

# Mordecai's Journal

BILL GREENOUGH ASSEMBLY 21



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February 2011

Meetings:

Second Monday of  
every month except  
December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street  
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

## February Meeting: Comedy Magic

Prepare for amusement as **Jim Bentley** hosts "Comedy Magic." What trick in your repertoire gets guaranteed laughs? An appreciative chuckle? A slight pause in the throwing of vegetables? Regale your compeers with your magical wit. (Remember, we're meeting a week late this month so Angelo can use the entire restaurant for Valentine's Day.) Bring your funny on **February 21 at 7:30 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at **6:00 PM**.

## Minutes of January Meeting

10 January 2011 7:15PM  
Secretary's report accepted as published. 20 members attending  
Treasurer's report: Our balance was 3 guests  
duly reported.

Old Bus.: Work on the club's logo continues.

New Bus.: The club voted to nominate **Marlene Clark** for another term as National Secretary.

Good&Welfare: SAM#17 has their annual banquet on Jan. 22. SAM#63 has an annual auction on Jan. 18, \$2 entry. SAM#127 has a banquet on Jan. 18, with **Dave Garrity** performing.

VP **Dan Sclare** came across a copy of the M-U-M golden anniversary issue.

Adjourned 7:23PM

The club was treated to a lecture by our newest member and former Buffalonian, Brian Miller. He is taking this lecture, which he has been working on for eight months, on tour and we were honored to see its debut.

He began with an introductory Sponge Ball routine done for two spectators. He then presented an essay dealing with "tricks" vs. "magic" and judging your success as a magician. It had some very thought-provoking ideas. He then explained the sponges: he uses only three, plus a toy squeaker. →

## When Last We Met



The climax to Brian's lecture.

← The third phase of the routine is a variation of "coins across."

Other highlights were "Experimental Imagination," a trick in which a card is signed and lost, then found, and found, and found, and found again--lastly in the card box; "Copper/Silver Simple," which uses multiple Bobo Switches; and "Chicken Bones," using a gimmicked deck that pretends to be marked cards. A splendid lecture which delved into the psychology of tricks and into the thought behind them.

## Studio Of Magic Notice

Two months remain to stock up or get what you have been putting off at some great prices. The Studio of Magic going out of business sale has been expanded. Up to 40% off on many items in stock. Last day of business is March 26, 2011.

- All items in the shop will be discounted up to 40% as of February 4, 2011.
  - All sales are final
  - No items will be reordered, when items are sold out, they are gone
  - We will not be able to special order any items
- Pat, Dave, Bob, Joel and Rick wish to thank all our customers over the past years for their support and friendship.

Sincerely,  
Studio of Magic