



ORGAN OF THE SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE

September 2009

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# August Members Day

*Members who were present at the 30th August Members Day:*

*Messers Lahiru Gooneardana, Priyantha Gamage, C.Gamage, Elrea Pereira, Ranjith Salpitikorale, Rohan Jayasekera, A.Wickremasinghe, Ronald De Alwis, Terry Amarasekara, S.K.Dharamapala, A.Wijesinghe, Devsiri Fernando, Shelton Jayasekera, B.Anandarajah, Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, Ajith Fernando, Dinesh Thangavel, M.B.Ranjith Silva, Ms.Nishika Pieris, Ms.Ranjitha Ratnapala & Ms.Yolani Fernando.*

*Guests: Mr.Nimal Goonewardane, Mr. Palitha Guruge, Dr.(Mrs) Damayanthi Pieris & Master Shaturanga Pieris.*

*Mr.Sanjeewa Hewapathirane presented a DVD on Sponge Ball Routine Manipulations supported by Mr.Shelton Jayasekera manually & explained how to manufacture ones own Sponge Balls!!*

*Since the Star Performer Mr. Vijaya Silva was held behind by the Wild Elephants @ Kibissa the Star Attraction was young Ms.Nishika Pieris who gave an hour's superb Power Point Presentation on her recent visit to China at the 2009 FISM Convention. Young as she is she gave the members a mature first hand valuable information about the several contests held, about no awards being presented for first places due to the absence of the requisite points, that a Magic Club must be registered for at least 3 years before a contestant from that country could submit an application to contest, the importance of technique & themes adopted by a contestant, minimum stage decor Etc which she would be forwarding by way of a DVD. She also informed that she met great magicians like James McBride, Juan ..... Who were down to earth Magicians, very friendly & willing to converse & help anyone wanting any support. She had also met Hoerbi Kull & our Sumangala at the FISM. Nishika also*

## SEPTEMBER Programme

**Next Members Day:**

**Sunday 27th September 2009**

**@ 156 Templars Road, Mt.Lavinia**

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| 09.00 AM | - Registration & Fellowship<br>- Library open till 10.00 AM<br>Contact Rohan Jayasekera Tel: 2728858                           |
| 09.15 AM | - DVD Film on a Superb Magic Show<br>Courtesy Of Committee Member<br>Sanjeeva Hewapathirane                                    |
| 10.00 AM | - Announcements.   |
| 10.15 AM | - Happy Birthday Greetings for those<br>born in September  |
| 10.20 AM | - Registration of Members for the Hoerbi<br>Kull One Day Refresher Course Cost<br>Rs.1000/= participant gets Hoerbi Kull<br>CD |
| 10.25 AM | - Registration of Future Contestants<br>within the next 3 years for Free Training  |
| 10.40 AM | - Brief Interval   |
| 10.50 AM | - President's Address  |
| 11.00 AM | - Performance by Members including the<br>Surprise Star Performer  |
| 11.30 AM | - Presentation on EYE CARE by Dr. Nalin<br>Gurusinghe<br>All members should benefit !!   |
| 12.00 PM | - Registration for Hoerbi Kull Course  |

*presented some of acts of the Winners. Visiting FISM had given her great confidence & SLMC wishes her a Magical Future !!*

*The next FISM would be held in 3 years (2012) in Blackpool, UK*

## In Remembrance

# Dr. SPARLO

## SEPALA WEERASINGHA

By Shelton Jayasekara.

Members of the SLMC who were there from late 60s to early 90s will never forget Sepala Weerasingha (Stage name Dr. Sparlo) while his friends called him Sep. A very good magician, a top class ventriloquist and a versatile musician. Most of his life he spent alone other than Willie at various places around Dehiwala and towards the end of his life he lived in a flat donated by the then president Mr. Premadasa for his extraordinary talents. More than a magician he was famous for his ventriloquism act. He lived with his vent doll 'Willie. He was thinking that Willie was living. Willie was seated in a chair all the time and every now and then he would talk to Willie and Willie also spoke to him. Whenever someone visits Sepala he did not forget to introduce Willie to the visitor and Willie too spoke to the visitor. During shows Willie was able to speak and sing in any language and was able to come out with an immediate humorous reply to any question asked by any member in the audience. Sepala used to travel about in an 'old crock' a red coloured 'Singer' with an open (canvass) hood, had a very good sense of humor and was very popular among his friends and children. I remember when he told me that he has shifted to a new house at Karagampitiya I went in search of him. I was not able to find the exact location and thought of some assistance. There was a group of boys and I asked them whether they know where Mr. Sepala Weerasingha was staying. One boy asked me "are you referring to that funny man who goes about in a funny car?" I said yes and he immediately took me to where Sep was. As a magician he did very well and had some fine routines of his own. He contested the magician of the year 1970 and was placed 2nd runner up as - He contested the Magician of the year contests in 1970 and 1973 and was placed 2nd runner up and 1st runner up respectively.

He took part in many of our public shows in magic and ventriloquism and was very well received. He was a very good musician and he entertained the members and guests at almost all the functions we had in various hotels with his 120 bass piano accordion. He was able to play any type of music from classics to pops and was able to read music scores. By profession he was a public health inspector and after his retirement he worked for the "Old Thomians' Swimming Club" as assistant manager. He fell ill and was warded in a hospital. He did not expect to pass off that soon. When I visited him at the hospital he told me of several plans of things he was hoping to do on his return. None of his friends or members of the SLMC knew of his death as he had been buried on the following morning. Every one knew when the notice of his death appeared in one of the news papers after everything was over.



Sorry, Sepala is no more, but I am sure Willie is still living but don't know whether Willie speaks and sings the way he did when he was living with Sepala.

## Letters to the Editor

*Dear Friends,*

*As most of you are aware, since June I have been badly ill. I had to undergo 2 brain surgeries without which I would have been totally paralysed for the rest of my life. I am indebted to my daughter and son-in-law who are helping me and looking after me like my own mother and father.*

*My grateful thanks to all my dear friends who came to see me at the hospital or at home. Others who could not come to see me may have had their own worries and difficulties.*

*President, Terry, Botejue, Wasantha, Devsiri, Ranjitha, Chandrananda and Elrie came to see me several times. My special thanks to them.*

*Though I missed a few meetings, my thoughts are always with the Magic Circle. Doctor has asked me to be careful till I recover completely.*

*I will be back with you soon. My kind regards to all.*

*Joy de Silva*

# Club Nite @ "156"

The first Club Nite got off the ground on the 14th of August 2009 with 08 members present. They were Messers Sanjeeva Hewapathiranem, Elrea Pereira, Rohan Jayasekera, Ronald De Alwis, A. Wijesinghe, M.M.S.Puspakumara, Shelton Jayasekera, Devsiri Fernando & Shyam Anthonypillai. It was great fun with a lot of singing & anecdotes from 6.00 PM to 9.00 PM The 11th September Club Nite was even better !!

## ***The following members were present;***

Messers Ronald De Alwis, A.T.A.Karunasena, A. Wijesinghe, Rohan Jayasekera, C, Heendeniya, Suranjith de Soysa, G.S.Rodrigo, Rohith Silva, Elrea Pereira, Shelton Jayasekera, Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, Devsiri Fernando, M.D.J. Gunatilleke, Naminda Warakagoda & Palitha Guruge. GS. Rodrigo saw the growing weeds, got a shock, took a Weed Cutter & started weeding part of the Garden with the President in an appreciative look..... After all "156" is our Second Home !! By 5.30 PM we had almost a Full House with members introducing each other, knowing them by their first names, Cracking jokes, ATA Karunasena in his element performing Sleight of Hand Tricks with ping Pong Balls well Presented & appreciated. Then there was Karaoke Music provided by our "DJ" Sanjeewa and enjoyed by all present. G.S Rodrigo presented " Nakiyandaba Owkiyandaba " & also gave a recital of animal sounds etc vocally !! New comer Palitha Guruge was in his elements with a lot of jokes followed by Sanjeeva & then the non stop singing by the "Boys" led by M.D.J. Gunatilleke who sang fast 3 Hindi Songs to open the evenings Singing in a Professional manner joined by the rest in chorus form! Followed by Rohan on the mike with the rest joining in! We all felt like school boys on a spree. The evening was lively & entertaining!!

Most members brought something to eat like Wade, Biscuits, Sandwiches, Cake, Crisps & Sunquick Drinks. Of course Bacchus was there on a limited basis at cost with no profit on sale. The Club Nite wound up at 9.00 PM.

**Those members who missed the 2nd Friday Club Nite should come on the 9th October. To see is to Believe !** For the October Club Nite Rohith Silva will be there with his Electric Guitar, some will come with other musical Instruments like Bongos Etc & we will soon see the "The Top Hats" in the making !! We hope to have a Game of Bingo" too !!



We encourage members to bring in some of your family members along with you & of course a few bites etc. Prior registration with the General Secretary Elrea on 7205566 or with the President on 2852998 would be helpful to make the evening successful & entertaining. At the initial stages we would not like to entertain other Guests till we formulate a Code of Ethics.

## **The Club Nite is ALL FOR FUN & FUN FOR ALL !!**

This is a brain wave of your active & over energetic President Col. De Alwis, interested in making the SLMC a Vibrant & expanding Club in the years to come.

## THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO...



There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

### **FIRST** - Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

Try it out...

### **SECOND** - Unlock the doors

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday.

Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock.

Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

### **THIRD** - Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys \*3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery.

This reserve will get charged when you Charge your mobile next time

### **FOURTH** - STOLEN mobile

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone? - To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: \*#06#

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code.

They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

## MEMBERS NEWS

**JOY DE SILVA (VP)** :We are happy to announce that our 'JOY' is back on his feet. He underwent two major brain surgeries and has recovered. We thank all those who visited him & prayed for him. He has been granted leave of absence till the next AGM.

**TERRY AMARASEKERA (VP)** :Underwent a Cataract Operation at the Police Hospital & is recuperating at home.

**SUMANGALA SILVA** : Was in Sri Lanka for a month after his tour to China (FISM) & has resumed his Magic Tour in Qatar for the next 6 months. We wish you a Magical future.

**VIJAYASILVA** : Was to have been the Star Performer last month, but unable to make it due to wild elephants in the vicinity of his residence. Hope you can make it in September? Try Vanishing Elephants !!

### **New Members**

W/e 12th August 2009 Life Member  
Mr.B.Anandarajah & Junior Member Master Lahiri  
Goonewardane

W/e 16th September 2009 Life Member  
Mr.Palitha Guruge

The above have obtained Library Membership too.

### **Gifts to the SLMC**

Cash Donations during August / Sept 2009

**NIL SO FAR**

### **25 CHAIRS AND TABLE**

SLMC is grateful to Capt. Ranjith Salpitikorala for having got this donation for us from his brother. From now on we will be saving money every month which we spent on hiring of chairs.

Brand new and Used Magic Goods  
will be available  
for Sale at the next Members Day.

Star Performer -

SEPTEMBER

