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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: Martin Mercy Lecture

Martin Mercy of Mercy Me Magic will present a lecture for us this month. Titled "Simple Magic To Please the Lay Audience," the lecture will be packed with wonderful ideas and wholesome magic effects, if he does say so himself, and he does. He will demonstrate tactics he uses in several Chicago restaurants. Some effects on the magical menu include "Magic Kiss," "Best Friends," "Superman," and "Show Me Da Money." Free for CCMA members, \$10 all others. Join us on **August 14 at 7PM**. Join the officers for dinner at 6PM.

Minutes of July Meeting

10 July 2017 7:15 PM
Pres. **Dan Sclare** presiding.
Secretary's minutes accepted as published.
Treasurer's Report received
New Bus.: A lecture is tentatively scheduled for September by **John Reed**. Trying to arrange a date for **Tony Carpinski** in October.
Old Bus.: **Martin Mercy** is booked for \$250 and a hotel room.
Good&Wel.: **John Marenholtz** 10 members turns 98 on the 29th. **Tome Piekos** attending arranged for aluminum ramps put on his house. Everyone was urged to send him a birthday card. **Walt Umberfield** also has birthday this month. He'll be 91, we think.

Adjourned: 7:21 PM.

The only "theme" tonight was sharing pictures of ourselves performing from long ago. Dan and Dana had some old albums and we all had a good laugh going through them. Otherwise, any magic anyone wanted to do was welcomed.

Rodney Beaulieu performed a few mental effects, using **Marlene Clark** as assistant. In one, Marlene chose the only odd card out of a packet of

Since We Met



John Marenholtz's birthday cake.
More birthday photos on page two.

5. In another, Marlene found the odd card after three tries—but that was exactly what Rodney had predicted! Next, he had a prediction set aside, and Marlene picked one card which matched Rodney's. Lastly, he had Marlene think of a card, then Rodney drew a picture of the card on a separate paper. Lastly, Rodney gave Marlene a black piece of paper and a black marker. Marlene thought of someone from her childhood and wrote her name on the paper and folded it. Even though Rodney could not possibly know the name, he did. Rodney was kind enough to explain all these effects to us.



Rick Heath at the Life Membership function at the Louisville, KY, convention.

From The President's Hat

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.

Patty and I had a great time in Newburyport, MA. I walked by Harry Lorayne's home. I was going to knock on his door to say hello, but was afraid he would not remember me.

The combined convention was great. I got to see lots of friends, ate good food, drank good bourbon and saw wonderful magic. One highlight was that I brought 50 birthday cards and many magi filled them out for John. Thank you if you were one of the 70 plus that sent him birthday wishes. Dana, Dorrie, Patty, and I visited him on the 28th to celebrate his birthday one day early. It was so nice to see him with all those cards and notes.

At the convention these CCMA members were recognized for their years of membership:

25 years: Marlene Clark

50 years: Bob Killian, Walt Umberfield and Cal Vinick

You can hear Rick Heath's talk at the Life Members' get-together, *Magician With A Paintbrush*. He was the head artist for Le Grand David. It is on Scott Wells Magic Word Podcast.

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/scottwellsmagic/367-ibmsam-combined-convention-2017>

It starts at 1:16:00

Looking forward to our August meeting and Martin Mercy lecture.

I just booked John Reed to lecture for us in September. More info to follow.

See you at the meeting

Birthday Photos



Dan Sclare presents a cake to the birthday boy himself.



The collection of birthday cards he received. Some of them hand-made.



Harry Lorayne's house

Convention Photos—Louisville, KY, July 2017



The contest contestants line up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Big winners were **Stuart Macdonald** (IBM & SAM 1st stage-Silver, People's Choice, Originality), **Omar Ferret** (IBM & SAM 1st close-up), **Chris Randall** (IBM 2nd stage), **Eric Buss** (SAM 2nd stage), **Ari Slomka** (IBM 2nd close-up), **Ed Ripley** (SAM 2nd close-up) and **Jim Vines** (People's Choice close-up)

Dan Sclare ran into some magic celebs at the convention, including **Bev Bergeron** and **Lance Burton**.



Lance also showed up at the Grand Finale show on behalf of the local humane society. That's him on the right, trust me.

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