

ASSEMBLY 206 NEWS

January 2007

EDITOR'S NOTE

Chris Walden has stepped down as editor of the newsletter after a distinguished tenure. We all owe Chris our gratitude for the work that he did so well for so long.

Stepping in as editor after Chris, I feel a little like the poor goofus back in 1955 who was supposed to follow Elvis on the Louisiana Hayride tour. For one thing, I don't have nearly the computer graphics skills that Chris has. I'm going to have to begin slowly and learn by doing. So these first few newsletters may be pretty rudimentary, but I hope to make this missive more attractive and more fun as we go along.

Also, I'm going to need help from the members. Send me items. *In the future I intend to send the newsletter out during the first week of the month. So the deadline for items will be the first day of the month.* Anything that gets to me by that date will be included. For the moment, I'm just going to put the stories in one after the other. With time and some newly learned skills, I'll try to improve the design as we go along. Meanwhile, onward!

Greg Curtis

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DARYL TO LECTURE AT JANUARY 15TH MEETING

What more needs to be said? This is a rare opportunity to see and hear one of the acknowledged modern masters. And it's worth noting that in addition to his many awards for performing, Daryl has twice been voted lecturer of the year. There's a lot more information about him at his website - <http://www.foolerdoolers.com/aboutdaryl.html>

Greg Curtis

LONNIE CHEVRIE'S OUTLAW MAGIC LECTURE HERE ON JANUARY 17

One of our own Texas Magicians will be in town on the night of January 17. That's a Wednesday night and Lonnie, who does mostly non-card tricks, will appear at La Madeleine French Bakery & Cafe at 3418 North Lamar at 35th

Street. This is the same location that we had our last North Austin lecture at. Good food anytime between 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. Lecture begins at 7 p.m.

Members of a local Austin Magic Club \$10. Members of

SAM or IBM, but not a
member of a local club \$15
Non members of IBM or SAM \$20.
Magicians driving from San Antonio \$10.
Bring your appetite as there is always good
food at La Madeleine's.
Ron Cartlidge

ASSEMBLY 206 HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS & CELEBRATION BANQUET

The scene was a little different on December 18, but the results were the same, a large crowd, great entertainment, and plenty of awards. Assembly 206 moved from the Omni Hotel, headquarters for our Assembly meetings, to the First Baptist Church, home for the 2007 Austin Magic Auction, for this year's banquet. Another change was the "pot luck dinner". Everyone brought a dish that would feed their family and two other people. The Assembly officers purchased plenty of turkey and "honey baked" ham for the main course, so there was plenty of food to go around. A crowd of over 80 magicians and guests enjoyed the banquet as well as the entertainment.

To keep the program moving along, Doc Seaton, our President switched gears from time to time. We had a mini auction in-between every act. This was the brainchild of Mr. Seaton who wanted to get our Assembly members used

to the big-time magic auction scene since this same location would be the site of the 2007 auction on February

24. Kent Cummins, who serves as one of our three auctioneers kept the bidding moving and the three or four items that sold during the evening brought in \$167. The items were donated and all proceeds go to open our T.A.O.M. checking account. Austin will host the 2010 convention for that event.

Leading off the entertainment was the Amazing Ray who gave us a show called, "Houdini Remembered". Ray made a straight-jacket escape, made a pearl necklace disappear and then reappear, and featured a box changing trick where his mother and Ray changed places. As a Christmas bonus, Ray's wonder dog made an unscheduled appearance from an empty box.

When a mini auction wasn't going on between acts, Doc Seaton was handing out some well deserved awards. All of the 2006 officers received a special medal. This award was a Society of American Magicians medallion that the Assembly produced. It is attached to a red and black ribbon which can be worn around the neck for special functions. Ron Cartlidge, Opie Houston, & Eddie Boswell were also recognized for their work on the magic auction, as a regional vice-president, and as a volunteer in community magic. Greg Johnston accepted an award for his hard work on the National Center site for the Society of American Magicians. Another plaque was awarded to Cy Albertson and Diane Klinetrob, owners of Texas Magic Supply, for their continued support of Assembly 206.

Our second act had cancelled out, but the "fill in" was more than adequate. Ian Varela, a professional ventriloquist, had the group rolling in the aisles with his comedy. Ian will perform 31 straight days without a break at the Dolly Parton Theatre in

Orlando, Florida in March. The final act of the evening was Arsene Dupin, who was accompanied by Cy Albertson on the piano. This clever, award winning magician from Paris, France delivered a stunning mime act that included balancing a guitar on his chin, juggling, and a lot of interaction with the audience.

Whatever you do, don't forget that Austin is a major destination for magicians in February. February 23, Austin will host the Texas Magic Collectors Association and on the 24th at 9 a.m. the famous Austin Magic Auction will begin selling items from both the "live" and "silent" auctions. Visit our web site at:

www.austinmagic.org/sam/auction2007.html

Ron Carlidge

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RETREAT

The Board of Directors of Assembly 206 held their annual retreat on December 9, 2006 at 9 am in Hull Youngblood's downtown office. Those present were: Stan Seaton, President—Hull Youngblood, Vice President—Mark Thompson, Secretary—Heather Poggic-Mannis, Treasurer--John Maverick, Sgt-at-Arms—Kent Cummins, Board Advisor and Jim Gentil, Board Advisor.

We reviewed the information gleaned from our 2006 membership survey and soon found the eleven themes to fill out our year of programs. We set tentative dates with moderators and agreed to have these listed on a yearly SAM Assembly/IBM Ring calendar to be prepared by Hull Youngblood,

J.D. Stewart, and Stan Seaton. This calendar will be available at the January 15, 2007 Assembly meeting.

We reviewed the major Assembly projects, their dates and committee chairmen. We were somewhat surprised that Arsene Dupin's suggestion of performing the longest running magic show was one of the highest scored items. We will work with him on this interesting project.

The annual contest was the highest scoring item. This year we will have a close up contest in May. We are considering revolving it through several homes close together that will give us a good venue for all performers and multiple moving small audiences. I'll go into more details on this later. Stage magic will be a highlighted program and the contest in Stage Magic will be held during 2008. This separation was a strong suggestion of the Contest Committee.

The Auction was another membership favorite and is being chaired by Ron Cartlidge. Ron was absent—hospitalized with a heart attack but doing well. His Auction Committee has met several times and items are already arriving for the February 24 “Austin Magic Auction” to be held in the 1st floor of the First Baptist Church, downtown Austin, 9th and Trinity. Kent Cummins, David Hira(Ft, Worth) and Scott Wells(Houston) will be our principal auctioneers. We hope to have 100+ attendance at this auction and plan to aggressively contact our membership and area magicians.

We started discussing TAOM meeting in Austin on 2010. We set up a steering committee to start gathering information and to help select the chairman for that event. We continued this discussion after lunch when Mike Beltz (invited guest and new member) presented us with the idea

of a “Magic Cruise”. We will explore the idea of a TAOM planning session being done in this setting.

The National SAM Convention in Dallas during 2007 was seen as an important opportunity for our club to be highly attended. Rarely do we have a National meeting this close and we hope to encourage our membership to take full advantage of this July 4—7 event in Dallas, Texas.

Discussion was also held about: Banquet, Newsletter, Web Page, Directory, TAOM in Corpus Christi—(Aug. 31-Sep. 3, 2007), SYM, membership growth, new members and the mentor system.

We all felt very proud of Assembly 206 and the accomplishments over the past few years. We agreed that overall communication with our membership needed to be improved and spoke specifically about updating all addresses, emails, and telephone numbers. We emphasized that Greg Curtis would be editing and pulling together our Newsletter and plans to have it out by the 2nd Friday of each month. Chris Walden would continue as Webmaster.

We adjourned the meeting at 2 pm.

Stan Seaton

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT DRAWS A CROWD

Vice-President Hull Youngblood opened the November meeting with a number of announcements. He reported that the membership survey had been completed by just over thirty members, but that it was important for everyone to turn in their survey. The survey is used by the Board of Directors at their retreat to plan the 2007 activities of the club. He also announced that our annual awards banquet will be held at the First Baptist Church and will be a "pot luck" dinner. The "luck" is that Doc and Hull will be

providing the turkey. Ron Cartlidge reported that 12 box loads of "goodies" had already come in for the auction which will be held on February 24 and that the web site for the auction is up and running at www.magicauction.org/sam/auction2007.html. Kent Cummins the told the group about the recent National Council meeting that he attended in Florida and Rick Gern was presented with his membership by President Doc Seaton.

The slate of officers for 2007 was announced and consisted of the following: Doc Seaton, President; Hull Youngblood, Vice President; Mark Thompson, Secretary; Heather Poggi-Mannis, Treasurer; and John Maverick, Sgt. at Arms. All were elected to their respective positions by a vote of the membership.

The room was almost full with between 55 and 60 members and guests attending our annual new member night. Starting off the evening's activities were Will "the thrill" & "over the hill". Their job was to saw Tim Dietz in half. It was the second time Tim had been sawed in half, but this time it was bloodless. "Over the hill" also threw in a nice Professor's Nightmare as a bonus. Dr. Gary Branfman and Shaina followed with a floating soup bowl. Fernando Ulloa told us about a four-sided triangle which was a card effect. Ulloa used C. J. Johnson to help in the effect. C. J. incidentally loved the "twiddle" term used by Ulloa who found the selected queen of diamonds. He also did a batch of mentalism effects for the group. Tim Dietz, a professional magician, dazzled the audience with a number of effects that included a signed quarter inside a sealed soda, dental floss through neck, and pulled a rainbow silk from a

white handkerchief. Richard Garriott talked about science and magic and astounded the group with "light & heavy" and a couple of light bulb tricks that knocked everyone's socks off. One of our young magicians, the Wizard of Boz, amazed the group with several of his special card effects and Dr. Michael Tallen's effect had to do with the most important part of the last act.

It was great seeing some of the new talent that has joined the Assembly in the past year. Needless to say, not all of our new members can perform in one night. Doc Seaton provided a list of the 49 new members that have joined this exciting Assembly in the past year.

Ron Carlidge

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY KID (PARENTS, PASS IT ALONG)

I hope the New Year was as fun for you as it was for us. One way to keep the magic going is to come to the Society of Young Magicians meetings.

Thursday, Jan 18, 2006 (Every 3rd Thursday of the month)

6:30 pm

North Village Branch Library

Just east of Burnet Road on Anderson Lane

Some things to help prepare yourself:

- Think of some kind of character you want to be - Egyptian, clown, dapper person, exotic

- Wear something to help with the character like a hat or coat - no need to get carried away and completely dress up.
- Think of an act you might perform with that character.
- Don't worry about knowing tricks, focus on the act and what fun you can have with it.

What are we going to do with the character and act, you might ask? It could be something special or it could be I don't have a clue. I guess the only way is to come to the January SYM Meeting.

Kent Cummins

JANUARY CALENDAR

13 Jan - DARYL SHOW, Riverplace Country Club, 8:00 p.m. Reserve tickets at 260-0012

14 Jan - DARYL WORKSHOP, Riverplace Country Club, 2:00 p.m. Reserve tickets at 260-0012

15 Jan - SAM MEMBERSHIP MEETING - DARYL LECTURE...MEMBERS ONLY, Omni, 7:00 p.m.

17 Jan - Chevrie Lecture, La Madeline.....5:30 eat; lecture at 7:00 p.m.

18 January - Math Magic at the Dell Children's Museum downtown (evening)

20 Jan - Lou Hornung's Workshop on Linking Rings, 10:00 a.m., Texas Magic Supply

23 January - Magic at Gatti*town - Kent Cummins - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

28 Jan - IBM BANQUET, Dave and Busters, 5:00 p.m.

30 January - Magic at Gatti*town - Kent Cummins - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Opie Houston, Kent Cummins

2007 SAM 206 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Subject to change. All meetings on 3rd Monday of the Month – except as noted

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic/Subject</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
January 15, 2007	7:00 Pm	Lecture – Daryl Cy Albertson	
February 19, 2007	7:00 Pm	Magic for Children Kids are invited	John Maverick
March 19, 2007	7:00 Pm	Mentalism	C J Johnson
April 16, 2007	7:00 Pm	Card Magic	Richard Turner
May 21, 2007	7:00 Pm	Close-up Contest	Hull Youngblood
June 18, 2007	7:00 Pm	Magic History & Collecting	Richard Garriott
July 16, 2007	7:00 Pm	Family & Friends	Jim Gentil
August 20, 2007	7:00 Pm	San Antonio Magic	Paul Mims
September 17, 2007	7:00 Pm	Related Arts (Clown, Juggling, Vent, etc.)	Sensei Strange
October 15, 2007	7:00 Pm	New Member Night	John Maverick
November 19, 2007	7:00 Pm	Stage/Professional Magic	Bertil Fredstrom
December 10, 2007 (2 nd Monday of December)	6:00 Pm	Christmas Banquet	Stan Seaton, MD

Stan Seaton

2007 MAGIC SCHEDULE

It's attached to this email.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

It's attached, too.

MEMBER PERFORMANCES

December 8 - First Baptist Church - Hull Youngblood gave a 45 minute show for the annual Thurman House Christmas Party. Thurman House is a half-way house that helps kids (17 -22) re-integrate back into society as they leave the custody of the juvenile justice system.

December 30 - Hull also performed at the Annual New Years Eve Eve party at the home of Claude Ducloux. Lots of local music legends are at this party each year (members of Duck Soup, Beto and the Fairlanes, etc) but Hull is the only magical entertainment.

Hull Youngblood