



# CENTER of the RING

Heart of America Ring 129  
"Quality Ring Award Winner"

March 2005 Newsletter



## CALENDAR

**Regular Meeting**  
March 3—7 PM  
Best Western

**Lee Asher Lecture**  
March 2—7 PM  
US Toy

This is the free lecture for those who paid there dues no later than the December meeting.

**Board Meeting**  
March 17—7 PM  
Alan Goodheart  
8803 W 102 PL. Apt 1  
Overland Park, KS

**US Toy Magic Auction**  
March 22—6 PM

## NEXT MEETING

**March 3, 2005 7:00 P. M.**

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



Harris Deutsch & Nigel

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## Kid Show & Magic Auction

On February 5, the Ring held the annual Kid Show and Magic Auction at the Roeland Park Community Center.

L.C. was the first one at the Community Center setting up the sound system which was used into the night at the magic auction. The performers played to a crowd filled to room capacity, one of the largest crowds in years. This was a great opportunity for newcomers to gain familiarity with working on a stage, and more importantly a chance for the Ring 129 to share magic with Kansas City's youth.

The crowd was treated to intimate close-up magic before the show began by two of the clubs most vibrant personalities: **Rachel Franklin** and **Joe White**.

**Harris Deutsch** and Nigel (his puppet) led off the show with crowd pleasing antics. **Alan Goodheart** was second in a rare public performance. He plays well with kids and was a hit. **Eric Woods**, showing a lot of potential, delighting each of the kids he used. A brief intermission allowed magic kit sales to soar. **Duane Fields** led off the second half with his usual professional prowess. **Dennis Burks**

and his daughters **Ashley** and **Emily** closed the show with the wonderful "OZ" presentation. Needless to say he and his daughters again were the peoples choice. A curtain call was held and the audience enthusiastically showed their appreciation.

What a great show! You need to become a part of this tradition next year.

The auction began at 5:30 PM on the same day, with a turnout was lower than past years, but there were many great bargains for those that came to buy.

**Kirk Deweese** and **Dan Bradbury** undertook the task of keeping the affairs in order. Their number crunching skills helped to make the check-out process a smooth process.

**Frank Laplaca**, **Roger Miller** and **Alan Goodheart** assumed the important task of auctioneers, their help in selling the magic goods was immense. We look forward to next years Show and Auction.

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## President's Column

by Alan Goodheart

Having officially been the President for only a month has proved very rewarding to say the least! It seemed like only days after being installed we were fully ingrained in magic - having our February Ring meeting followed by both the Kid's Show and the Ring Auction.

I personally have done small gigs over the few years I have been involved with the Club, but it had been 4 years since I had performed on stage in front of a full house like we had at the Kid's Show- nearly 150 standing room only! It was exhilarating!! And scary at the same time! But it felt GREAT! There were others that performed, and many others that volunteered to make that day such a success. I took the time to look around me and see how very pleased I was to be leading such a professional and talented group. And the day continued into the evening with our Annual Ring Auction. This event was well attended also; those buying magic had lots to choose from, and the sellers of their magic had very little not bid on, so everyone, including our ring was a winner! There are too many people to thank individually for all the efforts; just know that I can't begin to express how proud I am to lead those who also wish to make this Ring the best it can be.

The month of March kicks off with our first lecture of the year - Lee Asher - at US Toy Co. on March 2nd. Be sure not to miss this excellent event (and remember that if you paid your dues by the end of the December meeting, this lecture is FREE for you to attend - we will have a list at the lecture). Then the next night is our regular meeting at Best Western where we will continue to try interjecting some newness in our meeting format, and on March 22nd, US Toy Company is having their Magic Auction.

So there are plenty of opportunities to better your own Magic Prowess. I hope to see you at the Asher lecture and the Ring meeting.....and let's all try to come prepared to share some magic among friends and make each of us a better magician and a better person. See you all soon.

**Wear your badge at the next meeting and you may win a prize!**

## Attention:

The newsletter editor would like your help.

If you have taken pictures at any club events recently or if you plan to bring your digital camera along to future events, the editor would greatly appreciate your sending copies for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

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## Can a Magician Keep a Secret???



Well, the secrets out, the man we all know as **Joe White** the comedy magician is also the comedy musician. Joe, we really enjoyed your guitar playing and singing at the Stage Magician of the Year Banquet. It was quite an entertaining performance.

## Magic Trivia

- Henry Hay, author of such great titles as *Learn Magic*, *The Amateur Magician's Handbook*, & *Cyclopedia of Magic* is the pen name of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hennig Nelms
  - June Barrow Mussey
  - Fredrick Eugene Powell
  - Jean Henri
- This Magician is best known for having invented the Asrah (floating lady) illusion?
  - Lee Asrah
  - De Kolta
  - LeRoy
  - Carter
- Which conjuror was best know for performing an Egg Bag routine?
  - T. Nelson Downs
  - Imro Fox
  - Isaac Fawkes
  - Nate Leipzig



### Has he gone mad???

Kirk DeWeese was once again giving magic tricks away. Perhaps it is poetic justice that Kirk had the winning ticket for a \$20 gift certificate to V's Restaurant. L.C. Collier presented the

new name tags. He explained that you will keep your membership card/ name tag with you and pick up a clip and a ticket, a drawing will be held each meeting to encourage everyone to wear their name tags each meeting. All paid members should have their name tag/ membership card by the March meeting. Contact L.C. if you have not received yours yet or if it need correction. He puts a lot of heart and pride in the club and worked hard at making the cards look sharp. The Ring applauds your efforts. Stu Lewis has included many of the other highlights from last months meeting so be sure and read his article as well. See you next month!!!

### Earn Sorcerer's Circle Points!!



Submit **YOUR** article today!!

### Close-up MoY Coming Together

By LC Collier

The Close-up Magician of the Year Contest will become a grand event! While the date has yet to be determined, you will not want to miss this competition.

The format of this event is changing dramatically. It will be held at the Roeland Park Community Center and will feature close-up performances in separate rooms, after which everyone will adjourn to the banquet room for a full meal while the votes are being counted. The awards will be made at the banquet along with some additional exciting presentations.

Roger Miller has promised to be present and will just be kicking off his term as International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Let's give him the support befitting the occasion and all turn out to have a great evening of magic, a good meal and wish him well in his new adventure.

### NEW MEMBERS to RING 129

**Phil Franklin**

**Kevin Stafford**

Welcome to the club!!!

### Feb. Magician of the Month Winners

**Close Up Winner**

**Terry Davis**

**Joe White**

**Stage Winner**

Congratulations to the winners. We look forward to the

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**Ken Reedy**

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### Tentative Lecture Schedule

**Lee Asher**

March 2—7 PM

**Chris Capehart**

April 6—7 PM

**Michael Close**

April 16—7 PM

**Ron London**

May 11—7 PM

**Tom Jones & Rachel Wild**

Aug 15—7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic  
2008 W. 103rd Terr.  
Leawood, KS 66206



## What I Thought of on My Way Home...

By Ken Reedy

When Alan Goodheart presented me with the “Ring Service Award” at the “Stage Magician of the Year Contest” for my efforts in the “Healing of Magic Program” I was totally speechless. I had no idea that I was going to get this award and was completely unprepared to say anything. It wasn’t until I was on my way home that all of the things that I should have said came to me. So if I might, I would like to take this time and forum to say what I think needs to be said.

First and foremost, I have to give thanks to Walt Mitchell as my Healing of Magic partner. He has been with me from the beginning of this program and has helped me in ways that I could never tell. His support has been priceless and I could not have done this without him.

I also must thank all of the members who have stepped up and helped me with the program when I needed them the most. It took a lot off of my mind knowing that someone was there to do the job when I was not able to be there myself. It gives me great comfort knowing that some of you are ready and willing to come and help me in this great effort. Everyone is welcome to come and join me in any of the sessions that we have to see what we do and to see how to run the program for yourself. We teach in groups so we can use your help.

I give great thanks to the Board for their support and the finance that the program sometimes requires. They have given me the freedom to run the program the way the Spencer’s have set up and for that I am very grateful.

If you ask me where my commitment comes from, then I would have to say that it comes from the patients that I work with and all of the members of Ring 129. The patients show me that what I am doing is working and is making their life a little better and the members of Ring 129 give me the encouragement that I need to continue what I am doing.

So in closing I would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do for me in this program and thanks to the ones who decided to give me this award. It will hold a very important part in my life and heart for a long time to come.

Magically Yours  
Ken Reedy

## The Unsung Hero's Rally

by LC Collier

The Kids Show at the Roeland Park was perhaps the most successful ever, according to Jane Hurst, Director of the facility. This is in no small part due to our unsung hero's who made the show run without a hitch.

**Chuck Macan** ran the sound and lighting for the first time ever and did an excellent job. With three microphones and a flurry of sound and lighting cues he not only hit everything on cue, but became comfortable enough to add some creative touches to the mix. Way to go Chuck!

**Dale Huffman, Julie Clark and Al Sawyer** sold our magic kits in numbers that have never been attained by the club. It does not hurt to have an attractive lady and an enthusiastic magic demonstrator pitching the product in such a proficient way. They sold all the kits they had on hand. Great job guys!

**Joe White, Rachel Franklin and Harris Deutsch** warmed the crowd up with some close-up miracles that set the mood for the entire show. It was good for the crowd to see not only the seasoned performers, but the youth of Rachael proficiently performing at the same event. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Doc Blum** did a great job as the grip, assuring the curtains opened and closed without hesitation (as though we had rehearsed for a month) and assisting any performer who needed help getting his props on and off stage. Thank you Doc!

**Danny Mahar** showed up even though he was sick that day. He was sent home to recuperate, but it shows the dedication of a true professional. Let that serve as an example to all of us who sometimes complain about much less and allow it to stop us from fulfilling our obligations. We appreciate you Danny!

**Jane Hurst** sent the club a letter saying, “Thank you, thank you! Every year, I say, this show was even better than the last. This year was no exception! Ring 129 presented an outstanding performance of magic to the Roeland Park community”. She went on to say, the event sold out, was a good fund raiser and “Best of all the audience loved it.”

Next year YOU can be a part of the production, learn something new and earn Sorcerer’s Circle points all at the same time. All you have to do is volunteer!

**WE HAD FUN!**

Trivia answers: 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 4.C, C.C



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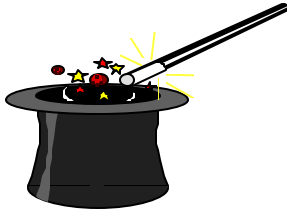
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## **Last Months Meeting** By Stu Lewis

As usual, late January and early February are a busy time for our ring. On January 22 we held our annual banquet, featuring the competition for stage magician of the year. Since we hope to have a separate photo spread on the event in *Linking Ring*, I'll cover it briefly here. Reversing the youth movement of the past several years, L.C. Collier took first place with his high-paced "silent act," concluding with "Snowstorm in China." Dennis Burks, along with daughters Ashley and Emily, came in second with an act built on the theme of "The Wizard of Oz," while Chris Gates took third with an innovative act in which his female assistant, Sarah Hosterman, actually served more as co-magician, as well as a dance partner. A new feature this year was a "People's Choice" award, allowing those in attendance to pick their own favorite. Those who voted, in fact, split with the judges and chose Dennis as their favorite.

Our February meeting drew over fifty people, but after the contest few seemed anxious to perform. We welcomed Phil and Rachel Franklin as new members. One of the highlights of the meeting was a visit from Brooks Anderson, who was recognized as perhaps the number one children's entertainer in the area before other commitments took him to St. Louis a number of years ago. Brooks did a brief mini-lecture about playing with audience perceptions, and a number of those present paid tribute to Brooks. Terry Davis told us that without Brooks's encouragement, he never would have become involved in magic. Ironically, when Roger Miller read some past ring reports, we learned that fifteen years ago this month Brooks had won both of the monthly

contests.

There was only one performer in our stage competition. His act featured a variation on the six-card repeat, with some additional twists at the end. Since there was only one contestant, the Board will vote to decide if he can be considered the winner.

Perennial champion Jason Dean led off the close-up contest with an original card routine that featured too many transpositions to describe here. Terry Davis followed with a sponge-ball routine involving regular and miniature sponge balls, allowing him to joke about having "two and one half" balls in one hand, etc. He moved on the some work with a dollar bill, including the Ammar bill switch. He then did a chop-cup routine, leading the production of a lemon as a final load, which, through a series of gags, led to the discovery of a previously signed bill inside a box that a spectator had been holding since before he began. (Producing the bill from the lemon would have been too perfect, though he led us to suspect that ending before the final revelation.) The act was good enough for us to choose him close-up magician of the month.

Finally, on February 5 we held our annual auction. With only forty people present, most of them with something to sell, it became a buyer's auction, with cartons of videos selling for fifty dollars. Though prices were low, hopefully the value received was high.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter