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President's Message

By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy

I hope you were all entertained and learned a good effect or two at our magic Teach-a-Trick. I know I saw a couple of good effects that were well taught.

Next month's meeting theme will be a Kids Magic competition. I love this theme because I do so much of it at this time in my magic career. We need you to invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and your neighbor's kids. It is hard doing kid's magic without kids in the audience.

The business portion of the meeting will be brief and there will not be a raffle so that we can do our kids magic and get the little ones home at a reasonable time.

The board has also decided that revealing the secret to a newly released effect is not the right thing to do. It is unfair to the originator of the effect. So if you want to know how it is done, you have to find out the old fashion way, buy it.

The board is also making decisions concerning the July banquet. Do you have suggestions about catering or entertainment? Let us know. Better yet run for a position on the board. Be the new Sergeant-at-Arms. Be a Member-at-Large. Run for Treasurer. The same few people have been running Ring 76 for some time. With the exception of Ken Intriligator, we



had no new board members this year. It only takes a couple of hours a month to help with decisions and keep Ring 76 going in the right direction. Toss your magic hat into the ring.

See you on April 10 at the Boat Club.

Ring 76 2017 Calendar

Apr	10 Kids Magic*
May	8 Stand-up Competition
Jun	12 Elections, Food Magic*
Jul	9 Installation Banquet
Aug	14 Magic with Bags*

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

San Diego Ring 76 meets the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting is at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

2606 N. Mission Bay Dr, San Diego,
CA 92109

7:00 pm

On April 10, 2017

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to VP Entertainment Richard Ustick, ru9@ring76.com.

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13 MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by President Joe “Mystic” McGrievy at our “new” location, the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club.

There were 30 members in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors - There were seven visitors: **Wolfgang** from Hamberg Germany; friends of Arlene Moskowitz **Kim, Henry, and Barry**; **Dave** from Total Kids Entertainment; **Brian** from Ontario Ottawa; and **Damian**.

Next month’s theme - The theme next month will be Kids Magic. The Ring was reminded to invite kids to the meeting.

Charlie Gott brought many very old magic magazines, which he gave away.

Terry Lunceford will be performing again at the Magic Castle, this time in the Peller Theater, the week of April 3-9. Terry also brought copies of his lecture notes, which he gave away to Ring members.

Kenny Shelton announced that he will be busking in Balboa Park, in front of the lily pond, from noon to 6pm.

BROKEN WAND CEREMONY

Territorial V. P. **Jeff Marcus** conducted a traditional I.B.M. Broken Wand Ceremony for long-time ring member Dr. Joel Moskowitz. Among his many contributions to Ring 76 and The I.B.M. Joel wrote for both the Linking Ring and Magicurrents and was instrumental in composing the the Ring’s bylaws.

NEW MEETING FEATURE

Bob Meigs introduced a new regular feature of our membership meetings. The Ring will purchase a relatively new, hi-end commercial effect and a

member will demonstrate it. It will then be raffled and become the property of the lucky winner.

Greg Wauson demonstrated this month’s effect: “The Gift” by Angelo Carbone which was a very impressive prediction of a selected card. **Raul River Melo (aka Mago Ruly)** was the lucky winner of the raffle at the end of the meeting.

The \$75 cost of the item was covered by the sale of tickets at \$3, or two for \$5.

Thank you Bob for the great idea!

PROGRAM

To introduce the program, Vice President of Entertainment, Richard Ustick, presented the second installment of his research on the history of playing cards. It was very interesting!

The theme this month was “Teach-a-trick”. The members and guests sat at several large tables while the teachers cycled through the tables, each demonstrated a trick of their choosing then revealing and teaching the trick.

Sal Barajas taught a bill-through-bill penetration.

Malcolm Campbell had a variation on the simple kid’s coin slide with a kicker involving an equally common ball vase. Two coins which disappeared in the coin slide were discovered in the vase.

Ken Intriligator taught two four-card packet tricks, where everyone had their own packet. In the first trick, everyone followed along with moving cards upside down, turning over the packet, etc. Ken repeatedly ended up with all cards facing the same direction, whereas everyone else repeatedly had one card upside down.

In the second trick, everyone picked a favorite card from the packet and went through several displacements and card reversals, including numerous random cuts of the packet. In the end, their favorite card was facing the opposite direction from the others.

Jeff Marcus taught the “Ice Cream Sandwich”

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trick by Dick Jarrow. Jeff had the spectator handle the deck, select a card and lose it in the deck. Jeff then found their card.

Bob Meigs taught a trick where he predicted how many more coins he takes from his pocket than a spectator randomly takes from a bowl.

Mike Stilwell taught his favorite opener and pocket trick: the dots on a pair of dice repeatedly changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



Richard Ustick tells us about the history of cards



Broken Wand Ceremony for Joel Moskowitz



Greg Wauson demonstrates new effect with Sal's assistance



TEACH-A-TRICK



Sal Barajas



Malcolm Campbell



Jeff Marcus assisted by Sherry Luft



Bob Meigs



Mike Stilwell



Ken Intriligator



The Election Of The New Board of Directors Will Be Happening in June

As per the Constitution, an Election Committee has been formed to oversee the proceedings and make sure everyone has a voice in the choosing of YOUR Board.

The Board of Directors is an important part of Ring 76. It is responsible for most of the actions of the Ring including guest lectures, theme nights, the running of the competitions and teach-ins, and the Holiday and Installation banquets. Everything you like about being a member of Ring 76 is made possible by the Board of Directors.

And the Board is not some elite band of magicians. It is made up of the members of IBM Ring 76, one of the most active and of the largest Rings in the world — members just like you.

To continue to be such a vibrant Ring, we need the fresh ideas and active participation of its members, and that means YOU!

As a member in good standing, you are eligible to be on the Board of Directors in almost any of its important positions. Jobs such as Secretary, keeping the minutes of the meetings and posting our news in the Linking Ring. Or Treasurer, keeping the books balanced, paying bills and collecting the dues. There is also the Vice President of Membership, who makes sure your membership is active and recorded; and the Vice President of Entertainment, who introduces the events of the evening and arranges for the lecturers and guests. There is also the job of Sergeant-at-Arms who sees that the meetings run smoothly and properly. Finally there are the Members-at-Large who, as the name implies, take on special projects aid the other officers as the need arises.

These are all vital jobs in Ring 76 and jobs that should be done by you, the member in good standing.

Your only obligation is to be at Board meetings the fourth Monday of the month to plan the activities for the Ring. No officer acts alone; the board works together, carrying the load of a successful Ring.

If you have the time, the interest, and the desire to give back something to the Ring that has done so much for magic in San Diego, contact any Board Member with any questions you may have as to duties and time requirements. Your board and your Ring need your input to make Ring 76 as vital as it is now.

As the slate is being prepared for presentation in May, you may request that your name to be added to the candidates for any position. (Candidates for President must have served on the Board previously.) You may also suggest the name of any other Ring member to the Nominating Committee. When the slate is presented in May, additional candidates may be nominated from the floor (with the approval of the nominee.)

Richard Ustick





APRIL'S THEME IS KIDS MAGIC



The theme for the April Ring meeting will be a **Kids Magic Competition**. It will be held on April 10th at the Mission Bay Yacht club. Any magical presentation that you think is appropriate for kids is welcome.

You may do a single effect or a short series of effects you might do at a show.

Kids magic is so much better with kids in the audience to react so we would welcome children in the audience. We are inviting any children you know to join us for the meeting. Bring your kids, your neighbors' kids, grandkids and their friends. All are welcome at the meeting and all will have an entertaining evening.

To accommodate our younger audience, we will be having an abbreviated business meeting. We will not be introducing any guests and any announcements will be made through the President, Joe Mystic, or the VP of Entertainment, Richard Ustick. The New Trick raffle will not be held. We want to get to the entertainment as soon as possible and make sure the children are well entertained.

If you are interested in performing that night, please contact Richard at Ring76IBM@yahoo.com.

See you April 10th for Kids Magic.

MAY'S THEME IS THE STAND-UP COMPETITION

Although May's theme is two months away, it is never too early to prepare for a Ring 76 competition. Our May meeting, which will be on May 8th at the Boat Club, will be our annual Stand-Up competition. Every member in good standing is encouraged to participate, the winners receiving a Ring 76 medal and a cash prize. The rules can be found at the Ring 76 website. The venue has a wonderful stage (but no curtain.)

Guests are welcome but cannot vote for the winners.

If you have any questions please contact the V.P. of Entertainment, Richard Ustick, at Ring76IBM@yahoo.com.



SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING March 27, 2017



The meeting was called to order by President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy at 7:21 pm (dinner started at 7:00pm). The board members present were: the First V.P. (Entertainment) Richard Ustick, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Sergeant-at-arms Sherry Luft, Member-at-large and Newsletter Editor Malcolm Campbell. Jeff Marcus, Territorial V.P. was also present. Second V.P. (Membership) James Thayer and Member-at-Large (Past President and current Librarian) Kenny Shelton were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report - Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the board. There was a small change in our balance due to new member's dues and expenses from the March meeting. The report was approved by the board.

Library report - **Kenny Shelton** was absent, so there was no library report.

Membership report - It was noted that Ring 76 has two new members (Dave Groh and James Gaskins), so the Ring now has 67 members in good standing, including 11 Life Members.

March ring meeting report - The Teach-a-Trick event was discussed and the board felt that it went very well. Ken Intriligator pointed out that he would have liked to have seen the other teacher's demonstrations. There was discussion about changing the procedure, breaking the group of teachers up into two alternating groups, as with the Close-Up competition. This would allow them to rest and watch some of the other demonstrations in

between their own.

OLD BUSINESS

Ring incorporation - **Malcolm** is continuing to look into getting the ring incorporated, as a 501c6.

NEW BUSINESS

April Meeting theme - The theme will be Kids Magic at the Boat Club. Members will be encouraged to bring kids and to contact a board member with any suggestions for how to attract more kids.

The Installation Banquet - The banquet is set for July 9th at the Boat Club. There was some discussion about catering, including Olive Garden and Beckers. There was also debate about entertainment: hiring an outside performer vs having ring members perform. Some members feel it makes it more of a special event to hire someone from outside. There was some discussion of the possibility of getting an improv comedy group, and also the possibility of having a magician performer who could give a lecture the next day.

Ring meeting new trick raffle idea - There was discussions of the pros-vs-cons of revealing the method after demonstrating the effect. A motion to not reveal the method was carried.

Ring board elections: - The board strongly encourages members to join the board. Many or all board members would be very happy to step down if someone else is willing to step up and serve our Ring. The nominating committee will encourage members to add the name to the slate which will be presented at the May meeting. The election will be during the June meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Malcolm encourages member contributions.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.



CHECK THIS OUT !

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Lecture Review - Your review of a lecture which members may not have attended.

Lessons in Performance - Relate an experience you've had performing.

Magic to Share - Dig out your gems of effects or routines which haven't been seen in decades. Share them with the members.

Your Engagements - Free announcement of your engagement schedule.

Surplus props - Free advertising of your surplus magic for sale.

Contact the Editor for more information.

Focus On **THE LINKING RING**



Looking for a new rick to try or trying to find something you remember seeing in the Linking Ring?

Don't forget that the Linking Ring publishes an annual index which appears for 2016 in the April 2017 issue.

The index is extensive, referring to published articles by type and name. Tricks are listed by category and author. It also contains a list of all of the previous annual indices and the issue in which they appeared.

..... editor

New meeting feature *a success!*

Bob Meigs selected a powerful effect to be the first demonstrated and raffled off in our new feature which will continue at most meetings, time allowing.

Congratulations to Mago Ruly who won "The Gift" by Angelo Carbone.





NOTES AND REMINDERS



Remember, we are looking for product reviews. It doesn't matter if you liked what you paid for or not, we want your opinion for the benefit of the rest of the members. If you're not a writer, we can arrange a short sit-down to gather the facts and write the review.

Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in MagiCurrents

LIBRARY REMINDER

Ring 76 has a large library of books DVD's, even VHS tapes covering every phase of magic. All of the Materials are available for members to check out and use at home.

Kenny Shelton, our Librarian, regularly brings a sampling to our meetings and those are available for immediate check out. You may not know that the "Library" link on our website leads you to a complete list. If you find something there that you would like to use, contact Kenny at magicjugglerks@gmail.com. Tell him what you want and he will bring it to the next meeting.

The intended publication date of each issue of MagiCurrents is the Friday 9 days before the monthly meeting. Sub-



missions from officers, reporters and other members are due the Wednesday before the publication date. If you want *your* newsletter on time, please be prompt!!

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of MagiCurrents!

..... editor