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Texas Association of Magicians

Official Newsletter

FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE!



Message from the President

Magic! Magic! Magic! Magic is everywhere! Movies, TV specials, local clubs, private shows, public shows, and living rooms all over the State are full of magic. That's a good thing!

Plans for "The Best Little Magic Convention in Texas" are progressing nicely. We're happy to announce that John Shryock will take a break from his gig in Hawaii to join the gang in Corpus Christi. Read more about his outstanding show in the next article.

Arrangements have been made for the mid-year meeting of the TAOM Board of Directors in Corpus Christi on May 7, 2016. Reserve the date NOW and reserve your hotel soon to be assured of the convention rate. If you haven't registered for the convention yet, now is the perfect time. The sooner you register, the better your seats will be and all seats will be reserved. Go to www.taom.org/2016 for details.

Judy Hollingsworth

President, TAOM 2016



JOHN SHRYOK AND MARI LYNN JUST CONFIRMED!

John Shryock and Mari Lynn incorporate magic and illusion with drama, dance and comedy. They have performed in over 100 cities across three continents. John and Mari Lynn are regularly featured on television and in the top casinos, night clubs, cruise ships, conventions, and resorts across the globe. John's impressive skills earned a command performance at President George W. Bush's Gala Inaugural Ball and numerous appearances on the nationally broadcast television show, Masters of Illusion. John and Mari Lynn are also favorites at Caesar's Magical Empire at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. He is one of the few magicians in the world well versed enough to have performed in all three showrooms at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. During the heyday of Houston's Magic Island, John performed both on stage and close-up many times over the years.



We are thrilled that John and Mari Lynn will take a break from their engagement in Hawaii to join the fun, friends, and a cast of stars in Corpus Christi.



Experience the

MAGIC

FEATURING THESE MAGICIANS

Scott Hollingsworth as MC



Brian Brushwood



Robert Berry



Dennis Castro



Caesar

Houston Association of Magicians

MAGIC BANQUET

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Doors open at 4:00 pm and

Dinner starts at 5:30

Show begins at 7:00 p.m.

SPJST Lodge 88 Hall

1435 Beall

Houston, TX 77008

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

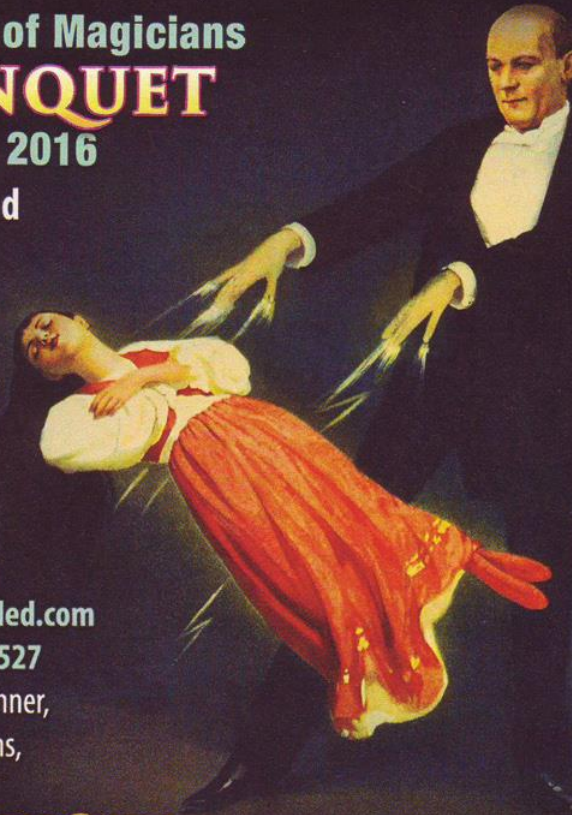
All tickets are \$20.00 in advance at:

www.magicbanquet.wellattended.com

or call Gene Protas at 281-455-5527

(\$25.00 at the door) and includes dinner,
close-up magic by strolling magicians,
and a gala magic stage show.

Presented by **HOUSTON'S MAGIC CLUBS**



NEWS FLASH! Master Magician CURT MILLER has just been added to the lineup for Houston's annual Installation Banquet and Show. Don't miss it!



Diamond Jim Tyler

2016 Lecture Tour

Sunday, February 21 - 2pm • Crosspointe

Tuesday, February 23 - IHOP - 11654 Research, Austin

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.

Then on Tuesday, February 23, he will lecture for Austin IBM Ring 60 at the I-HOP restaurant at 11654 Research Boulevard.

Don't pass up the opportunity to see this great lecture.

March 29 - Houston: Alex Pandrea Lecture

Alex Pandrea will bring his highly-acclaimed three-part lecture to Houston on Tuesday, March 29. Alex is a rising star in the magic community and CEO of House of Cards and The Blue Crown, two popular internet companies that offer more than 50 best-selling magic products and 75 custom decks. He has created and marketed some of the most beautiful playing cards imaginable and was featured at Magic Live! He recently completed a world tour where he lectured in 50 different cities in Europe. In this three-part lecture, Alex will go over several of his tips on classic card moves, as well as many original sleights and effects. Part I includes practical, self-working, easy-to-do magic that anyone will be able to do in just minutes! Part II has Alex's famous "5x5". This rapid-fire teaching section provides valuable tips about 5 different sleights in five minutes. This is pure, distilled magic at its finest. In Part III, the final section, Alex tips his hand and provides detailed instruction on sleight-of-hand card magic.





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 for details.

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

RIO GRANDE VALLEY IBM RING 269

A trip to McAllen to attend the IBM Ring 269 monthly meeting and make a pitch for TAOM registrants was very rewarding for yours truly. Scott performed a bit and gave a short lecture on Educational Magic to the small, but enthusiastic, group.



Several members signed up to come to the convention in Corpus Christi and expressed their thanks for the opportunity to choose their reserved seats. Club members made us feel very welcome and Scott decided to officially join IBM Ring 269. That makes seven Texas magic clubs...and counting.

Pictured above are David Sage (President of IBM Ring 269), Allen Holdsworth, Mary Chen, George Robinson (Program Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of IBM Ring 269), Scott and Judy Hollingsworth, Vern Krentz, Jose Capistran, and Ivan Salas. Ring 269 member Jesse Esquivel is not pictured – he was taking the photo!



SHAWN FARQUHAR AT SAN ANTONIO IBM

FLASH NEWS! You can win a one-on-one private magic session with none other than SHAWN FARQUHAR! If you register for the National IBM Convention in San Antonio before February 19 (or if you have already registered) and if you live in Texas, you will be eligible to win this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This is not sponsored by IBM – it is something special Shawn is doing for his Texas magic friends. You will spend two hours of quality time with Shawn and take home an armload of magic and DVD's. Among many, many accolades, Shawn was named as World Champion Magician two times and is the immediate past president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Go to www.magician.org



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.

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 to make sure he'll be there on your next visit.

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



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 Humperdink'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.

Cards in South Austin

The **South Austin Card Group** meets on the last Saturday of each month, usually at the home of Ron Cartledge. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at 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.

ONE LAST THING

February has been a difficult month from the standpoint of losing magicians from our circle of friends. Long time magician and magic dealer Jerry Mentzer died on February 3, 2016. He established "Magic Methods" in 1969 in North Carolina. Jerry cheerfully published and sold all type of magic books and effects to magicians world-wide. He joined TAOM in 1975 and enjoyed selling magic at magic conventions around the country.



Then on February 22, Wichita Falls magician Richard Amon died from injuries after being struck by an 18-wheeler while riding his motorcycle. Richard traveled regularly to magic meetings in Fort Worth and Dallas and was a faithful member of those clubs and TAOM.



Five days later, the world lost a lovely lady – Joanie Lehr died after a long battle with cancer. She and her husband "Da Dean" Chuck Lehr were staunch supporters of TAOM and the Society of American Magicians. Joanie served in many capacities, both nationally and in the Dallas area for many years, where she was proclaimed "Secretary/Treasurette for Life".

These fine friends will be missed.

Judy Hollingsworth
Editor, Magic Across Texas

