



VMC magic newsletter

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FEBRUARY/MARCH MEETINGS

TOP O' THE MORNIN' TO YAS!

The February 2003 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on February 4/03 at the Langford Fire Hall. It was our annual auction night.

A **huge thanks** to Mike Brough for doing such a fantastic job as auctioneer. Not only did Mike have us laughing all the way through the auction, but he literally "gave away" some wonderful magic. It was a terrific night for buyers and a sad night for sellers. But hey, that's what these auctions are all about!

Many thanks to treasurer Frank Sanz and "Bag Boy" Dave Attwood. Big thanks to all the sellers that brought magic to sell and to all the buyers that purchased.

Our treasurer Frank Sanz reports that we sold \$940 worth of merchandise which realized the club approximately \$94.

MARCH 2003:

As already mentioned, on Tuesday, March 4th, 2003, in lieu of our regular monthly Teaching Table, Focus, Mini Lecture and Showtime Activity time slots ... we will be having the David Regal lecture at the Langford Fire Hall.

David Regal was named Lecturer of the Year 2003 by the Academy of Magical Arts.

In addition to being a frequent performer at the Magic Castle, he is a professional television writer who has written for programs ranging from *Rugrats* (Head Writer) to *Everybody loves Raymond*.

His two hour lecture covers a wide range of close-up magic. In addition to effects utilizing the standard cards and coins, his work also features borrowed finger rings, cups & balls, wood beads, mental mysteries and more.

Effects will be drawn from his new *Constant Fooling* books (excellent reviews), *Close-*

Up and Personal (a bestseller in 1999), plus his *L & L Videos/DVDs*. David will also be featuring his brand new effect called "Sudden Deck".

Mirth & Magic

Our big Mirth & Magic show is booked at the Isabelle Reader Theatre on Saturday, May 3/03. Same format as last year. Rehearsal in the afternoon. The Wansborough Comedy Trophy competition will comprise the first part of the evening and will be followed by a "showcase" of Club talent. Please let Ron Bell know if you're interested in either performing on the competition or the showcase. Ron will also need help "behind the scenes". Eric Bedard is looking after tickets sales and distribution. The cost is \$6 per person. Eric predicts a sell-out!

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- The next magic meeting of our VMC will be held on Monday, March 4/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall (David Regal Lecture to follow).
- Next Round Table – March 17/03 at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Wansborough Comedy Competition will be held along with our Mirth & Magic Show on Saturday, May 3/03 at the Isabelle Reader Theatre.

CONGRATULATIONS JULIE ENG . . .

Our own Julie Eng made the front cover on the February issue of the 2003 Linking Ring. This story on Julie was written by Ontario TVP Joan Caesar.

Julie has been helping her dad and mom on magic shows since she was a mere three years old. Through her teenage years she entertained at birthday parties, churches, office parties and other charitable functions while attending High School and University. During her spare time, she would help in the magic shop.

Julie soon joined the Victoria Magic Circle and participated with all their activities, ex-

ecutive committee and even served a term as President.

Hidden behind the shadows of her father Tony Eng in the Victoria area, Julie eventually moved to Toronto to branch out on her own. It's hard to believe that Julie's been performing and practicing magic shows for over 20 years.

Today, Julie is a very successful magicienne and has 100% support from her husband Suley.

For those VMC members that don't receive the Linking Ring... please drop by the shop and a beaming Tony Eng will be pleased to show you his copy.



FEBRUARY Round Table Meeting:

The February Round Table meeting was held on Monday, February 17/03 at the Langford Fire Hall. The scheduled theme was Gaff Coins. Shayne King was our guest speaker and he went into detail about Black Art Coin Productions; copper/silver transposition; Hopping Halves; Coin in bottle

(Standard); Coin in bottle (TV version); coin bottle loading tips; Chinese Coin onto rope; Cigarette Thru Coin; Coin bending/shattering (very visual) and Dime/Penny.

The next Round Table will be held on Monday, April 21, 2003, from 7pm to 10pm, at the **LANGFORD FIRE HALL.**

Contact Dave Attwood at 474-6132 (or email David Attwood at: info@attwoodmagic.com) for more information on these Round Table Meetings... Dave will be looking after the Round Tables sessions until Bob Reilly returns from New Zealand in April 2003.

VMC AUCTION – FEBRUARY 4, 2003 . . .

The VMC had their annual **Magic Auction** on Tuesday, February 4/03. Mike Brough was our auctioneer and he did a terrific job. If you missed the auction... you missed a great night. Mike had everyone laughing so hard as they bid on the various **SUPER DEALS**. Near new magic videos

were selling for \$5. Hard bound magic books went for \$5 (and less). **Two sets** of Colouring Changing Knives sold for \$10. Tony Eng was in tears... No question... it was a buyers paradise and a seller's nightmare. The auction was held at the Langford Fire

Hall. Many thanks to our Auctioneer Michael Brough and to Frank Sanz for looking after the "books" and to David Attwood who worked as "bag-boy". The club's 10% share of the total sales came out to \$94.

Around & About Town...

David Calvert and his wife Beryl had a terrific time visiting Victoria. They spent time staying with relatives in Victoria and David says thanks to the Victoria Magic Circle for showing such warm hospitality towards him during his stay. David, it was a pleasure to see you again and to see you at a couple of meetings and to have you performing at our Annual Dinner. Eric Bedard and his son Jesse have just returned from a very successful trip to North Bay and New York. Their "Wacky Wednesday" in North Bay was a complete sell out. Credit was given to (Eric's

dad) Ray Bedard as he assembled three generations of magicians... Eric Bedard; Jesse Bedard; Dan Poeta; Barney Bedard; Jeff Borden and Ray himself as they played to a standing ovation. Mike Brough was seen performing an extra night at Bletchering Place last week. Harvey Davidson was extremely busy as the Shrine Clowns had a convention at the Victoria Conference Centre. Harvey entered two contests and won 2nd and 3rd prizes. He also presented a lecture on "ventriloquism". Aaron Jones has returned home from his trip to Japan and is al-

ready busy with magic shows. Don McCulloch has just returned from two weeks in Porto Vallarta and presently planning to fly down to visit with his sister in Orlando, Florida for a few days then on a 23-day cruise from Port Canavarol through the canal and stopping at different ports and ending up in Victoria. Don leaves on April 16th and arrives in Victoria on the morning of May 9th. Tony Eng has registered to attend the 4-F convention in Batavia, NY. Shayne King and Joy Kruger have been very busy with their magic shows for seniors.

A note from our President

I want to say a special thanks once again to Mike Brough for acting as auctioneer at our clubs annual auction. Mike makes even selling a most entertaining hilarious event. Tim Ellis lecture February 3/03, which was the second lecture of the season, was a lively fast moving lecture. I'm sure that all who attended this one took a lot away from it. Don't forget the third lecture is The David Regal

lecture, which is taking place Tuesday March 4th/03 at 8:00pm following the club's business meeting. This should be another awesome lecture, thanks to Eric Bedard for lining all the lectures up. Please give some thought to whom you may like to see as nominees of appointment for the slate of officers for next years Executive committee. Ron Bell will be needing entertainers as well as

behind the curtain help for this years M&M show, scheduled Saturday May 3/2003. Please support the club; this is a great time and opportunity to give back to the community. Congratulations to Julie Eng for making it onto the front cover the IBM Linking Ring. Also congratulations to Harvey Davidson for winning 2nd and 3rd place in his clown competitions.

SYM – February 2003 Meeting

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop on Friday, February 21, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. There were 16 SYMers in attendance. This was their annual SYM Auction Night. Many thanks to Tony Eng who worked as auctioneer. Also, many thanks to Ed Silva-White who kept

track of the sales and tallied up the books at the end of the night. And thanks to Shayne King for being the "bag-boy". Wow, if you thought the VMC had a great auction, you should have been at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop that night. These kids brought money to spend and they were bidding like no tomorrow! Once again, there were some terrific purchases. All the members

were extremely pleased with their "new magic".

Thanks to Ann Eng for providing the snacks and refreshments.

The next SYM meeting will be held on Friday, March 21/03. The theme will be your favourite trick or to perform something that you purchased from your auction night.



**2002/2003
Executive Officers Elect**

President Jennifer Burke
Past President David Attwood
Vice President: Shayne King
Secretary: Damien Carriere
Treasurer : Frank Sanz
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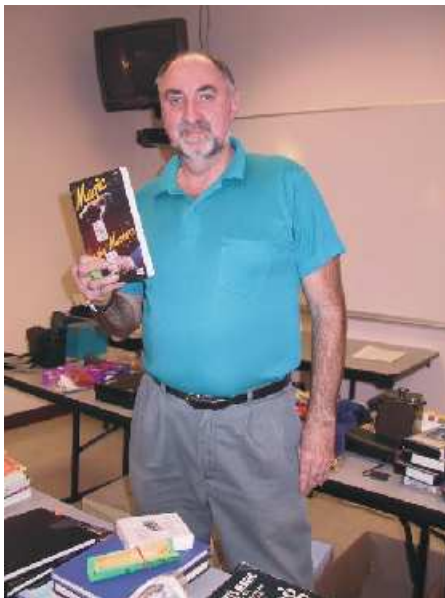
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Photos of Fame:



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**DAVID ATTWOOD
"Bag-boy"**

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