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A Few Words From the President

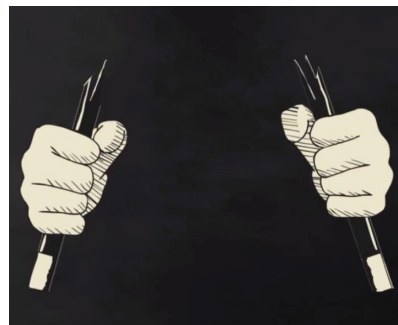
-Bill Canaday

Fellow Ring 16 Members: First, thanks to everyone that came out, and made our 2020 Auction another success. We had a good turnout, and we had a lot of items for everyone to bid on. Thanks to all of you, and to Doug Green, who donated all of his proceeds to Ring 16! It sure felt good to get a start back to our meetings, and this was a great way to begin! Now, if you have not heard, Louis Falanga, of L and L Publishing passed away recently; if you can, read Jim Sisti's great Tribute to him as a great friend. I talked to Louis on the phone once, and he was very nice and helpful. I have always had a pleasant experience when dealing with them, no doubt, he will be missed. Now, closer to home, and all of us, sadly, a man that was a legend, and a very successful Magician, Dick Williams, also passed away. Where to begin? Dick was a childhood idol and hero to me, my brothers, friends, and I know, most of you. I remember our parents taking us to Church, and afterwards, to Burger Chef in Midtown, and rushing home to watch Dick and his lovely wife, Virginia, on the longest running, and most successful live Magic Show ever on TV, MagicLand! No doubt, Dick and his wife inspired me, and all of us, as Magicians, Illusionists, Escape Artists, Mentalists, all aspects of our Art. He was also a nice man, and would help all of us in anyway he could. He did live a long and successful life, however, Magic here in Memphis, and everywhere, really will never be the same. Even though he hasn't been on TV in awhile, there is a part of Magic History, ESpecially here in Memphis, that will not be forgotten. Unfortunately, he and Virginia lost their daughter, and he lost Virginia. Now they are together again, and I like all of you, can be very glad that he was not only a childhood Inspiration for us, a friend. I have said on occasion that watching MagicLand through the years, knowing that later, he would be a friend, is a fine feeling. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to Jennifer, the rest of his family, friends, and so many fans! Rest in Peace, Dick, until we meet again.

Notes from the VP

-Mike Waits

Hey Gang : I hope all is going well. I hope we will be able to get back to our normal meetings. I hope you are keeping an eye out for some of these wonderful online lectures that have been popping up. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!



Dick Williams (July 17, 1927 – July 10, 2020)



Virginia and Dick Williams on the set of "MagicLand."



Did you know?

Jim Sisti's Wife, Sandra Sisti, makes magic themed masks!
She also has balloon animals and other themes!
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JULY AUCTION PHOTOS

By Grayson Smith

10% of the items sold went to Ring 16.

Along with some donations, and Doug Green donating all of what he sold the club made \$58 at this year's auction!

