

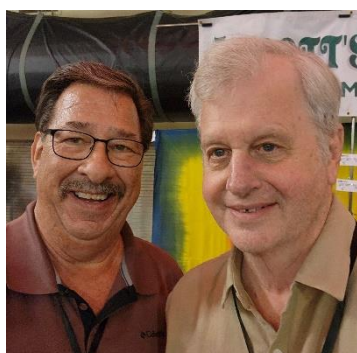


The Flash Paper

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“Enjoying magic...with others...for others.”

Bob Gehringer, Editor



A Letter From Lindy

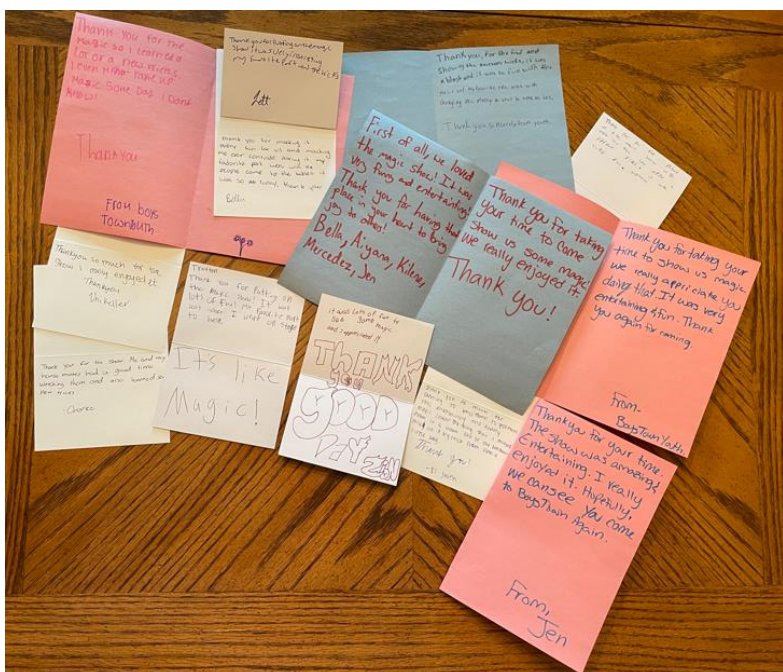
The Boys Town picnic is always one of my favorite events of the year. One of the reasons, this truly is a club wide effort. So many people involved to make it a huge success every year. From the organizers, to the performers, both stage and strolling, the food detail, the stage hands, and strikers, to all those behind the scenes. A hearty thank you to everyone for making this a project the whole club can be proud of.



A picture on Facebook of my great, great niece's first day of kindergarten caught my eye. It listed her likes, and under "What I want to be when I grow up" she replied: Magician. I've been doing little tricks for her every time we see each

other. Recently, I taught her a couple simple ones, which she does surprisingly well. **Hallie** has a very outgoing personality, and she is quite a showman. If you teach any little ones in your life, you know how rewarding it is to watch your young proteges progress.

His bio. lists **Mike Caveney** as an American magician, author, publisher, historian, and collector. During a career that has spanned over four decades, Mike has appeared on stage or television in over 20 countries worldwide. He is married to a Venezuela born magician, and mime Tina Lenert. Tina combines both these arts in her act. If you'd like to see a great example, Google "Tina Lenert Mopman". Both Mike and Tina have been named stage magician of the year in their careers by the Academy of Magical Arts.



Thank You notes from some of the Boys Town kids.

Please be sure to read the Board's 2025 Projects and Initiatives displayed in this issue.



August Re-Cap by Matt Spielman

The Boys Town residents and staff welcomed the OMS club to the Great Hall for an afternoon full of fun, food, and performances from our club members. Members in attendance brought in a variety of side dishes to pair along with the fried chicken provided by the club. The Great Hall's wooden arched beams and vaulted ceilings created a magnificent scene and paired with an eager audience was a fantastic setting for our walk around performers. Club members bounced from table to table performing a nice variety of tricks ranging from card, coin, rope, cups, and mentalism routines. I highly recommend anyone in our club that is hesitant to perform for strangers to come out for next year's picnic and perform for a few tables. The Boys Town crew is very inviting and the event is laid back allowing you to perform at your own pace.



A stage show rounded out the afternoon with performances from **Drew, Neil Bable, Tim Begley, John Sheibal, and Adam Schacht** with **Dave Arch** serving as the master of ceremonies. For many in attendance this was their first magic show and our group gave them a fantastic introduction. Repeat attendees from last year's event mentioned how excited they were to see our group again and that they hope to make this a tradition. Thanks to everyone involved with the setup and coordination of the event along with the performers, with everyone's support we can make this a fun tradition for the Boys Town crew year after year.

For more pictures, see our Facebook page.



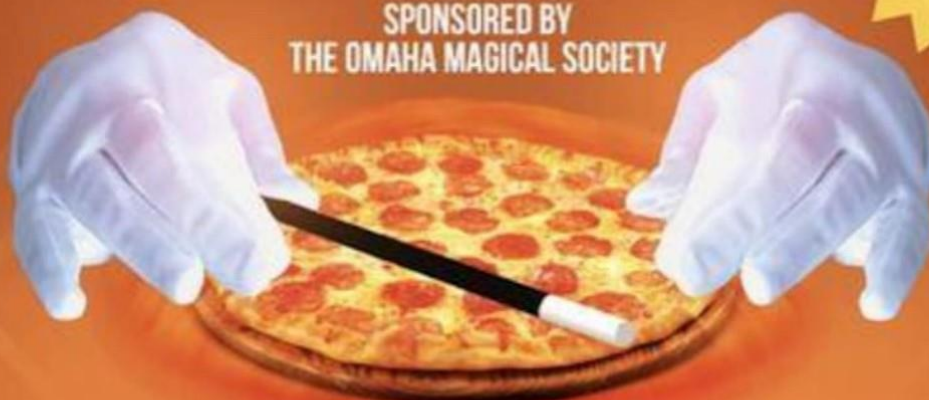


Monday Night

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FEATURING PIZZA AND PRESTIDIGITATION

A Godfather's pizza buffet combines with sodas and an hour of Close-Up In The Corners™ - featuring four of our club's performers.

Each close-up performer presents in one corner of the room; the audience will be divided into four groups; and each performer rotates to a new group at the conclusion of their fifteen minute routine.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TOO!

SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST ON ZOOM:
<https://zoom.us/j/4028718108>

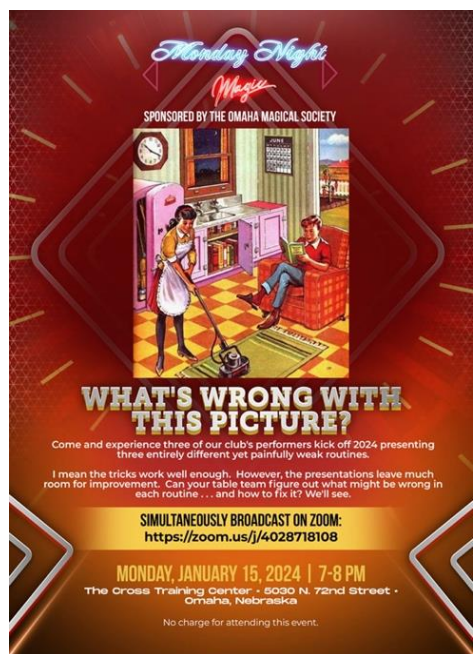
\$3.00 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PERSON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 | 6:30-8:00 PM (CDT)

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2025! BRING IT ON!



Monday Night Magic

On the third Monday night of each month, the OMS will sponsor an event entitled *Monday Night Magic* at The Cross Training Center

5030 N. 72nd Street in Omaha.

Each event will involve a learn-a-trick section, a 2025 emphasis on improving our performance skills and another ever-changing twenty-minute component. *Some* events will encourage family attendance.

Events would last from 7-8 PM except for lectures which would last from 7-9:00 PM.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org>

20 X 15 Funding Initiative

20x15

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/donate>

Considering the board not wishing to raise our annual membership fee from \$20 per year, a challenge will be extended in October 2024 to find 20 members who'll commit \$15 per month for a year to cover the club's on- going monthly operating expenses as seen here.

Hall Rental - \$50
Monthly Treats - \$27
Associate Members Rental - \$4.00
Constant Contact Database - \$35
OMS Website - \$17
Newsletter - \$75
Online Membership Directory - \$8
Liability Insurance - \$79
Non-Profit Association of The Midlands Membership - \$4.00

TOTAL - \$299 per month

Long-Term CARE Facilities Performances



Continuing to build on the strong start of this initiative in 2024 we will continue to grow both the members on the CARE team as well as the number of facilities to which we'll be able to bring our close-up magic.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/care>



With the significant four-year completion of our Junior Magicians' Discover Magic™ curriculum and the establishment of our Associate Members' group for our older youth using our Showmanship For Magicians™ curriculum, we will be utilizing interested parents as helpers for our leadership team and also hosting two Super Saturdays in 2025 to serve as feeder events for new members.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/schools>

Magic In the Hospitals



Although we will not be adding any additional videos in 2025 to our Magic In The Hospitals video library, we will continue to increase the number of hospitals that benefit from our library of teaching and performance videos.

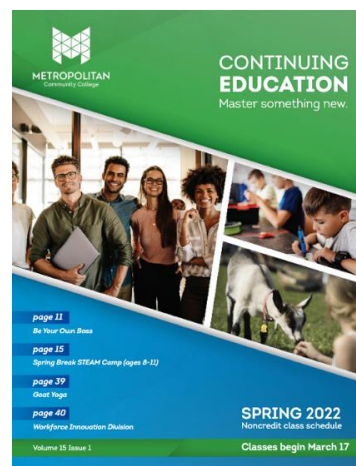
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Lecture Series



Three lecturers will present to the club in 2025 in their area(s) of expertise.

Metro Community College



In 2025 it might be fun to test the market for an on-going adult education magic class through the college's continuing ed programming?

Magic For Grandparents or something else?



AbraCORNdabra Convention Attendance



In 2025 we will continue to promote attendance at the AbraCORNdabra magic convention in Des Moines as a cost-effective way to continue exposing our members to a wider sense of community with others outside of our immediate area.



Periodically a group from the club will sail their cars down to the club's [1200 magic book collection housed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha](#) in search of treasure focused on a certain genre of magic (i.e. coins, cards, mentalism, presentation finesse, etc.). An hour is spent with each person reading and gathering their best ideas from the book(s) they selected from the library and an hour spent sharing those ideas with others who came along based on their similar interests.

A Public Fundraising Show



Select performers from the club will partner with another non-profit organization – performing a show that will potentially provide funds for their organization.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/fundraising-shows>

Endowment Fund Established



The establishment of an endowment fund will help stabilize the financial solvency of the club for decades to come by building a fund where the principle is not touched but the interest is invested back into the club's special projects.

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Magic Club Idea Sharing Blog



In 2023 we started a blog to share ideas that we found working for us. We will continue adding to that blog in 2025 with ideas we have tested in our own club.

See the video here:

<https://vimeo.com/971027438/d22fa889b6>

Associate Members Mentoring



This will be a bridge for young members between the time they graduate from the Discover Magic course, and the time they can join the adult club. Using the OMS Showmanship curriculum this is the next logical step. These lessons will take their magic to the next level. **Roger Reese** and **Larry Brodahl** are excited to be part of this venture.



2025 Membership Drive

Between January 1, 2025, and February 1st, we will be promoting the \$20 annual membership in The Omaha Magicial Society. As a thank you for either joining or renewing their membership, each person will receive the following:

EFFECT: After asking the group how many have ever attended a **Mystery Party**, the mentalist suggests, "For anyone who has never been to one, let's have one right here!"

Seven people are brought to the front of the room where a knife sits on a table. As the magician turns his/her back, the group decides who the murderer is going to be and then arranges themselves in a line – placing the murderer with the knife hidden on his/her person wherever in the line they wish.

The magician is going to go down the row asking each person the same two questions. Each person has a choice to make. They can either lie on both questions or tell the truth on both questions as the magician attempts to pick up on any tells from the body language of the participants. The magician apparently jots down his observations on his phone's notes app as each person responds.

For dramatic effect ... the magician immediately eliminates some and asks the others a couple additional questions until finally only two remain. The magician starts to move towards one but suddenly turns and successfully determines the murderer.



Monday Night Magic

Monday September 16th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Note the time change and
the suggested \$3.00 donation for pizza.

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5030 N. 72nd Street
Omaha, NE

Or just click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/4028718108>
(which is the same link we use for all of our monthly meetings).

Check out our website:

<http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>

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