

Ring Report Ring #170 “The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring” SAM #99

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President David Freeman brought the October meeting to order. We had 23 attending. Freeman and event chairman ,Craig Fennessy gave reports about the recent “Day of Magic and Flea Market”. It was successful and all who attended had fun. As we do at each month’s meeting, list of who is appearing around town and what shows are continuing, was given.

Club historian, Phil Schwartz, presented his 106th Magic History Moment on Magic Exposures. Magicians and others have exposed the secrets of magic to the public for many years in various ways. Phil recounted how the major magic organizations via their Expose Committees (SAM, IBM, and National Conjurers Association) and Committees of Member Conduct (Magic Castle and Magic Circle) attempted and often succeeded in reducing incidents of inconsiderate, irresponsible, and unnecessary exposures. Across history, many well-known names were criticized and sometimes expelled for the exposing of secrets. Phil cited one recent example of a magician’s YouTube video where nine tricks were exposed which resulted in his separation from the Magic Castle (AMA) and IBM. Phil and President David Freeman led a discussion of Ring members regarding the issues of magic exposures to the public.

The monthly show started out with a Halloween Hand Chopper bit. Dennis Phillips showed the MAK hand chopper but added an extra surprise. The volunteer (David Freeman) seeming had his hand chopping off and it fell into the bag in from of the blade hole. Gerry Frey rushed in with a towel and removed the wiggling and unattached hand (the old Kenin James gag) and took him off stage and sewed the hand back on David’s arm.

Dan Stapleton, just back from a lecture tour in Ireland, showed some of his classic ball and handkerchief manipulation. He then did the “Piano Card Trick”, a seldom seen classic of magic. In the spectator’s hands , a card travels from one pile to another.

Greg Solomon wrapped up the show with some fun effects and puzzles. He had a “flow ring” that migrated down a rope, the puzzle that asked the 3rd name of Ken’s Mom, a Harry Anderson dollar bill puzzle and a foldable poster that evolved into a funny outcome.

Dennis

Phil Schwartz detailing "The Biggest Scandal in Magic" (Needless Exposure)



Photo courtesy of Craig Fennessy

Meeting policy:

Face masks, if you wear one, will not be ridiculed. We are understanding that some people may be immunocompromised. We also respect your personal choices.

Stay prepared, healthy, and informed about current Public Health issues and contagious outbreaks.

Be respectful of others and if you suspect you have any contagious illness , avoid group contact.

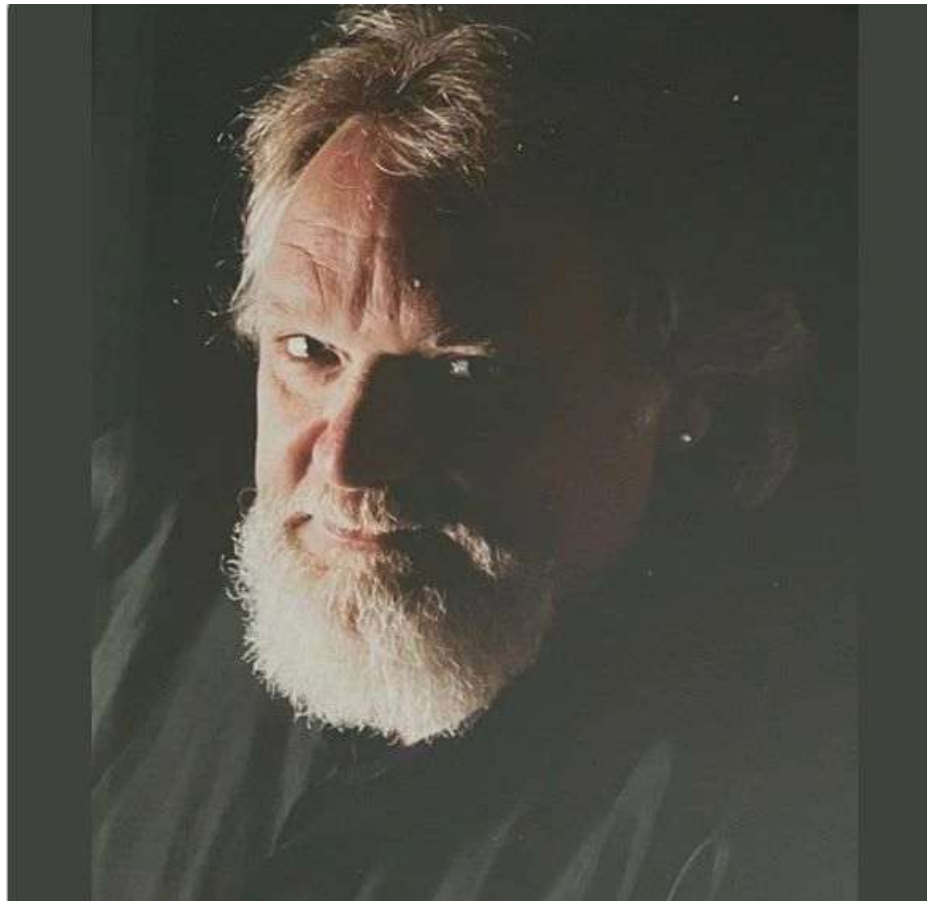


Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99

“The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring”

Jon Racherbaumer passes. He has lectured for us, and we will miss his work and writings.

January 22, 1940- October 22, 2024



Jon leaves behind a legacy that amazed and challenged and delighted magicians for many years.

Through his written works many magicians been enlightened by his insights.

Jon was that rare combination of brilliance, generosity, and humility. He will be missed

Here is a magic event , that I went to Brandon, Florida (Tuesday September 24) to see. Dan Stapleton drove, and Martin Preston was with us.

Dan was a contest judge.

All the performers were competent, personable and did an acceptable performance.

The two stage acts were stand outs, for me, were an older guy that did cups and balls all in rhyme with a storyline about being in college.

The other was a guy that pulled a small yellow furry marionette chick puppet out of a KFC box. He put a pair of goofy glasses on it and has the puppet find a chosen card spread on the table.

The puppet climbed up the arm of the volunteer and stood on her head. He had loads of lines and was excellent at manipulating the puppet.



This was Nathan Drake, who used to live in Orlando



Here was the Winner with an interesting mystery story.



I never did figure out Vic Vega, but he was interesting with some funny comedy. The connection between Elvis and magic was not clear to me. "Thank ya very much".



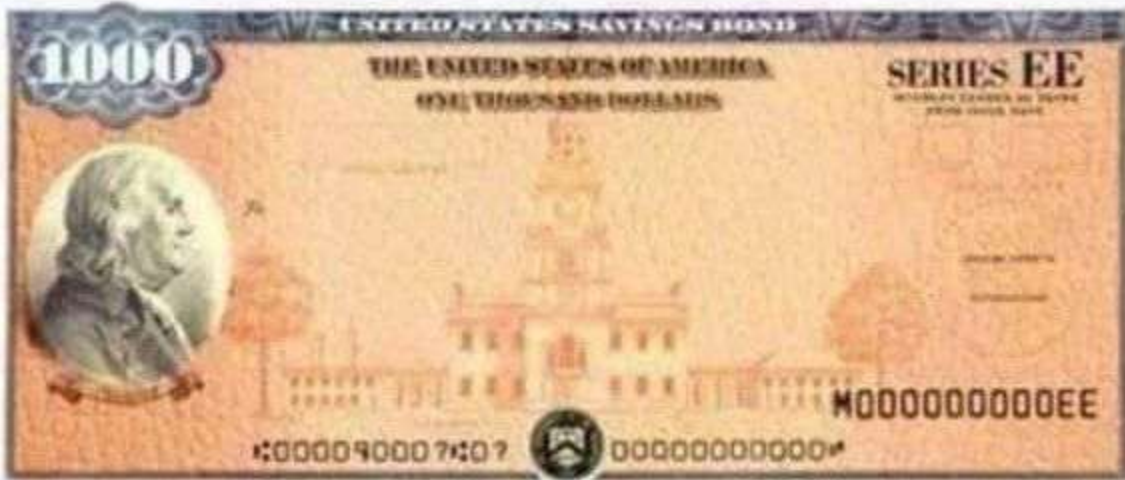
As Hurricane Milton approached Orlando , I pulled all the livestock for my shows (doves and rabbits) out of their exposed outdoor areas and put them in a protected bunker area where there would be no wind and rain.

These travel crates are made from half inch marine plywood and cannot be crushed without a massive force . In the bottom of each cage is a newspaper-covered paint tray. The back slides open for easy cleaning. These crates have served me well for years and been all around the country in the back of trucks and in vans.





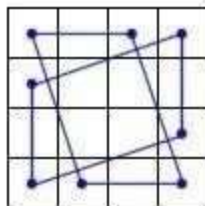
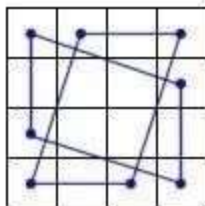
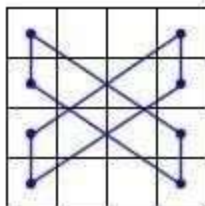
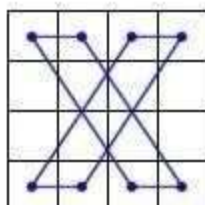
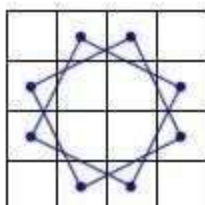
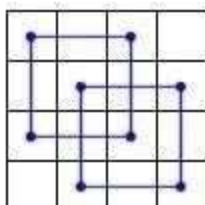
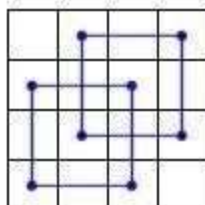
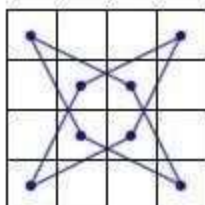
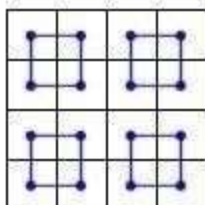
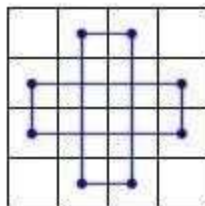
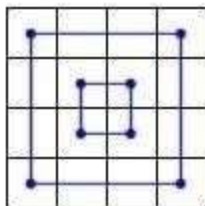
**What's The Difference between
a magician and a savings bond?**



**Eventually a savings bond will
mature and earn money.**

In this "supermagic square", not only do the rows, columns and diagonals add up to 34, but so do all the combinations of 4 numbers marked by linked dots in the squares below:

16	3	2	13
5	10	11	8
9	6	7	12
4	15	14	1





(AP News photo) President Nixon visiting the terminally ill former President Dwight Eisenhower in his suite at Walter Reed Hospital in 1969.

I saw Ike there while doing USO shows for injured soldiers from Viet Nam over a two-year period. Back then they kept him under an oxygen tent with clear plastic window. He had a secret service guard and a military aid or two, and it was protocol , if he was awake, to have all the entertainers wave hello and tell him your name and he or an aid would say, “Thank you for being here for us” and sometimes comment . I did that on most visits. His door was seldom closed. He had a private room that was at the end of the wing and was connected to an open ward with rows of hospitalized soldiers from mostly Viet Nam. Oddly, I did not appreciate what I experienced and only much later did I realize the historic value.

Eisenhower suffered a second heart attack in 1965, and his health deteriorated in 1968. He spent nine months in Walter Reed Army Hospital until his death on March 28, 1969.



THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

Walter Reed General Hospital
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, D. C. 20012

16 August 1968

Mr. Dennis Phillips
12209 Rockledge Dr.
Bowie, Md. 20715

Dear Mr. Phillips:

On behalf of the Commanding General, the Red Cross staff and the patients of Walter Reed General Hospital, we wish to express our sincere thanks for your entertainment on 6 August. The men on the wards are still commenting on how much they enjoyed your magic act. Please do include us in your schedule again!

Thank you for sharing your time and your talents with our hospitalized servicemen.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Helen R. Newcombe
Hospital Field Director
American Red Cross

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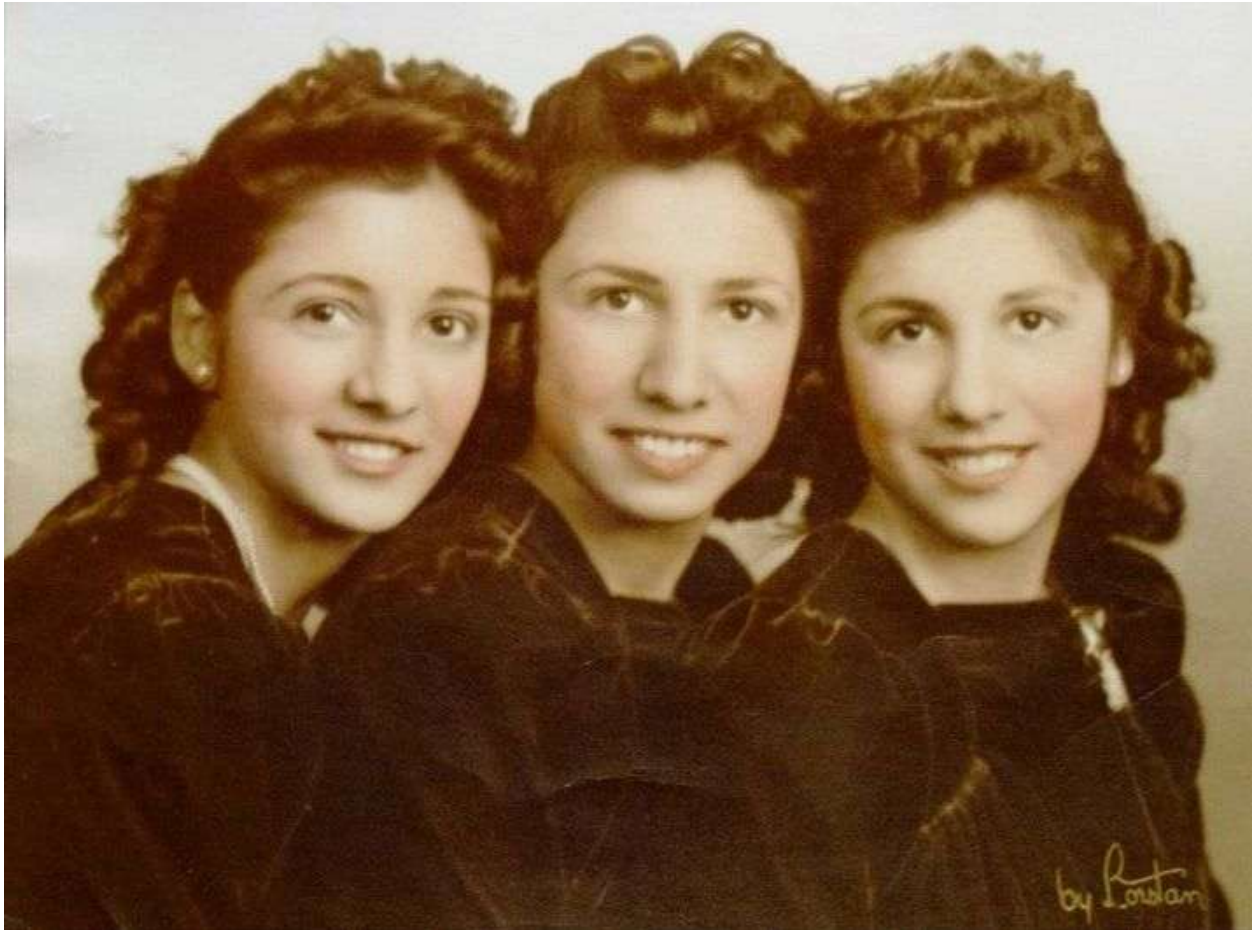
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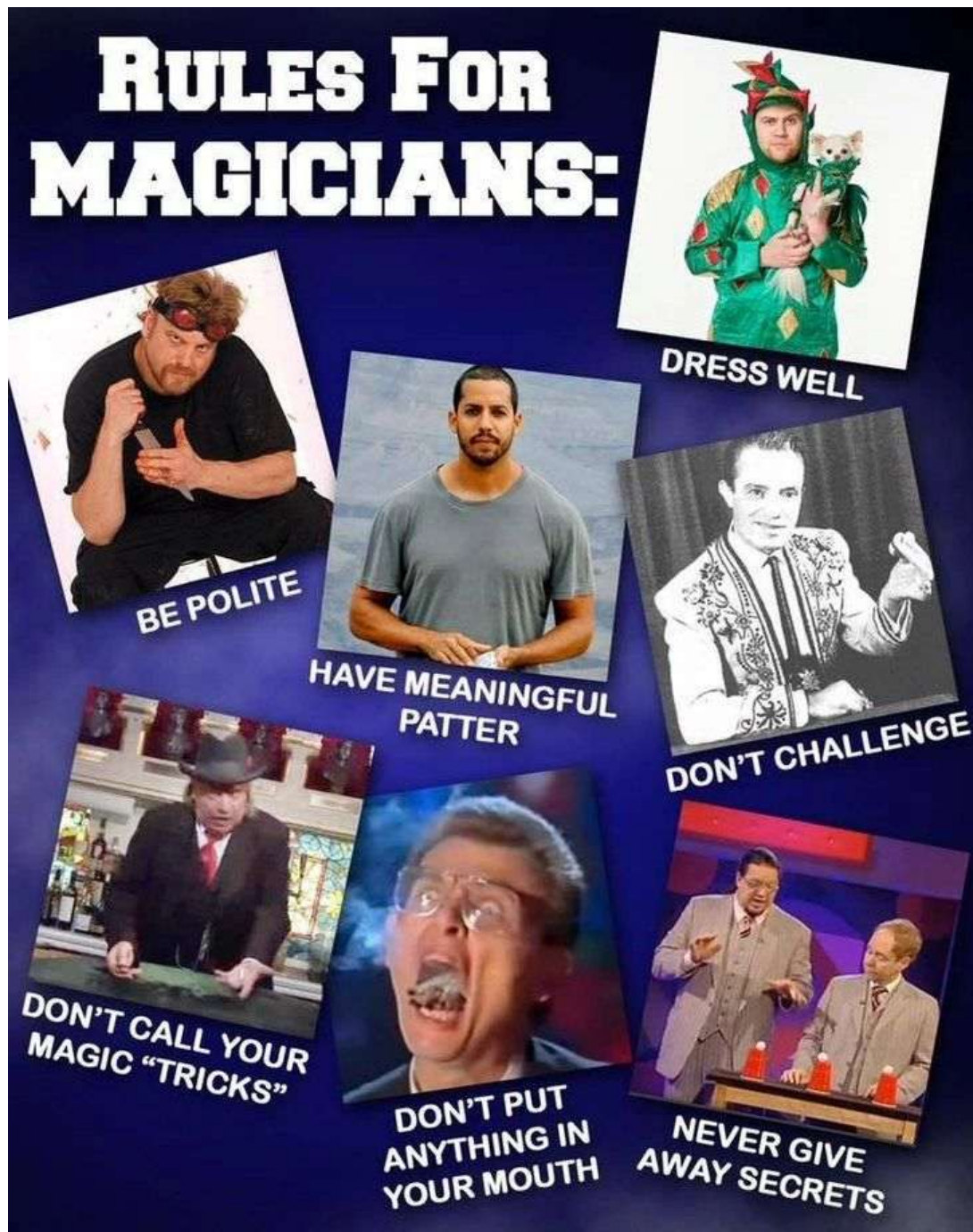
My mother on the left in the photo is with her two sisters and they were part of a female singing trio before and during the World War Two years.

Her birthday was in September of 1922. She lived to age 83.

“The Chiappetta Sisters”, were based in the New York city area and they sang on mostly religious radio programs (WWRL) and at church rallies. . The all played musical instruments.

At the time the Andrews Sisters, were popular.





Okay. Some break the rules.

An interesting variation of the sword cabinet.

Dennis

