



The Servante

Official Newsletter of the Alliance of Illusionists Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday December 19, 2019 - 7:00 pm
Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth, Texas
Three blocks north of Seminary Drive/Across from Rosemont 6th Grade

DECEMBER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December Monthly Assembly Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists will be the group's annual Christmas Party. The club will provide ham and pulled pork, and club members are asked to bring a "pot luck" side dish. Attendees wanting to participate are also asked to bring a quality wrapped magic gift valued under \$20 for a gift exchange. In addition, the Assembly will be entertained by Bruce Chadwick, Joey Byers, and Jeff Martin.



JANUARY INSTALLATION BANQUET

The Assembly's annual Installation Banquet is usually held on the Assembly's regular January third Thursday meeting night, but the Assembly has agreed to hold it a week earlier on January 9th so as to not interfere with the SAM national convention in Las Vegas. The banquet is scheduled to be held at 7:00 pm once again at the Mexican Inn located at 1625 8th Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104. Those in attendance will order and pay for their meals directly from the restaurant. A nominal \$5 cash per person admission will be charged to help defray Assembly costs. Entertainment for the evening will be by Ian Richards, a popular Dallas magician.

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY ASSEMBLY MEETING

A large group of magicians and guests were in attendance at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop for the third Thursday November Monthly Assembly Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists, SAM Assembly 138. Assembly President Joey Byers opened the meeting sharply at 7:00 pm with some quick announcements regarding the Assembly annual Christmas party next month, details regarding the January Installation Banquet, and the Assembly sponsoring the David Stone lecture on Saturday February 8.



Reports were also given about the upcoming Shin Lim show and the exciting planning going on as the Assembly prepares to host the 2020 Texas Association of Magicians Convention next September. Club member Jimmie Fulce also gave a Nominating Committee report regarding suggested officers for the 2020 fiscal year.

It was then on to the magic with special guest Texas Magic Man David Elliott. David performed his wonderful act that won him a first place trophy at the recent San Antonio TAOM convention. After a quick break, David lectured on the Three Shell Game and the Three Card Monte classic swindles. He included tips, tricks, performance philosophy, and other interesting tidbits that rounded out a very clean and professional presentation. The meeting then concluded and magicians hung around the party room and magic shop for additional fun and comradeship.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 21, 2019

President Joey Byers called to order the November Executive Committee Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists on Thursday November 21 at 6:06 pm. A quorum was present with President Byers, Secretary Bruce Chadwick, Treasurer Lisa Fulce, and Member at Large Jimmie Fulce in attendance. Not in attendance were Vice-President Mark Jones or Historian John Hale. Members in good standing included Richard Ingram and Mark Bynum.

The minutes of the October Executive Committee Meeting as published in the November 2019 issue of The Servante were approved.

Next Treasurer Lisa Fulce and Secretary Bruce Chadwick summarized the Treasurer's report. At the October Executive Committee Meeting, Fulce gave a Treasurer's report showing \$1591.26 balance. Since then 347.05 was received at the Wisch Lecture for lecture attendance and 2020 membership dues, and a \$350.00 check was given to Bill Wisch as payment for his lecture and hotel. The balance in the Compass Checking Operating Account as of the November Executive Committee Meeting is \$1588.31.

Joey Byers gave a quick report from the 2020 TAOM Convention Planning committee stating many of the performers for the convention have been contracted. Convention Registration Chairman Cindy Bighorse reported that 95 registrations have been received. The convention will be limited to 250 category registrations.

Next Jimmie Fulce gave a quick report from the 2020 Nominating Committee. Suggested officers include President – Cindy Bighorse, Vice-President – Jack McCoy, Secretary – Bruce Chadwick, Treasurer – Mark Bynum, Sergeant at Arms – Joe Rotio, Historian – Joey Byers, and Member at Large - Al Fox. The club can nominate additional Active members in good standing at the November and December Monthly Assembly Meetings, with the officer election to occur at the December Monthly Assembly Meeting.

Details regarding the December 2019 annual Assembly Christmas Party were discussed. Bruce Chadwick will provide ham and Joey Byers will provide pulled pork for the event. Club members are asked to bring a "pot luck" side dish and coordinate what they will bring with Cindy Bighorse. Attendees wanting to participate are also asked to bring a quality wrapped magic gift valued under \$20 for a gift exchange. In addition the Assembly will be entertained by special magic performances, to be determined.

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The offer to host the David Stone lecture on Saturday February 8 at 2:00 pm and at the Illusion Warehouse was approved. (Note: Since the Executive Committee Meeting, the lecture has been moved to 2:00 pm on Sunday February 9). Stone's fee for the lecture including hotel will be \$450. The lecture will be free for 2020 members in good standing (members who have paid their 2020 dues PRIOR to the day of the lecture). Guests may attend the lecture by paying \$15 at the door. Assembly members who have not paid their dues prior to February 8 will be asked to pay \$35 (\$15 to attend plus their regular \$20 yearly Assembly dues). It is hoped that this price differentiation will motivate Assembly members to pay their 2020 dues prior to the day of the lecture.

Next the Executive Committee approved the payment of approximately \$50 for Texas franchise tax and for the corporation's 501(c)6 non-profit's status. The Executive Committee then appointed Joey Byers to represent the SAM Assembly 138 for National Council voting purposes. With no further business, the meeting was concluded.

BILL WISCH SLYDINI LECTURE A GREAT SUCCESS

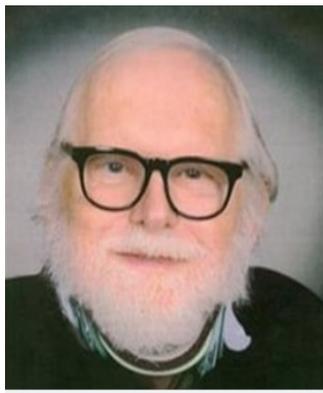
The Bill Wisch lecture on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at the Illusion Warehouse was a great event. Over a dozen magicians and guests were introduced to some incredible card magic, original moves, and well thought out sleight-of-Hand. A number of current AOI dues-paid-up members took advantage of the \$25 offer to attend the lecture and also pay for their 2020 annual membership dues.

Bill Wisch is a full-time professional sleight-of-hand artist, performer and innovator. He is the only student ever authorized, in writing by Slydini to lecture his magic on his behalf. Bill is the inventor of over 30 original sleights, winner of multiple awards in magic and is proud of the fact that at least 98% of the magic he does is of his own creation. He resides in Hackettstown, NJ and is the magic instructor-in-residence at Sparta Stage Theater.



DR. STEVE SCHOOLAR PASSES

Steve Sherman Schoolar of Fort Worth, Texas was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019. A celebration of Dr. Schoolar's life was held at the Watson Chapel, University Baptist Church with Jeremiah Smith officiating.

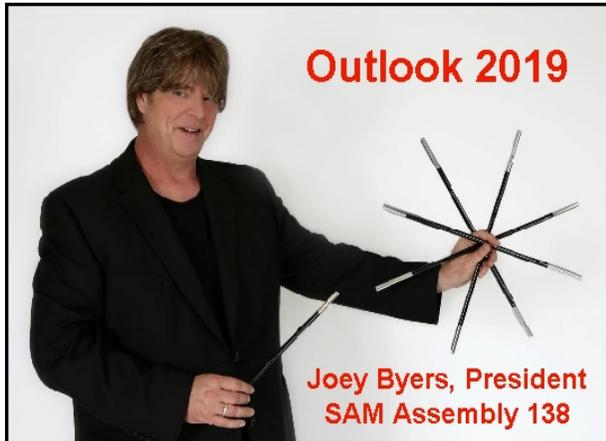


Steve was born February 3, 1945 to Sadie Louise Tucker Schoolar and Earl Jerome Schoolar Sr. He grew up attending Polytechnic Baptist Church where he was baptized. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1963 from Texas Wesleyan College in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts, Tarleton State University in 1976 with a master's degree in Educational Administration, and Texas A&M University in 1984 with a Doctor of Education degree. After teaching theater arts and speech at Brewer High School, Haltom High School, Granbury High School, Lake Worth High School and Killeen High School, he founded the Professional Youth Conservatory at Texas Wesleyan College and remained its director until 1992.

Dr. Schoolar incorporated his magic performances with his educational and professional wood carving careers. He taught wood carving for many years and was often a noted presenter at woodcarving shows around the country. His carvings of the Creation Story as told in Genesis are on permanent display in the loggia of his church, University Baptist. He was a member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild and a member and president of the local stage hands union working both locally and in Las Vegas.

He worked for many years as the official Stage Manager for both the national IBM and SAM conventions, as well as for many Las Vegas Desert Magic Seminars, TAOM and other magic conventions. He was the mentor to Bruce Chadwick and was instrumental in launching Bruce's career as a long-time TAOM and SAM magic convention stage manager. Performing magic shows began early in his life, Steve used proceeds from these shows to support his educational pursuits. The shows continued from his junior high years until the opening of the Professional Youth Conservatory. Dr. Schoolar also spent time as the producer for the Windmill Dinner Theater Chain.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Earl Jerome "Jerry" Schoolar Jr. His survivors include Salvador Salinas Jr.; sister-in-law, Quata Schoolar; nieces, Gwen Schoolar and Rebecca Jafari; nephews, Bob Schoolar and Jerome Schoolar; and great-nieces and nephews. Also left to mourn is their dog, India; along with the Salinas family, the Adult C Sunday School class of UBC and numerous friends.



Howdy, howdy, howdy Everyone! Here's hoping this December installment of Outlook 2019 finds you all doing well. I also pray that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with family, loved ones, and good friends.

November was quite the learning month at the Alliance of Illusionists. Bill Wisch's Slydini Inspiration lecture was a great experience for both the lecturer, according to Bill and his son Kevin, as well as the attendee, according to our club members. The club turned out in force to support the lecture, even though some of our regulars were absent. Way to go gang! You make me proud every time I think about this club. Our goal when

I took office in January of 2019 was to double our 2018 membership, I will have to check with our secretary, but I think we have come very close to realizing that goal.

Also in November, David Elliott performed and lectured at our club meeting - making it two lectures in the course of eleven days. It was fun, entertaining, educational, and insightful for all of us. Thanks Bill and David for visiting with us - and thanks to our club members for their loyalty and support!

As we announced last month, the David Stone lecture is a go for Sunday, February 9. This is the final date, lest you see other dates discussed in meeting minutes or elsewhere in the Servante. Do not be confused, Sunday February 9 - 2 pm is David Stone. Mark it down in your calendar now! This will be a real treat for our club. You will not believe this guy when you see him.

The December 19 meeting is our Christmas party. We will elect officers, enjoy some great food and fellowship with our magic brothers and sisters, and see some magical entertainment that we have selected for the club. You will not want to miss it. If you have not signed up to bring a dish, contact Cindy Blghorse (cabighorse@gmail.com) or view our Alliance of Illusionists Facebook page to sign up. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, be sure to bring a wrapped, magic gift of approximately \$20 in value. Again, see the cover page of the Servante for details.

Remember that January is the New Year, so be sure to read page 1 of the Servante for details about and the Officer Installation Banquet which will be January 9 at the Mexican Inn located at 1625 8th Ave in Fort Worth. I mention this here because it will be a week earlier in the month than our normal club meeting due to the 2020 dates of the SAM Convention in January.

Finally, the excitement is building as next year, 2020, our club will be hosting the TAOM convention! It will be a great experience for our members, who will play an integral part of the convention. With each club meeting, as the convention draws closer, we will be updating you all on new developments and new ways you can be involved in the preparation for, and execution of the convention. It will be an exciting time for our club members! Be sure and check out all the TAOM convention details at <https://www.taom.org/2020>.

That's all for now.

See you at the Christmas party on December 19.

Joey Byers, Your 2019 President



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“The only reason for time is so that everything doesn’t happen at once.” – Albert Einstein

It’s hard to believe 2019 is already coming to a close, another for the books of our relative existences. If you’ve never calculated how many days you’ve been wiggling around on this crusty surface of an orbiting ball of magma, go for it and become instantly amazed, and maybe just a tad bit depressed.

Blurred Vision: Did you know a condition many magicians suffer from is an involuntary blurring of vision during a slight or certain moment when performing magic? It’s true, there’s even discussions about why it happens. I personally think it’s a habit from self-entertaining and still wanting to view the effect from a layperson’s perspective. I know I blur certain times when I’m dabbling with magic at home and which is most of the time. When I perform to someone, that habit triggers whether I want it to or not. I even try keeping my vision focused but during certain moments it still happens. My brain’s not going to let me see it clearly. I’d never gave it much thought until I read an article in a magic magazine about it and realized how much I was doing it. Now, I’m pretty sure it’s too late for reversal. If you catch yourself blurring your vision when you play with magic, try hard not to. A little tidbit there for ya when you go about on your merry magic way.

Happy holidays and please check out my website if you haven’t already, www.secretmagician.com I recommend using a home computer with a decent sized screen to search for the secret rooms. It doesn’t run too well on cell phones and most magic is pdf. format. I built it mostly for self-amusement and for those who care. I’ll clue you in on a couple of places of interest. On the home page you’ll see 3 arrows zipping by rapidly, over-and-over. There’s something in relation to their 3 paths. In the tradition of my previous website, most pages have secret links on them in various ways, some maybe an image and others possibly spelling magic related words (some words not quite so magical).

Color Mind Mini - This is a variation of a Phil Goldstein effect (Out of Sorts, Thavant, pg. 5) I’d come up with after learning his the late 80’s and first appeared in my 1st softcover book, Impossibilities (Impossible-Abilities) as Color Mind. Later I produced a small manuscript with this particular trick and 2 expanded color divination effects, Color Mind Maximus, Medium, and Mini, this of course being the ‘mini’ and the only of the trio which use binary-based methodology.

‘Color Mind Mini’ involves 8 color cards (though any theme will work, animals, food items, etc.). A science theme could be the 8 planets in their order from the sun, sadly Pluto being left out once again (sorry Pluto). I recommend using a paint program, make a big rectangle of each color or whatever which is slightly smaller than a playing card. Cut them out and stick glue to the face sides of the playing cards then laminate for longevity. The laminate will adhere and seal them to the card. You should also purchase or make a small wallet as well to keep them in and which also will aid in a simple glimpse coming up.

Setup: Beforehand, arrange the cards in the following order: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, White, Purple, Black. The cards can be arranged in any order as long as there’s a certain rule followed. The rule is that the 1st and 3rd, the 2nd and 4th, the 5th and 7th, and the 6th and 8th cards are memorized in pairs. In other words, you have four mates of 2 cards each (illustration A). The top 4 are two pairs interlaced, the bottom 4 the same which makes this setup a snap. Simply interlace two pairs and the other 2 pairs, then drop one onto the other. Simple as that!

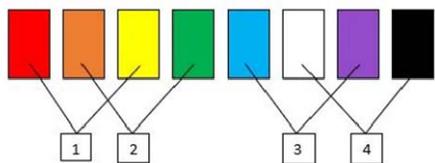


Illustration A

For my own personal set, I’ve arranged them in their primary color order in respect to light refraction, easily remembered by the old mnemonic name: Roy G. Biv (red-orange-yellow-green-blue-indigo-violet). I substituted indigo with ‘white’, violet with ‘purple’ and lastly added ‘black’ to make a packet of 8 contrasting colors.

My personal method for remembering the mates:

Red & Yellow = The first and third colors in light refraction
Orange & Green = The second and fourth colors in light refraction
Blue & Purple = The fifth and seventh colors in light refraction (purple looks similar to violet).
White & Black = An easy to remember pair (salt – pepper, night – day, etc.)

Of course, use any method you prefer to memorize those 4 mated pairs is fine.

1. Spread the cards, faces towards the spectator and have him mentally choose one of the colors for a selection. Once he verifies he has one in mind, close the spread.

2. Give the packet an overhand shuffle, peeling 4 cards singly then tossing the balance on top. The faces should be toward the palm and hidden from view. Repeat the 4 card peel then toss process another time or two. If you don't know the overhand shuffle, it's very easy and tutorials can be found online and of course at our meetings.

3. Hold the packet face down and separate it exactly in the middle. Place both groups of 4 onto the table next to one another. Point to the spot just left of the 2 stacks and request he cut some cards off the leftmost pile (he can cut either 1, 2, or 3 cards) and place them at that location. Tell him to next cut some cards off the rightmost stack and drop them on top of the now middle group (the card(s) which were left over after the 1st cut). Pick up the remaining card(s) from the rightmost, drop onto the middle and all those up and onto the leftmost card(s) (1st cut portion). Mention to the spectator that every card is now in an unknown position, a very true statement. The needed arrangement within the packet is still intact however. The packet's color order might be differently arranged, but the 2 groups of interlaced pairs stacked on each other is undamaged.

Note: Steps 2 & 3 are both optional, and can both be done, either done, or neither. I feel some type of shuffle however enhances the effect and both are quite simple to accomplish.

4. Turn away. Instruct the person to pick up the packet and hold it face up.

5. Instruct him to deal it, still face up, back and forth into two piles and for him to watch which pile his color goes into. Once finished ask him to pick up the stack that has his color. Pause a beat or two then tell him to drop it onto the other stack and to pick all back up.

6. Repeat step 5. two more times. After 3rd time, instead of telling him to pick the packet, simply ask him to turn it face down and leave it on the table. Turn back facing him.

7. Regardless of where his selection began, it is now 3rd from the bottom of the packet and its mate is on the bottom (face). Put the packet away in the case, glimpsing the bottom card as you do. The spectator's selected color will be its mate. Reveal it however desired. I recommend simply explaining each time his vision changed with the different colors yet his chosen one remained the same in his mind. Stare into the eyes for a moment then reveal the color. I've seen some very perplexed expressions at this moment.

The packet is also ready to go again, the cards already in their required arrangement. Don't do it to the same person however, as tempting as it may be.

Standing Puritan – For walk-around, hold the packet face down and reverse-faro which is simply out-jogging the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th cards and stripping them out. Spread their 4 faces towards the spectator and ask if his color is among them. Alternately you can show the other 4 if you'd like. After he answers, lower your head towards the 4 and pretend to be perceiving something. Reassemble by putting both groups back together, making sure the one with his color goes on the bottom. Repeat the reverse-faro and spreading either packet of 4, inquiring if his color is amongst them. Mime perceiving and reassemble and the 4 with his color going on top. One last time, reverse-faro, strip out, spread and ask, then reassemble with his color group going on bottom. His selection is now 3rd from the bottom (6th from the top) and its mate is on the bottom. Glimpse the bottom card and reveal his selected color. What's so disarming about this method is they know their color is inside the packet somewhere.

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FORT WORTH SAM ASSEMBLY 138 ALLIANCE OF ILLUSIONISTS

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FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB INC AND REN CLARK IBM RING 15

The two clubs meet concurrently on the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at 4055 International Plaza, Fort Worth. See their Facebook group for other details.

MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Meets monthly. See the Mid-Cities Magic Circle Facebook group.

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB, SAM ASSEMBLY 13 AND IBM RING 174

Meets monthly at 7:00 pm, Crossroads Christian Church, 2425 Parker Road, Carrollton, www.DallasMagic.org.



IMPROV COMEDY CLUBS IN ADDISON AND ARLINGTON

Both comedy clubs periodically host weekend comedy magic shows. For more details go to either www.ImprovArlington.com or www.ImprovAddison.com.

MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM

Periodic magic shows every 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at The Line Public House, 940 E Beltline in Richardson. See www.MagicLivingRoom.com for more information.



Mandrake carves the turkey.