



FEBRUARY 2014

President's Corner

Hello Fellow AAMC Members,

This will be my last Presidential report for the Magic Messenger. As announced at the February meeting we have 4 new officers who begin their terms at the March meeting. All of the candidates ran unopposed for the offices so here is the line up of the new board. Bill Brang as President, Scott Kindschy as Vice President, Jim Folkl as Secretary, John Russell as Treasurer, and Bob Waite will serve again as the Sargent of Arms. Congratulations to the new board. Let's give them all the support that they deserve. We want our club to continue to grow and improve.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve our club over the past two years as your President. It has been a fun time, an interesting time, and a challenging time at times. I have received many positive and encouraging notes, emails and personal words of appreciation for the work that the board and I have done. We have tried to make the club and the meetings more fun, informative and entertaining, And the majority of the club members embraced and applauded the effort and the results. Unfortunately, I am sorry to say, not everyone understands the concept that change can be a good thing. In one of our early board meetings I was told that, "You can't have a meeting in a restaurant". Well, we have had several meetings in restaurants and they have proven to be very successful. The club surveys that you filled out were used to plan our meetings and events as to what the membership wanted. We, the board, met regularly to plan, address issues and govern the club as a group, as directed by the By Laws. I have confidence that the new board will continue on in the same fashion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members who have worked very hard in their efforts to serve the AAMC. To George Honer, thank you for your knowledge and advice on the policies and procedures of our club, in and outside of our meetings. Your experiences in politics, business, teaching and in magic have aided me greatly in the role as President.

Randy Smith has been the greatest Secretary that I have known in any organization that I have been involved in. He is a very creative and ambitious individual who has that ability to know what needs to be done, and then does it. Through his photography, the reports in the Linking Ring & M.U.M. magazines and his building of magical props, he has been a great asset to this club. Thanks, Randy.

And here's to Bob Goodwin. Who took our organized financial records and organized them even more. Bob stepped up as our Treasurer and reported in detail, some areas that we needed to address and kept our actions and records transparent for the membership to see. Bob's skills with numbers and organization have served this club well.

Finally, to my friend, Bob Waite, who invited me to the club a few years ago. I had no idea then that I'd move from the back of the room to the front. And he moved up there with me. Thanks, Bob for serving our club and for your words of advice as we drove to and from the meetings together. We have served in two clubs together, clowned together, worked as stagehands, balloonists and worked the circus side by side. Thank you for being my friend.

The Ann Arbor Magic Club is a club that I am proud to be a member of. Let us all do our best to keep it going and growing.

Thank You, [Dan Jones](#)

AAMC Annual Banquet:

Saturday, March 1st, from 12 - 4 pm at the Wayne Tree Manor. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Wayne Tree Manor 35100 Van Bon Rd. Wayne, MI.

Secretaries Report 2/12/2014

We had a lot of fun doing Rope Magic, a very good turnout!
Hope to see everyone at the Banquet!

The club officers will be sworn in at the Banquet on March 1st.....

President - Bill Brang: havewandwilltravel2002@yahoo.com

Vice Pres - Scott Kindschy: kindschy@gmail.com

Treasurer - John Russell: john@rjassociates.com

Secretary - Jim Folkl: retirementman@hotmail.com

Sgt of Arms - Bob Waite: patchestclown@sbcglobal.net

New Business

1. Mar. 1st - AAMC Banquet- see above ^
2. Mar. 12th - "M" is for Mentalism - Meeting at the Denny's in Ann Arbor
3. Apr. 9th - Silk Magic - Meeting at the Denny's in Plymouth

[Randy A. Smith](#)

Board Members

Pres: Dan Jones: dmjones0701@yahoo.com

VP: George Honer: magicbygeorge@hotmail.com

Sec: Randy A. Smith: randy.remarkable@gmail.com

Treas: Bob Goodwin: robertcgoodwin@yahoo.com

Sgt.: Bob Waite: patchestclown@sbcglobal.net

Annual Membership Dues Again

The \$5.00 late fee for dues was extended to February 28th.
Call or e-mail the Treasurer, Bob Goodwin at 313-322-3715 for info...

Newsletter

We need your contributions. Please do me a favor and send me whatever you can that relates to magic so we can share with all the members. Send all items to randy.remarkable@gmail.com

The Website

Our website address is <http://www.aamagic.org/>

(e-mail Randy or Jeff if you need the password, no user name needed now).

We still need your material to share with the club. Stories, tricks, reviews of tricks; books etc. The sky is the limit so long as it is not copyrighted material. So get your stuff into me and let's make this the best site of any club out there. Send all items to jswalters@wowway.com

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