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NICK RUGGIERO

This will be a rare opportunity for members to hear authentic real life historical tales and behind-the-scenes anecdotes from Magic's GOLDEN YEARS as told by someone who was there in person. Nick was a major participant in the beautiful full evening stage shows presented by THE GREAT BLACKSTONE (SR.) and will share his experiences both in front of and behind the curtain with us. Many members will be familiar with Nick as the one who manufactured the quality apparatus for the original COLLECTOR'S WORKSHOP. He and partner Rich Bloch later sold this company to George Robinson in Texas.

Currently Nick manufactures and sells high end (exclusive) apparatus to a select clientele from his home and shop in Sedona. This will be a FUN evening for everyone and an important meeting no one should miss! Thanks to Larry Wilfong for setting this up.



Tuesday, Feb 16th
7:00PM
COCOS RESTAURANT
1862 W Baseline Rd Mesa AZ 85202

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TOP SECRET!!!

Message From the Prez...

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a nice 1st month to this new year. What a great meeting we had in January. 3 new people attending and everyone performed. Thanks to everyone who turned out for the meeting in spite of the rain storm. We will have something special in February and you should have received an email about it. Many thanks to Larry Wilfong for arranging this unforgettable lecture.

Also, a quick update on JC Wagner. He is doing fine after his first treatment of chemotherapy. He goes in for another round of treatment this week. JC is performing at the WC Fields Bar at the Magic Castle on February 19th and 20th.

That should be a real treat, if you are over there. Make sure you plan to attend our March meeting as we will have an evening with Eugene Burger. Remember this is your club. The officers you elected are open to any and all suggestions you have to make our meetings better.

Don't forget your loved one this February 14th. We will see you on the 16th. Oh yes, I almost forgot please have a safe and fun filled Groundhog day.

You make the magic happen.

Phil Tuttle
Prez ,ring 55

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Our Magical Friend Edward M. Rosenthal passed on this morning at 3 P.M. (Feb 12th) Please let other magicians and friends know a Broken Wand Ceremony will be held in Edwardo's honor at the upcoming I.B.M. Ring #55 meeting this coming Tuesday, February 16.

Magic By Misdirection Book

Review by David Goldberg

Dariel Fitzkee

Magic by Misdirection is the 3rd book of the great Fitzkee trilogy the other 2 were The Trick Brain and Showmanship for Magicians. All three of these books should be required reading for anyone is truly interested in becoming a better magician. These books are a joy to read thanks to Fitzkee's cranky style of writing and the crazy examples he uses.

I decided to give myself a little refresher course on the most important aspect of our art so I pulled my copy of Magic by Misdirection and decide to read it again. It's funny that this book was written over 50 years ago but the points that Fitzkee makes in this book are still very valid to this day. One of the main concepts that Fitzkee so clearly makes is that magic is much more than props or moves, that in order to be successful one must learn to deceive the spectators mind. Fitzkee goes on to illustrate the many principals of misdirection:

Normalcy – making everything you do from the way you speak to how you dress to your mannerisms be consistent with your character.

Disguise and Attention Control – Changing the appearance of a magic prop, mixing the true with the false.

Simulation – Simulating a hand that is empty when it is not.

Dissimulation – Making the hand appear to have something in it.

The list goes on but the bottom line is that what you want your audience to believe you must also believe it. The good thing is that this series of books has been reprinted so it should be easily obtained if you don't already have a copy. If you are a young person just getting started in magic or a serious hobbyist or a working professional it would pay you handsomely to read and study this this trilogy.

David Goldberg

OUR LAST MEETING... By David Goldberg

NO. 55 Phoenix, AZ The Bert Easley-Danny Dew Ring.

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month. CoCo's Restaurant 1862 W. Baseline Rd, Mesa, AZ

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OK OK before I forget we did have a very nice Christmas Party for the month of December. Almost everybody performed something. And we had a good gift exchange. No blows were exchanged, just gifts.

Now that that's out of the way we'll move on to the January meeting. For this month the theme was "What's New" where each member demonstrated a new trick or effect they learned. We had 3 guests brave the rainy weather to make it to the meeting. Yes it really does rain here in the desert despite popular belief that its sunny here 365 days of the year. OK maybe 340 days of sunshine. Our 3 guests were George Nash, Dave Sapperstein & Clayton Egner. Welcome!

OK now for the performances:

Phil Tuttle did an Invisible Dice Routine; guest Dave Sapperstein was next performing an effect called Static Confetti. KJ showed us a new take on the Scotch & Soda effect, the phenomenal David Goldberg (when you're the secretary you can get away with writing this kind of stuff) stunned the crowd with his rendition of Holey Molely a Jay Sankey effect. Victor Gade did several effects: a quick rope effect, Rabbit Card Trick which was based off of the MacDonalds

Aces principal and finished with a Block Penetration that he made.

Guest Clayton Egner performed a card effect with 2 decks. In which a red card from a red deck and a blue card from a blue deck transposed with one another. Clayton has an acting background and it showed in his performance. Lastly Leigh Hotz demoed a new Folding Coin and a Static Electricity Pen effect. Despite all of these fine miracles the most amazing one was yet to come, David Goldberg actually won something in the club raffle. So much for a perfect record of straight losses. KJ won a book and Phil Tuttle won the cash prize.

Thanks to all who came out. In March we'll be hosting a Eugene Berger lecture.

David Goldberg

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