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## Silk Magic Mini Contest adds glamour to the day - Shelton Jayasekera

The monthly get together of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle for the month of June was held on 29/06/14 at the Vishmithapaya (156, Templer Road, Mt. Lavinia) commencing around 10.00am. The following members were present. **A. Wijesinghe, Ajith Fernando, Asanka K. Pathirana, Banuka, C. Gamage, C. Heendeniya, Chrisantha Silva, Devsiri Fernando, Emil Eranga Hamer, Franklyn Hewavitharana, Gayan Wickramage, Iranga Gunawardana, Joy De Silva, Alex Perera, K.A.D. Pushpa Kanthi, Lilani De Mel, M.D. Kamal Shantha, Nihal P. Weerasinghe, Palitha Guruge, Priyantha Gamage, Rohan Jayasekera, S. K. Dharmapala, Shelton Jayasekera, Suranjith De Soysa, T. J. Anthony, Terry Amarasekera, U. Abaya Kumara, U. Ariyasinghe, W.S. Botejue, Wilhem Perera, Yasitha Jayamal and Yogitha Anthony.**

Messages of excuse was received from **Avishka Perera, Chandra Jayatilla ka, Dr. Keerthi Weerawardena and Ronald De Alwis.** We had two young visitors namely **Amaya & Bhagya.**

VP C. Gamage welcomed the members and handed over the proceedings to GS Devsiri. GS thanked the members for being present and also thanked Pushpakanthi, Emil, Dr, Udara with his two children who will be our future members and especially thanked Nihal Weerasingha for his presence and the donation of 500 books on magic mostly past copies of the IBM monthly magazines.

The President Joy in his address spoke about fund raising especially to do up the 1st floor of our building. He said that he has spoken to a principal of a school and that we should be able to have a public show for the above purpose. He also spoke about the two contests Amateur and the Young Magician. He also thanked all those especially GS Devsiri for their

The five contestants at Silk Magic



Banuka



Yasitha



Franklin



Yogitha



Asanka

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### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting scheduled to be held on Sunday 27th of July at 9.30am to present the Audited Accounts for the periods 2012/13 and 2013/14 has been postponed as two contest are been held on this date. The SGM will now be held at 9.30am on 31st August 2014.

General Secretary

Next MEMBERS DAY  
Sunday July 27th

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support. VP Rohan spoke to the members about the IBM ring 139 and said that already 10 members are there in the list and that it will start work very soon. He also spoke about the convention to be held in Hyderabad India next month and wished that some of our members will attend it.

It was the time for the mini contest. VP Suranjith held the draw to decide the order of performance. He also explained the rules of the contest to the contestants and the contest commenced. A separate report will appear elsewhere in this issue giving the details of the contest. VP Suranjith also spoke about the two contests to be held next month.

For the days performances Terry came up with a pack of cards, dealt the cards on the table and asked a member to say stop. It was done and the rest of the cards were divided into three heaps and it was found that all top cards were Aces. Next he showed two Jokers from a pack of cards very clearly, kept them together and when separated a Rs.1000/= was found in between.

Emil next asked a member to select a card from a pack and to return to the pack and the selected card came to the top. Next he asked a member to select card and return to the pack and he produced this card from his pocket. Dr. Ariyasingha's daughter Amaya next showed the vanishing bottle of coke and also the slatted card, where a case with slats was shown and a card inserted into it. Immediately the card disappeared and it was produced from an envelope shown to be empty. As the members were feeling tired our tele drama actor Ajith was requested to show and act a part of a drama. He showed a piece of acting which he had done in school and all the members enjoyed it. Terry was then requested to sing a song. He sang one of C.T.Fernando's songs and also one of his own compositions about the mother.

Results of the contest was announced and the awards given. GS then asked some views of that days performances. VPs Rohan and Shelton gave their comments. The proceedings ended around 1.00pm.



## MOMs the word

President Joy has decided to present a trophy to the Most Outstanding Member (MOM) at the next AGM to be held in 2015.

The trophy is being donated personally by him and given according to criteria which have been drawn up by him. Joy says that "Attendance, punctuality and active dedicated service to the SLMC will be taken in to consideration". Winner will be judged based on contribution made by him/her for the development of the SLMC

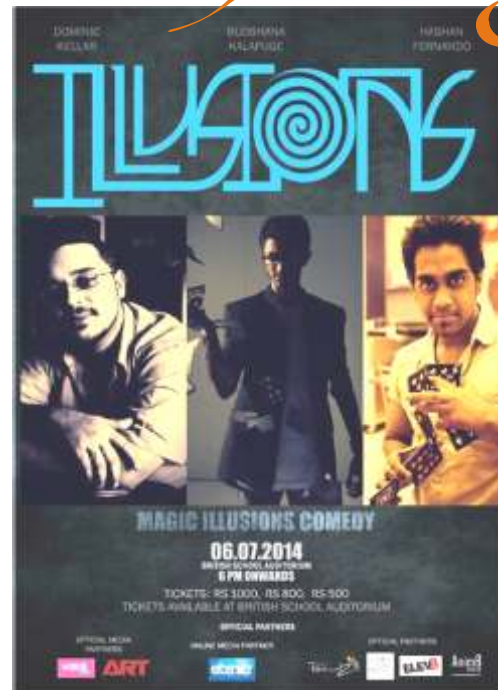
## Ronald de Alwis to be honoured in India

A special invitation has been received by Past President Ronald de Alwis to participate at Choo Mantar 2014 being held in Hyderabad from 18th to 20th July. According to the organisers, Ronnie is being felicitated due to his longstanding association with magic and the services rendered to the Art.

He has been requested to make a presentation at this Convention which will also see the participation of the world famous Magician Tony Hussini.

**Ronnie, you sure do Mother Lanka proud!**

## Comedy Magic



Comedy Magic is very very rare these days. Hardly any of the leading magicians go into this area of performance.

It's heartening to note that well-known magic performer Hashan Fernando along with Budshana Kalapuge and Dominic Keller of Pusswedilla fame had done a comedy magic show recently at the British School of Colombo Auditorium.

*Attaboy, way to go!*

## Happy Birthday

**Yogitha Anthony**  
who celebrated her Birthday  
on the 1st of July



*Bring your B'day treat on Sunday*

# Contest and Contest



**Linden de Alwis  
Challenge Trophy**

The Junior Magician Contest for the Donovan Andree Challenge Trophy will be held on Sunday 27th July at 9.30 a.m. at the School hall, Lyceum International School, Nugegoda. This will be immediately followed by the Amateur Magicians Contest for the Linden de Alwis Challenge Trophy.

An enticing contest is due to take place and all members are cordially invited to participate at this event. Entrance is free. You may bring as many family members and friends as you wish to.

VP Suranjith is very busy making



**Donovan Andree Challenge Trophy**

the arrangements to ensure a smoothly run contest. President Joy is working almost single-handedly to bring out a souvenir for this event.

Please help these two gentlemen in whatever way you can.

## 117th Birth Anniversary of Founder Member Linden de Alwis

Linden de Alwis born on 21st July 1897, started to dabble in conjuring by 1914 and he was impressed by Japanese Magician Madam Twenka who performed in Colombo in 1916. De Alwis being a close relative of ACGS. Amarasekera soon formed the nucleus for an association of fellow artistes and was a Founder Member of the Association of Ceylon Magicians on 18th February 1922.

Linden started to present Magic shows firstly as the "Wizard of the South" and later as "Professor Dalvo". From 1925 to 1952 he travelled all over Ceylon on invitations by the Government Agents and was instrumental in raising funds for 2nd World War Charities. Linden was a self made conjuror and he made use of the ACM Library and ordered tricks from Percy Abbot (USA) and Davenport (UK)

Being Professor Dalvo's youngest son I was interested in Magic from 1940 and assisted Dad in his shows and started performances from 1947 as a solo Junior Magician!

Dad won the first ever Magic Contest in 1952 at the SSC Carnival held at Vihara Maha Devi Park while I won the Runner Up in the Junior Category in 1952 and Dad enrolled me in the ACM on 8th January 1952, 63 years ago.

Linden de Alwis performed for 2 hours with a wide array of Tricks and Illusions including Cutting a Lady in Half, Caching a Bullet and presenting his popular Dalvonian Theory of Evolution which was commended in the IBM Linking Ring in the late 1950s. Dad and I have performed at Variety entertainments where artistes like Rukmani Devi, Eddie Jayamanne, Lakshmi Bhai, Madam Toussaint, Clement Cumaravel to name a few took part.

De Alwis (Snr) was a local Magistrate in the Chilaw / Puttalam Districts and was the eldest son of Gate Mudaliyar C.G. de Alwis and Missie Corea of Chilaw, ( Pitigal Korale South ) and lived at " Wasala Waluwwa", Marawila till 1948 and moved over to a coconut estate at Rajakadaluwa in 1948. He married Beatrice Senanayake on 13th February 1925. Linden held the position of

Senior Vice President since 1954 with the birth of Sri Lanka Magic Circle ( name change from the ACM to SLMC)

Linden de Alwis enjoyed an illustrious magical career and was known for his topical patter and background music in his shows. Linden was a great showman ! Linden de Alwis died at the age of 81 on 10th January 1978 passing on his professionalism in magic and to promote the SLMC to greater heights to me.

In order to honour my Dad and to encourage our up and coming magicians, I introduced the Linden de Alwis Memorial Challenge Trophy for the Amateur Magicians Competition in 1993 as a prelude to the Magician of the Year Contest. My Dad has written a lot about the history of the Magic Circle up to 1975 which would be published soon by me.

May Linden de Alwis, Rest in Peace and may many magicians take part annually at the Amateur Magicians Contests and I wish all contestants the very best !

Lt. Col. Ronald De Alwis.  
Past President

### Busy Bee

Our Asst. General Secretary Gayan has taken upon himself to create attractive messages to be sent through email whenever we have an event.

Shown here is another of his creations which was for the purpose of



announcing an extra session of magic training by VP Shelton.  
**Keep up the good work.**



# A 21 Gun Salute for this top 5



On a proposal by GS Devsiri five senior members who have contributed outstandingly to the SLMC and the art of magic over a long period of time were made Honorary Life Members with special benefits. They would enjoy all rights as any other member, including the right to be elected or appointed. It was further proposed and unanimously approved that honorary life members will not be liable for the payment of any statutory dues in the future.

The five members proposed and approved to this very special category were



Ronnie de Alwis,



R M Piyatillake,



Shelton Jayasekera,



Haleem Ghouse

and



Nihal Weerasinghe.

*All the above mentioned members have a membership of over 45 years in the SLMC.*

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In a very keenly contested competition, our newest member, youngster Yasitha Jayamal won the Silk Magic Mini Contest held on 29th June by a fraction of mark. In an incredible performance he overcame two adult members to clinch the win.



The picture shows President Joy presenting him with the Winners Cup



and VP Suranjith presenting him with the certificate.

The judging was done by Lilani de Mel, Priyantha Gamage and Gayan Wickremage

## Magician Makes Gifts Appear Out Of Thin Air For Homeless People And Divulges His Trick

We'll never get sick of watching pranksters use the tricks they have up their sleeves to make life a little bit brighter for homeless people. The latest such stunt comes from magician Rob Anderson -- whom you may remember from the time he turned \$1 "counterfeit" bills into \$20 bills for homeless people. This time around though, Anderson used a different set of skills to give much-needed basics to people living on the streets.

Anderson filled envelopes with essentials, including socks, and labeled each one with the homeless people's names. (How he found out each



person's moniker is still a mystery.) But he didn't just hand the gifts out, he inserted some magic into the moment. Anderson pulled the envelopes out of thin air and showed his viewers exactly how he pulled it off. And you know what? Knowing his secret didn't take away one iota of wonder from the heartfelt scene.



Do you also have a T-Shirt like this?