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Mike Reuter poses with the 2025 Close Up Showcase Winner's Trophy.



President's Corner
By [Sean Howell](#)

Spring has sprung! The Spring Parlor Show is just around the corner and it's crunch time. The Parlor Show is our main fundraiser for our meeting space. We enjoy the meeting space that we have at the Plymouth Community Arts Council because of the Parlor Shows we have been presenting to the community.

The Ann Arbor Magic Club
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PARLOR MAGIC SHOW

at the Plymouth Community Arts Council

Saturday, May 24, 2025

2:00pm and 5:00pm



Adults \$10
Children \$5

with adult ticket purchase

Scan QR code below to
purchase or visit our website

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at
774 N. Sheldon Road at Junction Street in Plymouth, MI 48170

How can you help? I'm glad you asked, because your club needs your help.

Invite your family and friends to the Parlor Show May 24. We have 2 shows, first is 2:00 and the second is 5:00. Share the Parlor Show on social media, please share the information on your social media whether its Facebook, Instagram, Tick Tock, etc.. just get the word out because if people don't know the show is going on, they have no opportunity to enjoy the amazing magic happening in their own community and our next show is going to be amazing.

Spread the magical word and share the joy.

Other ways you can help is to lend a hand during the show, there are various ways you can help, all I ask is that you please help in even the smallest way, share the info with the world.

Cheers,
Sean



Secretary's Report
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Our most recent meeting was 2 hours of non-stop magic! We had a great turnout of our Close-Up Showcase with 24 members and 5 guests. Six close-up performers each had their own table and four spectators at each table rotated every five minutes to a new close-up performer until everyone had seen all six acts. Performers got a chance to experience performing the same routine over and over for different audiences. Spectators got to see lots of great close-up magic. After, spectators voted on their favorite act and Mike Reuter was awarded the Close-Up Showcase winner for 2025.



- Mike Reuter showed a tiny grand piano and then performed a well honed bare-handed coin matrix with silver dollars to ragtime music – Scott Joplin’s “The Entertainer”. Then Mike showed a super tiny Apple Mac computer. A card was selected and somehow in the spectators hand, the Mac was unfolded and it was the selected card with a Mac back. What will Steve Jobs think of next?
- Phil Mann performed a nice coin through table routine and then went into a coin matrix with engraved playing cards and half-dollars.
- Bou-yu Chen did some lovely sleight of hand with a coin vanishing into thin air, then a pen whose tip seemed to

constantly change which end of the pen it was on. Bou-yu concluded with a baffling coffee stirrer in Starbuck's Bag. The stirrer broken by several spectators hands on through the bag magically was in one piece when the bag was ripped open. It matched a small broken piece taken before it was put in the bag proving that there was no switch.

- Sean Howell performed a well honed cups and balls routine based on a custom Rub-a-dub-dub verse using three hand crafted leather cups. For the finale, three small bottles of Tequila appeared under the cups and then to everyone's amazement two limes and a salt shaker appeared under the cups for a super climax.
- April Barrett performed routines she uses at Detroit Tigers Baseball Games to keep kids entertained while they are waiting to get their face painted. April first produced a tiny balloon animal from a bunch of uninflated balloons.
- Dan Jones performed a couple Jay Sanky card tricks. First he did a nice rendition of Hi Jacked where 4 Jacks turn into Aces, then he did Bigger Finish where what appears to be four cards turns out to be a jumbo of the selected card in the spectator's hands.

Then we had a few bits of business. Our President Sean Howell reminded us that next month we will have a lecture by John Luka. Sean then called up past Presidents, Dan Jones and John Russell to present them with the IBM's Past President medals to a well earned round of applause. Finally members were reminded of two upcoming events. Michigan Magic Day will be May 17th hosted by Ring 22 and our own Parlor Show will be May 24.



Then it was on to member performances.



- Lincoln Stone performed a nice rendition of Color Vision and concluded with an Appearing Cane from his top hat.
- Fred Lenter performed a baffling 2 deck card trick where a card selected from one deck turned out to vanish and was the only card in the second box.
- Austin Peczynski for his first time ever on stage performed a nice Copper-Silver two in the hand – one in the pocket routine.
- April Barrett did a “your name” on card routine.
- Dreygon Hibbler did an incredible time travel routine where he made 3 minutes completely disappear.
- Mike Bogdas performed a Needle off Thread routine where he magically removed a needle under cover of a handkerchief while the thread was held at both ends by a spectator.
- Boyu Chen did a very nice 2 spectator prediction where a number written on a card by one spectator is telepathically transmitted to another spectator who then writes down the same number.
- Fred Lenter was back with a very nice multi segment cut and restored routine.
- Finally John Russell wrapped up with a card trick and

Cootie Catcher routine from his act where the Cootie Catcher ultimately reveals the chosen card.

That only left a few more minutes for jamming and socializing before the lights went out.

















Around the Town
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Calendar of Events

May is a month of much magic...

Join us tonight for a fantastic lecture by John Luka. John

Luka will be lecturing on material from his book "Uncovered", John's routines are always very do-able and **do not** contain knuckle-busting sleights. John always puts on a great lecture, so you don't want to miss it. More details [here](#).

I hope we see many AAMC members at [Michigan Magic Day](#) this coming Friday and Saturday. Please support our friends at the Detroit Magic Club!

Mark your calendar for May 24, the date of [our next Parlor Show](#). Our 4pm show has always out-performed our 7pm show, so we are moving the show times to 2pm and 5pm.

We will be distributing hardcopy tickets for members to sell at tonight's meeting.

Next Show

MAY 24 Sat 2:00 pm Spring 2025 Parlor Show Afternoon @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

5:00 pm Spring 2025 Parlor Show Evening @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

Next Meeting

MAY 14 Wed 7:00 pm AAMC Monthly Meeting @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

MAY 15 Thu 7:00 pm AAMC Parlor Show Rehearsal

MAY 21 Wed 6:00 pm AAMC Monthly Board Meeting

Other Events

MAY 17 Sat all-day Michigan Magic Day 2025 – Hosted...

Club Events

MAY 14 Wed 7:00 pm John Luka Lecture @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

JUN 16 Mon all-day Magic and the Performing Arts Su... @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

AUG 9 Sat all-day AAMC Annual Picnic @ Home of Sean Howell

SEP 27 Sat 12:00 pm AAMC Pop-Up Magic Shop (Flea Mar... @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

OCT 8 Wed 7:00 pm AAMC Parlor Competition @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

DEC 10 Wed 6:00 pm AAMC Holiday Party @ Plymouth Community Arts Council

FEB 23 Mon all-day Club Birthday

Other Calendars

- Check out John Luka's Magic page and his well maintained [list of Michigan Events](#)
- All AAMC Events and details can be viewed on the [website calendar](#).



Funny Business
By [Karl Rabe](#)

Funny Bones

We are making some security updates to the AAMC Website.
Viewer's will be presented with a challenge to ensure they are human and not robots.

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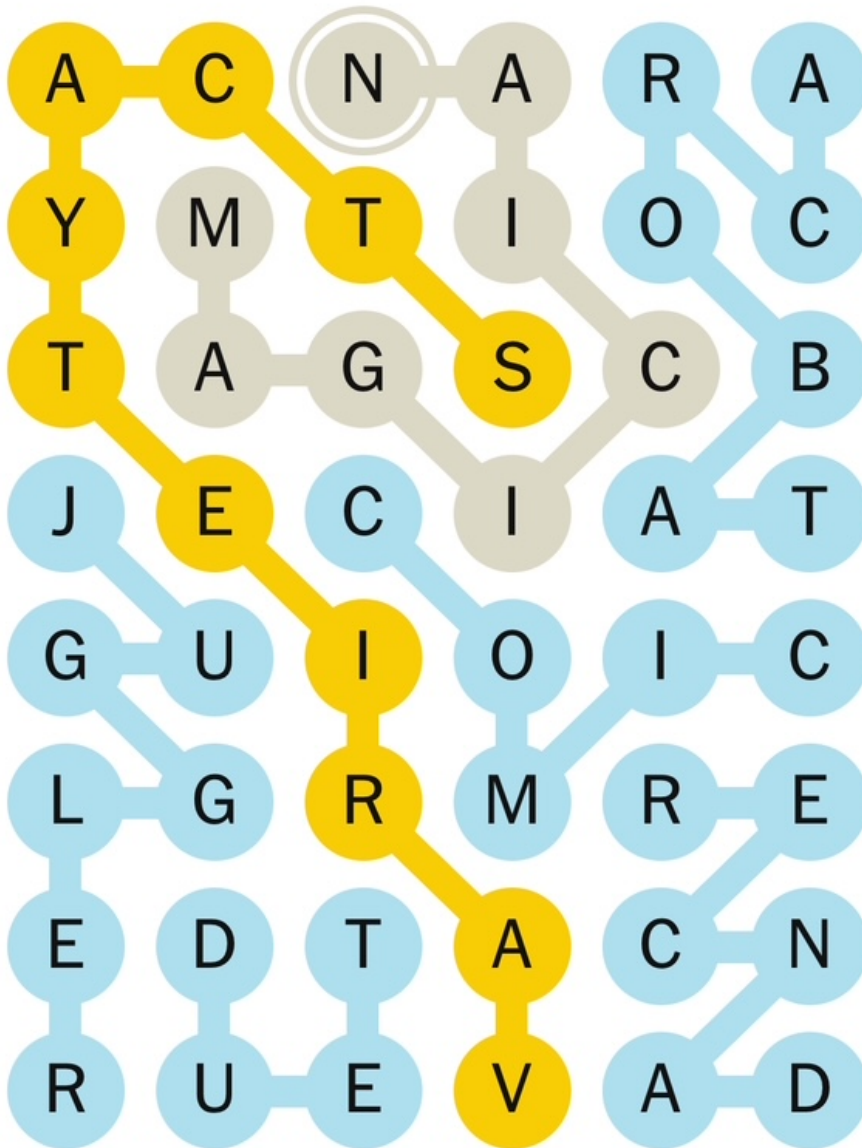
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our song!



TODAY'S THEME

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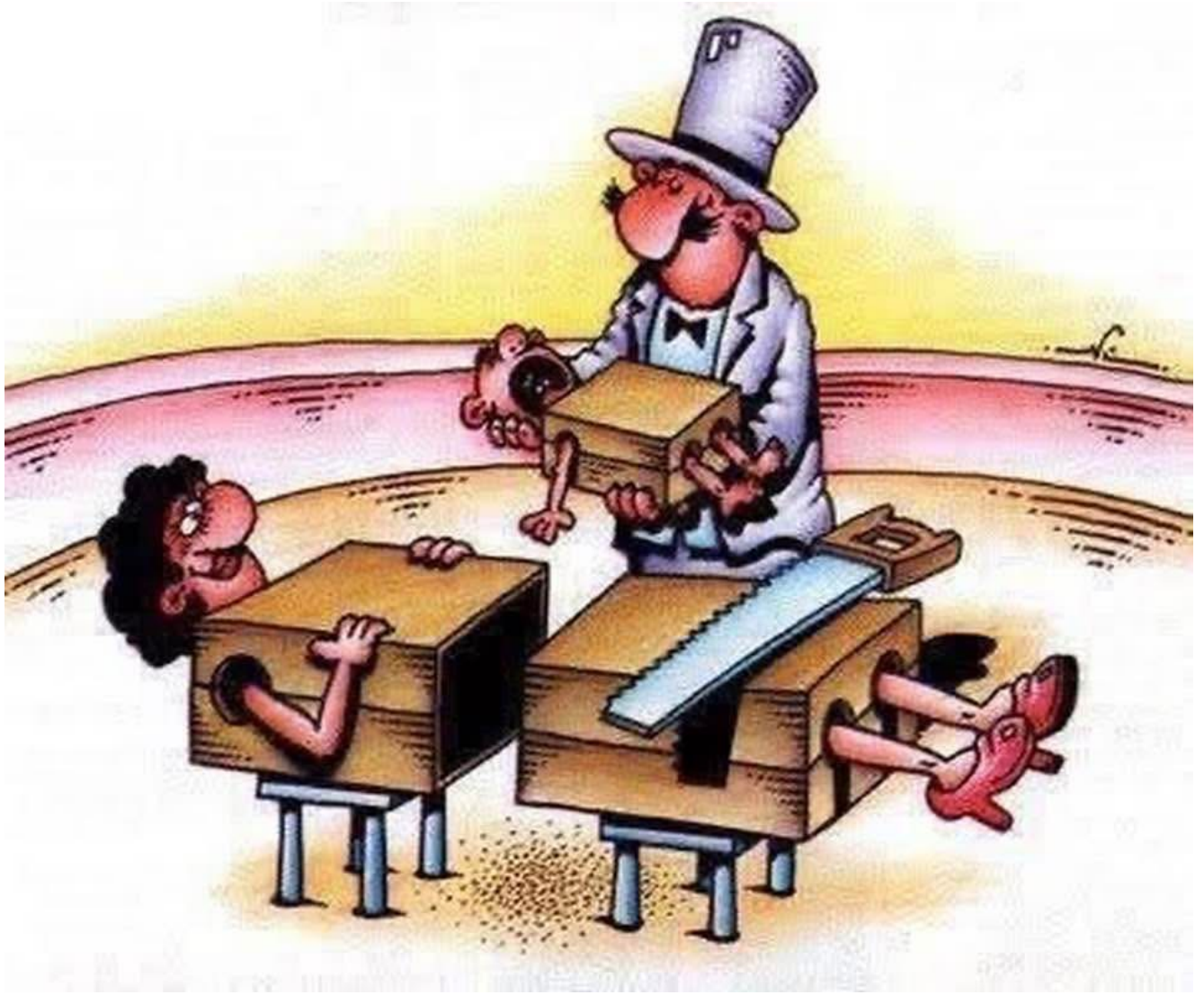
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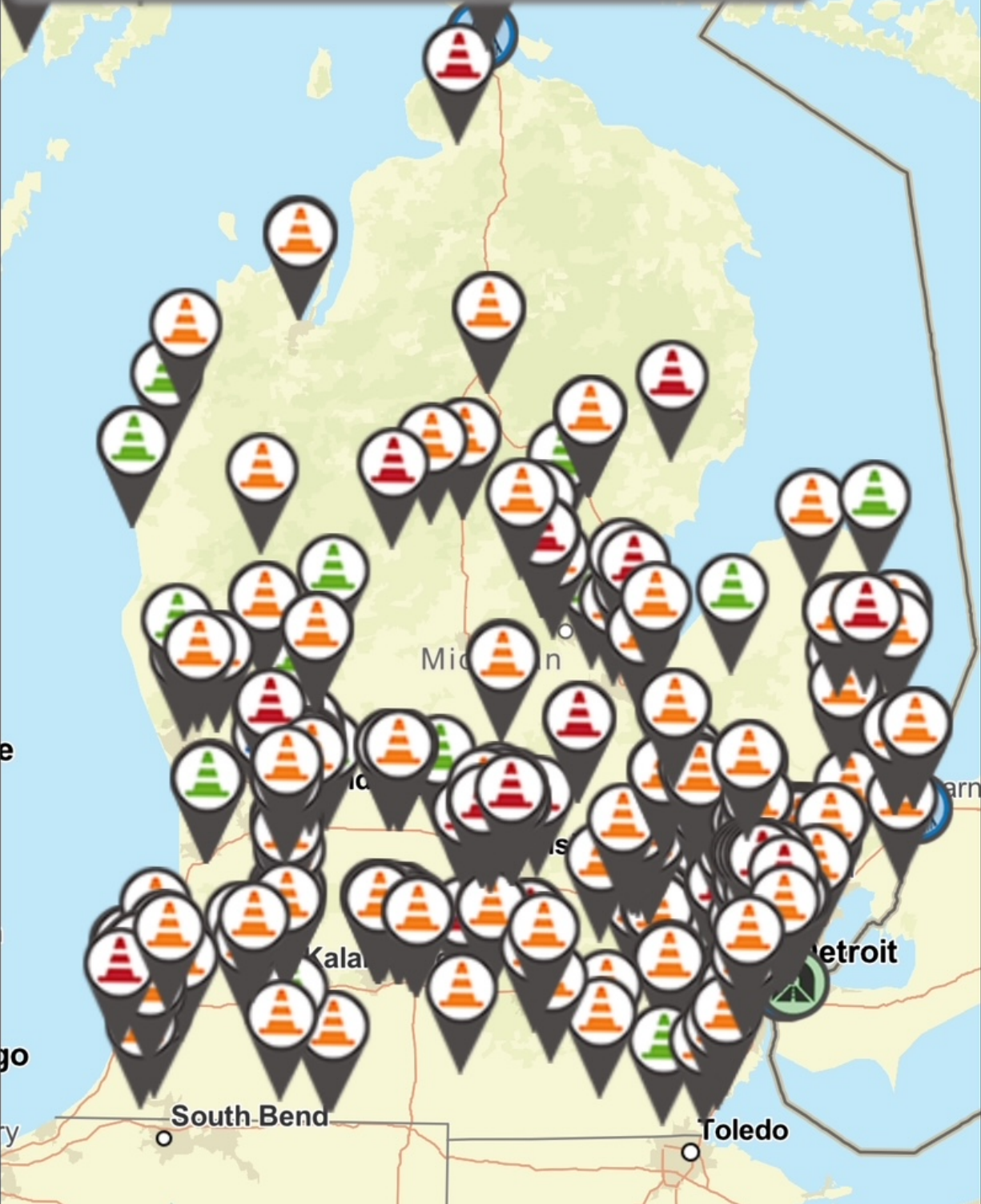




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*I hope you enjoy magic, because this is a 21-day cruise
and I have 20 minutes' worth of material.*



It's summer in Michigan!

Swag is now in stock and for sale. Contact Treasurer Rob Krozal to get your's today!



Hat



Tee



Polo



Hoodie



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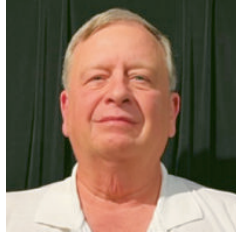
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