

It's now October and the frost ain't on the pumpkin as yet. The preparations are full speed ahead for our October 18th benefit show for Elizabeth Burger and early signs indicate it should be well attended and raise a substantial amount of money. Many people are paying five to ten times the ticket price in order to help Elizabeth. I hope it keeps up.

Dan Miller handled the magic portion of the evening all by himself. He performed and explained a number of what he refers to as self-working magic tricks but probably a better title would be somewhat sleight-free magic. He started off with a prediction effect using a calculator. After that effect, Dan followed with about ten card tricks or tricks with cards. There is a difference you know. He performed a couple of Nick Trost items, The Power of Three and All Hands on Deck where mixed up picture cards all of a sudden become pairs. He used playing cards to generate a random four digit number which he predicted – a trick with cards but not a card trick. He then demonstrated an item called Mated which is like The Kaleidoscope Deck but using a regular deck. Next he performed an Annemann item called Magic vs. Mind Reading followed by A baffling Prediction which he thinks is by Martin Gardner. Dan then wrapped things up with a trick called Easy Aces, which is a four ace production, Jumping Jacks and closed with a nice card to pocket. A lot of work for one guy. I think many members appreciated getting the night off, so to speak.

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