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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By
Joe (Mystic) McGrievy

The Holiday Season is upon us. This mean that our Holiday Pot Luck Banquet is just around the corner.

This event is an opportunity for us to get together with fellow Ring members, family and friends to celebrate goodness, kindness, charity and diversity. Just as not everyone is a magician, we are not all the same religion or ethnicity and we should celebrate the diversity.

Although our main dishes will be turkey and ham, you can bring something as a pot luck dish that comes from your own background or ethnicity.

I can see it now: turkey with refried beans, saffron rice and egg rolls. Of course, you can bring stuffing, cranberries and traditional side dishes BUT no rolls; We already have enough of those coming. The most important things to bring are YOU and your family and friends

There will be a Family Fun Magic Show, so bring the kids or grand kids. For those of you that can't join us, I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR because that's when I will see you next. Our January 8, 2018 meeting has a suggested theme of "Magic That Is New To You". Practice and bring those tricks that you received as gifts over the holidays.



Ring 76 2017-18 Calendar

- Dec 10 **Holiday Party Potluck.**
San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. Sunday, 6:00 pm.
- Jan 8 New to Me*
Joe Mystic Mini-Seminar
- Feb 12 Close-Up Competition
- Mar 12 No Theme*
Malcolm Campbell Mini-Seminar
- 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 Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

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

See Announcement.

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

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MINUTES OF THE NOV 13, 2017, RING 76 MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by **President Joe “Mystic” McGrievy**, at The San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. There were 21 members and 5 guests in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe had the guests introduce themselves.

Richard Ustick, V.P. of Entertainment announced that the December Holiday Banquet will take place on Sunday Dec 10th, 2017, at the Boat Club with setup and socializing from 5-6pm, and dining starting at 6pm.

The Ring will provide turkey, ham, water, coffee, plates and utensils. Members and guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert that will serve 8 – 10 people. Adult and soft drinks will be available at the no host club bar.

Joe will perform his kids’ show at the banquet and everyone is encouraged to bring their kids, grandkids, and neighbors with kids so that they can participate in the show. At the January meeting, he will lecture on the show, taking it apart and discussing why the routing works to make it a coherent show, rather than just a collection of effects.

Sal Barajas announced that the Old Town magic shop has reopened.

Terry Lunceford is working with a charitable group using 3d printer technology to build magic into prosthetics, and asked for ideas or advice from anyone who knows about 3D printer technology, or who has some good ideas (Joe had a great suggestion).

Matt King recapped the success of their Mystic Magic Variety Show, and thanked the members who came to support it, including Joe Mystic who performed. Joe said that it was great! He was very impressed with the caliber of all of the performers.

Matt said that he and a group will be performing at the December Nights event in Balboa Park.

Malcolm Campbell, Newsletter Editor and Member-at-large announced that **Richard Turner** will be in San Diego this Friday for the evening showing of the documentary film, Dealt, which is about his life. The film will show for several days, but Richard will be at the Friday 7:30 pm showing only.

Joe mentioned that he knew Richard before Richard started magic, and gave Richard some magic lessons in exchange for juggling lessons.

Malcolm mentioned that Jack White and his wife will also be at the Friday Showing.

PROGRAM

This month's program was the bi-annual auction.. **Richard Ustick** explained how the auction would be conducted. **Sal Barajas** was the auctioneer, **Richard** maintained the seller/buyer records, Treasurer **Bob Meigs** and **Sherry Luft** handled the finances.

There were many great items and deals!

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary

Holiday Party to Feature Quality Raffle Items

Be sure to bring the change from your Holiday shopping so that you can have a chance of winning a raffle prize.

A single ticket could make you the owner of the \$250.00 Working Man folding table donated by President McGrievy or any one of the many other prizes provided by the Ring and others.



AUCTION IS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the quality of the items brought to auction, to the buyers who took advantage of the many extraordinary bargains and, especially, to those individuals and commercial suppliers who donated items, the bi-annual auction was a win/win event for all concerned.; Sellers exchanged unused items for cash, buyers became owners of some great material at great prices and the Ring received substantial proceeds.

The Ring's income from items donated to the Ring plus our 10% cut of all sales amounted to \$XXX.

Special thanks to Sal Barajas for conducting the auction, and supplying a credit card reader, Richard Ustick for keeping track of the sales, Sherry Luft and Bob Meigs for collecting and disbursing the funds, and the family of Don Holcomb which donated items from Don's estate.



Richard compiles lots from Ring table while Sal conducts the auction





RICHARD TURNER MAKES APPEARANCE AT SCREENING OF HIS NEW DOCUMENTARY “DEALT”

San Diego was privileged to have the opportunity to attend a special screening of the documentary “Dealt,” directed by Luke Korem. The film



Mike Stillwell with Richard Turner

depicts the amazing life of Richard Turner who, although completely sightless, is considered one of the top card mechanics in the world.

Members of Ring 76 and the local magic community attended the screening which was part of a two-week run at the Digital Gym Theatre in North Park. Those attending especially welcomed Ring 76 member and Past President of The I.B.M. , Jack White.

The screening was followed by an opportunity for Richard to respond to questions asked by the audience.

Richard’s story is inspirational to anyone dealing with obstacles in their lives. His secret is to turn them into assess and consider them part of the tools with which one has to work.

Dealt is available for rental on Amazon.

SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD



MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING November 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy at 7:30 pm following dinner provided by Bob and Mary Meigs.

The other board members present were: First V.P. (Entertainment) **Richard Ustick**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Treasurer **Bob Meigs**, Sergeant-at-Arms **John Hunter**, and Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large **Malcolm Campbell**. Second V.P. (Membership) James Thayer, Member-at-Large **Loch David Crane**, Member-at-Large **Robert Vinson**, and Member-at-Large (Past President and current Librarian) **Kenny Shelton** were absent. Past President **Sal Barajas** was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October Board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer’s report -Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the Board, which included a breakdown of the auction sales, and the net profit (which was very good). The Ring is grateful for the donated items, which significantly contributed to the success and profit of the event. We will send thank you notes to the donors.

Ad sales and income from the auction have removed the anticipated shortfall presented last month.

The monthly use of the Boat and Ski Club has become slightly more expensive (but still less than the Lion’s Club). This prompted a discussion of the possible, eventual reopening of Jack White’s place.

The Treasurer’s report was approved by the board.

Library report - None

Membership report - **James** communicated that there was one member who paid his dues, rising the paid membership to 60.

OLD BUSINESS

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November Meeting report All agreed that the auction went well and with a significant impact on the Ring's funds.

Ring incorporation - **Malcolm** updated us on the progress on getting the Ring incorporated, as a 501c6. If the application was accepted by the IRS without the need for additional information, we expected a response within 90 days of the filing.

That date, November 19, has past so Malcolm will contact the incorporating attorney for instructions as to how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS

Holiday Banquet The event is confirmed for Sunday, December 10 at the Boat Club. There is another event there earlier in the day so it was necessary to start ours at 6:00, an hour later than planned. Members of the Board will provide the main course (two turkeys and one ham), coffee, water and utensils. The side dishes will be provided by the membership.

Joe will provide the entertainment. **Richard** will send emails to coordinate the potluck.

NEW BUSINESS

Raffles - **Sal Barajas** volunteered to conduct raffles at meetings where time permits initially using items on hand, then relying on donated or purchased items. It is hoped that the proceeds of regular raffles will offset our meeting space fees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Meeting - "It's New to Me" theme, Mini Seminar by **Joe** on structure of show, raffle.

February Meeting - Close up competition. Brief discussion: probably no time for raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



Focus On

THE LINKING RING

Magic tricks are exposed routinely on the Net. Anybody with the money can buy the most recent gimmicks with instructions on how to use them.

What will this eventually do to our beloved art? Will audiences stop showing up to see a magician perform? Will magic become boring?

Your Editor thinks not, but what is presented to audiences may need to swing away from pure astonishment toward perfection with "perfection" putting emphasis on skills.

It seems that every day a new gimmick arrives on the scene, minimizing the skills necessary to execute a previously difficult effect.

In the November Linking Ring, **Jamy Ian Swiss** presents a comprehensive argument supporting the use of a well thought-out blend of gimmicks and skills for maximum impact.

..... Editor

*If you have a few minutes, look back through this year's issues of **MagiCurrents** (all available on line) to refresh your memory of the events of 2017 within Ring 76.*

*The world in general has faced many turbulent times this year — some seemingly insurmountable. However, with our support of **The I.B.M.**, our participation in seminars and conventions, our public performances, and the sharing of our talents and skills within the Ring, we have put forth a commendable effort to keep the art of magical entertainment alive and bringing respites of wonder and laughter to those who witness our art in action. Perhaps most of all, we continue to develop and enhance this welcomed diversion in our own lives.*

Happy New Year . . . Editor



HOLIDAY POTLUCK DECEMBER 10

The Holidays are right around the corner and it is time to mark your magic calendar.

December will be our annual potluck dinner and show. Members are encouraged to bring family, friends, and their favorite holiday dish. Board members will provide a turkey and ham, coffee and water. Additional drinks will be available at reasonable prices at the no-host bar. We will rely on you to complete the holiday feast. We need main courses, side dishes, salads, and desserts. Please bring enough for 8 - 10 people and contact me at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com to let me know what you are bringing so we can avoid duplication.

We will have warming trays and serving utensils so you need not worry about keeping your items warm.

The entertainment will be our own Joe Mystic performing his Holiday Children's Show so children are especially welcome. Bring your neighbor and their kids if you can.

We will also have a raffle of great magic items provided by the Ring and individuals. If you have anything you didn't sell at the auctions or anything else you would like to get rid of, please bring it and we will add it to the auction.

The Sunday evening date is a departure from our usual Monday evening. This will allow those who work to have more time and less traffic to get there.

Contact me if you have any questions. Richard Ustick, V.P. Entertainment, IBM Ring 76

NOTES AND REMINDERS



MagiCurrents offers paid advertising for magic-related items from non-members. The rate is \$60.00 per page per issue.

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