



## Making the magic happen

*Jim Lang's tricks don't violate The Four-Way Test*

**I DON'T HAVE A WALLET THAT BURNS UP MONEY.** My wife has that. That's not true, but it's a cute line. I use a special wallet that you stoke up with lighter fluid. It's got the mother of all wicks, and there's a little striker. It's a surprising effect. It looks like flames coming out of the wallet.

**I STARTED DOING MAGIC WHEN** I was about seven and I got a magic kit for Christmas. Lots of kids do, and they outgrow it. I never did. My father was a

district governor. I would perform at conventions to attract people to our booth. I traveled all over the world and did magic because of Rotary. I was in China, and I started doing a magic show on the Great Wall. I've performed in 26 countries and all the states.

**A MAGICIAN MAKES** his living through deception. But I can't lie to you; Rotarians don't do that. We've all seen magicians who say, "See this

box? It's totally empty." I just show it, and you might decide that it seems empty. So I believe that I'm true to The Four-Way Test.

**WHEN PEOPLE ASK** "How did you do that?" about a trick, I say, "I did it very well." Most of these things you can learn about on YouTube. But when you find out how it's done, it's kind of disappointing. You've popped that balloon.

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