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A Message from Your President

By Zappo (Larry Wright)

Important News!

We have learned that we are losing our meeting place in a couple of months.

The City of Pleasant Hill is closing the VFW Hall. As a result, we have started the process of looking for new meeting space.

One possibility is that we could meet at Denny's on Willow Pass Road in Concord. This is where our Board meetings happen and the S.Y.M. Assembly meets. They have a nice meeting room separated from the restaurant.

Here is what it would take to change to this new meeting location. First, we will need to change our meeting night from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday each month. For years, we met on the second Wednesday, so this may not be a problem. Second, some of us would need to order food on our meeting night. The restaurant would not charge us for the space, but they stay in business by selling meals, snacks and drinks. We **MUST** make purchases in order to "pay" for this meeting space. As of this moment, Denny's seems to be our best option. It is imperative that our members let any Board member know if changing meeting nights poses serious problems.

We have a couple of months before we are officially "evicted" from the VFW. We knew this was coming, so they have been very generous in giving us time to transition to a new space. We have had a great run at the VFW! If you have suggestions where we can find a **low cost** place to meet each month, tell any Board member and we will look into your suggestion.

Next, an apology for not publishing a newsletter in May and for the late nature of this combined May/June issue. I have had some health issues and that caused me to miss the publication deadline last month, last month's meeting, and to be late again in publishing this newsletter. Hopefully with the introduction of new medication I can get a handle on these life developments and get back on schedule. Thank you for your patience. BTW, this is going to be a pretty short and sweet issue. I have few pictures and only a small amount of copy to incorporate here this month.

Finally, we will be taking up Card Magic at the meeting this month. The workshop will be on The Memorized Deck, conducted by Chris Ivory. Bring a deck of cards to participate in the workshop. Then you can look forward to performing a favorite card trick if you plan to be on the monthly theme of Card Magic.

Next month will be Teach a Trick meeting. This has been very popular in past years, but we haven't done it for a while. All you need to do is bring something you can perform and then share the method and "teach" the trick. You don't have to formally teach the effect, but you are welcome to do so if you wish.

See you at the meeting!



Meeting Report

By Perry Rist

May Meeting

Game Show night with nine Magicians performing. Each performer is asked a question if they answer correctly they pick a paper bag that contains a complete magic trick of some sort and they must perform with it. If they are unable to answer the question they must pick a paper bag that has only a partial magic trick in it and they must perform with that.

Perry Rist was first up and answered wrong and picked a bag containing only about twenty playing cards. He performed a card prediction effect. Robert McKenna performed a "Zig Zag" rope effect that was amazing. Jerry Barrilleaux answered his question correctly and performed an effect called "Color Vision". A small box containing a cube with a different color on each side. This comes with many kids first magic set but Gerry's patter made it interesting and funny for everyone. Bob Holdridge performed with a Dove Pan changing a one dollar bill into a twenty dollar bill. After that several people were waving one dollar bills in the air wanting their own bills changed to a larger one, Bob declined the offers. Mark Taylor performed a "Rope through the Finger", effect that was surprising. Sergio Goldgaber performed the "In and Out Box". Paul Christensen pulled a sponge ball from an empty bag. Chris Ivory performed a "Self Tying Knot", which as advertised tied itself on cue. Tom Grossman performed a prediction called, "Mind Control", The Game Show was won by Jerry Barrilleaux with his "Color Vision".

Off theme magic was led off by Robert McKenna performing a pick-a-card effect which was a mind reading mental effect as well. Jerry Barrilleaux, "The Deck Knows", a math self working effect went next. After he finished he was kind enough to pass around directions for his effect. Paul Christensen performed an effect knowing card colors by touch. Bob Holdridge performed using large cards with three people thinking of two cards each out of twenty cards. The twenty cards were placed on a standing board and Bob picked out the six thought of cards. Then Bob taught this to the group.

S.A.M. 112 performed at two Charity events in May, one in Oakley, CA. to benefit "Special Needs Kids". This was held at Lions Lodge on 5/11/2019. Magicians : Chris Throop, Christopher McConaughy, Carole Yvonne Kula and Larry Wright were joined by S.Y.M. members Subash Shibu, Zane Keifer and Bella Nelson. Drivers and helpers Laurel, Marcus, Delfina and Mr. Shibu helped our Society Of Young Magicians to and from the event.

The second event was held at a charity walk for "Cancer Awareness and Support" which was at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek, CA. Our S.A.M. 112 booth was maned by Robert McKenna, Chris McConaughy and Subash Shibu. They astounded folks with feats of magic. Perry was there in role of secretary aided by wife Rosa Rist talking to the crowd and handing out cards to join S.A.M. to interested parties.

Editor's Note: Sorry to report that no photos were received from this meeting.

April Meeting- Lecture by Eric Stevens

By Perry Rist

Diablo Valley Assembly 112 Concord CA.

Our April meeting was a lecture by Magician Eric Stevens. Magic effects shown were, "Kill Bill" a prediction effect using money, "A Charming Chinese Challenge" using Chinese coins with a hole in the center and a red ribbon. "Straw Through A Salt Shaker" was shown as a close up effect one could use at a Diner.

During the break Mr. Stevens sold his Videos, lecture notes and his book as well as paraphernalia to perform the effects shown during the lecture.

After the break effects shown were, "The Hard Part", "This and That" and "The Color of Memory". Mr. Stevens' book, "Thought Space", may be purchased on line at Amazon. The book covers all things covered in his lecture and more.

After the meeting was over several of our magicians accompanied Mr. Stevens to a local restaurant for nourishment and no doubt to try out the "Straw Through The Salt Shaker" on the Muggles at hand.



Roy Porfido (left) served as an assistant to Eric Stevens (right) in a prediction mystery that used a cut up dollar bill. The audience was instantly impressed with the method, and many present pledged to adopt the method for their own use.

Editor's Note: A more complete review of this excellent lecture will appear in a future edition of *The Conjurer*.



**THE SOCIETY OF
YOUNG MAGICIANS**

SHARE YOUR MAGIC

By Carole Yvonne Kula

May 27, 2019

Game Show Night – Lucky 13

Thirteen S.Y.M. Students entered the contest prepared by S.Y.M. Leader BOB, which consisted of numbered envelopes containing a question about our club or magic in general. All young Magi gave the correct answer, some with a bit of coaxing from CAROLEYVONNE who was there repeating the questions. Two guests of S.Y.M. ROBIN, her sister ANNA and cousin CHARLOTTE, really knew none of our clubs information, yet were able to work their way to a win.

After answering the question, each participant chose a bag with a trick inside to be performed. While all tricks were ones that had been taught during the year, the students were able to ask a S.Y.M. Leader for coaching before returning to make their presentation. All of the presentations were well done followed by cheers from the audience. Another great Game Show Night! BOB & JERRY donated a prize of \$5 to every student. The fun evening ending with the usual raffle.

S.Y.M., along with the adult S.A.M.112, are performing CHARITY EVENTS all summer. If you would like to help, call for our schedule ... (925) 408-7020

We need volunteers for:
July 4 Pleasant Hill Park 10-1:30
September 14 Concord Elks 7 pm
October Friday Pleasant Hill Sr.Ctr

This Spring 2019, our S.Y.M./ S.A.M. Members have performed as part of our Community Service Committee for:

- Special Needs Kids on May 11, 2019
Three S.Y.M.Members: ZANE, SUBASH, BELLA (drivers Connie, Laurel, Mr.Shibu)
Four S.A.M.Members: CHRIS Throop, LARRY Wright, CAROLEYVONNE KULA, CHRISTOPHER McCONAUGHEY

- Cancer Support Walk on May 18,2019
One S.Y.M. SUBASH Shibū
Three S.A.M. ROBERT McKenna, PERRY Rist, & CHRISTOPHER McConaughy

Have a nice summer!



Kerry Ross June 21 and 22

Dave Cox – June 28 and 29

Hank Morfin – July 5 and 6

Ron Saylor – July 12 and 13

Keith Fields – July 19 and 20

Magical Nathaniel – July 26 and 27

Lion Fludd – August 2 and 3

Jack Alexander – August 9 and 10

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Scheduled Meetings through December 2019

January 16 What I got for Christmas
 February 20 Installation and Awards Banquet
 March 20 Workshop: Dr. Daley's Last Trick then Theme: My Favorite Trick
 April 17 Eric Stevens Lecture
 May 15 Game Show Night
 June 19 Workshop: Memorized Deck then Theme: Card Magic
 July 17 Teach a Trick
 August 21 Stage Competition
 September 18 Mentalism
 October 16 Spooky Magic
 November 20 Close-up Competition
 December 18 Holiday Magic

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.

ADDRESS: 1919 Wendell Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA



Meeting Format

7:00 Workshop begins. Read *Scheduled Meetings* to see what we will be learning.

8:30 BREAK

8:45 Open performance. Perform anything you are working on, new things you are just learning or want to learn, or something that you want to test in front of an audience. Use this opportunity to dust off something you have had on the shelf for a while. You may request critique or not. You can get help from other members with anything magical. Members are especially encouraged to perform magic they learned in the workshop session at last month's meeting.

9:30 Meeting adjourned



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