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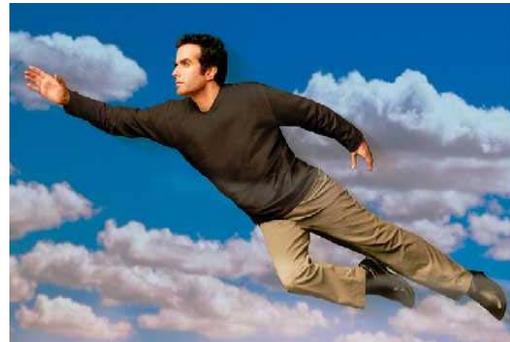
Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday September 15, 2016, 6:30 pm
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across Street from School

LEVITATE ME!

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING TO FEATURE ANTI-GRAVITY, LEVITATION, & FLOATING

The September main core activity of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists will feature levitation and anti-gravity magic. Please bring and perform your favorite floating routine! Visitors are welcome. Also please bring a pot luck food dish (one per family) and the group will have dinner right before the meeting. Drinks will be provided.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday September 15, 2016 at the Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. The store is located across the street from the Rosemont 6th Grade School. Additional parking is available at the school.



JULY MEETING FEATURED RENEWAL AND COINS!

The SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists was chartered by the SAM on April 20, 2002. During the subsequent four years, our Assembly grew to more than 60 members. Then on June 1, 2006 we started meeting concurrently with the Ren Clark IBM Ring 15 and The Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc (FWMC). However the FWMC does not require its members to be SAM or IBM members and unfortunately this policy has contributed significantly to the decline in local SAM Assembly 138 membership.

To address the challenges, our Assembly Executive Committee voted to re-institute Assembly Meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Our assembly also affirmed officers to handle the business of the Assembly, renewed its by-laws, updated its website, (www.allianceofillusionists.com) and established a new membership application process.



Putting these actions in place, the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists met independently from The Fort Worth Magicians Club and IBM Ring 15 for the first time in over a decade on Thursday July 21. Over seventeen members and guests were in attendance, with over 35 local magicians vying to join our Assembly!

Our meeting began with a pot-luck dinner, with every family in attendance bringing some sort of food dish. An explanation about our "renewed assembly" followed and then it was on to coin magic, our main core activity for the evening.

Our President Larry Brown was first with an array of mechanical coins, money contrivances, and a Copentro coin routine. Our own Margaret Clauder followed with a fun patriotic magic and musical routine that climaxed with the production of a comical bald eagle puppet. Bruce Chadwick finished the evening with a mini-lecture on coins. It was a great evening and many commented that it was one of the best magic club meetings they had ever attended!

JOIN SAM ASSEMBLY 138

If you have attended any of the third Thursday events at the Illusion Warehouse in the 2016 year, you can join SAM Assembly 138 without having to present a Qualification Demonstration or pay dues for the remainder of the 2016 club year. Simply fill out the information at <http://sam138.com/alliance/registration/>. Your Active or Junior membership is automatic if you are also a member of the national SAM organization.

If you are not already a member of the national SAM organization, your Assembly application makes you a Tentative Member. You automatically become a full Active or Junior member in the Assembly after you also join the national Society of American Magicians organization.

Also if you are not a member of the national SAM organization, for a limited time you can also join the national SAM organization on a four month trial basis! See www.magicsam.com for more details.

Please consider joining the SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists today as well as the national SAM organization, the oldest and most prestigious magical society in the world. We would love to have you on board!

PURPOSE OF SAM ASSEMBLY 138 ALLIANCE OF ILLUSIONISTS

The Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists (AOI) is a Fort Worth, Texas based magic club that organizes activities for individuals who are interested in the practice and promotion of the art of magic illusion and sleight-of-hand.

Operating as an "Assembly" of the national Society of American Magicians organization, the AOI is bound to the directives and mandates of the SAM. Also each Active and Junior member of the local SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists must maintain membership in the national SAM organization.

The Assembly hosts Monthly Assembly Meetings (Fort Worth magic club meetings), cooperates with other magician's clubs to further the art of magic, and seeks to produce harmony in the magical arts. The Assembly also promotes educational programs and activities to benefit Assembly members and increase their skills and knowledge regarding the art of magic.

CONCURRENT MEETINGS WITH THE FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB AND IBM RING 15

In addition to having its Monthly Assembly Meeting on the third Thursday of each month, the Assembly also meets concurrently with the Ren Clark IBM Ring 15 and The Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc on the first Thursday of each month. The three clubs are independent from each other so that the IBM Ring and SAM Assembly can maintain proper alignment with their respective IBM and SAM national magic organizations, and The Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc can remain independent from the Ring and Assembly for liability concerns and the obligations of its non-profit legal status. For information on the combined meeting, see the Facebook page of The Fort Worth Magicians Club or the website at www.fortworthmagiciansclub.org.

GRANBURY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS REZA

Get ready for some magic from the famed Granbury Opera House. September 9 and 10 will feature Reza: Edge of Illusion. Tickets to this full evening magic show are available online at www.granburytheatrecompany.org

The famed Granbury Opera House is located just 30 minutes south of Fort Worth. From Fort Worth, simply go south on 377 until you reach Granbury. From there, go into the historic downtown area. The address is 33 E. Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048.



KARTOON CIRCUS

Dal and Cinde Sanders have recently announced the latest about KARTOON CIRCUS, their new Saturday morning cartoon television show. When it launches, the show will be on at least two stations in the DFW market. One is KJJM and the other is KNAV. Because all the cable systems are different, Dal doesn't know which numbers to dial up on a viewer's TV, but it will be on other digital sub channels.



Each episode will have a magic trick, a puppet routine from Pix Smith, and an educational magic routine or a science trick. The end credits will direct viewers to www.magicsam.com, the official website of the Society of American Magicians. Viewers can download a free book with magic tricks, optical illusions and information about the Society of American Magicians and The Society of Young Magicians (SYM). Dal reminds viewers that the program is a retro show and is supposed to have a 60's "local television feel." A link to the pilot can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNq4nhVe0dM&feature=youtu.be>.

A LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL FCM PRESIDENT STEVE VARRO

I am pleased to hear that you are revitalizing your local FCM Chapter as well as "The Servante" newsletter. I hope you will be able to add me to the mailing list as I enjoy hearing what's going on with our members around the world.

Over the years we have been pleased to see many of our Chapters grow, but unfortunately we've seen some chapters shut down with what seems like a lack of interest. Having tried to analyze the reason why one chapter thrives while another one fails, the one things that seems to be common in both cases is participation. When a chapter puts all the responsibility of the success on the local president or officers, that chapter has a high chance of failure, but if all member get personally involved in the planning of and participation in the meetings they have a much better chance of thriving and growing.

In the paraphrased words of one of your countries past presidents... "Ask not what the FCM can do for you, but as what labor of love you can contribute to the FCM." Those of us who have been performing longer, and on a professional basis, have a responsibility to help mentor those who are new to our craft in an effort to help make them better performers. We are not in competition with each other and should feel joy at the success of our fellow members.

I hope to be able to submit something to The Servante from time to time. Please know that my door (or email) is always opened to you should you have any questions or concerns or suggestions involving the FCM.

In HIS service, Steve Varro, President
International Fellowship of Christian Magicians

UPCOMING DALLAS MAGIC CLUBS LECTURES

Garrett Thomas will lecture on Sunday September 25th. He will be followed by Kozmo on Sunday October 16. The third lecture will be in November with Magic Castle's Close-up Magician of the Year Mike Pisciotta.

FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB PRESENTS A NIGHT OF MAGIC

The Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc. and Eunice and James L. West Library of Texas Wesleyan University invite you to a Night of Magic on Saturday September 17 at 7:00 pm. The remuneration from this event will be divided between the library and magic club. Performers include Pix Smith, Ron Wilson, Dal and Cinde Sanders, and others. Tickets are on sale now at the Texas Wesleyan Library Circulation Desk and will be available at the door the evening of the show. Admission is \$10 per person. Children three and under are admitted free.



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

LARRY J. BROWN, JR.

I want to make you aware of false information that some of the leadership of the Fort Worth Magician's Club (FWMC) claims came from the national office of The Society of American Magicians. Specifically Joshua Ayala and Will Baffle stated during the August FWMC Executive Committee Meeting that the national SAM office told them the FWMC "owns" the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists, and that Ayala and Baffle are the President and Vice President of the Assembly.

The Fort Worth Magicians Club is a separate organization from both the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and the Ren Clark IBM Ring 15. The Assembly was chartered in 2002 and met for the next four years at the Illusion Warehouse. In 2006 the SAM Assembly 138, the IBM Ring 15, and the FWMC agreed to start meeting concurrently.

However the FWMC made it very clear that they would not be responsible for the Assembly. In fact both the Fort Worth Magicians Club and the Ren Clark IBM Ring 15 were emphatic that the three clubs could not "join together" as one club. The FWMC even took the steps to amend their bylaws to reflect that while the clubs could meet concurrently at the same date, time, and place, they must remain independent from each other. Please see the History page of our website for files that substantiate this history, or go to http://sam138.com/alliance/uploads/Documents/Decision_of_the_Clubs_to_Meet_Concurrently.pdf

While the SAM Assembly 138 has not elected officers since 2006, never has the Assembly voted to allow the officers of The Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc to also be the officers of SAM Assembly 138. The only service the FWMC has agreed to perform for the Assembly, outside of planning the agenda for the monthly club meetings, was the agreement for the FWMC secretary to file the MUM monthly reports for Assembly 138. Apparently these services ended months ago and that's the reason our Assembly now files its own reports.

Also the FWMC does not require or encourage FWMC members to join the national SAM or IBM organizations. As well, they do not require or encourage FWMC members to join the local SAM Assembly 138 or IBM Ring 15. Our Assembly is guilty too in that we have not pursued recruiting since 2006 when we last voted a new member into our Assembly. Overall these neglects have caused great decline in both national SAM and IBM membership, and local SAM Assembly 138 membership.

In May of this year, our Assembly realized we had fallen below the minimum number of national SAM members to keep our charter active. We contacted all the SAM Assembly members that were members of our club in 2006 before we started meeting concurrently. Subsequently we met to discuss how we could rebuild our membership. Since I was the last elected president of the Assembly, I was affirmed to renew my presidential role until new officers can be elected. While there was extensive discussion about pulling away completely from meeting with the FWMC and IBM Ring 15, we finally voted to continue meeting concurrently with these clubs on the first Thursday of each month. However we also decided to reestablish our separate Monthly Assembly Meeting on the third Thursday of each month at the Illusion Warehouse where our Assembly was founded 14 years ago.

We also agreed to institute active Assembly recruiting and Assembly Executive Committee meetings to rebuild our membership and take care of the business of our club. We updated our old Operations Manual and formed new Assembly Bylaws (see them on the website). Also we refurbished our website at www.sam138.com. To date we have acquired a large number of tentative Assembly members who are in the process of joining the national SAM organization.

We want to make it clear to everyone that joining the national SAM organization does not also make them a member of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists. If a person joins the national SAM organization and they indicate on their application that they are affiliated with Assembly 138, that affiliation is not valid until the Assembly accepts that person into membership. Joining the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 is an application process that requires filling out a simple online application form, presenting a Qualification Demonstration at a Monthly Assembly Meeting, and then being ratified by the membership in good standing.

I hope this letter is helpful in clearing up some misconceptions perhaps held at the national SAM office and by the Executive Committee and membership of the FWMC. We look forward to working diligently to prosper the art of magic.

Larry