

# The Ann Arbor Magic Club Magic Messenger



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## *A Candle in the Dark* by Dr. Joaquin M. Ayala

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween last week, bitterly cold and rainy as it was!

I want to take a moment to appeal to each of you to reach out to some of our members that have not been to the meetings in a while, for whatever reasons. We have started this “card bombing” (also known as “Card Deluge”) lately which seems to be a popular sentiment among many members, each month a different member has been chosen thus far. You can also call members that have been around for a long time, for any reason at all – it can be a funny card that you mail, or you can take a moment to give them a call. We have a membership directory on our website, and you need the password to access it; if you do not remember what it is, just ask!

Next month (December 2019) we are having our Mystery Gift Exchange again and we are setting it at \$15/person, same as last year. If you pay into it, you will get a ticket for a gift! We will also hold our annual Christmas party with lots of fun, magic and fellowship. Last year everyone seemed to have a lot of fun and this year will be no exception!

We have been working hard to make our club-sponsored convention in November 2020 happen, and right now we are getting very close to nailing down some locations. Once that happens, things will begin to speed up. There are some exciting details that we cannot wait to release once we get ready!

This month (November 2019) our theme will be **Magic Collection Show & Tell!** If you collect a particular type of prop, magic books, card decks, or if you have various versions of a particular plot that you like collecting, bring it in, show it off and talk a little about it, and perhaps, even perform it! Maybe it was something that got you interested in magic, maybe you love performing it. Show us what you got!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone this month – be safe and to all our U.S.-based readers, HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Thanksgiving: A bad day to be a pair of pants (you know you have had too much when you have to let your bathrobe out)!

Yours in Magic,

Dr. J.

## Secretary's Report:

### Haunted/Spooky Magic

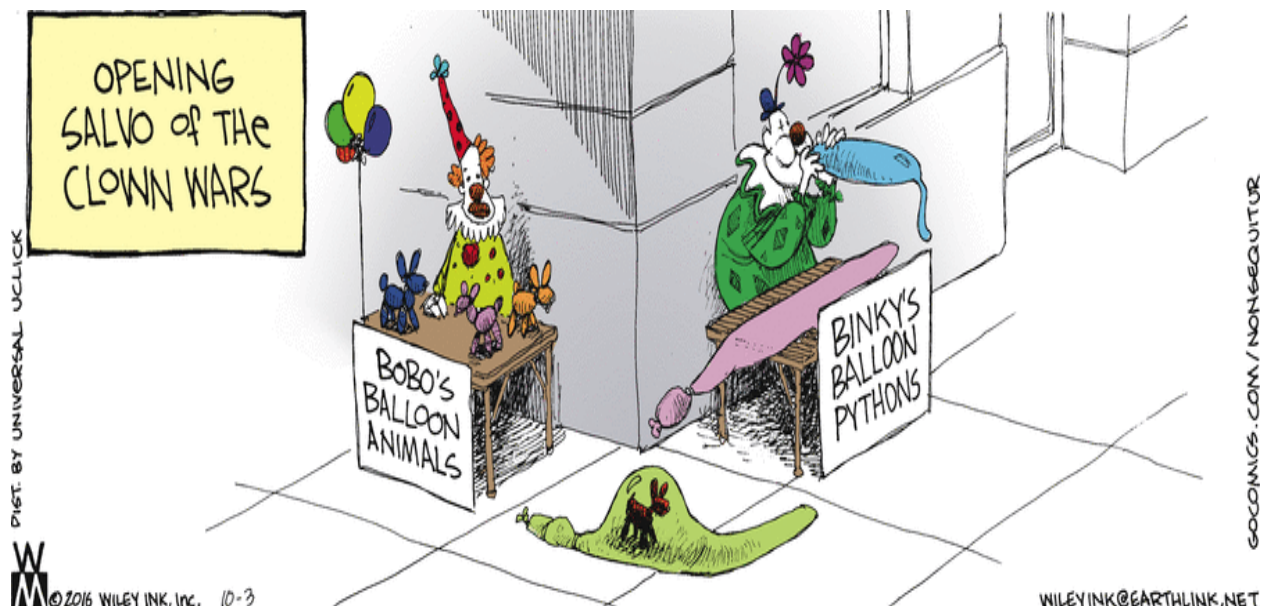
Four of our members brought haunted or spooky magic to show at this month's meeting. Past president, Dan Jones started out with a funny, but not very scary, version of the Budda Money Mystery where he used a stuffed lion to 'guard the money, (a dollar bill), being put into a 'vault'. Since the Lions, (Detroit football players), are only good for 3/4 that was all that was in the 'vault' when it was re-opened, (three quarters).

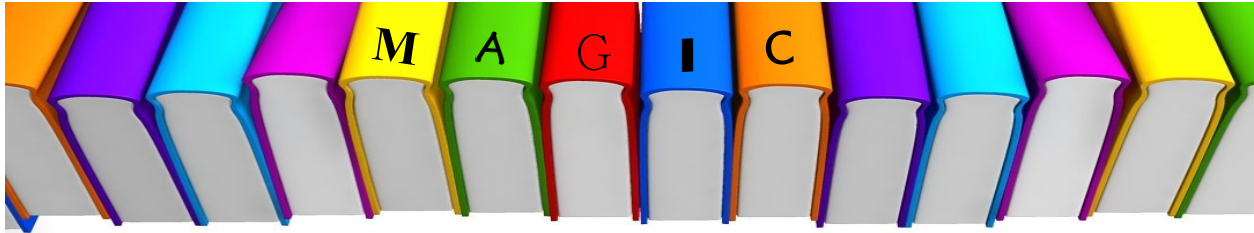
Next up was Kevin Peshick with his own rendition of Copycat by David Parr, after each card move he would do he would ring a bell then I, the volunteer, would do the same and ring the bell, till the end where one card is taken from each color deck and placed in the other, to end up with the exact same card....

Ron Hoole stated that he had brought along a special guest, Bela Lugosi, as he brings out an 'urn' that says Bela Lugosi on it, saying it had gotten wet, pours the contents, bones and a couple eyeballs, through a strainer and says to his volunteer, Jacki, to name any 'spirit', to which she said Shirley Temple and Lugosi will bring that 'spirit'. (Ron stops a few times to empty more water out of the 'urn'). Then Jacki was to hold a business card size Ouija board with a piece of charcoal between her hands, a playing card was selected, eight of hearts, and the 'spirit' drew a line through the Ouija board from the H, hearts, to the 8...(scarryy)!

And last, but not least, was president, Joaquin Ayala, (Dr.J), performing The Five Gifts of Life by Dr. Robert Neale.

Randy A. Smith, Secretary





*Ex Libris* by Joaquin M. Ayala, Ph.D.

Hello everyone and welcome to the Ex Libris article for November 2019! Here in our little corner of the world we have actually experienced a gradual season change, as opposed to the last few years when we went straight from summer to winter and the leaves went from green to dead! It is very pretty to see all the colors of the leaves when they change from green to yellow to orange to red – the color provides a very nice contrast to the darker, dank days of the autumn season. Speaking of color...

We will be focusing on a book called *Self-Working Handkerchief Magic* by **Karl Fulves**. This is a 184-page softcover book originally published in 1988 by **Dover Publications** and was illustrated by **Joseph K. Schmidt**. It is a collection of effects from various performers, some very well-known and others unknown, *literally!*

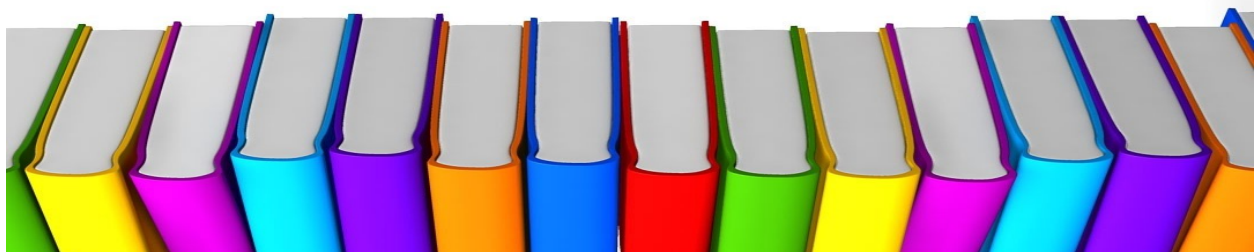
The effects in here range from easy to ridiculously easy. Do not be misled by the term ‘self-working’ because even those can be screwed up, and not every effect described thusly actually fits into that category. However, the effects here do not require any knuckle-busting sleights, nor do they require you to do anything complicated. It is all about remembering simple steps.

This book includes some classics like the *Ring on Rope* where a ring can be put onto and taken off a length of rope under cover of a handkerchief. *No Pockets* is a great gag from **Slydini** where you produce a silk from a pocket that does not exist! It also teaches various ways to produce and vanish silks/handkerchiefs from various implements including rolled-up newspapers, boxes, etc.

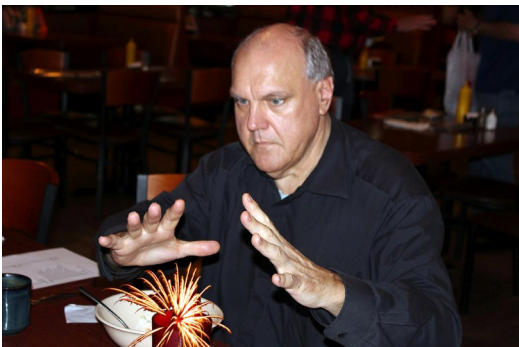
You will learn many ways to make various objects penetrate silks/hankies, such as pens, pencils, coins, thimbles and more. You will learn how to make two silks, which are tied together, magically come apart inside a glass or a paper bag and how to cause a chosen silk to vanish and reappear in another location. You will even learn a semi-impromptu version of the *Haunted Hanky* (a.k.a. ‘Glorpy’) and a way to do a *Zombie* effect, both with the help of some silverware! The book also shows you how to create a mouse and a rabbit out of a hanky (puppets) and you will learn a secret about the actual book itself...

That is all for this month folks – give this book a try because there are some classic effects hidden inside and they are all easy to do! Join me again in December for the last newsletter of 2019(!)

Yours in the Secret Art – **J. M. A.**



- ◆ One nice thing about telling a clean joke is there's a good chance that no one has heard it before.
- ♠ Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- ♥ People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.
- ♣ Remember, you can't have everything. Where would you keep it?



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**The Ann Arbor Magic Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Senate Coney Island Restaurant - 34359 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150-1500. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Come at 6 p.m. if you want to eat.**

**Bring a guest to a meeting! Perform! Join a Committee!**