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## President's Message

By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy

This first message is for all of you who did not come to our Installation Banquet. Boy, did you miss a great event! The catering by Olive Garden was wonderful and the entertainment will be hard to top next year. All in all, it was probably the best event we have had in many years if not the best ever. It is not often a group of magicians from our club will give the entertainment a standing ovation. It was so pleasurable for all of us since the buffet setup, replenishing and clean up were done by outside help (my daughter Mysti and her Aunt Carol) so that we all could socialize and enjoy everything instead of working our way through our own event. All in all, it was very successful and enjoyable.

The second part of this message is for all of you. The new Board of Directors is taking over and we are making some of the changes you asked for at May's meeting. There will be less competitiveness in our monthly meetings, meaning no monthly winner so there will be less stress for a hobbyist to outdo a professional entertainer. Just come, perform and enjoy. For those of you that like the competition, we will still have an Entertainer of the Year award. There will be some theme suggestions but you will be able to perform anything according to theme or not without worry. In fact, 3 of our 6 members performance nights will be called open mic. Pick



you own theme or style. The other three nights will have a suggested theme such as Halloween, scary or spooky magic in October. You can still feel free to do a Santa Claus hat tear if you want that night. This is your club so if you have suggestions, let us know.

## Ring 76 2017-18 Calendar

- Aug 7 Magic with Bags\* **NEW DATE**
  - Sep 11 No theme\*
  - Oct 9 Halloween Magic\*
  - Nov 13 Auction
  - Dec 10 Holiday Party, potluck
  - Jan 8 New to Me\*
  - Feb 12 Close-Up Competition
  - Mar 12 No Theme\*
  - Apr 9 Teach-a-Trick
  - May 14 Stage Competition
  - Jun 11 No Theme\*
  - Jul 8 Installation Banquet
- \*Opportunity for Members to Perform

*Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month. However, our next meeting will be on August 7 at 7:00 at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club*

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## ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND AWARDS BANQUET CAPS OFF 2016 – 2017 IN GRAND STYLE

**J**ULY 9, 2017, SAN DIEGO MISSION  
BAY BOAT AND SKI CLUB

Thanks to the outgoing Ring 76 Board and Ring volunteers, an outstanding evening was experienced by all.

The Board and several other members arrived early enough to see that the hall was properly set up. Our SDMBBSC host provided and setup tables, table clothes and seating. As the 40+ members and guests arrived and enjoyed a no-host Meet and Greet, they were entertained by the strolling magic of Doc Pearson and Josselin Nespoux.

The catered dinner provided by The **Olive Garden** arrived promptly on time and was set up by their delivery staff assisted by **Carol Kaufman and Mysti Schubert**, sister-in-law and daughter of Ring President Joe Mystic. Carol and Mysti did a fine job of keeping the serving line full, the food warm, then cleaning up.

The more than ample dinner of a variety of pastas, sauces and meats, salads and bread sticks was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there. Cupcakes and cookies were provided by several members. Coffee was provided by Bob Meigs and Jeff Marcus. The full SDMBBSC bar was available to the attendees. The food was delicious, the desserts mouth watering and the conversations at the tables sparkling.

The business of the evening followed dinner. First, the **outgoing Board** was recognized and

presented with plaques for their service and an ovation from the membership. They have served the Ring well in the last year. While some will return, others have retired from the Board and will be greatly missed.

The **new Board** was then sworn in by Territorial Vice-President Jeff Marcus and took their places as the governing body of Ring 76. The membership welcomed them with warm applause.

With the business concluded, it was time for the **presentation of awards**.

The first of these was the announcement of the winners of the **Close-Up Competition** held last February.

**Third Place** was **Greg Wauson**, **Second Place** was **Mago Ruly** and the **First Place** prize went to **Joe Nespoux**. Each was awarded a medal and a cash prize. Congratulations to these fine magicians. (There was no Stage Magic Competition this past year.)

The next award was the **Entertainer of the Year**.

Each month in which we have a competition, the members in attendance cast their votes for the best performer. These go into a ballot box and the accumulated totals for each participant are counted before the Installation Banquet. The performer with the highest total vote count for the year is our Entertainer of the Year. It was very close this year but the award went to Kenny Shelton. Congratulations Kenny for a job well

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done.

Finally, we came to the last award, that of **Member of the Year**.

Each year the membership votes on who they think has been the best representative of the Ring, and of the Magical Community in our fair city. To us, they represent the finest in effort and service to maintain the high standards of I.B.M. Ring 76.

This year the award went to **Malcolm Campbell**, a talented magician, Board Member, and Editor of the Ring 76 Newsletter. Congratulations for an honor well deserved.

Next, **Kenny Shelton**, assisted by **Rich Robertson**, conducted the prize raffle. There was a great selection of prizes donated by several members.

With the business of the banquet over, it was time to turn to the **entertainment of the evening**.

This year we were fortunate to have the talented magician and ventriloquist **Kevin Johnson**. Recognized as one of the world's top ten

ventriloquists, Kevin is mostly known from his appearance on NBC's *America's Got Talent* and *The Late Show* with David Letterman.

Kevin started at San Diego's Legoland California Theme Park and was twice honored as the "Best Male Performer" at ANY amusement park in the world. He is also a long-time friend of Ring President Joe Mystic as well as many other Ring members.

Kevin thoroughly entertained the audience with a creative show that had this group of professionals laughing in their seats. At the end, he received a standing ovation, then attendees lined up for pictures and praise.

The evening ended way too early, with clean up, and casual conversations, and members looking forward to the upcoming Ring 76 year.

Richard Ustick  
V.P. Entertainment  
IBM Ring 76

## MEET and GREET



**Doc Pearson entertains**



# LET the FEAST BEGIN



**Carol Kaufman and Mysti Schubert maintain the buffet**



## OUTGOING BOARD RECOGNITION



**Left to right: Richard Ustick, Bob Meigs, Malcolm Campbell, James Thayer, Sherry Luft, Kenny Shelton, Joe Mystic McGrievy**



## INCOMING BOARD



**President: Joe Mystic**



**1st V.P. of Entertainment  
Richard Ustick**



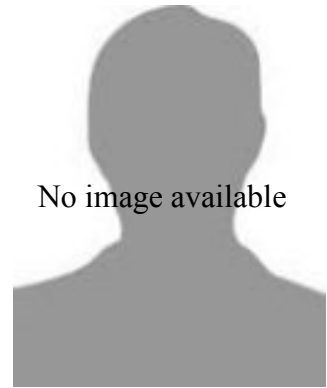
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James Thayer**



**Treasurer Bob Meigs**



**Secretary Ken Intriligator**



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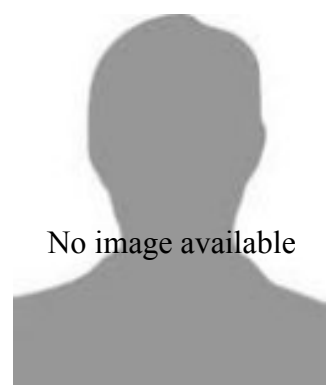
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John Hunter**



**Member-at-Large  
Malcolm Campbell**



**Member-at-Large  
Loch David Crane**



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**Member-at-Large  
Robert Vinson**



## PRIZE RAFFLE



**Raffle conducted by Kenny Shelton,  
assisted by Rich Robertson**



## AWARDS

### CLOSE-UP CONTEST



Third Place: **GREG WAUSON** (right) , Second Place: **MAGO RULY** (not shown) First Place: **JOE NESPOUX** (center).

### PERFORMER OF THE YEAR



**KENNY SHELTON**

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR



**MALCOLM CAMPBELL**





## KEVIN JOHNSON and FRIENDS

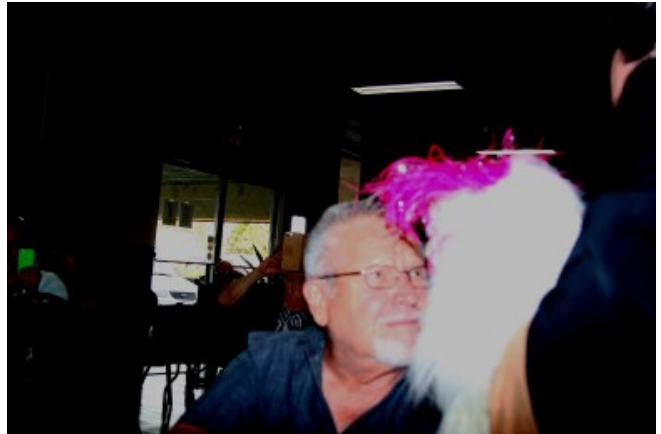


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**Thank you, Kevin and Friends for an awesome entertaining conclusion to our evening!**

### **Board Votes to Continue Performer-of-the-Year Award**

In the 2017–18 season, points accumulated by receiving members' votes at each of the performance competition events will continue to be totaled to select the Performer of the Year. However, the award for the performer receiving the most votes at each competition will be discontinued since the Board concluded that this was the will of the membership.



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

The July issue of The Linking Ring carries a story about the friendship between Kevin Casaretto and John Roberts who live 10,500 miles apart, Kevin in Australia and John in Virginia.

It turns out that, as the result of I.B.M. conventions and editing Parades by both, your Editor also regularly corresponds with the two, keeping up on their magical and personal endeavors, discovering their connection only recently.

Magic is a wonderful common denominator, bringing people with many similar interests together to enjoy mutually beneficial friendships.

..... editor



## SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

### Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Board Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy** at 7:24 pm (dinner started at 7:00pm). Present were First V.P. of Entertainment **Richard Ustick**, Second V.P. of Membership **James Thayer**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Treasurer **Bob Meigs**, Sergeant-of-Arms **John Hunter**, Member-at-Large and Newsletter Editor **Malcolm Campbell**, and Member-at-Large **Robert Vinson**. Past board member **Sherry Luft** was also present. Member-at-Large (Past President and current librarian) **Kenny Shelton** and Member-at-Large **Loch David Crane** were absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June Board meeting were approved.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's report** - Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the board. There was a net reduction in the cash balance, primarily due to fees for the incorporation process and a net loss for the banquet. The report was approved by the board.

**Library Report** - None.

**Membership report** - **James Thayer** reported that the Ring now has 54 members in good standing, including 11 Life Members. This is down from 68 at this time last year.

**Installation Banquet report** - The banquet was a great success - one of the best! Everyone enjoyed the food, entertainment, and all other aspects. It sets a high bar to match or top in the future.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Ring incorporation** - **Malcolm** updated us on the progress on getting the ring incorporated as a 501c6. The application is with the Secretary of State office and will eventually go to the IRS for Non-Profit status approval (where it could take up to a year). There will be additional fees throughout the process.

Officers in the future will have to provide some paperwork (a listing of the current officers) every other year to maintain the corporation status.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Next year's meetings** - August 7, 2017: Bag Magic, September: No Theme performance night, October: Halloween Magic, November: Auction, December: Holiday pot-luck banquet, January: New-to-Me Magic, February: Close-Up Competition, March: No Theme performance night, April: Teach a Trick, May: Stand up Competition, June: No Theme performance night, July: Installation Banquet, August: (2018) Kid's Magic.

**Membership** - There was some preliminary discussion about programs to make Ring 76 more visible within the San Diego magic community and to attract new members—especially young magicians.

### NEWSLETTER

Malcolm encourages member contributions, including product reviews.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



Know why the text in MagiCurrents doesn't look like this?.,-+^ (& dskkv kj-]/ .., ,mm [%^ rrrrrrrk-0-gr;b=;%()\_)?

It's mostly because of our unsung hero, our Proofreader Sherry Luft.

Sherry loves to read but, even more, she loves to find misspelled words, improper grammar we don't want nothing to do with, way/ward punctuation" and anything else her and the Style Guide can find that sneak into the "perfect" material we send her.

Thanks you, Sherry!

..... Editor



### REMINDER

#### August Membership Meeting Moved to Monday, August 7

To accommodate those members who will be attending Magic Live, the August meeting has been moved up a week to August 7. It will be held at our current regular location, the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club at the usual time of 7:00pm.

Richard Ustick will continue his "History of Playing Cards" which is bound to bring a few laughs.

The competition theme of the night will be "Bag Magic." Any trick using a bag of any kind qualifies.

Members are encouraged to use their ingenuity and follow the theme but that is not necessary for the competition.

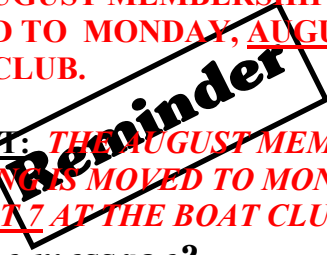
In addition, we hope to resume our New Trick Demonstration and Raffle. If you've run across something spectacular in the \$75 - \$100 range, please let Jeff Marcus know. He will demonstrate it at a future meeting and everyone who buys a raffle ticket will have a chance to own it.



**THE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS MOVED TO MONDAY, AUGUST 7 AT THE BOAT CLUB.**

**REPEAT: THE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS MOVED TO MONDAY, AUGUST 7 AT THE BOAT CLUB.**

*Got the message?*





## NOTES AND REMINDERS



# The August Membership Meeting is Monday, August. 7

**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 or service 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. 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