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FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year's TAOM in Frisco is still a ways off, but you know it is not too early to start thinking about our contests for Close Up and Stage. I don't know if you realize what we have? As past winner David Gabbay put it, "The TAOM has the coolest trophy in magic."

Past winners Kayla Drescher and Stuart MacDonald agree...our trophy is the best. Kayla says it is kinda like an Oscar...great detail, a true magician on it and it is heavy. It gives you great bragging rights too. Many of our past winners have gone on to great careers in magic. Stuart, who won in Ft. Worth, is working on his act for FISM. You saw the revised act (not the one that won) in Corpus last year. So be thinking about what act you can enter for Labor Day.





Contests winners at the 2016 Corpus Christi TAOM Convention pictured here are Ava Byers, John Dahlinger (close-up) and Michael Dimsdle (stage).

We're gonna move up the deadline a bit this year so there is enough time to go through the submissions and let the contestants know they have been selected. While you can submit now, the official opening for submissions is March 1. The cutoff is June 15 so we can begin notifying people in July. If you are selected to compete, you must be registered for the convention within two weeks of the notification. If not, then that contestant slot will go to another.

I hope to see some great acts in Frisco. It will be a fabulous time. If you have not registered, remember prices go up April 4th. So go and register now.

Remember to register early for the best seats at the convention! You don't want to miss this one!
Register at TAOM.org



The official rules for the contest are on the TAOM website but essentially you need to have an act that runs 10 minutes or less. If you go over 10 minutes, points are deducted and at 12 minutes you are disqualified. The best way to get into the contest is to submit a video via YouTube or Vimio to the contest chairman who, in 2017, will be Gene Protas. The email address for submitting your links is TAOM2017Contests@gmail.com. Besides the link to your act, be sure to include your name and contact information.

**BEN JACKSON
RETURNS TO LA COLMBE d'OR**

After playing to SRO crowds at La Colombe d'Or in Houston a few months back, Ben returns with his award-winning show on January 27 & 28, February 24 & 25, and March 24 & 25, with two shows nightly.

This 90-minute theatrical experience allows guests to witness magic up-close and personal. Flashy props and leather pants have been replaced with quick wit and digital dexterity. Ben's fresh and creative approach has garnered international recognition amongst his peers and repeat performances from business moguls, socialites, and discerning clientele around the country.



Relax in La Colombe d'Or's Art Gallery, sip on your elixir of choice, and witness an evening of elegant deceptions as performed by your host, Ben Jackson. Seating is limited.

Learn more about La Colombe d'Or and purchase tickets at
www.benjacksonmagic.com/live/



DAVID HIRA - LIVE!

avid Hira's recently released Penguin Magic lecture, the runaway hit of Penguin Magic's lecture series, LIVE! is coming to Shreveport and Houston. David's live lecture is full of gems from his more than 40 years in the business. Get your copy of David's Penguin lecture at a special price during his live lectures! See you there...

Read the rave reviews
:: <http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/7642#reviews>

The Shreveport lecture on February 1 will be at 7:00 p.m. at Denny's, 9080 Mansfield Road.

The Houston lecture on February 6 will be at the regular monthly meeting of S.A.M. Assembly 19 and the Houston Association of Magicians at the I.A.T.S.E. Hall, 3030 North Freeway (IH-45).

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VALENTINE'S VARIETY

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
7:30PM AT NUMBERS



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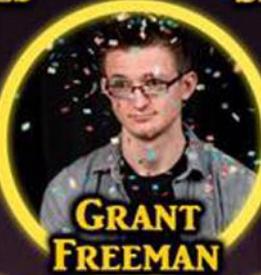
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HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS
MAGIC BANQUET

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Doors open at 4:00 pm and Dinner starts at 5:30 pm

Show begins at 7:00 pm

SPJST Lodge 88 Hall

1435 Beall • Houston, Texas 77008

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

All tickets are \$25.00 in advance at:

www.magicbanquet.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006

(\$30.00 at the door) and includes dinner,
close-up magic by strolling magicians
and a gala magic stage show.

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MAGIC...
CORPUS CHRISTI
IBM RING 157

IBM 157 Corpus Christi Banquet February 21

You are cordially invited to attend the Corpus Christi IBM 157 installation banquet and magic show on February 21, 2017. Special entertainer Scott Wells will come from Houston to present his outstanding magic entertainment.

The party gets underway at 6:00 p.m. in the private room at Blue Clove Restaurant, 1945 Horne Road in Corpus. AND.... it's free for IBM 157 paid-up members. Send your \$15 dues ahead of time to Treasurer Joe Douglas, 5014 Romford Drive, CC 78413. If you are a guest or a non-member, you can buy your own meal and enjoy the fun and magic too. Everyone welcome! For more information, email Joe at douglasjp3@yahoo.com

IBM 60 Austin Banquet February 26

This annual event is *not to be missed!* The food, the friendship, the fun, and the magic make this a winner. It all happens at Heroes Night Out, 1150 S. Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park just outside Austin, on Sunday, February 26th, 2017. Advance tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years and younger. If there is room, tickets at the door will be \$25.



Doors open at 4:00 p.m. so you can enjoy the strolling magicians and visit with your friends. Dinner at 5:30, catered by Bridgepoint Catering, will feature Chicken Breast with Mushrooms & Artichokes in a White Wine Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Green Salad and Rolls. Dessert will be provided by YOU -- remember the dessert contest?? Well, this popular event will feature sweets by some of the best cooks in Texas.



The skill and style of Andrew Goldenhersh have mesmerized audiences from Hollywood to the Far East and all points in between. A perennial honoree at the Magic Castle, Andrew has received accolades from the prestigious Academy of Magical Arts, having been voted the Academy's "Parlour Magician of the Year" in 2009 & 2010.

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**Remember, you must make reservations to be assured the caterer brings enough food and that you will have a table in the banquet hall. Seats are limited. Make reservations at  
<http://ibmring60.org/2017/01/09/2017-installation-banquet-february-26/> or send an email to the I.B.M. Ring 60 treasurer at [treasurer@ibmring60.org](mailto:treasurer@ibmring60.org)**

BUT THAT AIN'T ALL, FOLKS! WE GOT MAGIC. Boy, oh boy, have we got magic!!! Two international stars will grace the stage for your entertainment. Jamie Salinas and Andrew Goldenhersh will perform for your enjoyment.

As Master of Ceremonies, Houston's Jamie Salinas will tease you and amuse you with his incomparable magic and wit.





## **Shawn McMaster to Lecture in Houston February 27**

I.B.M. Ring 39 in Houston is proud to present a lecture by **Shawn McMaster** on Monday February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcombe Boulevard. This lecture is free to Ring 39 members and only \$20 for others.

Shawn McMaster's lecture, "Deceptive Dining" is a highly informative study on the business of restaurant magic. He teaches, not only the best type of effects to perform in a restaurant setting, but an in-depth and detailed blueprint of how to gain, keep, and profit from a regular restaurant magic gig taken from over two decades of real-world experience will be presented in this lecture. If you have ever thought about performing in restaurants of any kind, you cannot afford to miss this.

## **BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF**



Scott Wells was selected by the Houston Super Bowl Host Committee as the official magician to perform at Super Bowl LIVE. Super Bowl LIVE is a FREE nine-day fan festival in downtown Houston celebrating Super Bowl LI. Anchored in Discovery Green and encompassing more than 250,000 square feet, Super Bowl LIVE features live music and performances, interactive exhibits, great food and a 90-foot tall virtual reality trip to Mars. With so much to do and so many great performances, there is something for everyone who visits. There will be 75 different local acts performing as part of this event including dancers, musicians, singers, and variety acts including Scott Wells who will perform on stage and with strolling street magic under the tent at Super Bowl LIVE.

Scott's scheduled performances will be Saturday January 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday February 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday February 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. but there may be additional times added. More info on Super Bowl LIVE at [www.discoverygreen.com/superbowllive](http://www.discoverygreen.com/superbowllive)

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### FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB

The officers for this year are: Ross Lampe - President, Will Baffle - Exec VP & Program Chair, Tiny Burgess- Treasurer, Geoff Grimes - Flashpaper Editor, Matthew Martin - Secretary, Jeff Hallberg – webmaster, Rick Bircher – Historian, Don Lampe - Sergeant at Arms, Members at Large: Pam Hudgins, Michael Dimsdle, & Tom Smith, Joshua Ayala - Past President, Trustees: David Hira, Jeff Hallberg, & Matthew Martin.

Fort Worth Magicians Club had a NEW MEETING LOCATION: 4055 International Plaza in Fort Worth. Use the West entry. Located on ground level (no stairs). Inside Loop North of I-20 near Hulen Mall behind Home Depot. Meetings are on the first Thursday starting at 7:00 p.m.

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### John Magic's Theater and Museum

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night and doors open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday's for outstanding close-up magic featuring various magicians. Cody Fisher, Arsene Dupin, Brad Henderson, John Wright and others perform from time to time. The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. You'll need to make reservations by calling 512-289-4461. Go to [www.magicstheater.com](http://www.magicstheater.com) for details.



### 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.

### **Thrifty Third Thursday**

**Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume** started a new monthly gathering of magicians from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to wheel and deal for the best buys ever only at Fort Worth's own Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume.

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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 Humperdink's and join the fun and magic!

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### **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.



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## IMPROV

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

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### Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana 3239 Southwest Freeway 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. Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

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# *In Memoriam*



Jim Nevison left magic and the world a lesser place when he died. He loved life and reveled in magic for almost a century and was a TAOM member since 1966. He was 96 when he passed on January 25, 2017. His loving spirit, quick wit, and cheery smile will be missed.



Bryan Brusselback passed away on December 30, 2016, after a long battle. He had been a member of TAOM since 2004. A Broken Wand Ceremony will be conducted at Parkwood United Methodist Church in Pasadena at 2:00 p.m. on February 11, 2017.

## ONE LAST THING

When I changed the date for this month's newsletter, it hit me that I've spent almost a decade gathering tidbits of news and information to share with magicians. That's a lot of words! I rarely garner feedback - good, bad, or indifferent - but I do enjoy hearing from readers of this missive. I gather information from individual club newsletters, word of mouth, emails, and listservs published by various clubs. I REALLY would like to hear from you! Your club's



activities are what keeps magic going in this great State. Please share.

This is the time of year when many clubs install new officers and I always want to hear about that. BUT.... each club needs to notify the parent organization (IBM or SAM) and especially TAOM about the changes. Go to [www.taom.org](http://www.taom.org), and [www.magician.org](http://www.magician.org) or [www.magicsam.com](http://www.magicsam.com)

Keeping your club's information, meeting date, and location current on these websites will help visiting magicians and new members looking for a magic home find out about your club.

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TAOM Club Coordinator  
Magic Across Texas Editor  
TAOM Past President