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Ring 76 2017-18 Calendar

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.
The next meeting is on October 9 at 7:00 at the Mission Bay
Boat and Ski Club*

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

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P.
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HALLOWEEN MAGIC IN OCTOBER

October 9's *suggested* theme is Halloween Magic.

In accordance with the Ring's recent decision to not restrict any performance nights to a topic, the emphasis will be on Halloween (or "Spooky Magic") but you may perform any effect or routine of your choice and still be entered into the competition.



It may be something you just developed or learned, something you've not had an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience before, something you'd like to have critiqued, or something you've done very well for years.

The membership will vote for their favorite and points toward the Performer of the Year Award at the end of the year will be awarded. Adherence to the suggested theme will not be a factor in the judging.

The meeting will start with the normal business including committee reports.

After all that, it will be your turn to shine as "any magic will do." If you plan to participate, please make sure you notify Richard Ustick, V.P. of Entertainment, at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com prior to the meeting.

See you October 9.



..... Richard Ustick, V.P. of Entertainment



We will also be educated and entertained by a presentation of scripting and stagecraft by our Treasurer, Bob Meigs. He will present a demonstration of timely illusions and talk about how they are blended into an actual show. It promises to be of interest to all members.



Minutes of the Ring 76 August 7, 2017, Monthly Membership Meeting

President Joe (**Mystic**) McGrievy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There were 26 members and four guests present.

The guests included **Craig Stone**, **Derek Ostovani** (Past President of Ring 76), **Fabin** and **Tim Wise**, a guest of **Jeff Pearson**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

V.P. of Entertainment Richard Ustick reminded us that November will feature our auction. Details will be available in the newsletter and on our website. October will be Halloween theme for obvious reasons.

Kenny Shelton mentioned that he starts work at the Scream Zone September 29th. Admission will be half-off the triple haunt admission. Parking is free. Scream Zone is held at the San Diego County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please ask Kenny.

Joe Mystic mentioned that Mike Stilwell performs at Dave and Busters from either 6 to 8 PM or 6 to 9 PM on Wednesday nights. Mike would like more members to go and see him.

Jeff Pearson talked about the magic meetings in North County. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at the Coco's. The meetings are casual; Members just bring and perform magic for friends—no business, no themes, just magic.

Sergeant-at-Arms **John Hunter** discussed the proper procedure for logging in at the Boat Club.

Richard presented the agenda for the evening.

NEW TRICK RAFFLE

Jeff Marcus performed “Unbroken” by Cody Nottingham. It was very amazing to behold as the chosen card traveled through the glass in the front door of the club. The trick, which is a modest \$40, was later raffled off and won by **Jeff Pearson**.

CONTINUING LECTURE

Richard Ustick presented the final chapter of “The History of Playing Cards” with the subject being “Playing Cards come to America.” Innovations in playing cards originating in America were featured.

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Bob Meigs, **Jeff Marcus** and **Sherry Luft** each shared their experiences at the recent Magic Live convention in Las Vegas.

Ring members are encouraged to consider attending next year.

PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

There was no suggested performance theme for the evening. Members voted for their favorite performance and the votes will go toward Performer of the Year.

Charlie Gott illustrated the principle of Mark 10:25 “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God” using trick “Threading the Needle” with a rope and a toy camel.

With the help of **Sal**, **Derek**, **Jeff Pearson** and **Malcolm**, **Kenny Shelton** performed a gambling routine by Darwin Ortiz where 5 poker hands were dealt. Each helper selected a card then the hands were mixed. Kenny was able to determine the selected cards by reading each helper's body language.

After rolling up a small towel to make it look like a chicken, **Mago Ruly** performed a trick using a mesh bag. Some cards appeared in the bag. Assistant **Sherry Luft** picked a card and Mago revealed, then found the card.

Terry Godfrey performed a ring and stick routine combined with plenty of comedy. With volunteers **Bob Meigs** and **Sherry Luft** holding the stick ends, a ring with string treaded through it jumped from the string to the stick.

Nick Benevento performed his version of “Brainwave” using jumbo cards and music. After



MEET AND GREET TIME



GUESTS



Craig Stone



Derek Ostovani and Fabian

JEFF MARCUS DEMONSTRATES EFFECT TO BE RAFFLED



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RICHARD USTICK COMPLETES HISTORY OF PLAYING CARDS



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Bob Meigs



Jeff Marcus



Sherry Luft

PERFORMANCE COMPETITION



Charlie Gott



Mago Ruly with Sherry Luft



Kenny Shelton with Jeff Pearson, Sal Barajas, Derek Ostovani, Malcolm Campbell



Terry Godfrey with Bob Meigs and Sherry Luft



Nick Benevento



Malcolm Campbell



Guest Tim Wise

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volunteers selected cards and returned them to the deck. the deck was found to contain the selected cards while the rest of the deck was blank.

Malcolm Campbell presented an original story-telling deck along the lines of “Sam the Bell Hop” using jumbo cards. The story involved a young woman’s experiences with blind dates.

Guest **Tim Wise** of Wonderground, made a pitch for his upcoming show then performed a card trick

for us called “the Improv Deck” with the help of **Derek Ostovani** and **Cynthia Robertson**

After a brief discussion of upcoming events, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard Ustick and Lupe Shelton Acting Recording Secretaries

AUCTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

The semi-annual Ring 76 auction will be held during the General Meeting on November 11.

Members are encouraged to clean out their closets and cases and bring their magic-related treasures to the auction block.



This year's auction rules are simple. Each seller may have up to five lots to auction. A "Lot" may consist of one item, like a prop or a book, or it may consist of any number of items, like a book set or collection of packet tricks. There is no limit on how many items are in a lot, however, the lot will be auctioned as one item at one price for the entire lot. Lots may not be split once put up for auction. The opening bid for each lot will be set by the member and the auctioneer will not lower the asking price below the minimum bid. As usual, the Ring will

receive 10% of the final auction price.



Guests buyers are welcome to this event and, in fact, are encouraged. The more buyers we have, the greater chance you will have of selling those items you no longer use. It is a great opportunity for new magicians to add to their collections at very reasonable prices. Credit

cards will be accepted for all winning bids.

Some members will be auctioning off valuable collectible items with starting bids higher than usual. If you plan on being one of those members we encourage you to send Magiccurrents (editor@ring76.com) a picture and description of your item and the starting bid you are expecting. This will help generate interest and allow buyers to adjust their budgets appropriately.





Don't forget that when our meetings at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club coincide with Monday Night Football, their grill is open and there is a special which usually includes an entre, chips and a drink for around \$10.00.

Plan to come early and have your dinner during the Meet and Greet time.



THANKS to LUPE SHELTON and RICHARD USTICK for their recordings of the General Meeting in the absence of our Secretary and to JEFF PEARSON for the photos in the absence of our regular photographer.

.... editor



Focus On
THE LINKING RING

Do you do Kids' Magic?

If "yes" then you should take a look at the Hocus Pocus Parade in the September issue written by members of Kidabra. This international organization is devoted to offering the best performances possible for young audiences. All Kids' Magic performers are invited to join their ranks and participate in their activities.

See the Parade introduction for more details and the Parade itself for examples of their material.

..... Editor



Shavings from the Board

Minutes of the Ring 76
Board Meeting
September 24, 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 John Hunter, Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large Malcolm Campbell, and Member-at-Large Loch David Crane. Member-at-Large (Past President and current Librarian) Kenny Shelton was absent, as was Second V.P. (Membership) James Thayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August Board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report - Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the board. There were some small expenses, including for the monthly fee for use of the Boat and Ski Club.

Bob indicated that, due to the cost of incorporating, we needed to look at a reduction of expenses by a few hundred dollars for the rest of the fiscal year.

There was then discussion about reducing outside lecturers and costs for the two banquets. Joe volunteered to do his Christmas children's show at his church where we would have children to entertain

and pay no fee for the room. He will check into that possibility.

The report was approved by the board.

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

Membership report - Sergeant-at-Arms **John Hunter** reported that there are several members attending meetings who are not on his list of paid members. He will get with James to review the list.

OLD BUSINESS

September meeting - All agreed that the meeting went well, with a reasonable number of performances. The Magic Live reports were well received as was Richard's final installment of his History of Playing Cards.

Ring incorporation - Malcolm updated us on the progress of getting the Ring incorporated as a 501c6. The Ring could have an answer from the IRS within 90 days after the filing.

NEW BUSINESS

New meeting ideas - Prompted by suggestions from Bob Meigs, there was another brainstorming session for bringing a variety of new things to the meetings. We will discuss it more at the Ring meeting.

Holiday Banquet - See discussion under Treasurer's Report.

November Auction - The ring gets 10% of the proceeds, and people are limited to 5 lots each. Guests are welcome. There will be a credit card reader. Member can advertise what they will have for sale in the November issue of the newsletter. Send information to Malcolm. editor@ring76.com.

Ken Intriligator



FROM HAPPY ELLIOTT

Just a short time ago the US Senate appropriations Committee approved an additional \$414 million increase in Alzheimer's and dementia research funding. It's far from guaranteed and must still be approved by the full Congress and signed into law by the President. If signed into law, federal investment in Alzheimer's and related dementia research funding would reach \$1.8 billion. We need to stay on path toward preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's by 2025.

None of the above will ever reach the people here in San Diego and this is why I continue to do my part, annually, in raising funds by walking for a good cause. We are about three weeks away from the Walk here in Oceanside, CA on October 7th, and I Need Your Help to reach my goal of \$4,000. I'm a little over half way there so anything you would like to give (it's tax deductible) to Alzheimer's San Diego, in Bob's honor, would be greatly appreciated.

Not only is the patient affected by this disease but the caregiver's, usually a loved one who is on call 24/7, health is in jeopardy. These funds which we raise actually stay right here in San Diego and don't go to the National Alzheimer's Association, which they use towards salaries and distribute as they see fit.

Unless you've experienced this disease first hand by caring for a loved one, you have no idea the financial burden and toll it takes on the entire family; so anything you can give would be greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Thanking you in advance from all the Elliotts from the bottom of our hearts and those San Diegans we will be able to help.

Magically,
Happy

To donate online, please click the link and follow the prompts: Sponsor Me.

If you would prefer to mail in a check:

Make the check out to Alzheimer's San Diego

Write my name in the memo

Mail the check to Alzheimer's San Diego at 6632 Convoy Ct San Diego, CA 92111

Bob Elliott passed away in 2010. For those of you who didn't know this fine magician, there is biographical information at <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-magician-bob-elliott-mentor-to-many-dies-at-76-2011jan12-story.html>. editor

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 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.

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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



TIM WISE former Producer/Host of the Hit Show
“LET’S MAKE A DEAL LIVE”
AND **Current** Co-Producer and Host of the
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Afterparty... TBD

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