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***Pay Your Dues-*** It is that time of year for you to support your club and pay your annual membership dues. Dues are \$25 and there are three different ways to pay:

1. Online at [www.milehighmagicians.com](http://www.milehighmagicians.com)
2. Pay at one of the upcoming February meetings
3. If all else fails, call me at 303-521-5120 and pay over the phone

***Lectures-*** We have many amazing lectures scheduled this year, including **William Rader** in February, **Gregory Wilson** in April and **Dan Fleshman** in May.

**Meetings-** Lots of magic happening in February! The month starts with the **William Rader** Lecture on February 6th. Bring your dues payment to the meeting so you can take advantage of the member-special discount for this lecture only. A BIG thank you to **Glenn Proulx** and **John Luong** for putting the talent together for Impromptu Device Night. Also, check out the magic happening around town. Between the venues featuring magic and restaurants hosting magic gatherings, you can certainly get your magic fix in the Mile High City.

**NEW Meeting Location-** Our primary meeting location has changed. It is now RiverPointe Senior Community Center located at 5225 S. Prince St., Littleton, CO 80123. Please enter the building thru the main entrance and check in at the front desk. Let them know you are with the Mile High Magicians, and they'll lead you to our meeting room.

Pay Your Dues Here!



## William Rader Lecture

Date: Thursday, February 6th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM (Doors open@ 6:15 PM)

Tickets: \$10 (Member special), \$20 (Non-members)

Location: [River Point Senior Center - 5225 S. Prince St., Littleton CO 80123](#)

Learn **William Rader's** professional routines, honed through years of performing at corporate events, trade shows, and theater shows. These versatile routines are ideal for close-up and parlor shows. The methods are simple and are accessible to magicians of all skill levels. This lecture offers a diverse range of material, including predictions, mind reading, and body magic, ensuring there is something for every type of performer. William is a long-time friend of The Mile High Magicians Society. He was the magician at the Chop House in Vail, produced The Denver Magic Show, and organized The Rocky Mountain Session which was a close-up magic convention in Denver. William is also the co-founder of [Artisan Tarot](#) and operates [The Unseen Arts](#).



## February Meeting- Impromptu Magic, Devices, Outs and War Stories

Date: Thursday, February 13th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Closed Meeting (Members Only)

Location: [River Point Senior Center - 5225 S. Prince St., Littleton CO 80123](#)

Have you ever been at a friend's house, restaurant, or office party and you were asked to perform some magic, and you didn't bring anything with you? What do you do? Well, Thursday, February 13 is the night for you to learn impromptu magic and what secret devices to keep on your person. Our lineup will be **Jeff and Karen Wake, Glenn Proulx, John Luong, Chris Manos, Stuart Hayner, John Walker, and Bruce and Kitty Spangler**. There will be learning, demos, displays and advice. Devices demonstrated may include reels, holders, clips, pulls and more. This stuff is "Top Secret" so come to the meeting and see for yourself! But wait, there's more! It's war story time! Be part of the discussion and share a time you had an effect fail or a prop malfunction and how you got out of that sticky situation. Oh, the stories to tell. ..

## **SAMY {Formerly SYM) New time and Location**

Date: Thursday, February 13th, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM (Doors open@ 6:15)

Location: [River Point Senior Center - 5225 S. Prince St., Littleton CO 80123](#)

Our young member meetings will meet 30-minutes prior to our regular 2nd Thursday meeting. SAMY is the acronym for Society of American Magicians Youth, formerly called SYM. Youth members and their parent have the option to leave right after the SAMY meeting or stay for the 7:00 pm meeting. Currently, there is no membership fee for parents and youth that attend our SAMY meetings. However, we ask that SAMY parents join the Mile High Magicians to attend the regular 7:00 PM meeting and to gain access to other member benefits.

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## January Past President Banquet - Meeting Minutes

Secretary - AJ Perea | [Email AJ](#)

The Mile High Magicians Society held its annual past-presidents banquet at the historic Adams Mystery Playhouse. Guests were treated to a tour of the former morgue before being served a delicious dinner. Former President **Charly Wonder ('04, '12-'13)** emceed the show and provided historical information on each past president. The hilarious duo of Sleightly Impossible made up of **Gene Gordon ('92- '93)** and **Matthew Brandt**

(**'14,'17**), amazed the audience with three ropes that miraculously changed sizes. They also performed a coins across routine with the coins traveling across both of them. Brandt performed a cut and restored Hall and Oates to the song "Maneater". Gordon performed cut and restored floss since no women wanted to volunteer. **Sam Teague ('83)** had two audience members handcuff him while he was wearing his jacket. He attempted to escape from the jacket while a curtain was covering him. Unfortunately, he struggled as the jacket and his hands were stuck in different positions each time before he finally succeeded.

Current president, **Dan Rodriguez ('84,'24-'25)** taught the audience the torn and restored napkin. The secret is to have a backup napkin that you switch in when the audience is not looking. If you get caught, make sure you know how to restore that napkin as well. **Stuart Hayner ('99)** had a folding fan that he cut up using a knife. Magically, he was able to restore the fan to its original condition. He had a solid mirror that he covered up with a piece of cloth. The knife was able to pass through the mirror. The mirror also turned to rubber and flexed before returning to a solid object. **Jeff and Karen Wake ('02)** took over as co-presidents when the then-current president moved out of state. They told the tale by singing parodies of the Brady Bunch, Gilligan's Island, and the Mickey Mouse Club and performing the mirror box, dove pan, and tied scarfs. **Scott McCray ('03)** performed an impressive coin routine that started with invisible coins turning visible. The coins magically moved from one hand to the other and appeared in a mug. **Paul Borrillo** performed a routine dedicated to his father, **Tony Borrillo ('75)**. The audience watched as he turned a young volunteer into a professional juggler with the help of a magical jacket. **Dan Rodriguez** also presented a few awards including Young Member of the Year to **Melody Berg** and the Standing on the Shoulders of Giants award to **Paul Borrillo**. **Jeff and Karen Wake** received an honorary membership award for their years of service to the club catering, serving on the board, and performing. We want to thank the staff of Adams Mystery Playhouse and the performers for a wonderful night.



## The Dean's Magical Musings

MHMS Dean - Gene Gordon | [Email Gene](#)

Happy February to my Fellow Mile High Magician members,  
February is the month of Valentine's Day and love ... they say. Might be a good time to see what you love about this craft we call magic? I'll go first.

Here is my list of some of the things I love about Magic.

- It's History. Deep and wide and vibrant, interesting and strange all at the same time.
- It's great performers, from the known to the little known. From JN Hoffzinger and Robert Houdin to Del Rey, Fred Kaps and David Copperfield and many more!
- It's great inventors and innovators. Both in illusion/stage magic to close up and parlor magic.
- The universal language magic can speak. I can sit at a table with guys from all over the world ... but we can all speak Magic with a deck of cards and a few coins.
- The study and practice of magic. Reading books, practicing an effect. Then varying it for my own style.
- Performing magic for real people! In a live setting where they are close enough to touch. The smiles, the gaping mouths when they are mystified totality again!

Your list will probably be way different than mine. When Eugene Burger lectured here in 1987 or 88, he told us that there are a lot of rooms in the "House of magic". Plenty for every facet of the Magicdom. From Performing, to collecting, to studying, to just being a fan! And if you are like me, we love visiting almost all the magic rooms in the House of magic. I know Eugene loved magic and contributed much to the "House of magic". It's our turn now. We all at times need to rekindle our love for this craft we call magic. So instead of a box of chocolates (or maybe in addition too) let's get excited and passionate about magic this month. How to do this ... easy! Go out and see a magic show, perform more magic, learn some new magic, go through your magic collection and remember why you loved that trick you bought 5-20 years ago. Take time and visit some of the rooms in the "House of Magic" you haven't in a while. Just get out there and be magical!

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## Support local Magic!

If you have an upcoming show, we want to hear about it! Please send any show information to [editor.@milehighmagicians.com](mailto:editor.@milehighmagicians.com). There is no fee for members of the MHMS.



## Rokas - The Road to America's Got Talent

Date: February 10th-16th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Tickets: [\\$.45.00](#)

Cosmo's Magic Theatre - [1045 Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs](#)

With over 50 international television appearances, Rokas performs around the world as a Comedy magician and a Mentalist and holds TWO Guinness World Records for card throwing. After appearing on Penn & Teller's Fool Us twice and taking away the Fool Us trophy he is now preparing for his appearance on America's Got Talent and is hoping to win the 1-million-dollar cash prize. Rokas will be traveling all the way from Lithuania specifically to perform for a full WEEK at Cosmo's Magic Theatre! Hosted by Cosmo himself, Rokas will perform his full 90-minute evening show and will be debuting some of his AGT acts! These shows are already almost sold out, so you need to buy your tickets soon before it is too late!





## Gnarly's Trickster Tuesday Magic Showcase

Date: Every Tuesday in February

Time: 7:00 PM

Tickets: [20.00](#) (Use GNARLYMAGIC for 50% OFF)

Gnarly's- [1224 Washington St. Suite 200 - Golden](#)

After a great first month we are back at Gnarly's Theatre. The newest show venue in Colorado features a magic showcase every Tuesday night starring some of Colorado's best performers. February features **Shawn Preston, James Lopez, Jason Fye, Stuart Hayner, AJ Perea, Alec Mueller, Edward Hammond, Charly Wonder, Dan Rodriguez**, and more to come. We thank everybody who helped perform last month and we are excited to keep seeing this venue grow!



## **The VOD-Villains- "Come see how good it feels to be bad"**

Date: March 1, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Tickets: [\\$16.66](#)

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

From seductive dance numbers to hilarious mishaps, this show promises unforgettable entertainment that will leave you breathless with laughter (and maybe a little bit of guilt!).

So, ditch your moral compass, loosen your laces, and join us at the Wonders HUB Stage for a night where being bad has never felt so good

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

Join us on Friday, March 15th, at Wonders HUB Stage for a night of magic and laughter.

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

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## 2025 Meetings, Lectures, and Shows (Some TBD)

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

February 13 - Impromptu Magic,  
Devices, Outs and War Stories

March 13 - 20-Something Show

April 10 - Flea Market

May 8 - "2025 *Denver's BEST*  
*Magician*" Contest

June 12 - Kid's Show Magic Teach-  
in

July 10- Open

September 11 - Restaurant Magic  
& Teach-in (*Held in restaurant  
environment*)

October 9 - An Evening of Odd

November 13 - Classics and  
History of Magic

December 11 - Open

January 8, 2026 - Past Presidents  
Banquet Show and Awards  
Celebration

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