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# Swearing in

**By Randy Keck**

*Club Secretary*

October 5 will be the Fort Worth Magician's Club's annual officer installation banquet. Officers taking the oath that night will be **Randy Keck** (president), **Hal Hudgins** (VP programs), **Fran Hatzenbuhler** (VP Flashpaper), **Bruce Chadwick** (VP webmaster), **Al Fox** (secretary), **Daniel Rosales** (treasurer), **John Hatzenhuhler** (sgt. at arms) and **Marvin Gearhart** (historian). In addition three members-at-large will take office: **Bill Irwin**, **Larry Brown** and **Jess Langston**.

This year's banquet will be held at **Spring Creek Barbeque** in Grapevine. The room will be available at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Go through the serving line and come on in. (We recommend eating ribs, as that makes subsequent close-up performing more interesting later).

Following the swearing-in we will have a "Pot-Luck Program." Just what is a pot-luck program? Well, everyone brings something, and just like a pot-luck dinner, if everyone brings something good we'll have a feast of magic! On that note, please keep current VP of programs Larry Blevins in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through his surgeries and begins his fight with lung cancer.

### **Directions to the banquet**

Spring Creek Barbeque is at 315 State HWY 114 West at Main St. (Phone: (817) 416-6250).

**From Fort Worth**, take 121/183 until you reach the Wm. D. Tate Ave. Exit. Take that exit, continue on 121 for about a mile to the restaurant. **From Dallas** take 183/114 to the Wm D Tate exit. Exit there and turn left at Wm. D. Tate. Turn left again at the 114 access road and proceed about a half mile to the restaurant.



# September meeting review

**By Randy Keck**

*Secretary*

The Fort Worth Magicians Club met Thursday, September 7 at the Fort Worth Public Library downtown childrens theater. The club elected new officers for 2006-07: Randy Keck, president; Hal Hudgins, vice president programs; Fran Hatzenbuhler, vice president and editor of the Flashpaper; Bruce Chadwick, vice president and Webmaster; Al Fox, secretary; Daniel Rosales, treasurer; John Hatzenbuhler, sergeant at arms and Historian, Marvin Gearhart.

Members at large of the executive committee will be Bill Irwin, Larry Brown and Jess Langston.

Some of our club members recently reached magical milestones: Jess Langston has been a member of the IBM for 50 years, and Louis

Daniel has reached is 56th year!

After a review of the Texas Association of Magicians convention over the Labor Day weekend, it was on with the magic! The theme of the evening was to bring something you bought or learned at the convention.

Randy Keck started with an old skeleton key that he had a difficult time keeping straight. The bit kept moving around on the shaft of the key, but by the time he handed it out to the audience it was welded in place.

Daniel Rosales followed with an interesting twist on the torn-and-restored card, in which a chosen card is torn up, a corner is initialed, but the card is restored backwards - or inside-out - I haven't figured out which.

John Hatzenbuhler told us thhe story of when he married his bride Fran. He said he sold his station wagon to buy her a ring, and then it

only turned out to be a birthstone ring, and the wrong birthstone at that! But with some magic she ended up with the diamond ring she wanted.

Jess Langston showed us some interesting takes on the block off rope penetration, including a 6" clear lucite block that was impressive - and heavy.

Bill Irwin got some assistance from Larry Blevins for an experiment with cards. Using ten cards, members of the audience spelled out the numbers one to 10, and as cards were passed from the top of the packet to the bottom, the card they landed on was the card just spelled, except every time Larry did it - he kept ending up on seven.

It was a fun evening of magic in downtown Fort Worth. Join us the first Thursday of every month.

## John Born Lecture Oct. 9

John B. Born is a performance artist that has dedicated his life to the performance and advancement of the magical arts. Initially apprenticed under his grandfather, John matured his skills while working as the master resident magician for five years at Steven's Magic Emporium in Wichita, and one year at U.S. Toy Magic in Kansas City. He now travels the United States as a full-time entertainer, lecturer, writer, and innovator in the magical arts. By the end of 2006, he will have introduced three instructional books on magic, and will have been featured on ten instructional DVDs filmed out of Las Vegas and Reno. His performances have earned him national awards, and his creations have been recognized in every major periodical for magicians, including The Linking Ring, Magic Magazine, Genii Magazine, and Channel One. Though initially based out of the Mid-West, John has per-

formed in cities all across the country including Las Vegas, New York City, Chicago, Kansas City, Orlando, Dallas, Atlanta, St. Louis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Reno to name a few. John has recently moved from Kansas City for opportunities in New York City.

The material covered varies in difficulty from nearly self-working to "I can't believe he just did that." Whether one is interested in thought and motivation behind basic technique, fascinated by intense principles with (and without) a memorized deck, or engrossed in knuckle-busting sleight-of-hand, the lecture of John B. Born will be an event not soon forgotten.

The lecture will begin PROMPTLY at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 at the downtown Fort Worth Public library. Admission is \$20.

### SEPTEMBER 28-30 - TEXAS CLOWN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Held at the Clarion Hotel, DFW Airport, Hwy 183 and 161. Contact [midcitiesclowns@hotmail.com](mailto:midcitiesclowns@hotmail.com) or phone Susan at 972-986-7388 for more information.

### SEPTEMBER 30 SATURDAY - POTEET HIGH SCHOOL MAGIC SHOW, MESQUITE, TEXAS

Fundraiser magic show featuring Carl Jones, Michael Squires, Jeff Lee, Kinetic Shive, John and Mary Lynn Shryock, John Kline, doc Halliday, and Scott Horn. Strolling magic begins at 6:00 pm and the stage show begins at 7:00 pm. Contact Brent Fisher for information about ticket prices and the location of the school, phone 972.965.4566, <http://www.mesquiteisd.org/phs/>

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