



# Magic Messenger

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

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## **President's Corner**

First and foremost I'd like to thank everyone in the Club for electing me their 2009 President. Boy, are you in trouble now! Kidding, of course ☺ In all seriousness, it is a great honor and I appreciate it very much. I'm looking forward to another fantastic year of magic and comradery!

Our annual banquet I think was a wonderful success, and I'd like to say congratulations again to our award winners: George Honer (The Harry Colestock award); Randy Smith (Entertainer of the Year); Pam Smith (President's Award); Frank Quinn (First Time Performance); and 'John Doe' (the mystery winner of the Magician of the Year award who will be presented with their certificate at the February meeting).

Another big 'Thank You' goes out to all of the people who performed at the banquet. I really do think we're on the right track having our own members put on the show as opposed to hiring outside talent. We've got PLENTY of talent right here in our own backyard!

A quick business note before closing: Please remember to bring any magic vest you might own to the next meeting to use as reference for the club vests we're trying to have made. Marvin and I will be bringing fabric samples, or if you have a particular pattern you'd like to present as an option feel free to bring it along.

See you in February! *Gordon Schott*

## **Secretaries Report 1/14/09**

Sorry to say that there is no report for this month. I was unable to get to the meeting because of icy conditions on the roads. I tried but gave up when I realized that after about 90 minutes of very slow driving, I wasn't even at the half way point yet. Jeff Walters

## **Board Members until 1/18/09**

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## **Annual Banquet**

The banquet was a lot of fun as usual. After the swearing in of officers and the presentation of awards (the winners are listed in the President's Corner), the show began with lots of great magic. Marvin Mathena was the MC and did a variety of magic throughout the show. First up was Tyler Sousa so did a production of a giant straw from a McDonald's bag. Bill Brang then did a nice routine themed to a favorite Anime show where 4 Silks were tied to a Rope and sealed in a jar where they magically escaped. Then the young Angelina Placid wowed us with a great Professor's Nightmare. She was followed by her dad Jim Placido who did his famous Long Rope routine and a magically changing chosen card. Next cam Jim Ruth and he friend Woody The Duck who help him find a chosen card (it really Quacked us up <sorry, had to do it>). Our Grosse Isle contingent then began with George Honer doing the classic Mental Epic followed by George Mathis who did a great Card in Bottle (they should team up and call themselves the Two Georges). Randy Smith followed with his Head Chopper with the help of the young Angelina Placido (you should have seen the nervous looks on Mom's and Dad's faces). Finally, our new President George Schott showed us some tremendous skill with his new Spirit Table illusion. It was a super way to end the show. *Jeff Walters*

## **Newsletter**

There is no new magic or contributions for this month because no one has sent anything in. Please do so and share the magic with all the members. Send all items to [jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net)

## **The Website**

We need your material to share with the club. Stores, tricks, reviews of tricks; books; videos; etc. and even VIDEO. How about making a short video clip teaching a trick? Or a video clip of a performance. I would love to see someone make a video of a trick that they do with the person watching the video. Wouldn't that be cool 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 [jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffery.s.walters@sbcglobal.net)

## **Winner Of The Free Lecture**

The winner of the Free Lecture, as announced at the Banquet was Frank Quinn. Congratulations Frank.

## **The 2009 Meeting Schedule** (This will also get posted up on the website)

February: Teach a Trick

March: Impromptu Magic (Same thing we did last year...Marvin brings a box of stuff and dumps it on the table, then we all hunt and peck for something to do a trick with)

April: Do a trick from either MUM or Linking Ring

May: Swap Night (this got moved to May this year so inclement weather wouldn't be such an issue)

June: Lecture (TBD)

July: Anti-Business meeting

August: Corn Roast

September: Lecture (TBD)

October: Halloween magic

November: Hanksgiving Sale

December: Christmas magic/party

## **Renewal Notice**

Please note that if you have not renewed your membership yet, then this may be your last newsletter. We need to be able to get a completed membership list and membership cards out to the members as soon as possible each year. It is very hard to do if members are still renewing in March. So we ask that you take a few minutes to renew at the next meeting or on line at our website [www.aamagic.org](http://www.aamagic.org). It is very safe and secure because we use Pay Pal credit card services. We do not see any kind of secure information from your card. We only get a confirmation email stating that you paid for your renewal. So give it a try and please hurry up and help us get back on track. Thanks....Jeff Walters