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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

August Meeting: When It's Hot Out: Just Chill

While the summer heat bakes the surroundings, surround yourself with good company and good magic. There is no set theme this month, but if you want a suggestion, look to tricks dealing with hot or cold. Relax and enjoy on **August 13 at 7:30 PM**. Join the officers for dinner at **6PM**.

Minutes of June Meeting

9 July 2012 7:32 PM 21 members attending
Dan Sclare presiding.
Sec'y's report accepted as published. 15 guests
Treasurer's report submitted.
No Old Business.
No New Business.
Good&Wel.: **Steve Beam** will lecture at the Wallingford assembly on Aug. 8, and at the Springfield assembly on Aug. 9.
Adjourned 7:35 PM
This evening saw a great lecture by **Wayne Houchin**. To help our fund for **David Oliver**, Wayne donated his lecture fee plus half the proceeds of his sales tonight to our "DO" fund. It seems David interviewed Wayne for M-U-M a while ago and Wayne is happy to participate in this fundraising effort.
Wayne began by talking about his start while working with a sword-swallower. This was prologue to an odd effect wherein he swallowed a length of string which he then pulled out of his EYE! He then explained two different methods of performing this effect: one "easy," one...not so much. Other highlights:
After an unusual pick-a-card, a balled-up newspaper was unwrapped reveal a prediction of that very trick. This odd trick, which uses

When Last We Met



Wayne Houchin pulls a thread from his eye...do you *really* want to know how to do it?

photographs of playing cards, Wayne calls "Houdini's Influence."
A nickel vanished and re-appeared inside a can of Sprite.
In a trick called "Counterfeit Hollingworth," a torn-and-quartered card (playing or business, he used a playing card tonight) was restored piece-by-piece. The last piece required a little heat to finish, and the card was completely restored, if a little burnt. As a finale (which he did NOT explain), Wayne ate forty sewing needles, along with about five feet of thread. He then retrieved the needles, threaded, from his mouth. A spectacular finish.
After giving Wayne time to sell his lecture wares, Pres. Dan Sclare announced the club was selling silicone wristbands to benefit David Oliver. The bands are purple and say "DO magic for David Oliver." Dan, along with **Dana Ring** and **Soll Levine** will take a hefty supply with them to the Vegas Convention to sell to our compeers.

From The President's Hat

S.A.M. 2012 Convention What Happens in Vegas Does Not Stay In Vegas!

The convention was very good, and the shows and contests were great. We got to see Mac King's and David Copperfield's shows in their theaters on the strip. Monday's Tribute to David Copperfield included a nice interview by Stan Allen.

The two evening shows were in the new Smith Center, a huge, beautiful auditorium near the hotel by bus. I had a second-row seat on the aisle.

Pays to register early.

The only downside of the convention was that there were some AV problems.

DO Magic For David Oliver wristbands

We made \$1610 in sales at the convention. It was great seeing so many compeers wearing the purple bands. Mac King and David Copperfield wore theirs, and Contest Chairman Paul Critelli announced that wearing a wrist band was part of the dress code. Tannen's Magic Shop bought \$100 worth to give to their campers that come to the store, and Shawn Farquhar bought 20. After deducting the cost of the bands, our total is now \$1867.

Everyone wished David Oliver the best. I spoke to him by phone during the week. He wanted to attend the convention but he is not allowed to fly. He again thanked everyone for their generosity. He also posted this on FaceBook. Friend him on FaceBook if you have not done so. We are now going to plan how to advertise and sell the bands so other friends of David can get the bands and help him.

I was honored to be appointed Life Membership Chairperson and elected as a Trustee to the Magic Endowment Fund. More info about this in the next newsletter.

The National President's theme for this year is Get Involved ... and Pass It On! I would also like it to be ours for this year. Get more involved than paying dues and attending meetings. Submit an article for our newsletter, share ideas for a meeting or even run a teach-in or mini lecture. Ring members share info and ideas from the I.B.M. Share your ideas on how we can make CCMA better. Give it to Dana or email it to him at d.ring222@att.net.

Also check out the new and improved S.A.M. website at www.magicsam.com. Subscribe to SAMtalk www.magicsam.com/program-links/samtalk/, and "friend" S.A.M. Compeers (unofficial) on Facebook.

An extra idea for our Aug. meeting:

If you still have a VCR and magic video tapes you have not viewed in many years (or DVDs), bring them to this meeting and donate them to the club. We will then sell them back to

our members for \$1.00 each. The proceeds will go to CCMA . Recycle!

For our S.A.M. members:
FYI

Our National Council believes in being good role models. At council meetings, if anyone refers to our organization as "SAM," instead of **S.A.M.**, or our magazine as "MUM," instead of **M-U-M**, which stands for Magic-Unity-Might, that person is fined \$1.00 for each infraction.

Did I get your Bio?

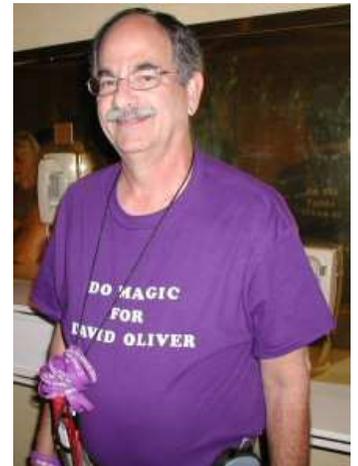
And last but not least:

Congratulations to compeer Marlene Clark. She was re-elected as S.A.M. National Secretary.

See you at the meeting!

Magically yours,
Dan Sclare
CCMA President/ Historian

Vegas Convention Photos



Dan Sclare, ready to sell the purple wristbands to anyone within reach.



Marlene Clark poses by a huge copy of the plaque given by the S.A.M. to David Copperfield. The original plaque was signed by her and MI Vinny Grosso.

The Contest Winners

This year in honor of their tremendous work making the contests the stellar events they are today, the close-up contest was renamed the Paul Critelli Close-Up contest, and the stage contest was renamed the Fr. Cyprian Murray Stage Contest.



Chaz King receives the William Andrews/Mystic Craig Award for Professional Promise in Close-Up.

Bill Boaz received the Presidential Award in Stage. The recipient of this award is chosen by the other contestants. He or she best exemplifies the spirit of camaraderie backstage.



The recipient of the Presidential Award in Close-Up this year was **Pipo**, who also took Second Place in the Paul Critelli Close-Up Contest.



Second Place in the Fr. Cyprian Murray Stage Contest went to **Reuben Moreland**.



Ben Jackson took the Brad Jacobs' People's Choice Award, as well as First Place with a Silver Award of Merit, in the Paul Critelli Close-Up Contest.



Hara Hiroki took the Brad Jacobs' People's Choice Award in Stage as well as First Place in the Fr. Cyprian Murray Stage Contest.
