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***FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!***



### **Message from the President**

Happy New Year! 2016 is going to be a stellar year for magic in Texas. Magic is going through another resurgent cycle with more and more people recognizing the entertainment value and wanting to "get in on the act". I belong to five different magic clubs around the State, and each of them is happy to have welcomed new members during the last year.

In our closed circle of friends and associates, we sometime forget how exotic and thrilling magic is to the uninitiated. When I tell a new acquaintance that I'm involved with magic, they immediately brighten and their eyes sparkle with interest. Don't let the opportunity slip by to spread the word.

Judy Hollingsworth  
President, TAOM 2016

READY... SET... ENTER !!!

*Claim your rightful spot in TAOM!*

***The contest is fun! The contest is power! The contest will improve your magic! You may win a prestigious Willard the Wizard trophy! Junior contest winners also receive a cash prize!***



The close-up contests will be in small, intimate rooms, and the stage contests will be held during the Friday evening convention show. **You'll be working on a real stage, with real stage lights and sound, and a professional tech crew and stage direction.**

So you see... there is no reason not to enter! Competing in this prestigious contest will give you invaluable experience and improve your magic beyond belief.

It's only a few months until the 2016 convention in Corpus Christi, so start practicing NOW. Everything you need to know about entering the contest is on the TAOM website at [www.taom.org/2016](http://www.taom.org/2016).



What a convention! It's going to to be more fun with more stars and more of EVERYTHING YOU EXPECT FROM TAOM plus some *new and exciting events*. The convention committee is working hard to finalize contracts so we can share the details with everyone.

Remember, ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED. **The sooner you register, the better your seat.**

You can register on the website at [www.taom.org/2016](http://www.taom.org/2016) or, if you prefer, with a hard-copy form and your check. Send an email to my personal email at [judy4birds@yahoo.com](mailto:judy4birds@yahoo.com) or call 361-972-3430 if you have questions.

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**Jon Armstrong -  
2016 Southern U. S. Tour**

**January 13 - SAM Assembly 136,  
New Orleans, LA**

***Texas Tour:***

**January 16 - OAI, College Station  
January 17 - IBM Ring 18, San Antonio  
January 18 - SAM Assembly 206, Austin  
January 19 - IBM Ring 174, Dallas  
January 25 - IBM Ring 39, Houston**

**Don't miss this talented card specialist  
whose varied routines are sure to  
improve your repertoire.**



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**Famed Canadian Illusionist Ted  
Outerbridge will lecture in Houston!**

**When:** Monday, February 1  
**Where:** IATSE Meeting Hall, 3030 North  
Freeway in Houston  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m  
**Cost:** FREE for paid-up members of  
H.A.O.M. and S.A.M. Assembly #19;  
\$20 for others

In this lecture that received rave reviews at the 2015 IBM Jacksonville Convention, Ted Outerbridge presents audience tested, bulletproof routines from over 25 years of performances and media appearances. His material has been presented and refined at venues ranging from theatres and comedy clubs to casinos, cruise ships and television. Ted and Marion will also answer questions during and after the lecture.

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# Diamond Jim Tyler

## 2016 Lecture Tour

**Sunday, February 21 - 2pm • Crosspointe**

Diamond Jim Tyler is a working magician who has performed professionally since 1986. He has written several books and has numerous routines published in dozens of magic magazines. He will present his acclaimed lecture at Crosspointe Theatre 166 at 2425 Parker Road in Carrollton at 2:00 p.m. on February 21. Don't pass up the opportunity to see this great lecture.



**SAVE THE DATE: April 2, 2016**

**The Austin Magic Auction is coming again. NOW is the time to get your stuff together. Remember, you must register your "for sale" merchandise in advance.**

To to [www.austinmagicauction.com](http://www.austinmagicauction.com) for details.

## BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

**Congratulations to WILL MANNIS.** He was awarded the Society of American Magicians' Presidential Citation at the December meeting of Austin S.A.M. Assembly 206.

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### Second Saturday Magic Sale

**Magic, Etc.,** Fort Worth's premier magic shop hosts a Second Saturday Sale every month where magicians can score good savings on props and supplies. Magicians get "special" treatment and special prices. Magic, Etc. is located on Forest Park Boulevard at I-30 in Fort Worth.

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### Rick Hebert at Claudio's

You can enjoy the tantalizing magic of **Rick Hebert** most Saturdays at Claudio's Restaurant and Piano Bar in League City. Rick presents strolling, table-side magic most Saturdays, but his schedule varies. Send an email to [rick@hebertmagic.com](mailto:rick@hebertmagic.com) to make sure he'll be there on your next visit.



Claudio's website is <http://www.claudiospiano.com/>

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# HUMPERDINKS

*Restaurant & Brewpub*

### Monday Night Magic in Arlington

All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at Humperdink's Restaurant at LaQuinta Inn, #6 North Six Flags Drive in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "choips" in the back room.

**But wait...there's more! Second Tuesday TOO!** This special interest group, the Mid-Cities Magic Circle, focuses on performance. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:30 at Humperdink's.

The purpose of the Mid-Cities Magic Circle is to provide a venue for Dallas/Fort Worth performing magicians to study their art and improve as public performers. Each meeting

focuses on a single theme -- development of performance skills, routines, and other elements important to the public performance of magic.

There is no formal membership, no officers, no notes or minutes. For more information -- forget it! There is simply no one in charge to respond. Just show up on the second Tuesday of the month at Humpertink's and join the fun and magic!



### **Shane Wilson and Chris Alonzo at Sakura in Houston**

Pearland's superb hibachi restaurant, Sakura, is proud to present the magic talents of **Chris Alonzo** every Friday and **Shane Wilson** every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Cards in South Austin**

The **South Austin Card Group** meets on the last Saturday of each month, usually at the home of Ron Cartlidge. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at [lhornung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhornung@sbcglobal.net) for details and to be added to the meeting notice distribution list.



**In Addison EVERY SUNDAY** at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 for lunch and pre-show entertainment. Details at <http://addison.improv.com/>

**In Houston - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn** take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy. For dates and times, go to <http://houston.improv.com/>

**In Arlington EVERY SUNDAY** at 2:00 p.m. Various magicians from North Texas will entertain you royally and make you laugh. Details at <http://arlington.improv.com/>



### **Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana in Houston**

**David Rangel** coordinates a covey of local area magicians who perform close-up magic every Thursday and Saturday night at Tokyohana Grill and Sushi Bar, 3239 Southwest Freeway, in Houston. Enjoy excellent Oriental cuisine or sit at the sushi bar with top talent magic on the side.

*Editor's Note To ALL Texas Magic Clubs: This new column, "Musings From the Past", is for ALL magic clubs around the State. Please ask your historian or secretary to send periodic articles sharing memories of the club in by-gone days. (Remember, the best email is taomnews@yahoo.com; please do not "reply" to this email.)*



### **MUSINGS FROM THE PAST**

*(A look back at Austin IBM Ring 60)  
by Ron Cartlidge*

As a matter of fact, lets go back to 1978. The President of Austin IBM Ring 60 was Lou Hornung, who is still very active today. The Vice President was Robert Castillo, the Secretary Judy Wilkes, and the Sgt. at Arms Steve Farmer. Do you recognize any of those names?

Do you realize that was 37 years ago? Ring 60 was the only magic club in town and getting ready for a public show (sound familiar?) at Robert E. Lee Elementary School. Richard Van Slagle would be the Master of Ceremonies and open the show. The Scott Magic Company would be the featured act and entertain for about thirty minutes. I know most of your haven't forgotten them! After the break, Moldini the Magnificent, would entertain and the final act to close the show would be the Wan Soo Troupe of Chinese magicians. Now these Chinese magicians were not really Chinese (recall the great Chung Ling Soo?), but a part of the Scott Magic Company group. The cost to see these wonderful presentations was a mere \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Robert E. Lee Elementary is still just north of the University of Texas campus although a group wants to change the name these days.

Besides the public show, Ring 60 was an active group. The regular November magic club meeting featured Close-Up Night and during that month, a Round Table was held for Junior Magicians.

There was also a mini-convention at the Dottie Jordan Recreation Center. By the way, the mini convention was cheap. It cost only \$1 to register. Also, get this historians: 1978 was Austin's second magic auction

as part of this mini-convention, which had been started by The Great Scott and Judy the year before as a means to show their young students what a magic convention was like. Junior Ring Coordinator Steve Farmer turned auctioneer to sell used magic brought to the convention by those that attended. Of course it wasn't as big or glorious as our April 2nd Auction will be, but it was a start.

I might also mention that, at the time, Waco hosted a magic auction at the Holiday Inn, so it was a popular event way back in 1978. Also at the mini-convention were three lecturers, Ring 60 President Lou Hornung, Fred "The Great Scott" Donaldson, and Mike "Cobra" Thomas.

So, what was happening around Austin in 1978? The Great Scott and Judy were performing at Odem Elementary School, Jules Caplan was performing at Los Tres Bobos on Fridays and Saturdays, George Myers was doing magic at his restaurant, OST, in San Marcos on Saturdays and Sundays and was looking for other magicians to give him a break. Now you know a little bit about the days gone by in Ring 60.



This wonderful new year brings with it the opportunity for all magicians to renew their dedication to our art and to resolve to "grow" their magic. We all share our magic from month to month at magic club meetings and many of us perform regularly for the public, a guaranteed method to improve.

But take a moment to think about encouraging others... Is there a new member or prospective member who may not know about the TAOM convention and the contests? If your club has an up-and-coming magician (old or young), give him (or her) "THE TALK". Tell them about the learning experience of competing in a TAOM contest. Explain that there are no "losers" -- everyone wins. Maybe they win a trophy or maybe not, but each contestant wins self-confidence and experience, plus the benefit of getting to know other magicians and possibly meeting a mentor.

The future of magic lies in the new faces and eager acolytes. It is the duty of us "old-timers" to foster their talents and encourage their growth.

Judy Hollingsworth  
Editor, Magic Across Texas