



# Magic Messenger

The Official Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Magic Club / S.A.M 88 / I.B.M. 210

May 2009

## **President's Corner**

Believe it or not yet another Michigan Magic Day has come and gone. This year's festivities were hosted by Ring 333 in Kalamazoo and featured a great line-up of performers including Dave Kaplan, Tim Wright, Boris Wild, Chris Capehart, Alan Smola, David Seebach, and our own Hank Moorehouse. Marvin and I had a brief meeting with Randy VanderWal and ironed out a tentative schedule for the next several years' worth of Michigan Magic Days. Again, this is tentative, but here's the way things are shaping up: 2010 will be hosted by Ring 211 in Grand Rapids; 2011 will be hosted in Coldwater by a new Ring being formed by Rick Fisher of FAB Magic known as the Magic City Conjurers; 2012 will be hosted by Ring 54 in Lansing; 2013 will be hosted by Ring 36 in Flint; 2014 will be hosted by us; and 2015 will be back in Kalamazoo and hosted by Ring 333.

A quick reminder that the Club is scheduled to do some walk-around magic at the Ann Arbor Heart Walk at Washtenaw Community College on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 am. If you've got the morning free come on out and lend a hand. Just follow the crowd. In all likelihood we'll go to breakfast afterwards and the tradition has been that the Club treats after a freebie like this.

I'm really glad we got our vests ordered at the last meeting. Thanks goes out to Tony for arranging the tailor and to Jim for lending the tailor his vest to use as a model. I don't have confirmation on this but I'm hoping we'll be able to have the vests before we break for summer.

Remember that our next meeting is back at Faith Lutheran Church on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It will start at the usual 7:00 pm with a committee meeting beforehand at 6:30. It's our annual Swap Night, so dust off those props you never use and bring them along to sell or trade.

Oh, and on a side note, I'd like to extend a personal 'thank you' to Marvin for not getting Jim and I involved in a bar fight at Michigan Magic Day. I'll leave it at that and give Marv the opportunity to tell the tale - if he is agreeable, of course - at our next meeting. Funny, funny story that had Jim and I laughing till our sides ached! See you all soon! Gordon Schott

## **Secretaries Report 5/13/09**

Meeting was held at Wunderground West and called to order at 7:11 PM

Guest were; Matt Byars, Bob Ferguson, Chip Christian Flint Ring 36, Anna and Rick Dassow (seamstress). Please forgive me if I spelled any names incorrectly. The Treasurer's Report was given by Jim Placide and the motion was made by Frank Quinn to pass it seconded by Scott Kindschy. It was passed. Bob white made the motion that we approve the Secretaries Report as it was published in the newsletter. Seconded by Frank Quinn. It was passed.

### **Old Business:**

Jeff updated the members on the website changes, he had membership cards for those who did not get them and also had membership forms for the club, SAM, and IBM. We also finished our vest orders with the seamstress on site to take the measurements.

AA Heart Walk May 9, 9-11 need Walk around magicians

The New Baltimore has been postponed until Sept 19, 2009

Randy and Pam Smith will make name tags for the new member for next month

### **New Business:**

Marvin is working on a VA hospital show. Detail to follow

MMD 2009 is in Kalamazoo on 4/18

It was brought to our attention that the day of the meeting would have also been Carlos Blades birthday. For those of you who do not know him, he was the former owner of the Magic Show we met at that night.

Gordon talked about the Memorial service for Jerry Hartweg that was attended by Marvin Mathena, Jeff Walters, Gordon Schott, and Joe Fusco

If was brought up the the Fellowship of Christian Ministries Magic convention was coming up.

Battle of magicians in Canton Oh 4/30 5/1&2. Member George Mathis is in the contest.

Next meeting Swap night

Meeting was close at : 7:25 with a motion by Barb Mathis and a second by Frank Quinn. Jeff Walters

## **Board Members until 1/18/09**

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## **Newsletter**

We need your contributions. Please do me a favor and send me what ever you can that relates to magic so we can share with all the members. Send all items to [jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net)

## **The Website**

We still need your material to share with the club. Stores, tricks, reviews of tricks; books etc The sky is the limit so long as it is not copyrighted material. So get your stuff into me and let's make this the best site of any club out there. Send all items to [jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net)

**Membership Cards:** I will still have the rest at the May meeting. Whoever does not get them then will get them in the mail.

## **Fourth Of July Parade**

We'll need people to sign up for the 4th of July parade at the May meeting. Please look at your calendar's and be able to say 'yay' or 'nay' to the parade by our next meeting?

## **A Contribution from Marvin Mathena**



"He has ceased to amaze me."