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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: Another Free Choice

We are still theme-captainless this month so again absolutely anything is welcome. Of course, it is summer, so show us something hot. Join the festivities on **August 12**. Meeting starts at **7:30 PM**; join the officers for dinner at 6 PM.

Minutes of July Meeting

8 July 2013 7:38 PM

13 members attending
1 guest

MI **Dan Sclare** presiding.
Sec'y's Rpt. Accepted as published.
Treasurer's Rpt: submitted.

No old business this month.
New Business: **Dave Wright** has joined the SAM, and is joining our assembly. Dan read his application to the group as a first reading.
G&W: **Dave Margolin** was recently in St. Francis Hospital, as was **Walt Umberfield**. The club will send cards.
Dan also related the good news about David Oliver: only the week before, David got his lungs! He underwent a double transplant and was doing very well. The day before the meeting, Dan was able to speak with David by phone. (Dan was so flabbergasted by this, David spoke better than he did.)
Dan shared a David-honoring video with us that was shown at the convention. After it was shown there, Dan and a handful of volunteers passed "the hat" (purple buckets) and collected nearly \$1500 for the DO Fund. Dan also reported that in the previous two weeks, another \$370 came in from

When Last We Met



The S.A.M. Humanitarian Award for 2013 awarded to the CCMA.

PayPal. Many thanks go to **Steve Wronker** for putting a lot of information out on Facebook and his blog. In total from all sales and local benefits, over \$20,400 has been raised. Because of all the work our assembly members put into this project, the National awarded Assembly #21 the SAM's 2013 Humanitarian Award. It was on display for the rest of the evening.
After the meeting, **Norman St Laurent** did a trick that involved tearing up a piece of rolling paper and restoring it. He taught us all how to do it afterwards. Lastly, Dan demonstrated the iPhone and iPad app "Mind Lister" that **Bruce Kalver** had show the conventioners.

From The President's Hat

This is the text of the speech **Jeff Sikora** gave at the DC Convention when he presented the CCMA the 2013 S.A.M. Humanitarian Award.

One week ago, our friend David Oliver had his double lung transplant.

Over the past year or so, numerous magicians have donated their time, talent and resources to several fundraisers to help benefit David. Many of you have also helped David by purchasing a purple DO Magic For David Oliver wristband. Let's see those wristbands.

On behalf of the National Magic Week Committee, I'd like to thank you all for donating to this wonderful cause.

If you DON'T have a purple DO Magic For David Oliver wristband, there are people here who can help you remedy that.

Last year, the Central Connecticut Magicians Association, which consists of S.A.M. Assembly # 21 and I.B.M. Ring # 278 came up with this wristband idea. Within a month, they had the wristbands made and took them to sell at last year's S.A.M. Convention in Las Vegas. Dan Sclare and Dana Ring wore purple Do Magic for David Oliver T-shirts constantly during the convention. David Copperfield and Mac King wore the wristbands as did hundreds of other magicians at the convention. They made a total of \$1610 in sales at the convention alone.

It is with great pride that I present this year's S.A.M. Humanitarian Award to Assembly #21 of the Central Connecticut Magician's Association.

Magically yours,
Dan Sclare

St. Louis Convention Registration Open Again

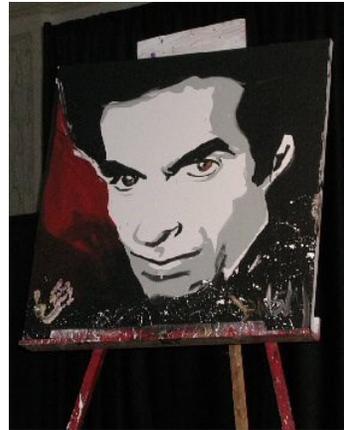
MI Dan Sclare reminds us that registration is open again for next year's combined IBM/SAM convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Details are available online at www.ibmsam.com. This promises to be a great event with magicians all over this country (and others) competing to be the North American Champion.

Snapshots from the Convention



Richard Kaufman (right) interviews Convention Honoree Al Cohen.



During the Wednesday night Variety Show, John Jansky created this painting right before our eyes in a matter of minutes. It was later auctioned off to benefit the Wounded Warrior project.



George Schindler and Marlene Clark with the cast of the Stars Of Tomorrow Show. One of the convention highlights.

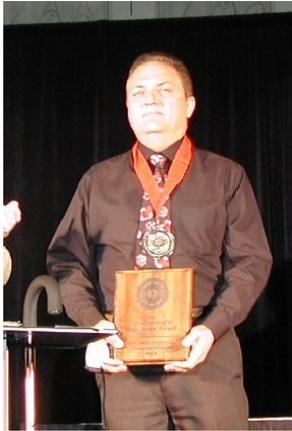


A special presentation of "busking" performed by Bobby Maverick, Michael Hilby, and Bob Sheets (pictured). Any money collected went to the WW project.

Convention Contest Winners

Close-Up

Stage



People's Choice Award, plus 1st place with Silver Medal of Merit
Alberto Lorenzo



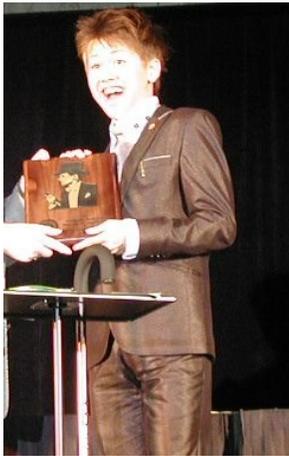
Originality Award, plus 2nd place
Haozhen (David) Wu



1st place winner
Chang Min Lee
with contest chairman
Dr. Paul Critelli, (L)



People's Choice Award, plus 2nd place
Trent James
with People's Choice creator
Brad Jacobs, (R)



Award of Professional Promise
Yuri Terashima



The President's Award (selected by the other contestants)
Chun-Wei (Alan) Wu



Originality Award Winner
John Walton

My apologies to Stage President's Award Winner **Steve Owens**; I was unable to reproduce my picture of him.



MI Dan Sclare
receives the Humanitarian Award from Jeff Sikora