



# Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

MAY 2006 Newsletter

### Regular Meeting

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Best Western

### Board Meeting

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Denny's Restaurant  
9001 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

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US Toy Magic

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### NEXT MEETING

**MAY 6, 2006 7:00 P. M.**

Best Western  
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.  
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



Eric Woods

Jon's Mom

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## What did you say your name is? by Eric Woods

In most of the articles this month you will read about the happenings at last month's magic meeting, so I will skip the finer details and let the pictures (and other articles) tell that story. I will instead try to help clear up some confusion, maybe?

Many of you first came to know my bride to be as Jonathon's mom. Later we discovered her name is Pam, however she chose to confuse us, asking to be known by her middle name Christy.

To fulfill a portion of the commitment I have made I would like to first set one record straight. Jonathon's mom is no longer a valid name and should now be

replaced by the proper name: **Jon's mom**. She may also (temporarily) be referred to as Eric's Fiancée.

I know this is all confusing and so, out of the kindness of my heart, and through the wisdom of Jon, it has been declared that as of:

**October 7, 2006**

(time and location TBA)

Pam Christy Atkinson can simply be referred to as: Mrs. Woods.

I hope this has helped clear up this confusing matter.



## President's Column

by Chuck Macan



If you missed the April meeting you missed one very special night. During the open performances Eric Woods asked Christy Atkinson to marry him. She said yes. Now that is what I call magic.

Personally and I am sure that I echo the sentiments of all the membership in wishing Eric and Christy a long and happy life together. Let's not forget Jon in this equation. Jon, you are getting a great step-father. One you can look up to with pride. Eric you are getting a very special step-son. I am sure your guidance will be greatly appreciated. Best wishes again to Eric, Christy and Jon.

I just heard from Phil Klein that Pavel will not be able to make the May 19th lecture date. So take him off your calendars.

Mark your calendars to be at the June meeting on June 1st. Our own Jason Dean has agreed to give a mini lecture featuring some of his patented effects. This is one you definitely don't want to miss. Jason, shortly thereafter will be on the lecture circuit and creating and releasing new instructional DVD's. We wish you great success on tour and with the DVD release.

Our ring picnic is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd. Please see the article by committee chair Julie Clark for details. Sign up with Julie so we know how much food to purchase. A special thank you to Julie for taking the time to put the picnic together.

See you all at the meeting on May 4th.

## Ring Report By Stu Lewis

We have had lots of activity since our last report. Mark Wilson was in town for a lecture at our regular lecture venue, U.S. Toy Magic Shop. As is usual with his lectures, he focused more on magic history than on

magic techniques, but most in attendance enjoyed the experience. March was also the month for our annual magic auction, which brought in about \$500 in commissions for the ring.

Brian McElvain opened our April meeting with a teach-a-trick session, demonstrating an Al Baker effect with a coin and handkerchief. J. E. Mastin was the lone competitor in our stand-up contest, leaving it up to the Board to determine if he can be considered a winner (our regular practice when someone "competes" unopposed). He wrapped a spectator's ring in a handkerchief and had it reappear on a wand that was wrapped with another handkerchief.

Stu Lewis led off the close-up competition with Bill Malone's "Sam the Bellhop," an amusing story embellished with false shuffles and cuts. J. E. Mastin returned to do a card stab. Marty Isenberg predicted which of three objects a spectator would select and then had the spectator count off several cards four separate times, each time locating a queen. Paul Brune burned a selected card, only to have the outline of the card appear on his skin when the ashes from the burnt card were rubbed on the back of his hand. Marty took first place in the voting.

Barron Stringfellow did a themed series of rope effects, including a rope which had a varying number of ends and middles, a Professor's Nightmare variation where the three ropes became one, and a cut-and-restored electric cord attached to a bulb which actually lit up. Jason Dean performed a triumph routine based on the Gambler/Magician/Mentalist theme. He also performed coins across and a reverse matrix.

The highlight of the evening, however, was Eric Woods' presentation. He called upon Pam (Christy) Atkinson to be his helper, and after some amusing work with some playing cards, he had her open a series of nested cardboard boxes, finding a ring inside the final box. The prediction cards on the table changed from "you will say yes" to "Will you marry me?"

Luckily for Eric, she said "yes." Eric and Christy met through their activity in the Ring, and a poll of the old-timers present confirmed that this was the first time in anyone's recollection that the Ring had served as a matchmaker. Since nothing could top that act, we offered our congratulations and, being good magicians, we vanished into the night.

## PICNIC TIME!

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am---2:00pm

Bring Yourself! Bring the Kids! Bring the whole family! Join us for an outdoor “Potluck Picnic” and a few hours of fellowship and fun at the Chatlain Park Shelter House located at I-35 and Shawnee Mission Parkway (SW side at 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace & Carter). Don’t miss this opportunity to take advantage of just one of the many benefits offered to all Ring 129 Members! Sandwiches, Tossed Salad and Drinks will be provided. We ask each family to bring one side dish. Your RSVP is needed to accurately account for the food required. Check your calendars and be ready to RSVP at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting or by phone to Julia Clark (816) 478-9787.

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### Magician of the Month Winners

Stage		Close-Up		Stage		Close-Up	
01/06	Roger Miller	Barron Stringfellow		07/06	_____	_____	
02/06	Barron Stringfellow	Harris Duetsch		08/05	_____	Laird Wilcox	
03/06	Eric Woods	John Hicks		09/05	_____	Mike Melito	
04/06	J. E. Mastin	Marty Isenberg		10/05	_____	Blake Silvernail	
05/06	_____	_____		11/05	_____	Chuck Macan	
06/06	_____	_____		12/05	_____	Eric Woods	

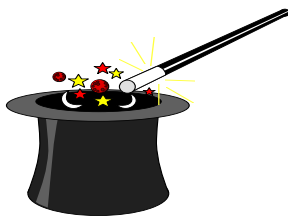
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**RING 129 AGENDA**

Items in red have firm dates, all others are not yet set or are subject to change.

- Jan 28 **Magician Of the Year Stage**
- Feb 18 **Kids Show (RPCC.)\***
- Mar 11 **Magic Auction**
- Apr ??
- May ??
- Jun 03 **Ring Picnic**
- Jul 29 **Close-up Magician of the Year**
- Aug ?? **Roast**
- Sep ?? **Fun Magic Day**
- Oct 13 **Halloween Show (RPCC.)\***
- Nov ?? **Magic University 103**
- Nov ?? **Magic Swap & Shop**
- Dec ?? **Holiday Party**

**\*Roland Park Community Center**

4850 Rosewood Drive  
Mission, KS 66205

**Tentative Lecture Schedule**

**Paul Stone**

May 6 7 PM

*All lectures held at:*

**US Toy Magic**

2008 W. 103rd Terr.  
Leawood, KS 66206

<b>Sorcerers Circle:</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Regular Member</b>	<b>\$6</b>
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