

# VMC Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates:

- Silly Billy lecture  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>/06
- Annual Auction  
February 7<sup>th</sup>/06 in  
lieu of our regular  
meeting.
- The Next regular  
magic meeting is  
scheduled for  
Tuesday, March. 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2006
- Next Magic Youth  
International  
meeting is  
scheduled for  
February 17<sup>th</sup>/06

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## Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

### ANNUAL AUCTION FEBRUARY

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> instead of the Monthly Meeting**

***Once again our Annual Auction will be held at The Langford Fire Hall and we are lucky enough to have the humour and fine selling skills of Mike Brough as our prized auctioneer.***

***Bring your auction sheets (filled out in duplicate) and items down between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.. They can be organized and perused prior to the auction, which will then commence at 7:00 sharp.***

***Bring your cheque books and don't miss out on the most entertaining auction in town, or the fantastic deals and the opportunity to resell your unused magic!***

## **SILLY BILLY IS COMING TO TOWN ON THURSDAY, FEB. 2<sup>ND</sup>, 7:00 p.m. sharp at 'The Malahat Lounge'**

This is a not-to-be-missed lecture we have coming up VERY soon featuring Silly Billy, a.k.a. David Kaye, one of the top childrens' entertainers! This silly man has appeared on the David Letterman Show and has entertained for the likes of Bruce Springstein, Cheryl Tiegs, Madonna, and Bill Clinton.

Silly Billy has written books on the subject of entertaining children and will give us an evening filled with amazing ideas on how to delight the younger crowd. Hope to see you there! --

Admission is \$30, OR \$15 for members.



## PCAM 2006 (Report #12). . .



Registrations are moving ahead and are now in the high 80's. We still have a number of our own Club members who have not signed up. I do encourage you to do so soon. This is literally a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of a fantastic event. Apart from showing support for your own Club you will see and meet some of the world's best magicians in the unique setting of Victoria. We need **our** members to be Ambassadors of Magic to all the folk who will be at PCAM and the many tourists who will be swept up in our excitement. A special thank you for offers of help from members (and wives) of the Vancouver Magic Circle, many of whom are also members of our Club.

Tony has just about filled his slate with top Talent and we even have an offer from one world class close-upper to do his stuff here for, "a free registration!" That tells you something about the significance of PCAM and the support of the magic community. Check our web site ([pcam.biz](http://pcam.biz)) for the latest names.

Doug is pushing ahead with marketing and promo initiatives which will bring word of PCAM to many beyond our local magic group. We expect to fill the McPherson Playhouse for two big shows. We want to use the "PCAM experience" to let folk know about magic and magicians, what they do in and for the City of Victoria. Even the Mayor has said he will do something special to promote the event. Our own members can help in this by "talking it up" with all the folk they know. The word spreads fast. I have many already asking about buying tickets for the big shows! The Harbour Towers has come through splendidly with a large Hospitality Room (actually three rooms!) available for the full four days and has made sure we get the Mezzanine and Ballroom areas of the hotel early on 9 Aug so we can get set up before the registrants arrive. The staff are very excited about this event and we can expect enthusiastic support.

With six months to go we are on track for an outstanding PCAM. Thanks to all members of the PCAM Team for your continued dedication. Ron

## ***Around & About Town...***

**Ray Parker, Shayne King, Dave Attwood & Paul Kilshaw** had a blast teaming up to do a fundraiser magic show for the Oak Bay Orcas. Paul did hard (& hot!) double duty operating Tony Eng's popcorn machine for the event!

**Leo Haglund** had major back surgery in November and spent 3 weeks in a rehab facility and is completing the balance of his rehab at home, with full intentions of walking with a cane soon!

**David Attwood** is producing a two-night magic show fundraiser for the Goldstream Food Bank for the ***Magicians Against Hunger*** to be held at The Victoria Event Centre on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Dave Kendall** is visiting family in the Philippines until February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Tom Millar** was seen at the Annual Dinner – good to see you are out and about again, Tom!

**Tony and Ann Eng** are busy packing up at 'the shop' and helping Murray Hatfield and Teresa Midbo ease in to the business.

**Kerry Zado** (pictured above at last year's Wacky Wednesday) and a team of firefighters traveled to Mississippi in January to rebuild the homes of police and firefighters who themselves were too busy rebuilding the homes of others.

*Do you have some news about yourself that could be shared in 'Around and About Town'?*  
Please email [Joykruger@shaw.ca](mailto:Joykruger@shaw.ca) with your submission for the March Newsletter.

## President's Report

Wow, what a marvelous Annual Dinner/Show on January 21/06. Great Food! Thanks to the caterers. **Many thanks** to those who helped on this function, especially to *the close up entertainers* and to *the Medways* on the stage show, and *the set up and tear down crews*. Thanks a whole bunch.

Thanks to *Ray Parker (with some help from Joy)* for organizing

the raffle and door prizes and to all the people who donated prizes. Big thanks to *Joy Kruger* for looking after the tickets. Thanks to *Frank Sanz* for being our MC.

Congratulations to *Eric Bedard* for taking the Tony Trophy, and *Joy Kruger* for being honoured with the Farquhar Magician of the Year trophy this year.

Don't forget there's no official February 2006 monthly

meeting. This will be our annual Auction Night. *Mike Brough* will be our Auctioneer. If you're selling ... you must be at the Fire Hall by 6:30pm. Make sure you have 2 selling lists showing your products.

You must pay your 2005-06 VMC dues **NOW!** Otherwise, you will be deleted. You **MUST** register **NOW** for PCAM 2006, otherwise you will be left out. This is a **FANTASTIC DEAL!**



PRESIDENT



## MAGIC YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

The magic youth international met for our first meeting in the new year on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2006. We featured special guests Karen Eskilson, Paul Kilshaw and Murray Hatfield.

Paul and Murray each taught a trick and talked about the ever-important showmanship. Karen suggested the idea of having a magic jamboree this summer between our club and the one in Vancouver! Thanks to Murray Hatfield for providing the snacks. The next meeting will be on February 17/06, 7:00pm at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop and it will be our annual auction so bring stuff to sell and money to buy! Until then make sure you check out the MYI website, there is a forum for discussion, free tricks and more so check it out at <http://vmc2.thekingofmagic.com/html/myi/>!

Submitted by

Lucas Kavanagh



**ANNUAL DINNER TICKET SALES, RAFFLE SALES, AND  
FARQUHAR MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
- SUBMITTED BY JOY KRUGER -**

The Annual Dinner Show is my favorite VMC event, that's why the past two years I've been a keener in ticket sales and collecting raffle items, because, well, I love the great food, fantastic stage show, close-uppers (veterans, and those brave souls just starting out), raffle, the people, the raffle, and the awards!

Thanks again to Ray Parker for overseeing the Raffle this year, and Special Thanks to all of you who donated great prizes to help us raise \$420.00 to offset the cost of entertainment: **Tony Eng, Ann Eng, Ray & Pat Roch, Paul Kilshaw, Karen Eskilson, Eric Bedard, Jack Calve, Vi Calve, Harvey Davidson, Doug Poruchny, Holly Poruchny, Mike Brough, Ed Silva-White, Nora Parker, Ray Parker, and me.** Thanks as well to Barb Calve and Paul Kilshaw for helping Ray with ticket sales, and of course to all the people who bought tickets. 😊

Also, a big thank you to all of you for paying your tickets in advance, it minimizes the confusion at the door and sure makes my job easier. Thanks as well to all the staff at Tonys! They did an awesome and flawless job at collecting monies and recording it accurately – everything balanced, a ticket seller's dream!

Also thanks so much for acknowledging me with the Farquhar Magician of the Year Award this year. It sure feels good to have my name engraved with so many other hard-working people that have kept this club so active and fun, with so many events and opportunities for learning, etc. – I can think of some other people who have worked hard for the club as well and I look forward to applauding you in the coming years!

**ROUND TABLE REPORT:**



The last Round Table session we were focusing on close up magic with Elastic band and coins. This was a comfy jam session with David Mohr, Ray Parker, Lucas Kavanagh, Bob Reilly and myself hammering out some extremely tight coin routines. Lucas showed us all an incredible Chinese coin off ribbon routine that fooled us all badly and Ray brought out a batch of commemorative coins.

Next Round Table will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The topic of discussion will be mentalism. A personal favorite of mind, er I mean, mine. The meeting will be held at the Malahat Lounge 105 Gorge Road East buzz #80 for the lounge and someone will buzz you in.

**David Attwood**  
(Round Table Co-ordinator)  
with his wife, Renee, at The  
Annual Dinner



Barb & Bill Farquhar



Ray & Jo-Ann Medway have some fun with Christopher Kilshaw



Paul Kilshaw and Ray Parker



Lucas Kavanagh and Belinda Cooper



Rob Brown and Monica with Alex Day and Melissa



Doug and Holly Poruchny

## A Reminder from the Editor of the VMC Newsletter ...

If you have any announcements, news worthy of sharing, or if you would like to write a 'Special Report' on a magic topic that could be of interest to others and you would like to see it in the newsletter, please either phone me at 381-1997 or email me at [theking@thekingofmagic.com](mailto:theking@thekingofmagic.com), and I will do my best to include your submission in the next issue.



Murray Hatfield (left), Teresa Midbo (right), Jo-Ann Medway (centre)



Joy Kruger "Magician of the year" with Frank Sanz (MC) & President Tony Eng



Eric Bedard, winner of the "Tony Award" for best original close up routine



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## Greetings from the new owners of Tony's Trick and Joke Shop

A Message from Murray & Teresa

Wow – it's finally time. We're here, we're in the shop and we're open for business! I can't believe that after months of planning and preparation, and a wee little tour, we're finally on the island and in the midst of ordering new stock and making plans for Tony's Trick and Joke Shop.

First of all to answer several of the most common questions;

1. Yes the name is going to remain the same for the foreseeable future. Teresa and I decided that it's best to leave it the same until we've fully integrated into the Victoria magic scene.
2. Yes there will be some minor changes - but for the most part things will remain pretty much the same. Tony and Ann have made this business a going concern through years of experience and we're not about to change that.
3. YES there will be some new items and effects available at the shop. One of our priorities is to bring in new props and novelties so that every time you visit you'll find something new.
4. And lastly yes we will continue to perform. The shop is merely an added facet to our magic business. While we're both excited about this new (for us) venture we will continue to do the Firefighters Tour each winter as well as corporate and private appearances throughout the rest of the year.

We look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know our new magic community. In the meantime here are a few of the new items that we've got in stock with more expected all the time;

### What's Mine is Mine

This one is great for both professional and amateur and is the perfect close-up opener. The magician has a spectator point to a card as he explains that the card the spectator has chosen is "yours" and the rest are "mine". He sets the chosen card aside and turns up the others to reveal the word "mine" printed on the face. He turns over the selected card and, of course, it has the word "yours" written on the face. This one is powerful, easy, practical and resets in an instant.

### VooDoo Needle Thru Arm

Anyone who has seen Harry Anderson perform this knows the strength of this effect. In it the magician takes a large antique looking hat pin and pushes it visibly through his arm. A quick throw-away or a full comedy routine - this one is sure to be a reputation maker.

### Hopping Half

One of the classic coin effects – great for roving, parlour and restaurant performers.

Don't forget to check out the D'Lites, Stiff Rope and the new Shrilling Rubber Chickens. You won't believe the sound that these make.

Until next time...