



The Flash Paper

December, 2019

Bob Gehringer, Editor

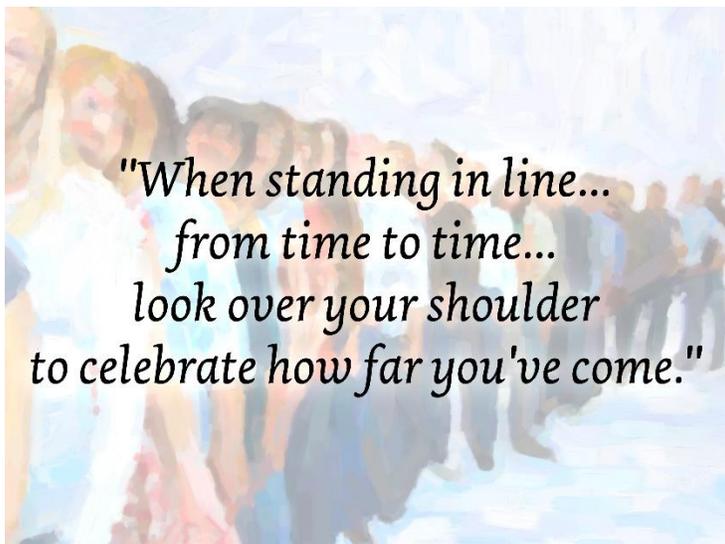


Presidential Ponderings

In 2019, members contributed right at 1000 volunteer hours (20 hours per week) to keep the Omaha Magical Society moving forward. This is an ideal time of year to look back at the distance we travelled as a club this past year as well as thanking the ones

who helped us travel that distance.

You're reading now in our newsletter the contributions of a team of people who assemble the monthly newsletter led by **Bob Gehringer**, our editor. Thank you to those who served on Bob's team as 2019 columnists including **Jeff Sikora**, **David Fox**, **Steve Nespor**, and **Patrice Fisher** as well as **Neil Bable** and **Tom Zepf** who made sure we had pictures to accompany the stories in the Flash Paper.



*"When standing in line...
from time to time...
look over your shoulder
to celebrate how far you've come."*

Our 2019 Wizard's Banquet was such an enjoyable event with much thanks to chairman, **Bob Gehringer**, and members of his committee including **Denny and Ann Rourke**, **Jill Bable**, and **Donna Roth**.

Thanks goes out to **Ron Gerard** for his help in getting our online club directory off the ground in the beginning of 2019 - making it easier for all of us to know of those who joined the club this past year.

The Society of Young Magicians continued the development of new magicians with thanks to the leadership provided by **Jeff Sikora**, **Denny Rourke**, and **Steve Nespor**.

Thank you to a man who tends to get little recognition mostly because of his unwavering consistency. **Bob Miller** brings refreshments to our monthly meetings. Thank you Bob.

To **George Huffaker** for his uncanny ability to be aware of those who might wish to donate financially to the club . . . and asking for that donation.

To **Tom Neddo** (and his wife Jo) for the many years of commitment to the club's 1000 + volume library and continuing to store those books in his home while awaiting the next phase of making this club resource accessible to club members.

Finally, thank you 2019 OMS board members who worked with me this past year including **David Fox**, **Bob Gehringer**, **Jeff Sikora**, **Steve Nespor**, and **Neil Bable** - giving me a group to bounce ideas off and receive honest feedback on the direction of our club's programming and initiatives.



Want to see a video celebrating the Omaha Magical Society's 2019? Proceed to our club's website <http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org> and on our homepage click on period at the end of the sentence that says "We welcome you to visit any monthly meeting."

A Monthly Meeting



The magic club meets monthly on the third Monday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Southwest Church Of Christ (2600 S. 124th Street, Omaha, NE) Please check below for the themes of our upcoming meetings and directions to our meeting location.

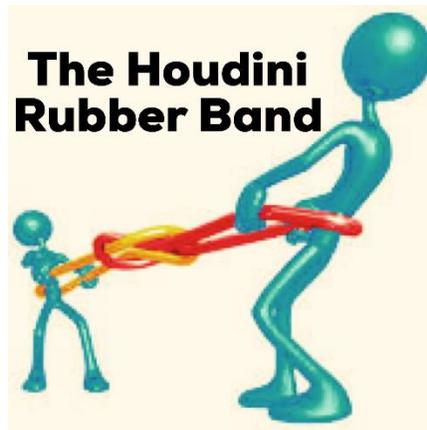
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There you'll find a five-minute video collage of some of the highlights from 2019. Of course, this Flash Paper has been dedicated to the same end. - celebrating 2019 and the people who significantly contributed to make the club what it continues to be. **Dave Arch (2019 OMS President)**

Check out our website:

<http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>



Happy December!

I've placed in our club's online video library two videos. The first comes from my Lybrary.com store entitled *The Houdini Rubber Band* that takes the familiar jumping rubber band trick to a new level.

Then an attempt at humor with a magic product parody video just in time for that Holiday gifting. I hope you have an enjoyable Holiday. **Dave Arch**



Special Announcements

We would like to announce to the general club membership that there will be no regular meeting in December. Also, there will not be a **Wizard's Banquet** in January 2020 as January conflicts with the National S.A.M. Convention.

2019 OMS Officers

- President** – Dave Arch.....(dave@sandler.com)
- Vice President** – David Fox.....(hotsy@windstream.net)
- Treasurer** – Bob Gehringer.....(gehringerr@cox.net)
- Secretary** – Steve Nespor...(omahamagician55@gmail.com)
- Sgt.-at-Arms** – Neil Bable.....(rutiger@hotmail.com)
- Flash Paper photographers** – Tom Zepf & Neil Bable

The rest of our December Flash Paper is a collage of many of the activities we have enjoyed in 2019. Enjoy the memories.

Our columnists:



Dave Arch - President



Jeff Sikora - SYM



David Fox - Vice President



Steve Nespor - Secretary



Patrice Fisher – What's Your Magic

Some of our **What's Your Magic** Featured Magicians



Joyce Chleboun



Tom Zepf



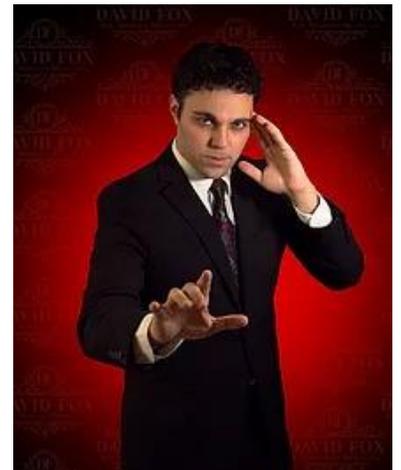
The S.Y.M. kids



Theron Christensen



Elliott Thomazin



David Michael Fox



Patrice Fisher



Bob Miller



Ron Gerard

Some of our 2019 Guest Lecturers



Thom Peterson assisted by **Penelope Fratelli**



Scott Alexander amazes **Joyce** and **Lilly**



Dameon



Nathan Cole Marsh



George with **Christian Engblom**



Bill Wisch

2019 wizard's Banquet



Donna Roth – Decorations



The Performers



Shayden -Strolling Magic

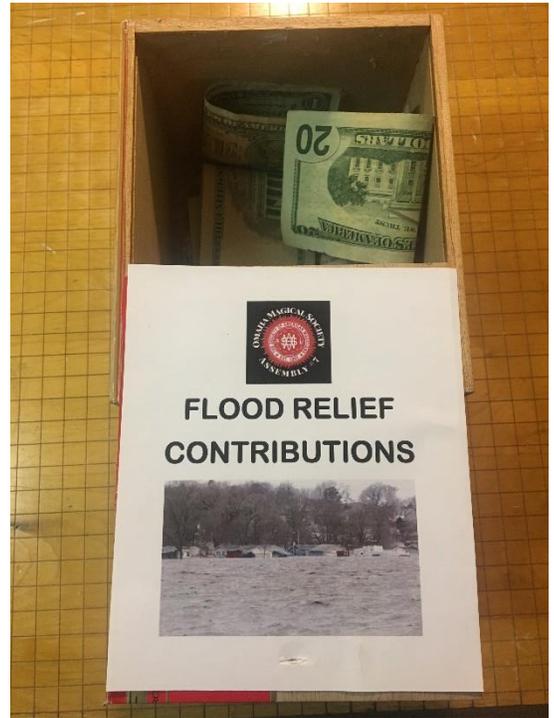


Jeff Sikora



Ann and Denny Rourke





 **American Red Cross**

Omaha Magical Society,

The **Red Cross** is very grateful for your generous gift of \$203.00 to Midwest Tornadoes & Floods. On behalf of those we serve, thank you.



Friday Lunches

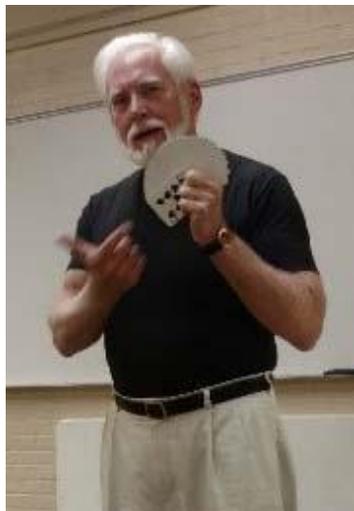
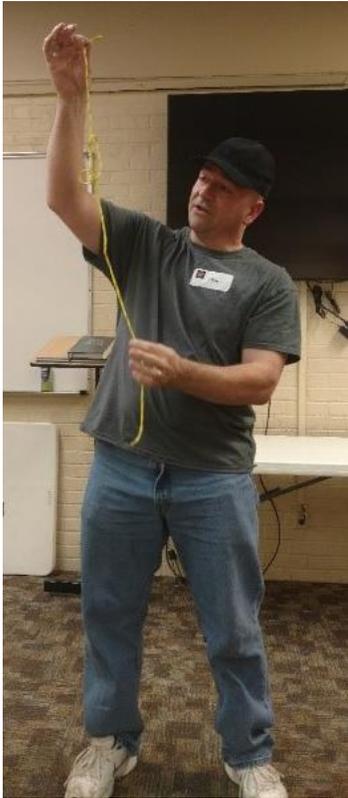


Club Activities

Boys Town Picnic & Show



Members in Action





2019 was an exciting year. Looking forward to 2020



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