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## President's Message

By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy



Congratulations Kenny on winning the Kids Magic theme at the April meeting. I perform a couple of rope magic effects in my kids shows and I would certainly perform the one Kenny did if I could do it that well!

The Board of Directors has been working hard on making decisions for the July Installation Banquet. We have decided to have the meal catered by Olive Garden: 3 pastas, 3 sauces, 3 meat toppings, salad and breadsticks. You will be able to create your own pasta combinations including vegetarians choices.

We are still auditioning candidates for the entertainment.

We are also looking into providing the opportunity to video your routines so you can use them on YouTube or as auditions for jobs. We have the stage and lights and a smartphone is as good as most video cameras. Tripods with phone holders are available. It can be a great opportunity to see your performance in action and be able to improve it. Your input will be appreciated if you have any ideas.

Next month is the Stage Magic Competition. We may be able to video your acts (with your permission) for you.

By the time you read this, I will be headed for, going through or heading home from the Panama Canal. I will be back just in time for the May meeting and hope to see a full slate of competitors. So go *practice, practice, practice.*

## Ring 76 2017 Calendar

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 May 8, 2017**

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to VP Entertainment Richard Ustick,  
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## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2017 RING 76 MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm President Joe “Mystic” McGrievy at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. There were 29 members and 4 guests in attendance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe noted that **Terry Lunceford** had performed the previous week in the Peller Theater at the Magic Castle, together with Lorenzo Clark. Joe – and others were especially impressed with Terry in his tuxedo doing the linking rings. **Ken Intriligator** agreed and thanked Terry for getting him into the room with a VIP seat!

Joe also mentioned that he was blown away by Den Den’s performance in the Palace of Mystery at the Castle that week.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. (Entertainment) Richard Ustick**, promised more on the history of playing cards for a future meeting. He also briefly mentioned the Election Committee and the upcoming election. Members are encouraged to run for any office, though the President must be someone who has already served on the board. A Sergeant-at-Arms and a Member-at-Large are needed; the other positions have current Board members who are willing to serve again next year. **Jeff Marcus**, who is on the Election Committee, noted that at the last Board meeting, each of the Board members would be happy to rotate off of the board if other members are willing to serve.

The announcements were kept short to avoid making it too late of a night for the kids present. For that reason, there was no new magic raffle.

### PROGRAM

The theme for the meeting’s magic performances was Kids Magic. Among the few visitors were three actual “kids”: **Leo, Max, and Sohum**, who watched and participated as on-stage

helpers for the magic performances.

**Cary Schaffner**, aka “Cary the Magish”, started out mentioning the importance of eye-contact when, wow, it seemed his eye was suddenly there rolling on a spoon (it was just a joke and all was fine). He did a giant magic coloring book with helpers **Max** and **Sohum**.

**Ken Intriligator** did a presentation for the kids on the old Three Card Monte scam. The routine was essentially based on that of Darwin Ortiz, with a few additions (some intentional, others not so much).

**Charlie Gott** did a gospel magic presentation with helpers **Leo** and **Sohum**. The two helpers padlocked Charlie with a serious-looking set of wrist-cuffs, which represented “the chains of sin”. Charlie turned around and then kept humorously lending a mysteriously unshackled hand to the helpers as they followed his instructions. The chains were no match for the Higher Power of Good.

**Greg Wauson** had two big, grown-up looking kids named **Laurie (Pearson)** and **Richie (Robertson)** as helpers. They were both asked to inspect a black, cloth bag. Laurie said it was legit, and Richie agreed, saying “it looks like a normal Malini bag to me!” Laurie made an egg appear by saying “bawk bawk hawk”. Then it mysteriously appeared and disappeared, perfectly performed to a great comic routine.

**Kenny Shelton** did some excellent rope magic, with great comedy. Knots appeared and disappeared, the ends of the rope disappeared. The routine ended with a Professor’s Nightmare with ropes of different and changing lengths

The following additional performances were not part of the monthly competition:

**Joe Mystic** told a story about a mischievous boy, and showed a can full of coal lumps turn into a can full of diamonds, for all the good children. Then, with **Sohum** as a helper, they each tore some wrapping paper and, magically, the torn paper

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turned into a paper hat for Sohum. As a finale, Joe produced a long, long, long chain of paper ribbons from his mouth.

**Dave from Total Kid's Entertainment** did a fun routine with Presto the Bunny Rabbit peeking out from different parts of a holder and then disappearing and appearing in a hat. Then, with **Max** and **Sohum** as helpers, a silk disappeared from a bag and transported into cage. This was a lot of fun, as it kept "not working," each time "requiring a bigger wand." The sight gag and buildup was hilarious for the kids and adults. In the end, it took a wand that was perhaps over 10 feet long, but, yes, it worked — the silk transported.

**Sohum**, who is 15 years old, was visiting relatives in San Diego and is a member of another IBM ring in California. He is a very talented, young magician and performed a few routines for us. The first was a short sponge-ball routine. Next was a mini-linking ring routine. Finally, he did an excellent performance of Garrett Thomas' Stand Up Monte. We hope to see you back at Ring 76 whenever you're in town, Sohum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 and many went to a diner in Pacific Beach for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



The beginning of a new membership year is just around the corner. Dues for the new year (2017-18) are not due until the end of June, but if you want to get "one ahead", we are accepting dues payments now.

The amount is \$30 for Active Members and \$15 for Junior Members (age 12-17).

Dues may be mailed to "Ring76; c/o James Thayer; 9556 Babauta Road, San Diego 92129"; paid by PayPal or paid in person at a Ring meeting. Cash is accepted but for tracking purposes other forms of payment are preferred.

Make checks out to "IBM Ring 76". If you desire to pay by PayPal, please contact me first <[jt4@ring76.com](mailto:jt4@ring76.com)> for details. ---

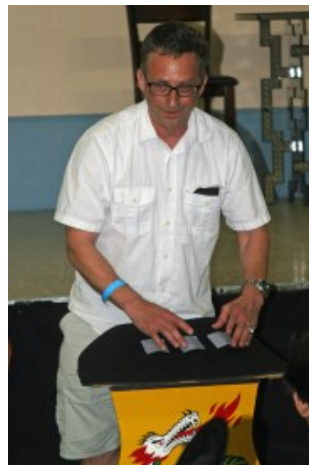
**James Thayer, Ring 76**  
VP of Membership

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# KIDS MAGIC COMPETITION



**Cary Schaffner**



**Ken Intriligator**

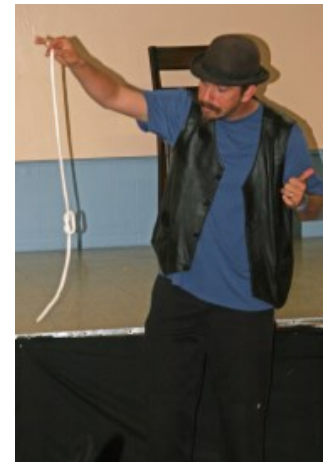


**Charlie Gott**





**Greg Wauson**



**Kenny Shelton**



**Joe Mystic**



**Dave Groh**



**Sohum**



**AND THE WINNER IS .....**





### *Focus On* **THE LINKING RING**

Some of our Ring 76 members recognize that, in the hospital setting, magic can be therapeutic in addition to being entertaining.

Those who have tried doing hospital programs have had a variety of experiences — not all positive — working in this venue.

In the April issue, Scott Hood has an interesting column which relates his experiences while establishing an on-going program at a hospital, and offers suggestions for making it a worthwhile endeavor.

You might find his work of use in re-visiting your interest in hospital programs.

... Editor

### **ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET**

This year's **Installation and Awards Banquet** will be held on **Sunday, July, 9th** at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat Club. It is traditionally held on a Sunday night so that we may start earlier and have more time for all the events and revelry. There is no other Ring meeting in July.

The specifics are still being worked out, however, the meal will be Italian and the Ring will be providing coffee and water to drink. The San Diego Mission Bay Boat Club has a full bar and reasonable prices so members can purchase any other libations they wish, including sodas.

Entertainment is TBA and the Board of Directors is working to keep the banquet price to around \$15 per person. Guests are welcome as usual.

Keep watching the newsletter for more details in the coming months and we look forward to seeing you there in July.

## The New Board of Directors Will Be Elected in June

Per the Constitution, the Ring 76 election of the Board of Directors will be held this June.

The election committee has received the recommendations of the Board and will be taking any floor nominations at the May and June meetings. Any member in good standing can run for any position on the Board, except President. Any member who has served on the Board, in any capacity, can run for President of the Ring.

The Board meets eleven times during the year, usually the fourth Monday of the month. It is charged with running the Ring and is responsible for all of the activities you enjoy as a member of IBM Ring 76. It is made up of Ring members and serves the needs of those members. For this reason, it is vital that you, as a Ring member, participate. If you enjoy the Ring and all its activities, then you should look into becoming a Board member and help shape the future of it. From President to Secretary, to Member-at-Large, each position on the Board is a reflection of the current membership of the Ring.

It is important that each member of the Ring step up and serve to keep Ring 76 a vital and active part of the magic community. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact any current board member or the Election Committee: Jeff Marcus, Greg Wauson, or Rich Robertson.



The newly-instituted, popular **“NEW TRICK DEMONSTRATION and RAFFLE”** will be continued at the May meeting.

A recently-released trick from a major magic dealer worth at least \$75.00 will be demonstrated. Then raffle tickets will be sold and the holder of the lucky ticket will be given the trick.

Don't miss this great opportunity to own a quality effect for the price of a raffle ticket (1 for \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00, 5 for \$10.00)







**IT'S HERE!**



**OUR ANNUAL**



Brush off your tuxedos and oil up your stage props, it is time for the annual Ring 76 **Stage Magic/Stand-Up Competition**.

This year's competition will be held Monday, May 8th, at the Mission Bay Boat Club. The event will start promptly at seven o'clock with a brief business meeting, then move rapidly to what is consistently one of the best nights of the year.

Members in good standing will present their talents and skills before the Ring and will be judged by the Ring based on skill, style, entertainment value, and professionalism. The winner of the contest will be announced — and awarded — at the Installation Banquet, Sunday, July 9th.

The rules for the competition can be found on the Ring website: <http://ring76.com/html/contest.html>. Each performer will have ten minutes to dazzle the audience and there will be a limited number of contestants who can perform. Judging will be by vote of the membership in attendance.

If you plan to compete this year or have any questions concerning the event, please contact Richard Ustick, VP of Entertainment, at [Ring76ibm@yahoo.com](mailto:Ring76ibm@yahoo.com). There are a limited number of openings for this event, so please contact Richard as soon as possible. As always, guests are welcome but only members in good standing can vote.



## SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

### MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING April 17, 2017



The meeting was called to order by President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy at 7:30 pm (dinner started at 7:00pm). The board members present: the First V.P. (Entertainment) Richard Ustick, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Sergeant-at-Arms Sherry Luft, Second V.P. (Membership) James Thayer and Member-at-large (Past President and current Librarian) Kenny Shelton. Jeff Marcus, who is on the election nominating committee, was also present. Newsletter Editor and Member-at-large Malcolm Campbell was 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 were only minor changes from last month. The report was approved by the board.

**Library report** - **Kenny Shelton** reported on the large inventory, including the new donations.

**Membership report** - **James Thayer** reported that Ring 76 has a new member (Lynn Fischer), so the Ring now has 68 members in good standing, including 11 Life Members.

### OLD BUSINESS

**April ring meeting** - The Kid's Magic theme went well, except that there were only three kids. The board will try to find more kids for next year's Kids Magic theme meeting. There was some discussion about the competition and what

constitutes "Kids Magic".

### NEW BUSINESS

**May Meeting** - The theme will be the Stand-up / Stage competition.

There will be a new-trick raffle (chosen by Greg Wauson). It will be demonstrated by either Greg or Jeff Marcus. The method will not be revealed.

The election committee will take any additional names for the upcoming election. The board strongly encourages new members to consider serving on the board.

**June Meeting** - The theme is food magic and the membership will elect the new board. Dues will also be due.

**Installation banquet** - The banquet is set for July 9th at the Boat Club. There was discussion about catering. Joe had some catering details from Olive Garden and Jeff had some details from Beckers'. It was decided to use the Olive Garden who will provide a pasta menu. The Ring will provide coffee and dessert.

Several potential types of entertainment were discussed but no decision was made.

### NEWSLETTER

Malcolm encourages member contributions.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



## 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](mailto: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. Submissions 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