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Presidential Patter - Dan Rodriguez

President, MHMS | [email Dan](#) | Call Dan [\(303\) 521-5120](#)

I have a lot to say, so read on...

It is Election Time!

Your 2024 Board of Directors has worked well together this year as we celebrate many successes including increasing membership from 40 to 85 members, successfully revising our Constitution & By-Laws, qualifying for a Federal EIN number and opening a bank account, and reorganizing and improving the club's finances.

Unfortunately, this year's board is running out of year to accomplish everything we set out to do, including achieving our 501c non-profit status. We need another year to

finish what we started. So, your current board comprising **Dan Rodriguez** (President), **Shawn Popp** (Vice President), **Shane Cohen** (Treasurer), **AJ Perea** (Secretary), and **Jeff & Karen Wake** (Co-Sergeant-At-Arms) have all been nominated and have agreed to run for the same current position for the 2025 year, so we can finish the job we started.

We will send a separate email within the week with the full slate of names running for office. Nominations ended September 30th and the Election will be held by October 31st.



October Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 10th, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

[Childrens Haven - 2600 S. Sheridan Blvd. Denver, CO 80227](#)

Arrive on time, There will be a short Business Meeting prior to the show.

Gather rounds, boys and girls! It's that time of year, and once again, a whole bunch of oddnicks, strange-ones and just plain weirdos will be congregating at Children's Haven for our annual 'Evening of Odd'! On Thursday, October 10 at 7:00, please join us for our yearly sojourn into the world of the strange and bizarre, featuring all of your favorite weird wonder workers.

We have a stellar lineup of misfits for your dining and dancing pleasure, featuring John Walker, Rich Nakata, Gene Gordon, Jeff & Karen Wake, Chris Manos, Steven Davis, Charly Wonder and Mark Strivings. As always, Karen and Jeff will turn

Children's Haven into an unrecognizable landscape, including Karen's amazingly odd treats. It's a night not to be missed!

But, we would also like to invite YOU to join us on the show! If you've got something strange, unusual, bizarre, weird, or just off the beaten path that you can bring to the show, please consider yourself invited! Anything that's not 'normal' magic (as if ANYTHING in magic IS normal) is fair game. Drop Mark Strivings a note or call him and let's talk. We would love to include you. You're going to LOVE it!

The annual Evening of Odd is always one of the highlights of the MHMS year, and this year looks to be no exception. Be there!

Remember we're at **Children's Haven** and if you'd like to join the fun and be on the show contact Mark below. See you there!

Mark Strivings - 303-518-6911 - markyapril@aol.com

Young Magicians Club

Come and get spooked too! But check with Michael about any special plans.

Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com

Mile High Magicians Financial Report

Treasurer Shane Cohen has done a fantastic job this year managing the club's finances. He presents the financial report at our Board meetings that is always current, accurate and reconciled to the penny. Below is a summary of the club's year-to-date profit and losses as of August 31, 2024.

2023 Ending Balance	\$1,252.79
Dues	\$1,770.00
Flea Market	\$100.00
Lectures	\$1,050.00
Donations to SYM	\$108.00
General Donations	\$135.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,415.79
Lectures	\$1,925.00
Supplies/Food	\$200.00
Merchant Service Fees	\$34.81
3-yrs of Web Hosting	\$323.68
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,483.49

Balance as of 8/31/2024 \$1,932.30

There is total transparency with the club's accounting, so contact Shane with any questions concerning the details.:

Treasurer, MHMS | [email Shane](#)

Public Show November 9th (moved to 11/16)

Our club's major fundraiser for decades was an annual public show held every year in early November. Unfortunately, because of the Pandemic and other circumstances, we had lost the momentum of producing an annual show.

The public show is back, and it will be held at the Theater of Dreams in Castle Rock on November 9th. The show will feature Colorado's Greatest Magicians. Seating is limited so get your tickets as soon as they become available. There will be a matinee and evening show. More info will follow in a separate email. ~Dan Rodriguez



September Meeting Minutes - AJ Parea

Secretary, MHMS | [email AJ](#)

The Mile High Magicians Society held a showcase of some of Denver's professional close-up magicians. A few small close-up stages were set up around the room, so each performance would be intimate. Our performers Shawn Popp, Dennis Michael,

Gene C Gordon, Gerald Robinson, and Jude Griffin rotated around the room with their fifteen-minute show.

Jude Griffin pulled two kings from the deck that could track down any card. He then had a spectator select a card from the deck. Without fail, the two kings were able to appear on the top and bottom of the deck no matter how they were placed.

Gerald Robinson was able to connect important names with cards. He had a volunteer select a card. He then also had them select a name that was important to them. Gerald then pulled out a special deck with names written on them. He pulled a card out of the deck that matched the selected card and the selected name.

Dex performed a hilarious coin and card magic routine. A selected card traveled between the deck and his coat pocket several times. At one point, the entire deck moves to his pocket, minus the selected card. He also showed how coins can travel between his hands and a cup he keeps under his coat.

Gene Gordon performed card magic inspired by Dai Vernon. He was able to 'develop' a card that a spectator chooses similar to a Polaroid picture. He also switched the backs of the cards at will, changing the colors and the styles.

Each performer brought their style and humor to connect with the audience. We are fortunate that the Mile High City has amazing close-up magicians.



The Deans Magical Musings - Gene Gordon

Dean of the Mile High Magicians Society | [email Gene](#)

Hello Fellow Mile High Magician Society Members! Happy October and Halloween to you all!

Let's stop for a moment and give a big thank you to... Harry Houdini! Who, at almost a hundred years after his death (Oct., 31st 1926) is still one of the most famous and recognizable magicians in the world to the general public! I assume Harry is getting a kick out of that in the afterlife... bragging to Thruston and Keller and Blackstone and the gang! In honor of him and to keep magic out there in the forefront of people's minds. We use October as a month of magic, especially the last week of October which is deemed "Magic week" around the country. Over 30yrs ago in 1992 when I was MHM President... We petitioned the Governor to Proclaim the last week of that October (1992) as magic week. We were able to get that signed proclamation by then Gov Roy Romer! I still have it framed along with my other magic memorabilia. I ask you all to add to this great and magical month of October. By getting out and doing some charitable magic shows. You can do shows for your civic group. Or your Church or kids school. Even family and friends love to see some magic this time of the year!

Have a Magical and fun October

Good and Welfare - John Luong

MHMS Committee Chair, [Email John](#) | call or text John 303-522-4320

Are you, or do you know of a Colorado magician that is sick or convalescent? Let us know so we can spread goodwill their way.

Current members you may send a note to:

David Wintermute

Larry Betz

Everything Else Magic in Denver (we know of)

• Magic Week

October 25-31 is National Magic Week and this year we are going ALL OUT! Honoring Houdini and National Magic week, at least 12 local magicians are

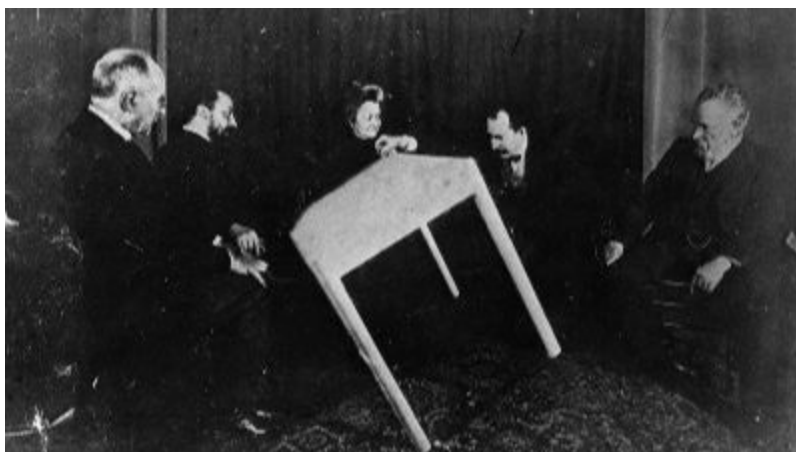
donating performances at Senior Centers, Hospitals, and Nursing Homes. This year's Magic Week performers that have volunteered a show include **Erwin Buck, Steve Davis, Brent Ladd, Jason Fye, John Walker, Nate Reeves, Gene Gordon, Glenn Proulx, John Luong, Dan Rodriguez, Chad (Charly) Wonder, Chris Manos**, and others. If you would like to participate contact **Steve Davis** at 303-929-3797 or email istephend@yahoo.com

Governor Jared Polis and Denver Mayor Mike Johnston are both on board providing a Proclamation declaring National Magic Week this year. As Dean Gene Gordon mentions in his column this month, it has been many years since we have done the Proclamation in Denver. If we get to meeting Governor and Mayor, who would like to attend?

Magic Week, sponsored by the Society of American Magicians, runs from October 27 to November 2, 2024. The Mile High Magicians Society will share the Gift of Magic with hospitalized patients, veterans, seniors, schools, and libraries. This is your chance to get involved! We're forming a committee and need volunteers for logistics and performances. There will also be opportunities for media interviews and participation in Proclamation ceremonies with the Governor and Mayor. to join us!

Magic Around Town - **SUPPORT local Magic!**

Please promote your magic event in the AbTab. Submit all relevant details in the format below including a photograph or poster by email to editor@milehighmagicians.com. There is **no fee** for members of the MHMS.



c @ Wonders HUB Stage

Date: Saturday October 17th and 24, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets](#)

[Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West](#) - [6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Commune with the other side in this one-of-a-kind experience. Every sitter's experience is difference - voices, apparitions, touches, shivers. What will you experience? There's no way to know until you are there. Come and see what the other side has to say . . . to you. Your medium, and the spirits, hope to see you very soon.



Sleightly Impossible @ Wonders HUB Stage

Date: Saturday October 26th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets](#)

[Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West](#) - [6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Sleightly Impossible is a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience. Blending the unique styles of two of Denver's best magicians. Creating a truly engaging and exciting entertainment! Comedy and illusion, mystery and magic all come together in "Sleightly Impossible". A unique and unforgettable entertainment experience, you will not find anywhere else!



Mysto REALLY BIG Magic Show

Date: Thursday, October 24th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets](#)

Lakewood Cultural Center

Civic Center North Building 470 S Allison Pkwy Lakewood, CO 80226

Master Magician Mysto the Magi (Colorado's own Mitch Harwood) will present his 90-minute stage illusion show at the Lakewood Cultural Center. He promises to transport the audience to simpler times of joy, wonder, amazement, and good old-fashioned FUN! Join us for a family-friendly, laugh-til-it-hurts, jaw-dropping good time!

Mile High Magicians members and family get a discount. Call President Dan Rodriguez at 303-521-5120 or email president@milehighmagicians.com and ask for the coupon code.

Magic Open Mic

LAST Monday of every month. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign up to perform.

Mutiny Information Cafe [3483 S Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113](#)

Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers

- **Monday Night Meet Up** ♠ 9:00pm till late
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](#)
- **Wednesday Magic Hangout** ♠ 7:00pm till around 10:00pm
 - **Old Chicago** - [6646 S Parker Rd Aurora, CO 80016](#)
- **Saturday MHMS Roundtable** ♠ 12:30pm till done
 - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](#)

2024 Meetings, Lectures and Shows (Some TBD)

If there is a link you may email the organizer directly with you're interested in helping with, participating, planning, or hosting. If there is no link, email your favorite board member!

October 10th: **Evening of Odd** (at Children's Haven).

November 14th: **Business of Magic**

December 12th: **Young Magicians Show & Holiday Magic Open Mic Night.**

Teach In.

January 9th: **Annual Banquet & Show**

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