



MARCH 2013

President's Corner

Hello AAMC Members and Friends,

Well, spring is finally here and magic is in the air. This is a busy time for our club. We had a nice turnout of AAMC members at the Real Magic Roadshow on March 16th. It was good to see so many members taking advantage of this traveling dealers show. I picked up a couple of tricks and I know many of you did as well. I hope we can share them with each other in the near future. I hope that they will repeat this type of event again.

Our annual banquet will be held on Sunday, April 7th, from 12 - 4 pm at the Wayne Tree Manor in Wayne, Michigan. The menu is planned and the agenda is set for the day. We will swear in our officers for the coming year and enjoy some magic from featured performers. I would like to thank our outgoing officers, Jim Placido for serving as Vice President and Marvin Mathena for serving as our treasurer. I look forward to serving with our new board.

The next weekend on Saturday night, April 13th, a few members will be appearing in a show at Faith Lutheran Church to benefit their youth group. It's a fundraiser to help support the youth of the church in their works. If you would like to help support this cause then come on out and buy a ticket and enjoy the show. 7 pm on Saturday, April 13th, 2013.

The weekend after that is Michigan Magic Day which will be held in Flint, Michigan this year. It sounds like it will be a fantastic event that is hosted by The I.B.M. Ring 36 also known as The Conjurers Club of Flint. I hear that a few of our members are planning on attending. Let's try to bring back some good ideas to help us for next year. For more information check out the MMD website at: <http://www.michiganmagicday.com/>

A trip to the American Museum of Magic is in the works for sometime in May. Bring your calendars to the April meeting so that we can finalize a date. We are looking at either May 4th or May 18th. Both days are Saturdays.

Our meeting in March at the Denny's Restaurant was a blast! I received feedback from several members that said they really enjoyed the evening. I did too. We will have to do that again soon. Our April meeting on the 10th of this month will be back at the church. Our topic for the evening is rope magic and/or prop magic. Come prepared to show us your best cut & restored rope effect or professor's nightmare. Perhaps a rope tie escape or rope through body is more your style? Show us what you've got. Or, if you prefer the prop magic like a square circle, genie tube or crystal casket

then bring your best prop trick and share that. (No tigers please) Let's keep our meetings fun and full of magic like they should be.

See you all on the 10th. Magically Yours,

Dan Jones

Secretaries Report 3/13/2013

A very good turnout for our March meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Plymouth! A few of the members performed Gospel Magic or Magic with a Message.

Our April Meeting will be with Rope Magic, (or magic with props).

Dues Update

Membership dues are due in January, as stated in the AAMC By-Laws

ARTICLE VI, DUES, Section 1

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Dues shall be payable before January 31 for the current calendar year. Dues paid after January 31* will be assessed a five dollar late fee to the regular fee schedule for that classification.

You cannot pay online anymore because of a technical problem on the website!

You can pay at the meeting or call our Treasurer, Marvin Mathena, at 734-482-9523

*late fee will not be enforced until after our April Meeting, when the new board takes over.

New Business

1. Fellowship of Christian Magicians Conference April 5 - 7, 2013 at Journey of Hope Community Church in Taylor, MI.
2. AAMC Annual Banquet Sunday, April 7th, 2013 from 12 - 4 pm. Wayne Tree Manor at 35100 Van Born Rd. in Wayne, MI.
3. April 10th – Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church – Rope magic



4. April 13th – Benefit for Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group at 7:00PM
5. Michigan Magic Day Saturday, April 20th, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Flint, MI.

Scott Kindschy motioned to close, Jeff Walters second it, and it was passed by the membership.

Meeting closed 7:30 pm.

[Randy A. Smith](#)

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Newsletter

We need your contributions. Please do me a favor and send me what ever 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 jjswalters@wowway.com



Magic in a Minute by Mac and Bill King



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START THIS TRICK BY HOLDING UP TWO RUBBER BANDS BETWEEN YOUR THUMB AND FOREFINGER.

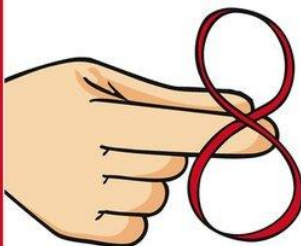
INSERT FINGERS OF YOUR FREE HAND INTO EACH BAND AND GIVE THEM A FEW STRETCHES TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVE TWO SEPARATE RUBBER BANDS.

THEN SWITCH HANDS AND GIVE THEM A FEW MORE STRETCHES TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE INTACT.

CLUTCH BOTH BANDS IN YOUR FIST, WAVE YOUR OTHER HAND AROUND IT AND SAY THE MAGIC WORDS: ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS A DOUBLE-SIZED ONE!

OPEN YOUR FIST TO REVEAL THE TWO RUBBER BANDS HAVE JOINED TO FORM ONE BIG RUBBER BAND! HEY, ONE PLUS ONE DOES EQUAL A DOUBLE-SIZED ONE!

HOWDY DO IT?



Mac & Bill King

THE REAL TRICK IS THAT YOU WERE USING A BIG RUBBER BAND ALL ALONG. BY FORMING THE BAND INTO A FIGURE EIGHT AND HOLDING IT IN THE CENTER, IT WILL LOOK LIKE TWO SMALLER BANDS. THE IMAGE TO THE RIGHT SHOWS HOW YOUR FINGERS SHOULD BE INSERTED IN THE BAND AS YOU ARE GIVING YOUR DEMONSTRATION STRETCHES. BY KEEPING THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND PINCHED TOGETHER AND THE OTHER FINGERS APART, IT WILL APPEAR THAT YOU REALLY DO HAVE TWO RUBBER BANDS. PRACTICE THIS TRICK IN THE MIRROR BEFORE YOU TRY IT ON AN AUDIENCE. ONCE YOU CAN FOOL YOURSELF, YOU'LL BE FOOLING EVERYBODY.



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March 13, 2013

Dear AAMC Members,

A provision in our by-laws has been omitted as an oversight after many reviews and that is the language that gives direction in case of a tie. The need for this language became evident with our past election where we had a tie for an office. This is the first time I can remember this happening since I have been a member. The By-laws Committee discussed this problem through email. Then the outgoing board and the incoming board held a joint meeting after our last General Member meeting and discussed this issue.

The board decided to present the following proposed language to cover a tie in an election.

Article X, Method of Election

Section 3. This language remains the same

New Proposed language:

- a. **In the event of a tie for any office the following procedure will be Followed:**
1. **The tie will be broken by a coin toss.**
 2. **If there is an incumbent they will select heads or tails.**
 3. **If there is NO incumbent the President or their designee will assign heads or tails to the candidates.**
 4. **The coin will be flipped in the air by the President or their designee and allowed to hit the ground to determine the selection for the tie position. The candidate with their selected or assigned heads or tails coin position will be the winner as determined by the results of which side, heads or tails is facing upwards.**

**** This selection method is used in the tie selection process in many government and organizational groups. The rationale behind this is that the group is evenly split on the selection so both must be equally qualified in the eyes of the voters. In addition it prevents the board from selecting their favorite candidate which could result in another tie. Also, it takes the pressure off an officer to select one over the other in an organization that has a goal of working together and this prevents half of the members from being disgruntled with the Presidents selection and stops dissention in the organization. For these reasons your outgoing and incoming boards agree that this would be the best solution for a tie.

We will follow the by-laws for the posting of this proposed addition to the by-laws and will be voting on this addition to our by-laws at the June 12, 2013 General Membership meeting.

Sincerely,

George Honer
By-laws Committee Chairman