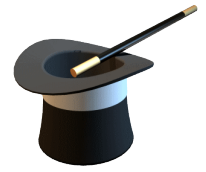


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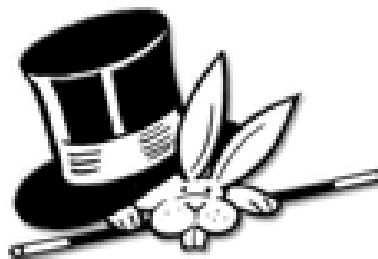
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Miscellaneous Musings by Forrest Chapman

I think that all of us who perform kid's shows have a built in ego check (and that's a good thing - I think). As a performer we are often paid high complements (strangely enough, even if the material isn't all that great). I find that many magicians' heads are way too big for their ability. To be a good magician, one has to study narrative, theater, comedy, sleight of hand, audience management, psychology, and a host of other things. Many magicians work so hard in these areas and spend hours honing their skills and mastering the art. One can imagine himself receiving accolades and honors. He may even receive these in real life. He may receive many complements. He may receive wonderful audience reactions. He may have a full performing schedule. All these things can make one start to think that he is hot stuff. But then there's the ultimate equalizer: the kid's show.

One can come off of a high paying gig where his mode of self-expression was appreciated by all. And it never fails. The next day he walks into a kid's show and the Barney theme song is playing, "I love you. You love me. We're a happy family..." The parents think for some reason that a 2-year old can sit through a 45-minute show. He toddles around and throws your stuff all over the living room. Grandpa heckles you with several "original" lines like, "Can you make my wife disappear?" The 2-year old starts screaming during the show because he hurt himself on one of your expensive props and now all you can think of is "lawsuit" as you wrap up the disaster. To top it off, the birthday child kicks you in the shins. You now hate being a magician and

contemplate quitting for the 7,000th time. A normal job as a salesman suddenly looks appealing. But most importantly, the ego has been deflated. You are no longer the king of the world, you are just you. And you walk out of the kid's show a normal human being. But most importantly, you walk out of that kid's show just being you.

Do I love doing kid's shows? Sometimes. But sometimes I hate doing them. But it's the times that I hate doing them that they are the healthiest for me.

See you all in April!

Forrest



February Ring Report

By Dave Kelly

We took care of nominations for club president before starting tonight's lecture by visiting pro John Luka. John's gentle evening of magic amazed us, and was very well organized to maximize the learning. John's approach was to perform several

effects, then he broke it down into simple components so that we could all learn the main points.

John began with his version of John Kennedy's amazing shrinking deck. First he took a regular deck from a card box, then the box shrunk! Then the cards shrunk! Then they got large again. He combined it with a card reveal. All very simple to do.

Next was Michigan Monte, done with four large, ungimmicked cards. An Ace kept jumping to the table, and finally the three blank cards turned into Aces! Another card effect had a signed card vanish from the deck and appear in his pocket. He even repeated the effect and still fooled us!

In a break from cards, he showed three differently colored balls, which vanished one at a time from his hands. Then he vanished all of them at once.

Another card effect used a Z Fold wallet very effectively to produce the climax.

John's notes and book sold well at the break. He gave us a full evening of great learning of new magic.

Dave Kelly



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.

Newsletter News

I have enjoyed publishing the Ring 6 Newsletter "The Apparition" for over the last 2 years. Due to other commitments and lack of time in my schedule, I regret to announce that this will be the last newsletter that I will be publishing. I am happy to pass this endeavor onto someone else in the Ring. I would ask that any and all interested parties please see me at the March meeting and I will pass all necessary information on to my successor. I have enjoyed being of service to the Ring. I will continue to update the Ring web site.

Thank you for the opportunity.

David S. Hale

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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.

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