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FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, this is the time of the year when we really begin to ramp up the activities for planning the 2018 TAOM convention. I have already told you about the host hotel, the Hilton Americas, where we will have all of the convention activities. This will be the 70th anniversary of the TAOM convention being held in Houston. You may have seen our graphic with our theme of – Be Someone, Be Inspired, Be a Magician!



LECTURES, LECTURES, LECTURES...

In order for you to gain knowledge and inspiration to be a better magician, we are aggressively adding more lecture spots in our schedule. We will have a variety of topics for all types of performers including the family performers, mentalists, stage, close-up and more! We are working to bring all new talent with lecturers and performers that have not been to the TAOM before! Having said that, I will let you in on a little secret of one person who has been to a TAOM before BUT... **It's Michael Weber!**



You should already know who this guy is. If you don't, he is one of the most creative, dynamic and just plain amazing magicians on the planet! I use several of his ideas that he has shared with me in my current shows that are just simply one of the best parts of my performances. Mr. Weber and his co-conspirator Ricky Jay founded the consulting company Deceptive Practices which provides "Arcane Knowledge On a Need-To-Know Basis" to film, theater, and television. He has worked with writers and directors ranging from Errol Morris, Wes Craven, and Martin Scorsese to George Wolfe, David Mamet, and Robert Zemeckis.

Examples of Michael Weber's work can be seen in dozens of plays and feature films including *Forest Gump*, *Angels in America*, *The Parent Trap*, *The Illusionist*, *Top Dog Underdog*, *The Prestige*, *A Year of Magical Thinking* and *Ocean's 13*. He was the co-creator and executive producer of the Sony Television series *CONversations* and is currently working with Danny Elfman and Aaron Sorkin, consulting on the upcoming Broadway musical *HOUDINI* starring Hugh Jackman.

He is one of the most sought-after magicians for conventions and we are proud to announce that he will be one of our featured guests. Remember to register early as it will save you money and provide you with better seating for the evening shows! Visit our web site at www.TAOM.org. I can't wait to tell you more about what will be happening in Houston!

Jamie Salinas
President





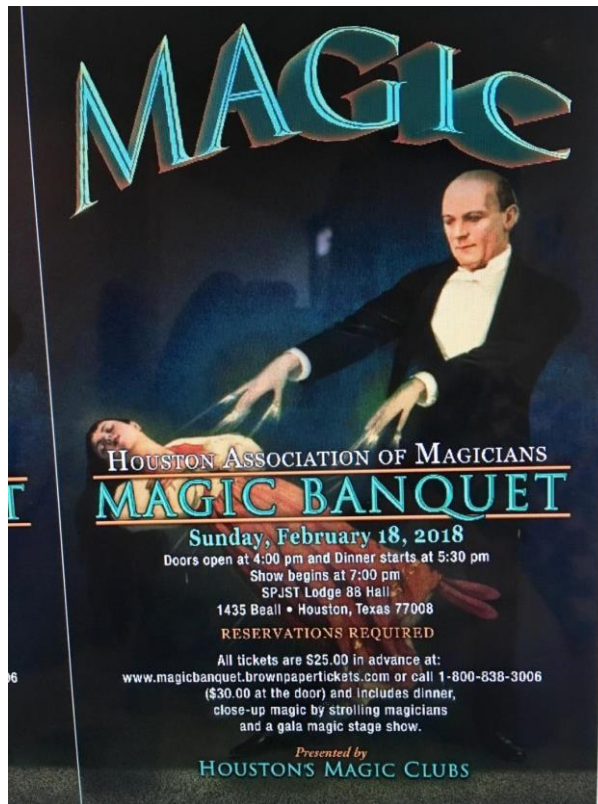
AUSTIN CLINICS HAVE RETURNED. February will kick off a new series of IBM Ring 60 clinics with "**Cups and Balls by Roger Gorss**" at 10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2018, at Heroes Night Out in Cedar Park near Austin. Get in touch with Roger for details -- roger.gorss@us.army.mil

Sunday, February 4 - FORT WORTH. **Duane Laflin** will bring his brand new lecture "GRAND MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT!" to Fort Worth. The lecture features many trick and routine concepts, but is really about the transformation of tricks into magical entertainment

For location and details, contact will@willbaffle.com for details



AUSTIN - February 5 AT 7:00 p.m. at IHOP 11654 Research Boulevard. **Gary Plants**, owner of The Card Plant, will be our featured performer\lecturer! If you are in the know, you already know the power of his special cards. The Card Plant has been providing handmade playing cards for magicians for over 15 years and is probably best known for two effects, "The Magnetized Cards" and "The Impossible Close Up Rising Cards". If you're into cards, DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING.



GREGORY WILSON LECTURES

DALLAS - Sunday, February 18 a at 2:00 p.m. at 8330 LBJ Freeway in Dallas on the 8th floor, room B838. Contact Mark at www.jensencollector.com/lectures for more info.

HOUSTON - Tuesday February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the IATSE Local 51 Meeting Hall, 3030 North Freeway

AUSTIN - Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Heroes Night Out, 1150 South Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park.

Gregory Wilson's lecture, "Thinks I Carry and Use" shows things that fit in your pocket or easy to find. You will be ever-ready for spur-of-the-moment astonishments. Greg teaches how to turn everyday objects into devastating weapons of deception. The emphasis is on ENTERTAINMENT.





CONGRATULATIONS to **Dal and Cinde Sanders** for a recent article in M. U. M. Magazine. It told the developing story of **KARTOON CIRCUS**, a television show patterned after 1950's Saturday morning television. It's sponsored by SimulTV and is broadcast worldwide in 126 different countries. A new kid-friendly channel called Boopsie's Cartoons is anchored by **Kartoon Circus**. (Boopsie is Cinde's clown name.)

So far Dal and Cinde have filmed four thirteen-episode seasons and are in pre-production for season five, In addition to promoting the art of magic in this show, they also promote The Society of American Magicians in every episode. While **Kartoon Circus** may be a little difficult to find, it is seen all over the world sharing positive, inspirational messages and with great children's magic.

Trigg Watson entertains at Checkered Past Winery, 1409 South Lamar Street, Suite 008, in Dallas, at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an intimate night of wine, pizza, charcuterie, desserts and illusions with award-winning magician Trigg Watson.



IMPROV

In **Houston** - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy.

In **Addison** EVERY SATURDAY at 2:00 p.m.

In **Arlington** EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m.
For dates and times, go to <http://improv.com/>

John Magic's Theater and Museum in Austin

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night with family-friendly magic entertainment. Friday evenings feature close-up magic by John Magic and Chris English. Private close-up shows are available Monday through Thursday by appointment.



The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. Buy your ticket at the door or make reservations at <http://www.magicstheater.com>



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.

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 "chops" 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. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at lhornung@sbcglobal.net for details and to be added to the meeting notice distribution list. *Reservations required.*





**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.

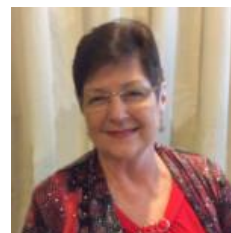


Margaret Emery, mother of TAOM Past President Bob Emery passed away on June 8, 2017. She was a long-time member of the Association and a staunch supporter of magic and her son's career.

Magicians were also saddened to learn of the deaths of Austin Magician Dick Todd on November 21 and Jan Johnson, wife of Austin magician Larry "Grandpa" Johnson. They will be missed.

ONE LAST THING

New kids on the block! (At least to me.) I was so happy to hear about two "real" magic shops in the Central Texas area.



"Believe it or Not" magic shop is located at 1209 Leander Road, #1209, in Georgetown. Brick and mortar magic shops are the heart and soul of a magic community and I imagine owner Naheem Ashraf promotes all the clubs in the area. Kent Cummins teaches magic classes there on Saturday.

Eric Hoffmaster and Travis Carson are in the throes of creating another "real" wizard shop in the Austin area. Call (310) 463-3667 for details about **Winsome Wizards** .

As owner of the Scott Magic Company in Austin for years with my late husband Fred "The Great Scott" Donaldson, I can attest to the joys and trials of being a magic shop proprietor. I wish both these endeavors well and hope to report on their successes in the near future.

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator