

# Magic Messenger

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## President's Corner

*Magical.* That's the only way to describe the events of March at the Ann Arbor Magic Club!

The **John Luka** lecture kicked off the month with a superb display of magic from the simple to the complex and lots in between! I believe everyone picked up something they can use in their own performance. Bravo! John! We also welcomed two more new members: **Art Goyette** (member of the club from way back when **Franz Harary** was just a teenager!), and **Joaquin Ayala**. Welcome gentlemen!

**Eli Portala** had us all mesmerized at our annual banquet as we returned to **Weber's Inn**. The food was fantastic, the location beautiful, the camaraderie was excellent, and the magic was, well, magical! This young man certainly has an amazing future ahead of him! Also at the banquet, we recognized some guests who were part of the club in years past: **John Osborne**, and **Graham Putnam** (he of Magic, Inc. fame). I hope we see them again soon! We also recognized Lifetime Members **Marvin Mathena, George & Barbara Mathis, and Jim Ruth!** Special recognition was also made to **Gordon Schott & Family** as Entertainers of the Year; **Karl & Bill Rabe** as Magicians of the Year; **Bob Waite, Bob Goodwin, Brody Jamieson, and Joaquin Ayala** for their First Performance in front of the club; and **Jim Folkl** with the President's Award.

This month's meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> promises to weave some great magical stories as our theme is "story magic". What effects do you have up your sleeves that can be presented with a story? Practice up and bring it along (Note: themes are only suggestions. If you have magic to share, we'll always have a spot for you!). If you want to eat, please arrive early enough to be ready for the meeting to begin promptly at 7pm. BTW, did you know that if you're an AARP member, you get 15% off your meal when you show your card?

Speaking of discounts, I announced at the March meeting a new perk for AAMC Membership: 10% discounts at Wunderground Magic in Clawson and ABC Magic in Mt Clemens, and 20% discount at Ann Arbor Magic! Just have your card with you, and save some cash!

### **Upcoming Magical Events:**

12 April – Toledo Magic Club Close Up Show. Contact Martin Jarret at 419.255.2921 to see if tickets are still available.

April 28th (Tuesday) - The Illusionists at Detroit Fisher theater starring Jeff Hobson & Kevin James

April 30th (Thursday) Christian Engblom Lecture (One of the Fat Brothers) 7:00 PM - Ring 68 Toledo, OH - Maumee / BG Elk's #1850 - For more information contact Patrick Przysiecki

May 1-3 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Michigan Magic Day - Holiday Inn West, 2747 South Eleventh St., Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49009, Phone: 269-375-6000 - Mention Michigan Magic Day for a special room rate. - Featuring Shawn Farquhar and Francesco Addeo. For more information and details contact Tony Gerard - Phone: 269-344-2001

May 9th – Magic Flea Market at Abbott’s in Colon

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Magical Mini Mart Swap Meet of the Ann Arbor Magic Club at Denny’s. 7pm.

See you soon... *stay magical!*

John Russell

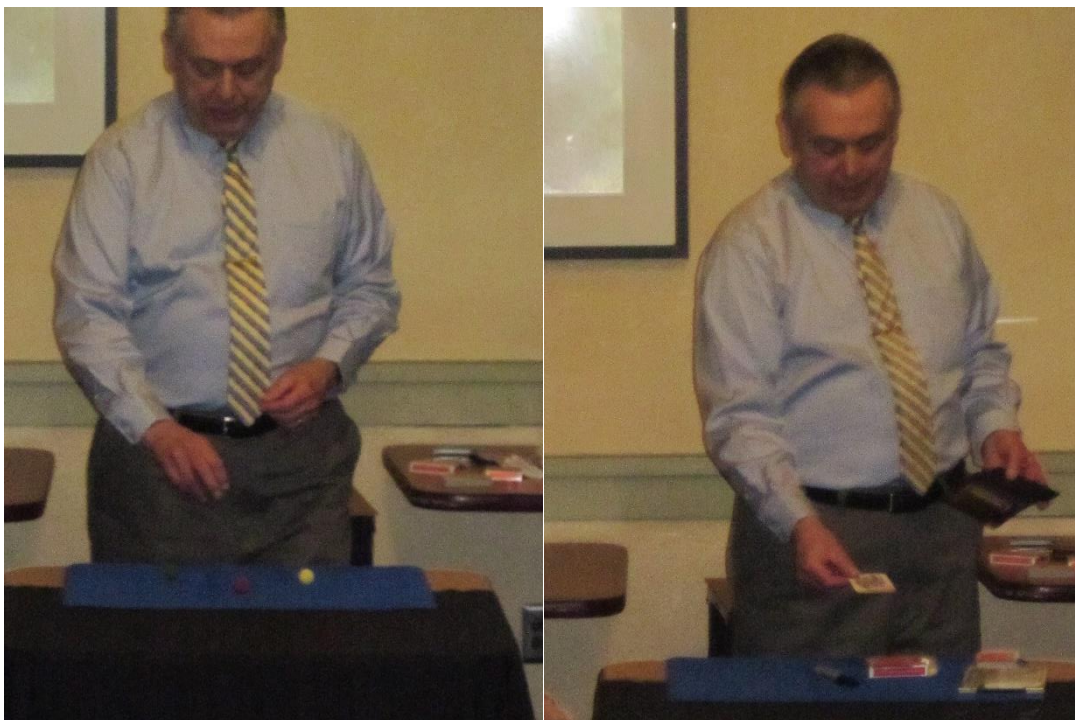
## **Secretary’s Report 03/2015**

With much anticipation, International Brotherhood of Magicians Territorial Vice President and noted Michigan magician **John Luka** presented his very entertaining and informative lecture to a packed house. John’s presentation was filled with high impact, easy to perform effects involving cards, coins, ropes, balls and an occasional peanut! Along the way, he unselfishly revealed personal bits of business and took the time necessary to explain the routines and most importantly, the “why”

behind particular moves. 11 effects were presented including “Michigan Monte, 3 Coin Production and Vanish, How Gamblers Palm Cards, Shrinking Card Case / Micro Macro, WOW Revisited, The Peanut Trick and Back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century”. John also gave homage to sources of his inspiration including the likes of Danny Tong, J.B. Bobo, Brother John Hamman, Richard Sanders and Mike Skinner. His material was well received as evidenced by the activity at his table of items for sale. The John Luka lecture was outstanding and is highly recommended!



IBM TVP John Luka & AAMC President John Russell



Two in the hand, One in the pocket

The “Z” Wallet



### Handlings of “The Professor’s Nightmare”!

The annual club installation banquet was held 15 April at Weber’s Inn. Attendees were in for a real treat. The venue was superb, with excellent accommodations, great food and a first rate staff in attendance. Thanks to **Jim Ruth** for making the arrangements. After the meal, outgoing President **Bill Brang** presented awards including Entertainers of the Year to the **Gordon Schott Family** and Magicians of the Year to **Bill and Karl Rabe**. Our featured entertainment was “**The Magic of Eli**” which was outstanding and rivaled any show you would see at a major convention. He is a young man of extraordinary talent, with a commanding stage presence and impeccable provenance attesting to his accomplishments. Eli performed a solid 50 minute act of sophisticated manipulation, illusion, juggling and comedy magic. Kudos to **John Russell** for booking his performance.



The Elvis Presley Steakhouse, where people “love meat tender” (Ouch!)

The people that gave us golf and called it a game are the same ones that gave us the bagpipes and called it music

## **Around the town highlights:**

**Apr 9 – 12** Creative Arts Conference, hosted by Fraternity of Christian Magicians. Contact club members Dan Jones / Bob Waite or email [MichiganFCMconference@gmail.com](mailto:MichiganFCMconference@gmail.com) for more information.

For a complete listing of magic events in Michigan, visit John Luka's site: <http://www.johnlukamagic.com/mi/events.html>

## **Funny Business:**

Used to perform at the Fiddle Hotel - it was a "vile inn" .....

My closing was the vanish of an elephant under a silk. The trick had one drawback - you couldn't examine the silk ....

One guy sat through my act 4 times - said the spotlight helped his rheumatism ...





Born in Newark, NJ, this month's mystery figure was famous as a bandleader and practical joker as well as a magician and inventor of numerous magic effects, still being used today. He managed Rudy Vallee's orchestra and finally formed his own orchestra and toured the U.S.A. with it. Initially working his way through Vaudeville and Tin Pan Alley, he eventually gained national exposure with NBC radio as a bandleader, composer, violinist and magician. Known as a controversial Orchestra Leader and Magician with a weird sense of humor and outlandish practical jokes!

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**Answer at the end of the Messenger**

Lost my dog the other day, was going to put an ad in the paper, but he can't read ...

Doctor said I need salt air, so every morning I fan myself with a herring ....

*Jim Folkel*

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