will also be a form for each member to complete that will provide the Ring with some general

information. We will be asking for your name, address., phone numbers and email address. The email addresses will be used for the distribution of the monthly newsletter. There will also be a check box to indicate if you need to have the newsletter sent via the U.S. Postal Service. This option is only available

to those who do not have an email address. The directory that results from this information will be available to all members via the web site and will be password protected.



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Submit Articles to "The Apparition"

The Apparition is your newsletter as much as it is any other member's of Ring 6. We encourage you to submit your ideas, articles, tricks and anything else that you may think of to make it better for all. It is a big job to create the entire newsletter all alone every month. I am happy to do it, but all of your voices will make it more enjoyable to the membership. Feel free to bring your articles to any Ring 6 meeting and I will include them in the next issue. You can also email your content to me at :
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The newsletters are going to be published two weeks prior to each meeting. This will allow time for the post office to deliver them to the recipi-

ents that receive them through the mail. That means that the deadline for any contributions from the members is the last Monday of the month. Articles that are submitted after that date will be placed in the following issue.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire Ring to produce a great newsletter.

David S. Hale—Newsletter.

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