



MEMBER NEWS

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WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

As we promised the Magic Castle Cabaret opened on August 13 and 24th. About 35 members and their guests were royally entertained by the strolling magic of Adam Wylie. Although we announced these first shows as a “soft opening” to our members a number of our friends from the local press were there. We received excellent reviews from the Santa Barbara News Press and the Montecito Journal. The next weekend August 30 & 31 were also well attended and Shawn McMaster was our strolling guest star Magic Castle magician. The member reaction was wonderful and we looked forward to more Thursdays and Friday “soft openings”.

About lunchtime on August 30th we got a call that an inspector from the Santa Barbara Building and Safety Department needed to talk to us. We met him and he gave us the bad news that we had not finalized our permits and had no certificate of occupancy. We explained that we were only open on a very limited basis for friends and members. We were not aware of any outstanding permits. He was very understanding but he was required to “Red tag” the building meaning – stop work and no occupants.

Realizing that we had reservations and employees for the evening he allowed us to open that night and we had a magical evening. Until this is settled we are not accepting any reservations and will not be open for at least two weeks.

THE BAD NEWS WAS ACTUALLY GREAT NEWS!

After several pre-opening parties and our two “soft openings” we found that we were premature in our expectations of the timing of work that still had to be done. We needed the practice and we also needed the time. We are not builders, we are scenic designers. We are good at creating atmosphere and illusion. We welcome this chance to finish our decorations and gimmicky work and catch our breath. October will be our magical month.



Adam Wylie entertaining member Leo Bunnin and his guests at our first “soft opening”

THE GRAND VERANDA



Now our club looks like it might have been that legendary summer palace in northern Spain overlooking a lake. I think the Countess de Lota would have been proud. The old non-ADA compliant porch is now a beautiful veranda. It has that European look due to the balustrade railing and posts that the old stars might recognize as turned posts that used to adorn

Ollie Hammond's restaurant on La Cienega in old Hollywood. It also allows for a ramp that leads from the exit to valet parking.

Arlene and I enjoyed a late night appetizer on the Veranda on a moonlit, starlit balmy night. It will be a great place for that after-work-cocktail overlooking the bird refuse park.

BAR STOOLS FIT FOR A KING



I was very proud of my transforming eight gorgeous dining chairs into bar stools with barbershop type pneumatic adjustable pedestals. They were fabulous! The only problem is they are totally impossible for our small bar! We have replaced them with very comfortable bar chairs. If you know anybody that would like a bar stool fit for a king we'll sell them for \$500. Each.

ANGEL MEMBER APPRECIATION

When you enter the Cabaret Grand Hallway you will notice an ornate cabinet displaying personalized magic wands. The names on the wands are our way of thanking members who helped us raise working capital by paying the annual dues for five years in

advance or substantial financial in kind contributions. Simply, our "Angel Members" believed in our dream and provided funding when we needed it.

The "Angel Wand" display will be a lasting memory to their contributions.

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SARA MILLER McCUNE
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Our Receptionist, Jeanette Porter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

George Burtness
Robert Fields
Stuart Fuss
Richard Gamboa
Rebecca Golgert
David Grossman

Gary Justice
Jim Keller
Ronald Liberatore
Ralph MacFarlane
Shawn McMaster
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RESERVATIONS

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