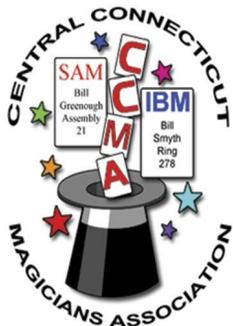


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Meetings:

Second Monday of every month except December

Angelo's on Main

289 South Main Street
West Hartford.

(I-84 exit 41)

February Meeting: Duane Laflin lecture

February brings us a new lecture from **Duane Laflin**. The lecture features many trick and routine concepts, but is really about the transformation of tricks into magical entertainment experiences. It is about using our magic to share "the gift of wonder." We're changing our meeting date to **February 4** for this month. Don't miss it!

Minutes of January Meeting

9 January 2013 7:32 PM

15 members attending

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.

Sec'y's Rpt. Accepted as published.

Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.

Old Bus.: **David Oliver** wristband sales have slowed lately, but over \$14,000 has been collected so far. **Cal Vinick** wanted it on the record that Dan, **Steve Wronker**, and **Marlene Clark** have done a terrific job running the wristband program. The benefit show for David is this Saturday. **Dana Ring** had tickets to sell, but someone bought them all before the meeting! (*Thanks, Peter!*)

Cmte. Rpts.: Steve worked with the Boys Club/ Girls Club last Halloween, and he is looking to coordinate doing something with them next October.

G&W: Dan made a pitch for Life Membership. Marlene praised his efforts to publicize the program on a National level.

Adjourned 7:58 PM

Since we don't meet in December, we had our Christmas Magic tonight.

President **Dan Sclare** started out by showing an electric tea-light—and then blew it out! He also displayed his collection of instant-art props that a former fellow-schoolteacher made for him.

When Last We Met



Jon Cap displays a strange prop from **Pat Guida**.

He has one for Christmas, Chanukah, Halloween, and others.

Peter Lennis had all of us take a card apiece from a deck. We each showed him our card before dropping it into a box. One card chosen from that box matched a prediction Peter had written on a slate.

He then borrowed a business card and carefully tore a hole in its center. Next, he threaded the card onto a rope and covered the card with a scarf. Under cover of that scarf, he was able to remove the card from the rope with no further tearing. Upping the ante, he threaded the rope through the handle of a metal cup and covered it. This, too, was removed intact.

Later, he borrowed a dollar bill and folded it into a vague bird-like shape. Taking on bird-like properties, the bill floated in mid-air.

Next, he used five cups and a squeaky ball. No matter which cup Norman St. Laurent chose to hide the ball, Peter was able to determine its location.

Closing the evening, **Pat Guida** performed an odd card trick that involved the use of a tiny toy plunger.

Blast From The Past

In Dan Sclare's Sphinx collection, here's the Assembly report from February of 1948.

Northern Connecticut Assembly No. 21 (NE) (H★S)

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Meets—2nd MON.—HOTEL BOND

Hartford, Conn.—In spite of a heavy snowfall and hazardous driving conditions 9 members of Assembly No. 21 turned out for the January meeting. Business was disposed of rather quickly, but thoroughly, after which Most Illustrious Greenough gave the short form initiation to the new members present.

Vynn Boyar started the magic with a few quick card tricks and then showed the giant cards to pocket which was very effective. As each member was to try and do a trick with some originality, either in the trick itself or in the presentation, Compeer Boyar then caused a small flower to disappear in a flash of flame only to reappear on his coat lapel in a photograph previously shown sans flower.

Jim Boyce then demonstrated his original method of producing lighted cigarettes while Basset Mordecai coaxed a stubborn block of wood, which was threaded on a ribbon, to fall to the floor. Ed Boyce had a clever presentation using the instanto rope. There was some impromptu card magic after which those members whose wives belong to the newly formed New England Magigals went to the Magigals Meeting of the grandest refreshments served by Mrs. James Boyce.

Seen At The David Oliver Benefit Show



Outside the auditorium.
That's RVP **Joseph Caulfield**
in front.



Dan Sclare doing his
part.



An attendee looks over the silent auction items. **Tom O'Brien** supervises the booth.