

by a ball, juggled a set of machetes.

P.J. Weber produced a dove from balloons and performed the head-growing illusion, "B'Wave" using large-size kings, "Miser's Dream," and Gene Anderson's torn-and-restored newspaper. John Sterlini and his lovely wife, Tamara, performed "Find the Lady." He performed a manipulation part which included a flower-bud-to-billiard-ball production, card fans, card productions, and coin productions. A mentalism gag followed before one spectator survived Sterlini's own Head Chop-per illusion with comic fears and chills.

There are many to thank: the entire membership for selling tickets, Jim and Michele Parkes for obtaining the place and managing ticket sales, Gil Scott and Dave Bogdan for putting the show together, our performers, Bill Rasmussen for heading the sound and lighting, Brooks Alder for operating the sound, Charles Bennett and Jim and Michele Parkes for

heading the prize drawings and raffle, Danielle Caperus and Stacey Krause for miscellaneous help, Teresa Krause for the birthday cake, Dr. Jack Vander Wal for supplying the jet sets, Jeff Veley for his attractive backdrop, Jerry and Kathy Herdegen for table decorating, Tina Weber and Michele Parkes for photos, and Derek Lieverdink for photos and videotaping.

The following day, John Sterlini, a 1984 Chavez graduate, continued the blast of magic by presenting a lecture entitled, "There is More to Magic than Card Tricks." He focused on repairing and routineing of props, sound, and shared some magic, with the finale being an illustration of his card fans and billiard-ball production routine.

It was a pleasure to meet John and Tamara. We thank him for his lecture. One may contact John through www.sterlinimagic.com or www.sterlini.com.

Randy Vander Wal

Ring 244 (Long Island, New York) Benefit Show

On October 18, Ring 244 sponsored a benefit show for three-year-old Elizabeth Burger. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of one of our deceased members, Don Burger. Unfortunately, little Elizabeth has a form of epilepsy that forces her to endure more than a thousand seizures a day and needs to have surgery. One of her parents is out of work, and health insurance is uncertain. We decided to do what we could to help the family. A local middle school in Lindenhurst, New York, which just happens to be the town where Elizabeth lives, was kind

enough to donate the use of their seven-hundred-seat auditorium. Members performed, were stage hands, sold tickets, advertised, sold raffle tickets, handled the lights, and did close-up magic before the show. Members of Ring 317 and S.A.M. Assembly 77 helped out, too.

The show was ably emceed by member Ziggy, who kept the show moving and the audience entertained as he performed between the acts. Tom Durnin did a portion of his children's show and was well received. Wayne Haarhaus followed,



(l to r): Wayne Haarhaus. Ziggy. T.J. Tana. Scott Interrante. Tom Durnin.



(top): Teen-Sations. (bottom): Cast and crew.

demonstrating a few items from his mentalism act. The audience was left scratching their heads. Scott Interrante vanished a cup of water and reproduced it in the empty bottle from whence it came. Next, his wrists were tied together by two spectators, but somehow, he kept escaping. He then performed one of his standards, his straitjacket escape.

Our final magician was T.J. Tana, who never fails to entertain. He closed his spot with his interpretation of Losander's Floating Table.

Interspersed among the magicians, we were lucky to have radio personality Don K. Reed, a mainstay on WCBS-FM radio station in New York for over thirty-five years, and Long Island rock and roll personality, Mickey B. Don. Mickey introduced our final performers of the evening, five talented young girls known as the

Teen-Sations who are being managed by President Bill White. They expertly performed a number of songs that were written long before they were born.

During the course of the evening, members were selling fifty-fifty raffle tickets. Performer Scott Interrante, who has known Criss Angel since they were kids and worked with Criss on his television show, obtained an autographed Criss Angel magic set to be raffled off along with other items. The top prize of the evening was the fifty-fifty drawing, and the winner graciously donated his winnings back to the family. Treasurer Kevi Rhodehouse did the final tally, and we were able to give Elizabeth and her family over \$8,000.

Many thanks to all who participated in this wonderful evening of magic and song

Bill Krupsk