



Magic Messenger

The Official Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Magic Club / S.A.M 88 / I.B.M. 210

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As most members have heard, Marvin Mathena was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor, Fri., 29 Aug. As of the 31st, he is comfortable and doing well as his condition continues to be assessed. Marvin appreciates the calls and visits received to date and looks forward to quickly returning to his magic family.

President's Corner

First off, I like to thank Jim Placido and his lovely wife for hosting our August Corn Roast. Everyone who attended there had a good time eating and watching the magic.

Our next meeting will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 PM. Our lecturer will be Barry Mitchell who will presenting his workshop "Think Different Tour 2014". All magicians, clowns and gospel entertainers are invited to attend this mystical event so please do invite your friends who may not be members of our club. Club members lecture fee is just \$10.00 and non-members is \$15.00. There will be an Officers Meeting at 6:00 PM.

On Saturday, September 20th, there will be a Magical Fundraiser Show for the Church and for us at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Under 12. Please do support your fellow magicians and your club by attending this event. Thank you.

Our Magic Flea Market will be held on Sunday, October 26th in Belleville, MI at the Van Buren Eagles Club. Vendors will be allowed in at 12 Noon, in order to set up, and the Public may enter at 1:00 PM. Please contact Marvin Mathena for more information. (734) 482-9523.

President Bill Brang

Secretary's Report 8/31/14

First and foremost a hearty welcome to our newest member Carl Massie Jr.! We look forward to Carl's contributions and insights into the magical arts.

Two picnics over two months. The Ann Arbor magicians are getting spoiled! Our annual Corn Roast was graciously hosted by the **Placidos'** (**Maura**, daughter **Kiley** and **Jim**) on 10 Aug. The club provided the corn and chicken with members bringing a side dish to share. Again, we had great weather and a beautiful setting for the social. Also, we were fortunate to have a number of lay attendees to share the food and entertainment. After the feast, all settled in to enjoy the magic show, which this year featured 7 poised presdidigitators!

Jim Placido served as the MC and did a great job introducing the acts and keeping the audience entertained during transitions.

Jim Folkl set the stage (no pun intended ... well maybe) for the mysteries to follow. He presented **Dean's** Box, a variation of the classic **Stewart James** effect Sefalajia. Two ropes inexplicably link as passing through an empty box.

Next up was VP **Scott Kindshy**, fresh from a sojourn in Ireland. Scott had a card freely selected then successfully revealed his prediction on a jumbo (52) card. As the laughter subsided, he turned the card over revealing the actual card selected.

Marvin Mathena demonstrated 3 jumbo card effects/locations that progressively became more perplexing. The last effect employed the use of famous magicians' posters imprinted on the faces instead of denominations. It was a refreshing way to reveal the final prediction.

George Honer identified 3 selected cards from an extensively shuffled deck. After a spectator shuffled and randomly removed and discarded pairs of cards, George ended by successfully predictiong the number of black and red cards that remained. A truly puzzling effect.

MC/Host **Jim Placido** demonstrated the trick passe passe bottles using peanut butter and jelly jars. It was a nicely presented routine of a classic effect.

Kiley Placido and friend **Angelina** presented the Vanishing Bandana. The routine on its own is funny, but the girls' acting made it hilarious! I foresee a budding magi in the Placido household.

President **Bill Brang** closed the show with 3 great tricks. He began by vanishing a liter bottle of coke under a silk and then proceeded to penetrate a sheet of steel with a solid block of wood. Bill ended with a science fiction theme, producing three silks (red/yellow/blue) and then transforming them before our eyes to a figure of superman!

With the show concluded, it was time for the magicians to pack up their wares and slowly vanish (probably onto hwy 96). Thanks to **Bill Brang** for providing the table and music; **Jim Mollner** for the two huge tents; and again, the **Placido** family for the fabulous venue.



An informal meeting was held 13 Aug. @ Denny's Ann Arbor / Washtenaw Rd. **Marvin Mathena, Bill Brang, Scott Kindschy, Bob Waite, John Russell and Carl Massie Jr. were in attendance.** No business, just magic!

Upcoming Meetings:

Sept. 10th Barry Mitchell Lecture. Faith Lutheran Church.

Oct. 8th Halloween Magic

Nov. 12th Money Magic! All perform" Show us the money"!

Around the town highlights:

Sept 20th AAMC Magic show @ Faith Lutheran Church.

Oct. 26th World Famous Annual Flea Market / Elks Hall. .

For a complete listing of magic events in Michigan, visit John Luka's site

<http://www.johnlukamagic.com/mi/events.html>

[Jim Folkl](#)

Funny Business:

This milkman traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada for many years as an illusionist with his wife and 2 children. During World War II, he traveled for 21 months with the Special Service, entertaining military personnel in five European countries. Upon moving to Colon, Michigan, he began working at [Abbott Magic & Novelty Co.](#) and soon became a professional magician with the family. They performed on Chicago's Bozo Circus Show, were also invited to perform on "The [Ed Sullivan Show](#) and traveled with the Hetzer Brothers Circus. This magic family performed at the [Abbott's Get-Together](#) 12 times. In 1999 they received the Jack Gwynne Award for Excellence in magic.



Who / Where / When? Answers at the end of the Messenger

“Have you noticed there is really nothing new going on these days ? ...Just The same stuff happening to different people”.

“Vacation is when you exchange good dollars for bad quarters”.

“Do you realize the only exploited people in the U.S. who haven ‘t struck are the taxpayers ?”.

Theater Owner: “How did the comic’s jokes come across?”

Stage Manager: “On the Mayflower”.

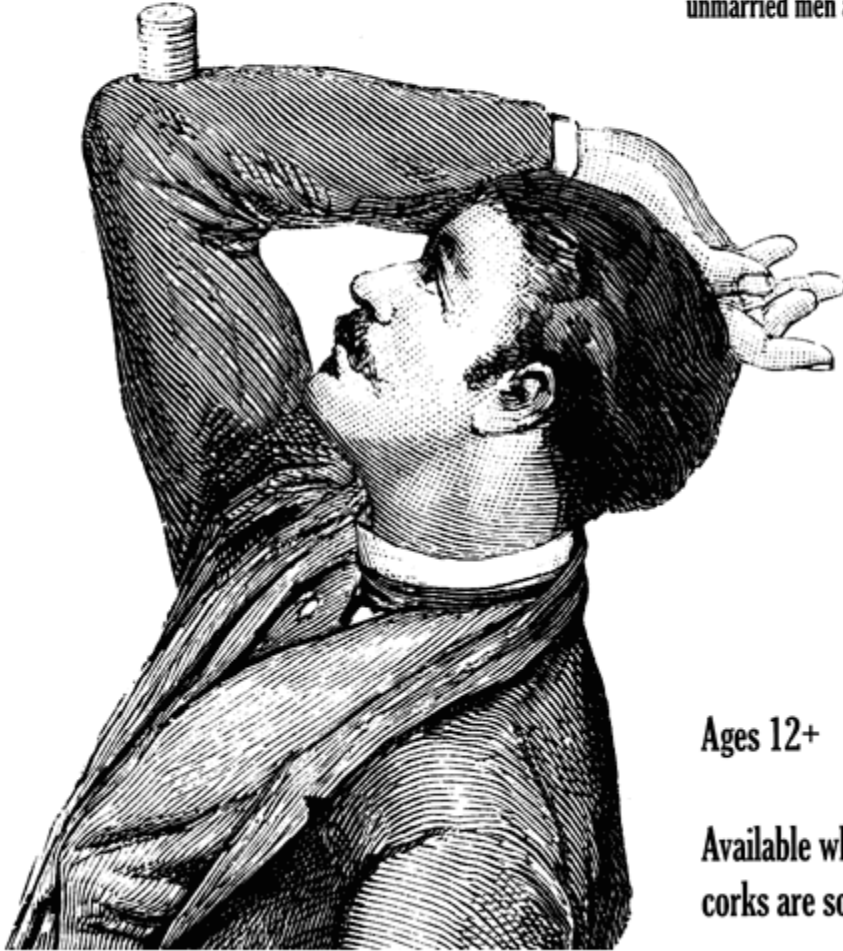
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WHO: The Amazing Conklins / WHERE: Abbots / WHEN: Circa 1980

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