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## President's Message

By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy



The May meeting was unusual but very informative. We enjoyed hearing all the feedback from so many members. As soon as the new Board takes office, we will be putting some of your ideas into place.

Speaking of the new board, we will be having our installation banquet on July 9 at the SDMBB&SC (San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club). We are meeting there and there is no charge. However, the SDMBB&SC would like us to partake of their bar while we are there. It is like Denny's where we had to spend \$100 to get the room free. The SDMBB&SC would like us to spend \$50 at their bar. You can order a Coke or other soft drink or your favorite adult beverage, all at very reasonable prices. Please help us in this so that we can continue meeting there without paying a fee more than we can afford.

The June meeting theme is Food Magic. It was a popular theme last year. Use your imagination and perform something creative. Maybe cut and restored spaghetti or signed card in can of beanie weenies (bring your own cleaning supplies).

Aside from our menu from Olive Garden, we are still working on the entertainment and other items for the Installation Banquet. In any event,

we will have a good time of meeting, greeting, chances for great raffle prizes, dining and entertainment.

## Ring 76 2017 Calendar

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 June 12, 2017**

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to VP Entertainment Richard Ustick, [ru9@ring76.com](mailto:ru9@ring76.com).

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### Minutes of the May 8, 2017, Monthly Membership Meeting

The meeting was convened at 7:11 pm by President Joe “Mystic” McGrievy at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. There were 29 members and 1 guests in attendance.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Joe** announced that, due to lack of participation, the annual stage magic contest was cancelled. The board decided that it was time to reevaluate our meeting format, and to use the meeting time to get feedback from the members.

2nd V.P. (Membership) **James Thayer** announced that membership dues of \$30 will be due at the end of June. Members can pay James in person at the June ring meeting or by other options. There will be a late fee of \$5 after June 30.

Lynn Fischer, who does children’s magic, is looking for white doves. **Joe** mentioned a possible lead.

Guest **Manny Sanchez** introduced himself. Manny is on active duty in the Navy. He has had a long time involvement in magic.

The election board — **Jeff Marcus, Greg Wauson, and Rich Robertson** — reminded the ring about the upcoming election for the Ring Board, and that all positions are open (the President must, however, be a current or former Board member). With the exception of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the current Board is willing to continue in their present positions but they encourage others to put their names on the ballot,

**John Hunter** volunteered to run for Sergeant-at-Arms and there were two volunteers for Member-at-Large: Loch David Crane and Robert Vinson, who would be in addition to Member-at-Large and Newsletter editor Malcolm Campbell. If any other member wants to run for any position, contact Jeff, Greg, or

Rich. Nominations will be open at the June meeting.

The membership will also vote for the Ring’s Member of the Year at the June meeting.

**Richard Ustick** reminded the members that the theme for the June meeting is “Food Magic”. Also, the installation banquet will be Sunday July 9, starting at 5pm, at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club.

**Joe Mystic** announced that the Comedy Palace has moved their magic night to either Friday or Saturday night, but only once per month. Contact them or check their website for details

There was no new trick raffle this time. **Jeff Marcus** brought a new effect to demonstrate and raffle off but time did not permit it. The popular program will continue at the June meeting .

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the Ring Reports have not appeared in the Linking Ring for a long time. This was a mistake on the part of the Secretary and has been corrected.

#### PROGRAM

In place of the Stage Magic competition, **Joe** and **Richard** moderated an open discussion about ideas for the Ring meetings.

Joe solicited discussion about why so few signed up to perform in the Stage Magic competition. Some said they didn’t have any new material.

Having the performances be less competitive and shifting the emphasis to providing constructive feedback to the performers was

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suggested as a way to get more members on stage. Several variations in the voting process to recognize various strong points were also suggested.

Eliminating the monthly themes was presented as another possibility to increase participation. Having more meetings with non-competitive performances such as Teach-a-Trick or more informal small-group sharing sessions before or after the meeting was considered. A member who also belongs to the North County ring recommended their meeting format, which is non-competitive and more about sharing

It was noted that Jack's Place might become available for the Ring to go back there for our events.

## PERFORMANCES

Following the discussion, several members performed for the audience. **Terry Godfrey** did a coin-snatching routine with a handkerchief and a nickel balanced on his finger. The spectator repeatedly failed to grab the nickel from his finger.

**Jeff Pearson** did a card reveal with a tiny card from tiny wallet.

**Jeff Marcus** did a spoof on The Gift.

**Loch David Crane** performed an effect where a spectator's card was found stabbed with a Native American arrowhead.

Guest **Manny Sanchez** did a terrific card routine.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 and many went to Buddy's Diner in Pacific Beach, for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



**Richard and Joe Lead Meeting Format Discussion**



**Terry Godfrey fools the nickel snatcher**



**Jeff Marcus spoofing "The Gift."**



**Jeff Pearson finds chosen card**



**Loch David Crane pierces Ken's card in deck with arrowhead**



**Manny Sanchez reveals the chosen card**





The beginning of a new membership year is just around the corner. Dues for the new year (2017-18) are due the end of June and 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.



June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

James Thayer, Ring 76  
VP of Membership



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## 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 continue to take any floor nominations at the June meeting. 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 Board.

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 steps up and serves 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 June 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)





## Just a Month Away!

# 2017–18 Installation Banquet

This year's Installation Banquet will be held on Sunday, July 9th at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, which has been our usual meeting location for the last few months. It will start at 5 pm with a meet and greet, then a catered dinner by The Olive Garden, the presenting of awards, the swearing in of the new Board, and finally a fine program of entertainment.

The dinner will feature a fine selection of pasta, sauces, salad and their famous breadsticks. The Ring will provide water and coffee, snacks and dessert. There is a full bar on site for any member to purchase other drinks of their choice.

We hope to have several strolling magicians and music before dinner, and magic for you and your guests to enjoy to close out the evening.

The cost for this event will be \$20 per person, payable at the door. But we do need to know how much food to provide so please RSVP as soon as you can. Contact Richard Ustick at [Ring76ibm@yahoo.com](mailto:Ring76ibm@yahoo.com). Your family and other guests are welcome.

**Please note that this meeting will be on a SUNDAY** and not the usual day, and will start earlier than normal. This is our biggest event of the year and we look forward to seeing all of our members, families, and friends.

**Do you want to help make the Installation Banquet a success? Have a quick strolling routine you'd like to use to impress our members and guests? Great!**

**Contact Richard Ustick:  
at [Ring76ibm@yahoo.com](mailto:Ring76ibm@yahoo.com) to  
add your name to our pres-  
tigious list of entertainers for the big event.**





## MAGIC “R” US!



Members of Ring 76 will perform more than *150 times* at the upcoming 2017 San Diego County Fair.

**Terry Godfrey** and **Bob Meigs** are the Fair’s two resident magicians. Terry performs three shows each day, and often performs at the front gate before the Fair opens. Bob teaches a daily magic camp, called Wizard School, a weekend magic camp, Abra-KID-Abra, and does the Time Traveler’s Magic Show daily at 4PM in the Creative Youth tent. **Greg Wauson** will be doing the Time Traveler Show on Saturday, June 17.

*After Six Magic* is the Fair’s premier magic show, presented daily on the Showcase Stage at 6PM, except for Thursdays, when it moves to the Albertson Stage. Scheduled performers are shown as follows:

Fri, June	2	Joe Mystic	Weds	21	Pop Haydn
Sat	3	Kenny Shelton	Th	22	Michael Johnson
Sun	4	Jeff Marcus	Fri	23	Michael Johnson
Weds	7	Pop Haydn	Sat	24	Michael Johnson
Th	8	Jeff Marcus	Sun	25	Joe Mystic
Fri	9	Jeff Marcus	Tues	27	Joe Mystic
Sat	10	Terry Lunceford	Weds	28	Pop Haydn
Sun	11	Jeff Marcus	Th	29	Joe Mystic
Weds	14	Pop Haydn	Fri	30	Joe Mystic
Th	15	Jeff Marcus	Sat. July	1	Kenny Shelton
Fri	16	Terry Lunceford	Sun	2	Kenny Shelton
Sat	17	Terry Lunceford	Mon	3	Kenny Shelton
Sun	18	Terry Lunceford	Tues	4	Kenny Shelton

Of course, we can’t do it all. For those who might not be familiar with all the names, Pop Haydn is not a member of Ring 76. Pop hails from Los Angeles, and is a former Vice-President and also a Performer of the Year at Hollywood’s famed Magic Castle. We’re proud to work with Pop, and he gives a clue to the caliber of this show.

Then there’s Mark Yuzuik, a world famous stage hypnotist, with daily shows at 5PM and 7PM on the Showcase Stage. Mark “bookends” After Six Magic.

Visit the Fair and see your fellow Ring members perform. It’s a magical place, that’s home to some GREAT magic!



## *Don't Miss the Action-Packed*

## *Ring 76 June Meeting*

The June meeting will be a full one, with dues due, elections held, the next installment of the “History of Playing Cards,” another New Trick Raffle and, for dessert, the theme of the month’s competition will be “Food Magic.”

Members are encouraged to bring their favorite food-based illusions, routines, or slights. These may include actual food, cooked or not, or the suggestion of food in print or plastic. The choice of the magical menu is yours.



If you plan to perform – and this is the last performance meeting before Entertainer of the Year is presented in July – be sure to contact Richard Ustick, VP Entertainment, at [Ring76ibm@yahoo.com](mailto:Ring76ibm@yahoo.com) prior to the meeting.

We will meet at the **San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 N. Mission Bay Dr, San Diego, CA 92109** at 7:00 pm on June 12, 2017



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THE RIGHT TO  
COMPLAIN



## SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

### MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING May 22, 2017



The meeting was called to order by President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy at 7:30 pm (dinner started at 7:00pm). The other board members present were : First V.P. (Entertainment) Richard Ustick, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Sergeant-at-Arms Sherry Luft, Second V.P. (Membership) James Thayer, and Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large Malcolm Campbell. Member-at-large, Past President and Librarian) Kenny Shelton was absent.

Also present were Territorial V.P. Jeff Marcus and guest Ring member Loch David Crane.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 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** - The Librarian was not present.

**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

**May 8, 2017 ring meeting report** - Because of the cancellation of the Stage Competition. there was plenty of time for discussion of the preferred content of the membership meetings and many good suggestions were recorded.

This was further discussed by the Board. It was

decided to conduct a Survey Monkey survey to get more input from members. The new board will use those suggestions in August for planning next year's calendar.

The Board was reminded that Members are asked to support the bar at the Boat Club to the tune of \$50 minimum to keep the venue at no cost to the Ring. Please buy drinks at the bar; They are very reasonably priced.

**Ring incorporation** - **Malcolm** has made some progress on getting the ring incorporated as a non-profit organization.

**Installation Banquet** - Set for Sunday, July 9th 5-9pm at the Boat Club.

**Joe** made the catering arrangements with the Olive Garden. The ticket price will be \$20 per person.

Several possibilities for he entertainment are being explored. **Jeff Marcus** will see if there is anyone performing at the Magic Castle who would come here for the banquet. He is also looking for junior members of the Castle who would be willing and able to fill the slot. **Bob Meigs** is exploring the use of a complement of Ring members who will be performing at the fair this year.

There was also discussion of having members do strolling magic at the meeting prior to dinner.

**New Trick Raffle** -- There was a suggestion to contact the trick's creator to get their blessing on the reveal, and the board agreed that they would be OK with the reveal if the creator OKs it. **Jeff Marcus** has a trick that he had prepared for the May meeting, and he can demonstrate it at the June meeting. There was further discussion about the cons of the reveal.

**June Meeting** - The theme is "Food Magic" and it will be a competition with points awarded going toward the Performer of The Year award.

The membership will alsoelect the new board.

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Jack's Place** - Ex-member Michael Johnson has contacted several Board members on the subject of the Ring re-locating its meetings to **Jack White's** Magic Museum. There would be some money and time to be committed by the Ring to help Michael achieve his plans for making the space productive.

The Board decided to wait until a detailed proposal is available for review and negotiation.

The ring would like to give Michael moral support on a wait-and-see-what-happens basis.

### NEWSLETTER

**Malcolm** reviewed the inputs from the Board needed for the newsletter.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



**RING 76 BOARD MEETING HIDDEN CAMERA:  
Such an ordeal ...  
(Do you want to reconsider volunteering for the Board?)**

### Perusing the Agenda over Snacks and Drinks



Time to break for dinner



Is Dessert Ready?

### Getting Down to Business



To run for a Board position contact  
Richard Ustick [ru9@ring76.com](mailto:ru9@ring76.com)



## Last Chance to Join the Ring 76 Board for 2017-18

Hey members, you know that the Ring doesn't run itself. We have a Board of Directors that keeps the Ring going and, hopefully, smoothly. As with many organizations, 10% of the membership of Ring 76 does 90 % of the work. Most of you come to the meetings and enjoy the entertainment but that's it. Why not consider giving something back to the club by joining the board and helping to make it a better ring?

Most of the people serving on the Board have done so for a long time — some off and on for over 20 years. Although all are dedicated to fulfilling their responsibilities, none of the Board members is married to the job; they do it for the love of the ring and step up when the other 50 members don't.

That being said, everyone on the board has indicated that they would happily give up their position to someone else who would be willing to take it over.

By joining the board, you are requested to attend Board meetings once a month (except for December), usually two weeks after the regular meeting. Board meetings are at Bob and Mary Meigs' house at 7:00 pm. Most meetings last only about an hour or two including dinner (and beverages) most graciously prepared by Mary. Following a prepared agenda, the board reviews and discusses the business of the Ring. Throughout the year, meeting venues, themes of the meetings, scheduling of special events and lectures are set. The Board also reviews and proposes updates and interpretations of the governing aspects of our Constitution and Bylaws. The board executes its responsibilities to enforce the terms of the Constitution and ByLaws including the election process.

Following adjournment, discussions continue over dessert.

Any member can run for any office except President (you must have held any other position on the Board for a year before you can be president.) Although each member of the Board has an equal say and vote in the business of the Board, each member has the following additional specific tasks.

**President:** (currently Joe Mystic) presides over the Board and General Membership meetings.

**First Vice President of Entertainment:** (currently Richard Ustick) is in charge of arranging and conducting the entertainment and competitions at the membership meetings.

**Second Vice President of Entertainment:** (currently James Thayer) is in charge of keeping membership records and receiving dues. James is also our Webmaster and Historian.

**Secretary:** (currently Ken Intrilligator) records the minutes of all meetings & probably the most intensive job) keeps minutes of all meetings, submits them to the Newsletter and The Linking Ring magazine.

**Treasurer:** (currently Bob Meigs) deposits receipts, pays the bills and reports transactions to the board.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** (currently Sherry Luft) hands out badges, maintains attendance records and keeps order at the meetings.

The Board has two or three **Members-at-large** (currently Malcolm Campbell — who is also the MagiCurrents Editor — which participate in the workings of the Board by taking on specific assignments which they are best able to perform. This is a good position to start in to "get a feel" for the Board.

If you are interested in helping and giving something back to the ring, please contact one of us on the nominating committee, before the June meeting if possible, but you may ask to be placed on the ballot at any time before the election in June.



## 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