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A Message from Your President

By José Ramirez

Can you it's May already? Where has the time gone. Before you know it, it will be Christmas again and maybe we should start thinking about our January Installation Banquet! ☺

I want to personally congratulate all mothers this month for Mother's Day! ¡Feliz día de las madres!

The theme for our May meeting will be **Mother's Day**. So bring some magic dealing with family entertainment. And, as always, you may perform off theme as well.

The Workshop this month will be **Coin Magic** hosted by myself and **Bill Marquardt**. We will be showing some simple easy to do sleights to accomplishing some amazing coin miracles. Please plan to attend!

Our good friend and member **Michael McGriff** has been absent for a while, but he has not been idle! Michael is the head of our clubs **Mentoring** program and he has been working on several programs in his absence.

One of the projects **Michael** is suggesting is something called **Para Bracelets**. (See below.)



I am not going to steal **Michael's** thunder about this project. I will let him tell you all about it when he returns.

A very special **Thank You** goes out to **CaroleYvonne Kula** for her outstanding contributions to both our club and to our community. **Carole** has been working tirelessly with the **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** and has managed to make **SAM 112** a member of that organization! I am told that this is one of the largest Chambers of Commerce in California and we can attend their reunions and presentations any time we want or can. This can be a most valuable and important tool to our club. So, we all need to get more involved with our community.

Did you know that SAM 112 is celebrating its 40th birthday this year?

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016!



Meeting Report

By **Bill Marquardt**

Following some important messages from President José Ramirez, our April meeting quickly turned into our annual Game Night. The contest is always a lot of fun and this year's competition was no exception. Master of Ceremonies **Roy Porfido** laid out the rules, which are briefly explained here. Each contestant is asked a randomly selected question about Mt. Diablo Assembly 112. A correct answer allows the contestant to choose one of several closed paper bags holding a complete prop that he or she will use to perform a magic effect; an incorrect answer requires the contestant to choose a bag with an incomplete prop and thus need to be a bit more creative. Audience members select the two best performances in a secret ballot.

Of the eight contestants, five answered their questions correctly. Shame on the rest of us, including me.

First to perform was **Jerry Barrilleaux**. Jerry advised that he might not get a big hand from the audience, but no matter; he literally pulled a big hand out of a paper bag! The hand was a prop made of rubber and the surprise drew huge laughs from the audience.



correctly divined the thoughts of the spectator.

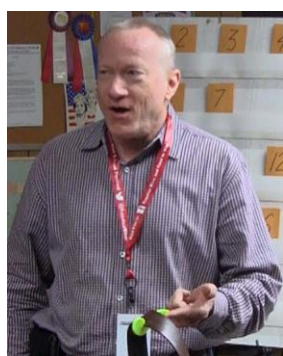
After Nate, **Bill Marquardt** took the stage. Bill showed a small egg vase such as might be used to serve a hard-boiled egg, complete with an egg inside. After a magic gesture, he changed the egg into a small tomato which filled the space in the vase.



Germar demonstrated his card handling skills by producing several perfect cascades with a deck of cards. When the cards accidentally slipped past his lower hand it was revealed that the deck was actually a gag item with all the cards connected to each other, drawing big laughs from the audience. Work on those skills, Germar! (Just

kidding.)

José Ramirez exhibited a pair of empty nested boxes, put them back together, and then produced a sponge ball from the inside of the inner box. He says he did this with the help of a little assistant who was also found inside the boxes.



Next contestant was **Ric Ewing**. Ric was able to coax a volunteer to remove the belt from his trousers to be used in a demonstration of defying gravity. You really need to see this one in action in order to understand it. The prop is a sort of stick that naturally falls to the floor if you try to balance it by placing one end on a finger. Add the weight of the belt to the other end of the stick and the impossible happens: everything appears to be magically suspended in midair, held up by the same finger at one end of the stick.

Nate Wilson added a couple of his own props to the secret one, allowing him to perform a complete routine involving a rope, linking rings, and a Rubik's Cube, all leading into a bit of mind reading. A spectator was asked to concentrate mentally on one of the props. Nate



Laurel Patterson brought out a length of rope and attempted to hypnotize it into standing rigid. On the third try she succeeded, the rope remaining completely horizontal in a sort of

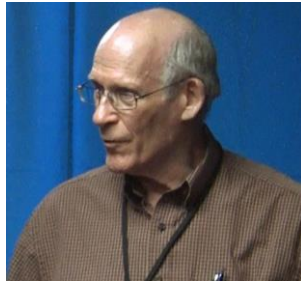
sideways Indian rope trick.

Eighth and final contestant was **David Hirata**. David had a card chosen and memorized by the audience. He then shuffled the card into the deck and asked a volunteer to choose a card, promising it would be the card chosen earlier. Such was not the case. After this failure, another volunteer searched the deck for the correct card but it was nowhere in the deck, apparently



having vanished. David then produced the card from a back pocket.

"Honest Bob" Holdridge tallied the votes from the audience and the winners were announced. Congratulations go to first place winner **Laurel Patterson** who garnered a gift certificate from Starbucks. Tied for second place were **David Hirata** and **Nate Wilson**. They cut cards to determine who would walk away with the second gift certificate, with David being the lucky winner.



The contest was only part of the fun. Other activities included a raffle for some great magic props and open performances by magicians **Jerry Barrilleaux**, **John Rosenberg**, **Nate Wilson**, **David Hirata**, **Chris Throop**, and **José Ramirez**.



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SYM APRIL REPORT

Carole Yvonne Kula

The highlight of our April meeting was a smart-mouthed wooden guest, **REGGIE**. Everyone had so much fun listening to the presentation by him and ventriloquist, **JERRY**. The young magi then asked the puppet questions. More fun. **JERRY** taught all how to "talk" for a "dummy" especially how to say the difficult letters... B, F, M, P, V, W & Y.

We are hoping to see and "hear" some results of this lesson at the next meeting. Six S.A.M. 112 members plus eight adults also enjoyed the show and lesson.

ROY, who taught and gave everyone the "Spiked Coin" effect, brought guest **Shibu**, with his children **Shivani** (7), and **Subash** (13), who wowed us with his card in a large picture frame effect.

Card effects were the popular theme with **SANJAY**, **ROBIN**, **APOLLO**, **ELWYN**, **TANNER**, and even SYM Junior Magician, **NATE the GREAT**, doing signed cards in his and volunteers teeth which changed signatures...Amazing!

Only **BELLA** changed the theme with a Rings effect and **DIEGO** by doing disappearing bottle in smashed bag.

The tricks of the month that everyone got to take home were a tiny sword in a case which cuts thru a pin or toothpick then shown to be whole, and **Color Sense Wands**.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY to all the dedicated parents who bring their children to these educational sessions. We all enjoy being here.



Dues Now Past Due

Dues for 2016 are now Past Due! If your dues have not yet been paid, you will be dropped from the Assembly's membership roster until you have paid all back dues.

Please send your dues to Treasurer Jerry Barrilleaux, 2724 Richard Ave, Concord, CA 94520.

Please pay by check (make check payable to SAM Assembly #112, or, cash at the May 18 Assembly meeting.

Dues are just \$25 for a saingle Assembly member, \$20.00 for a Junior member (ages 14-17), and \$5.00 for Household member. There are still several who have not yet renewed!



Supper Club and Magic Shop in Historic Downtown Martinez

MAY 20TH & 21st, 2016 - Doors Open at 7:30pm

**Juggler / Comedian - FRED
ANDERSON**



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Fred Anderson is a classic "vaudevilian" at heart. His brand of humor, juggling and even a bit of magic thrown in is a delight to behold! As the name "Frisco Fred" implies, he is locally grown from right here in the Bay Area. A regular at the Pier 39 stage and corporate events in California and all over the world, this gentleman brings his delightful entertainment to the California Magic stage this weekend.

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**Scheduled Meetings through
December 2016**

May 18 Mother's Day Magic

June 15 TBD

July 20 Comedy/Kids Magic

August 17 Stage Competition

September 21 Flea Market

October 19 Halloween Magic

November 16 Close-up Competition

December 21 TBA

SAM-112 meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Pleasant Hill VFW Hall. DIRECTIONS TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS:

From Highway 680, turn west on Oak Park Boulevard; when you get to Wendell Lane, turn right; Veterans of Foreign Wars is the second building on the left side of the street.

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