

Editors Note: Sadly, death has claimed five close friends or family members since October 11. As a result my ability to put out newsletters for the past few months has been severely disrupted.

I was in the process of putting together The Conjurer this evening and the program I have used for decades to produce this newsletter and other documents has suffered a catastrophic failure. I cannot recover several hours of work put into producing the December 2017 edition of the newsletter. Consequently, this is the format I will be using to produce a quick and dirty newsletter for this month. I hope I will be able to reconstruct some of the usual style elements I have included in our newsletter for the next issue. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by these software issues.



Presidents message – December 2017

Season's Greetings! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that another year is rapidly coming to a close but before we wave good-bye and bid a fond farewell to 2017 we will be having our last SAM 112 meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 PM and you won't want to miss it.

We are starting the gift giving early so instead of a workshop, our December meeting will feature our first annual SAM 112 Secret Santa gift exchange.

Since our club has never done this before I'm not sure exactly what to expect but I know it will be a lot of fun so please bring a wrapped new or gently used magic effect to give away and join the festivities. As I have said before, if you have been a magician for more than two months you probably have at least one effect that you don't use so here is your opportunity to trade for something else. For all those who don't own any magic or can't part with an effect from their magic closet we will have some extra wrapped goodies available so everyone can participate in the gift exchange.

The theme for this month's magic portion of our meeting will be holiday magic so be prepared to perform your favorite holiday effect for the group. Of course we will also have off-theme magic as well so if you don't have a holiday effect please bring something else to amaze the crowd.

With 2018 rapidly approaching I want to remind everybody that membership fees are due. The good news is that membership dues for 2018 will remain at the very reasonable price of just \$20.00 for members and \$5.00 for each additional family member. 2018 is shaping up to be another great year for our club with lots of fun and great magic and I know that you will want to be a part of it.

Finally, I would like to say what a privilege it was to serve as your club president this past year and thank all the people who served with me on the Board and the regular club members for making SAM 112 so fun and the great club it is.



Meeting Report by Sheldon Williams and written by Larry Wright

Because we had our close-up contests, there was no workshop at our November meeting. We had a small but mighty turnout and the contests were wonderful. Bob Holdridge moderated the contests which this year included One-Shot Amateur and Professional contestants and Professional contestants in the Full Close-up contest.

Mark Richardson lead off the performers in the Amateur One-shot category. I am sorry to say that the notes for the meeting report did not include what Mark performed. He was followed by Bill Hatteroth who did a wonderful coin routine.

Jerry Barrilleaux performed a close-up miracle using sticks imbedded with sparkly gems in the Professional One-shot category. Jerry happened to have a supply of these sticks available for sale being sold to benefit our Society of Young Magicians Assembly.

Up next, in the Full Close-up Contest, which entails doing a set suitable for a short (less than 10 minutes) close-up show were three performers in the Professional category. Germar wowed the audience with a series of close-up effects that were absolutely amazing. He was followed by Chris Herren and then Zappo.

In the end, Bill Hatteroth won the One-Shot Amateur contest, Jerry Barrilleaux was the winner in the One-Shot Professional contest, and Zappo won the Full Close-up Professional contest. There was no contestant in the Amateur category for the Full Close-up contest.

We held elections of officers as is always the case during our November meeting. Mark Richardson agreed to continue in his capacity of President for 2018. He will be ably assisted by First Vice-President Chris Herren; Second Vice-President Carole Yvonne Kula; Secretary Sheldon Williams; and Treasurer Jerry Barrilleaux. At the December Board Meeting President Mark Richardson appointed Bob Holdridge to serve as Member at Large. In addition, although he may be moving out of the area, Michael McGriff agreed to stay on board as Sergeant at Arms until his departure.

We had a series of members perform "off-theme magic." Once again, there is not a record of who performed what magic.

Below, please find a photograph of all of the Close-up Contest contestants:





S.Y.M. Report

By Carole Yvonne Kula

S.Y.M.112 reached a new high in 2017

The LOREN LIND Assembly 112 of the Society of American Magicians reaches a new high of 16 National memberships.

Our monthly meeting at Denny's welcomes any child and family to attend the monthly meeting at Denny's. There are usually twice as many adults as students, since the meeting is fun for all and the family members who sit in booths around the edge of the room enjoy the show while eating dinner.

All young magi ages 7-17 sit around center tables for their magic lesson. Every student has the opportunity to perform any 'trick' at the front of the room. The show goes on with guest magicians performing and often

giving out free items to all. The S.Y.M. Leaders show, teach and give out new magic effects to all the children who go home with 3 to 5 new items every month. There is NO charge. A donation box handles the cost of materials.

Many of the students choose to join the National SOCIETY OF YOUNG MAGICIANS. For the \$20 membership, a student gets a gold pin, membership card and an elegant certificate. Also, with a membership number, the young magician can go on line to learn tricks, get the SYMbol magazine and communicate with other young magicians all over the country.

So, we have a Denny's attendance of students who are National members, those who are not, and guests, as well as families. This month our ASSEMBLY 112 has reached the NEW HIGH OF 16 students who proudly wear their GOLD pins as official members of THE SOCIETY OF YOUNG MAGICIANS***

In November, KAELIE took her magicians Oath as she became 112's newest member.

Young magicians that you can always count on to give a performance at a meeting, DIEGO, ROBIN, BELLA, ZANE and now KAELIE, all performed classic effects, with DIEGO including a seasonal Christmas silk.

S.Y.M. Leaders taught the Tricks of the Month. JERRY gave Stoplight and Linzer Lens, and BOB did "4 card turn 1" and the World's Fastest Knot.

Also attending were S.A.M members KNUCKLEHEAD and CAROLEYVONNE , plus thirteen guests including JERRY's brother in law, ROBERT, from Los Angeles.

December will include TWO LARGE extra special GIFTS during the usual end of the meeting drawing. So, DO NOT MISS the MONDAY DECEMBER 18 S.Y.M. meeting.

YES, it is a week EARLY because the 4th Monday is CHRISTMAS DAY.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***

CaroleYvonne

NOTE: SPECIAL SUNDAY 12/17 EVENT:

Please join Our Community Service Team to do walk around magic on SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 1:00-3:00pm at a New children's bookstore in Lafayette.

(A magic mystery story book (for 8-12yr) by Neil Patrick Harris "Magic Misfits" with magic tricks, is just released and will be available.)

BEL and BUNNA's BOOKS, 3581C Mt. Diablo Blvd (next to Patxi's Pizza). Please call CaroleYvonne if you (adult/kid) can help us. 925) 408-9852 or 408-7020 Or email: carolesam112@gmail.com