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Assembly 206 News

Calendar Reminders!
 Tuesday December 14 - Christmas Banquet
 (Please note: there is no Assembly #206 Meeting
 on Monday December 20th.)

NEXT MEETING:
 December 14th @ 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church

Annual Christmas Party

Performances by Eddie Boswell & friends!

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**From The President-Elect:
 John Maverick**

**The Top Ten Reasons Why I said “OK”
 to being the New President of S.A.M.
 Assembly 206 for 2011.**

I understand that many people write what is called a Pro/Con list when deciding whether they should do something or not. They make two lists: one of the positive reasons to do the thing, the other of the negatives. Then, whichever list is longer, that is what they do. My problem is that I can never write down any cons. My solution, I make a Top Ten list and if it is funny, I do the thing. Here is the list I made when Doc and Hull asked me (told me is more accurate) to be the new President of S.A.M. Assembly 206.

#10 My Mom told me I should.

#9 More respectable than the Austin City Council.

#8 I can now use “Hail to the Chief” as my ring-tone.

#7 I now officially have minions.

- #6 Maybe now people won't confuse me with Sensei Strange.**
- #5 Well, If Opie Houston can do it...**
- #4 My chance to go down in history as the first Socialist President of SAM 206.**
- #3 Less responsibility than any other position on the board.**
- #2 It's about time this organization had a President that didn't vote for Jimmy Carter, because I wasn't alive yet.**
- #1 Hull Youngblood can no longer tell me I am taking too much time when I make an announcement. - JM**

Among Our Members:**Ron Cartlidge**

BOB CARROLL recently took a trip to Stockholm, Sweden to see fellow magician and assembly member **BERTIL FREDSTROM** be knighted. According to Bob, he had an unforgettable time. By the way, it is now SIR Bertil!

Thanks to **CY ALBERTSON** for bringing a fine lecturer back to Austin. Cy hosted Michael Weber, author of *Life Savers*, recently. Michael was one of the featured performers at our Labor Day T.A.O.M. Convention.

MICHAEL AMMAR will be swinging back into Austin in a couple of months. I might mention that we tried to book him for an assembly night, but Cy had beat us to the punch. Look for Michael coming soon to the Austin area.

BOB BAND recently had his email list stolen by persons unknown. The thief was sending out notices to people on Bob's list asking for money. Hope you didn't open it or send money. Thanks to Bertil Fredstrom for catching this early.

EDDIE BOSWELL has recently published a DVD on his original routines and card magic according to Eddie's dad, **BILL BOSWELL**. You might want to take a look and support Eddie's efforts.

ROBERT CASTILLO is the chairman for lectures for Ring 60. He has asked for comments concerning the lectures in general, the prices, location, etc. email: theamazingrobert@hotmail.com

Since many of our members attend the lectures, you may want to contact him and express your opinion.

*Ron
Cartlidge*



RAMON GALINDO has given much of his film collection to the Texas Association of Magicians. We should hear at the mid-year meeting on how they are doing on transferring the images to a more suitable method that will protect this massive collection of magic history for years to come.

MIKE MEADOWS is scheduled to appear on one of the national "late night" shows this month (December). It will probably be on either Letterman or Leno. I've heard one or the other. By the way, this involves Mike's music, not his magic.

MARK THOMPSON will be having his first open house at his new office location in Taylor in early December. Mark is in charge of the Taylor office of Edward Jones.

HULL YOUNGBLOOD has left his law firm and now has his own practice. At last report, Hull was using his home as an office. Also, Hull is performing at this year's Turman House Christmas party.

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Member Spotlight: Hull Youngblood

In other newsletters and magic club meetings, I have told the stories of my history in magic. Telling those stories again here is not something I want to write, and probably not something that you want to read again.

So, rather than re-tell those stories, I will provide some background on three people who shaped my early magic habit/addiction.

Lou Berkie. Lou ran the Elbee Magic Company on Commerce (and later Broadway) in San Antonio. Elbee Magic. Lou Berkie. LB/Elbee. Okay, I guess you get it. It was the first magic store I ever saw. I was mesmerized by the place. I thought it was Oz and the Magic Land Of Alakazam all rolled into one. In actuality, it was a dusty, dingy place with a funny old guy behind the counter. Big magic props of painted masonite and chromium tubes were on the shelves behind the counter. Lou Berkie was friends of all the old magic names of the time- Frank Garcia, Jay Marshall, Bill & Irene Larson, the entire Willard family and many many more. Lou called me "Sport" every time I went in his store. I thought it was his pet name for me. I found out later, he called everyone "sport" when he could not remember their name. Whether he knew my name or not, Lou taught me how to do my first "real" magic trick (the rubber banded matchbox). He taught me to tell a story with my magic. He taught me to practice. Those were pretty good lessons to learn.



Hull Youngblood

Gene de Jean. His real name was Gene Makintosh. He was an illusionist based in Houston. He passed away a couple of years ago. I saw him at a TAOM convention when I was 12 or 13. An assistant went to center stage with a brown 2 foot square frame. As the music swelled the assistant turned over the frame and showed it was a mirror. The spotlight hit the mirror and the assistant threw the beam of light up the center aisle. There, in the back of the theater, was Gene de Jean. He struck a dramatic pose, in a black cape, with a large black leather glove on his left hand. Perched on his hand was a falcon. Gene walked down the center aisle, falcon flapping, and music building. He went up on stage with the assistant focusing beam of light on him the whole way.

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The audience applauded like crazy. Gene got up on stage and handed the falcon to the assistant who took the bird off stage. That was just Gene's entrance. Imagine what happened when he did his cut-a-woman-in-thirds illusion on the 2 inch board. He was a serious show man. I will never forget that entrance.

Claude Crowe. You probably know Claude from San Antonio. He has performed several times at our meetings. Claude was an important member for Ring 18 in San Antonio, when I was a member there as a young kid. He is still an important

part of Ring 18 today. Claude was the guy who would teach you how to routine an effect. The focus was not just teaching kids secrets. His focus was to explain the need to elevate the puzzle into something entertaining. I have lots of examples of his help and guidance, but I will save those for another day and just say "thanks" to Claude for his help and guidance to a kid who had guts but little skill.

These were important people to me. In Claude's case, he still is. I am indebted to them all. -Hull

Among Our Members: (Continued from p.2)

Our assembly has provided many magicians for this annual party including **RON CARTLIDGE, J. D. STEWART,** and **TIM DIETZ.** This is a very worthwhile project that members of our assembly take time out of their busy schedule during the Christmas season. We usually furnish magicians for this group every-other-year.

JUDY DONALDSON is still publishing a newsletter on magic that goes out to members of T.A.O.M. Should you have any information on magic events in our area that could be published in the newsletter, contact Judy.

It's not often that you get two birthday parties thrown in your honor, but that is what happened to **DOC SEATON** recently. First, several friends including some members of the assembly gave Doc

a surprise party and he was completely surprised. Second, Doc threw himself a party, not only calling it a birthday party, but a Thanksgiving party. He invited everyone to show up as a Pilgrim, Indian, or a cowboy. **DANNA LUTHER** brought her camera to the party and took many wonderful pictures. *(Continued on p.4)*



Revelers at Doc's party l to r: David Luther, Opie Houston, Will Mannis, and Lee and Dan Page

Feature Article**by: Kent Cummins****3 Wishes for the New Year**

If I were a Genie, I would cheerfully grant each of you 3 wishes for the New Year. (If I were a GENII, I would ask you to subscribe...but that's a different story!)

But only YOU can grant your three wishes...so maybe you will make them New Year's Resolutions.

There's just one problem. New Year's Resolutions are like wishes without a Genie to fulfill them...they are just wishes. Margot and I joined Lifetime Fitness last January, and it was sometimes hard to find a machine to work on. It seemed like everybody who had made a New Year's Resolution to get or stay fit was at the gym. It was a little better in February, and by March we pretty much had the gym to ourselves. The New Year's Resolutions were sincere, but they didn't last.

How could you turn a New Year's Resolution into a New Year's REVOLUTION? In other words, how could you get those wishes fulfilled?

Well, you could search for the Magic Lamp, or the Magic Ring, or some other place for a Magic Genie. Or you could do what the vast majority of wildly successful people do. You could actually set goals.

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But if you're going to engage in effective



goal setting, you need to know the basic, proven rules that make it work. We have taught and used those rules at Magic Camp for 18 years now. Here are the seven rules that separate real goals from mere wishes:

1. They must be realistic.

If you want to lose weight, don't set a goal to lose 2 pounds a day...you aren't likely to achieve it! As a teen, I wanted to play basketball, but I wasn't very tall, and not very athletic. It would not have been realistic for me to set a goal to be an NBA superstar. But I could set a goal to play basketball, and I wound up enjoying a spot on my church league team.

2. They must be challenging.

Don't set a goal to lose 2 pounds a month...you won't even notice the difference! I suppose I could have set a goal to watch basketball games on television every week during the season...but all that would require is a couch potato mindset. I wasn't blessed with natural athleticism, but I set a goal to play anyway.

Feature Article (Continued)**by: Kent Cummins****3. They must be specific.**

Don't say that you want to lose weight. You could lose an ounce in three months, and technically achieve your goal. Say that you want to lose a specific amount, say "20 pounds." And anybody could go down to the YMCA and shoot some hoops with whomever is on the court. In my case, I said that I wanted to play basketball "on an organized team."

4. They must have a time frame for completion.

If you don't set a deadline, you will most likely convince yourself that it will happen tomorrow. But "tomorrow" never comes. "I want to lose twenty pounds" may be a good idea, but you need to establish a challenging but realistic deadline for yourself. I wanted to play basketball with an organized team during my senior year in high school (1960-61).

5. They must be measurable.

Don't say that you want to "get fit" or "lose weight." What does that really mean? Say that you will go to the gym 6 days a week without fail, or that you want to lose twenty pounds (that's how much I have lost by going to the gym 6 days a week!). Both of those goals are specifically measurable on the calendar or on the scale. In the case of my youthful basketball playing, the fact that I got into a game every weekend was specifically measurable.

6. They must be in writing.

Trust me on this one! Numerous studies by Harvard University and others have shown that those who regularly establish written goals make more money and have more success in all areas of their lives. It seems like magic! But if you don't write them down, they are still just wishes. Now for those whose preferred communication styles are auditory instead of visual, like my friend Peter the Adequate, you can read the goals into a digital recorder. For those whose learning style is kinesthetic, you can have a small object on your desk, in your pocket or on your key chain that can represent your specific goal.

7. They must be constantly available.

Once you have that written goal, put it where you will see it every day. I know people who post it on their bathroom mirror. I like to carry mine around in my notebook that I use instead of a Blackberry. If you spend all day working on your computer, put it right on top of the computer, next to your list of passwords. (I hope that's a joke!)

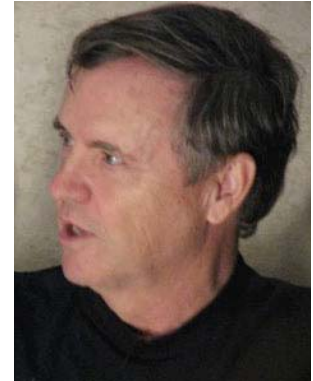
I have purposely stayed away from goals related to magic, because the concept is much bigger than that. But here's an example of a goal related to magic:

"I will perform at least 64 magic shows during the year that I am 64 years old."

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Those of you who have known me for a while, may remember that I put this at the top of my web site in 2007. I called it my "When I'm 64" Tour, and because I used effective goal setting, I wound up performing more than twice as many magic shows as the year before...easily exceeding my goal.

*Kent
Cummins*

**Among Our Members: (Continued from p.4)**

CY ALBERTSON and **DIANE KLINETOB** are finalist in the "Top Entrepreneurs of 2010" as picked by the staff of the Austin Business Journal and the American Statesman. Cy and Diane are not only the owners of Texas Magic Supply but also the Albertson School of Music which, will be franchising this multi-million dollar revenue company in 2011. They also have a non-profit arm that provides music instruction for those who cannot afford lessons.

CY ALBERTSON was just cast into the lead role of "Case 146" which is a play that has already been optioned into a movie. The play opens in January 2011. Cy has also accepted an additional role as Dietrich Eckart (the largest influence of Adolf Hitler) in a different play which opens in the spring of 2011. Check with Cy for dates and ticket information if you wish you attend these plays.

News from Texas Magic Supply**South Location of Texas Magic Supply is Open!**

We are happy to announce that Texas Magic Supply's location in the Galleria will open back up starting in December of 2010. The main theme of the store is for the beginning magician or the 'tourist' magician, but we will still have the regular staples needed for magicians as well as new items.

The location is at the Shops of the Galleria,



which is located at highway 620 and highway 71. Log on to our website at www.texasmagicsupply.com for more information and store hours. As always, we are looking for people to help us work the store. If you are interested, please call Diane or Cy at the store.