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President's Message

By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy



May is Stage Competition month. I really hope to see a full list of performers. Bring a new routine or do something you have been doing for years. It doesn't really matter because you are doing it for the love of performing magic.

While I have made most of my living for the last 50 years performing magic and entertaining an audience, I have also performed many non-paid shows. WHY? Because I love performing magic. I love that audience response. I love the opportunity to be the center of attention.

I was and mostly still am the wallflower in a party or gathering. That changes when I start to entertain that same group. Doing magic took me out of my shell and allowed me to shine in a group function.

Come on May 14 and shine in our next ing meeting by performing in the Stage Competition. Don't get the feeling that you are not good enough to entertain in front of a group of magicians, some of them professionals.

An audience of magicians can be the most understanding and encouraging audience because all of us have done our first shows somewhere, not *necessarily* with the results we intended. If I would have let my less than perfect shows or even failures stop me, I would never have known the great feeling of the good show or, even

sometimes, that great show. Hope to see you all on Monday, May 14, 7pm at the SDMBB&SC (boat club). Joe

Ring 76 2017-18 Calendar

May 14 Stage Competition
May 28 Board Meeting**
Jun 11 No Theme*/Elections
Jun 25 Board Meeting**
Jul 15 Installation Banquet

* Opportunity for Members to Perform
** Any Member may attend.

*Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm
on the second Monday of the month.
The next meeting is on Monday, May 14 at
7:00 at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club*

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CA 92109**

Direct any questions concerning the
calendar to V.P. Entertainment Richard Ustick,
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Minutes of the April 14, 2018, Ring 76 Membership Meeting

The meeting was held at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club.

President **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were a few visitors who introduced themselves: **Dave** (who also attended last month) and his friend **Jeg**, and **Gary Salsbury** who was a former, longtime member of the Ring, were present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

V.P. of Entertainment **Richard Ustick** announced the names of the members of the election committee. They will get a proposed slate from the current Board before the May meeting. Any members who would like to run for the Board should inform the election committee by the May meeting; It would be highly welcomed to have new Board members with fresh ideas.

Ring dues are due by the June meeting, and can be paid to James Thayer.

The May meeting will be the Stand Up Magic competition. Please see the website for details about the time limit, etc, and contact Richard if you will perform.

Jeff Marcus announced that **Arlene Moskowitz** passed away recently. He had some pictures and read her obituary. Arlene’s husband, longtime Ring 76 member **Dr Joel Moskowitz**, died one year ago, and Arlene and her daughter had attended the Ring meeting a year ago when Jeff did a broken wand ceremony for Joel.

Both Arlene and Joel had interesting lives involving many aspects of magic.

Dr. Jeff Pearson announced two things: There is a great, new magic shop in downtown San Diego, and they are starting an Illusions show, with performers which include some Ring members. [Mike Stillwell posted on Facebook that there is a

show Monday, May 7th at San Diego's Hotel Andaz, 6-9 PM.] Also, Dr. Jeff announced that **Doc Eason** will have a workshop in Carlsbad on April 15, hosted by **Tim Wise**, Both Doc and Tim attended tonight’s meeting..

MINI-SEMINAR

Bob Meigs presented a wonderful and informative lecture on **STEM&M: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Magic**. He discussed the enormous interest in **STEM** education for kids, and how magic can be tied into the demonstrations making them even more fun. Science and magic are two sides of the same coin. He gave many examples (pulling the table cloth out from under dishes, and the zombie arm twist) and also pointed out that there is a wealth of material already out there on YouTube, so it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel in terms of science/magic demonstrations.

TEACH-A-TRICK DEMONSTRATIONS

There were four presenters: Malcolm Campbell, Ken Intriligator, Bob Meigs, and Joe Mystic. The Ring members separated into four groups, each at a table, and the presenters rotated among the tables. Here is what they taught:

Malcolm Campbell demonstrated “Three’s a Charm” by Bill Pryor. A packet of 20 cards, each with a different back, was shown along with three “Locator” cards. Each was placed face up in the face-down packet at a location determined by a volunteer. Each face-up card, along with its “face mate” (the face-down card it faced) was located and removed from the packet. Each locator and its face mate were found to have the same suit and value. The spectators were reminded that the deck packet had no duplicate backs, yet, when turned over, the backs of each pair matched. Finally, although the three face mates were different cards, they were

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shown to have come from a packet composed of nothing but Fives of Spades!

Ken Intriligator demonstrated the “Patriotic Paper Balls” from Tarbell. The effect can be done with three groups of three of any small objects: tissue paper balls of different colors, coins of different denominations, dice of different colors or, as performed by Ken at the August Ring meeting, different types of small hardware like nuts and bolts, or different types of small candies, which is what Ken brought for the demonstration.

The effect is that the performer distributes the objects, one-by-one, into bags held by three spectators. It looks as if one spectator has three of object X, another has three of object Y, and another has three of object Z. When they take out the contents from their bag, each spectator has one of each X, Y, and Z. In addition to demonstrating the method, Ken gave some pointers on the so-called “Bobo Switch.”

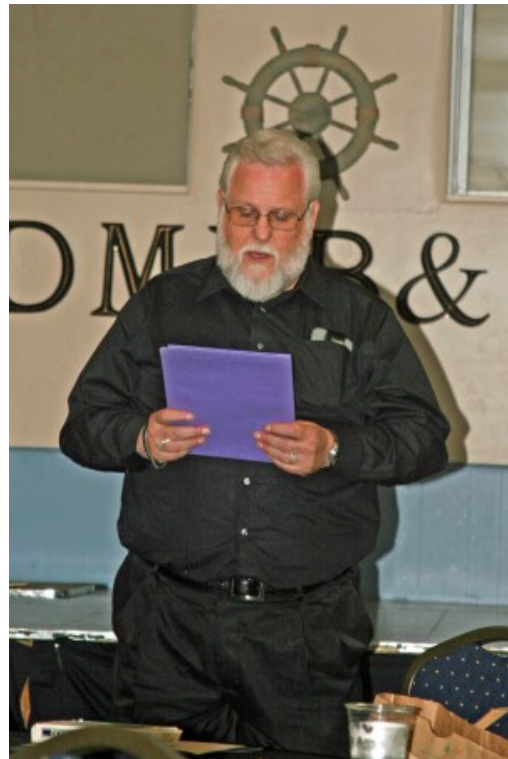
Bob Meigs presented two tricks which kids can do themselves using household items. The first is commonly called a “Prayer Vase,” but he call it “Genie in the Bottle,” to accommodate his patter. This trick appeals to kids because they can make the props themselves; It requires only a dark bottle (root beer comes in dark bottles), a short piece of rope, and a “gimmick” made by rolling a 4” square of aluminum foil into a ball.

The second was a demonstration of the Bernoulli Principle that he called “What Keeps Airplanes Up?” The trick uses a hair dryer and a ping pong ball. If you point the hair dryer down, you should think it would blow a ping pong ball released near the nozzle down toward the floor. Instead, the ball rises toward the nozzle - the Bernoulli Principle at work. (In order for this trick to work, kids may have to make a small cup from the top of a large throat plastic bottle and tape it to the hair dryer.)

Joe “Mystic” McGrievy taught several unknown name and creator simulated cut and restored rope tricks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40, and many of us (including Doc Eason and Tim Wise) went to Buddy’s Diner in Pacific Beach for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

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..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



**Territorial V.P. Jeff Marcus presents
tribute to Arlene Moskowitz**

STEM&M
Bob Meigs



Wonderfully colorful and informative show.

TEACH-A-TRICK



Malcolm Campbell with a small packet full of surprises



Joe Mystic shows he really knows the ropes



Bob Meigs shows it's just a matter of science



Ken Intriligator produces a sweet surprise

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual Ring 76 Stage Competition will held at the May meeting.

May's meeting will feature the talents of our members performing routines to both impress and entertain. Members will vote for their favorite performers and the winners will receive valuable cash prizes and awards recognizing their efforts in the Nagical arts.

The event is open to all members in good standing and has featured some of the most entertaining magic of the year. All acts are welcome so, if you are interested in participating, please contact the V.P. of Entertainment, Richard Ustick, at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com.



The rules for this contest can be found on the Ring 76 website at <http://www.ring76.com/html/contest.html>. The most important factor is the time limit of 8 minutes. If exceeded, the contestant will be disqualified.

June's Performance Theme is "No Theme."



There is no theme like No Theme Night. The last chance to perform before the membership will be at the June 11 General Meeting. It is also the last chance you have of earning votes to become the Ring 76 *Entertainer of the Year*. Except for maintaining good taste and public safety, there are no restrictions, no theme suggestions, no dampers on your creativity and talent and no excuses for not performing that favorite routine of yours which will make the audience gasp. The doors will be wide open and members are invited to get up and show us what they want, the way they want. Don't miss this last chance to show the Ring what you have.



While there are no restrictions on your material, there are time restrictions so, if you are planning to perform, please contact Richard Ustick at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com so he can get your name on the list. Individually, you will not be limited in time.





SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING April 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy at 7:45 pm following dinner graciously served by our host Mary Meigs. The other board members present were V.P. of Entertainment Richard Ustick, Sergeant-at-Arms John Hunter, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Treasurer Bob Meigs, and Member-at-Large Robert Vinson. Second V.P. (membership) James Thayer, Member-at-large and Newsletter Editor Malcolm Campbell, and Librarian Kenny Shelton were 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. The only change was the fee for the meeting location. The Treasurer's report was approved by the Board.

Library Report Kenny Shelton was absent, so there was no library report.

Membership Report There was no updated membership report. Last time, there were 63 members.

OLD BUSINESS

April Meeting There was discussion of the meeting including Bob Meig's excellent STEM&M lecture, and the Teach-a-Trick event. The Board felt that the meeting went well.

Election Discussion The board gave its recommendations to the Election Committee..

July Banquet The event is planned for Sunday, July 15, starting at 5pm. It will be catered by Olive Garden.

Exchange Performances with The Long Beach IBM Ring Richard is in contact with the V.P. of Entertainment of their Ring about exchanging banquet entertainments. The Board is also looking at a proposal from a local magician .

NEW BUSINESS

May Meeting: Stand up stage competition (10 minute time limit). So far, we have three members who will perform.

Magic on the Base: Robert Vinson is bringing magic to Camp Pendleton, and will write a proposal for a charity show put on by Ring members.

NEWSLETTER

As usual, member contributions are encouraged, including any pictures.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP FAST

No, you don't have to choose between opposing foreign or fiscal policies, but you might give serious thought to being one of the candidates for Ring 76's Board of Directors.

This Ring is an important part of all of our lives, but it does not run itself. Each year the membership selects a Board of Directors to steer the Ring for the next Magic Season. As much fun as it is to be a member of Ring 76, it is also important for each member to take the time to serve the Ring that has meant so much to all of us.

Elections for new Board members will be held in June. Right now the Election Committee has received the recommendations of the Board as prescribed by the Ring By-Laws.

At the May meeting, any member in good standing who is interested in serving on the Board may present their name to the Committee. You can choose to run for any office and the Board has many to fill. (*Candidates for President must have already served a full term in another Board position,)

Being on the Board of Ring 76 takes little of your time. The Board meets eleven times a year, on the fourth Monday of the month, to manage the Ring Business and plans for future Ring events. What you see each month is the fruit of those labors

You can talk to any Board member for details and see if this is the year you take your first big step towards joining our leadership. If you've already served, make this the year you return to the Board.

Ring 76 Election Committee



MEMBERSHIP/DUES REPORT

We are finishing the fiscal 2017-18 Membership Year with 63 members (of which 10 are Life Members). This is a drop of 5 members from the previous year. Six of the Life Members are inactive with respect to participation in Ring activities this year, primarily due to age and health. We have one potential new member.

The beginning of a new membership year is just around the corner. Dues for the new year (2018-19) are due the end of June, but we are accepting dues payments now. The amount is \$30 for Active Members and \$15 for Junior Members (age 12-17). We have 1 paid member (so far) for the 2018-19 Membership Year (plus 10 life members as rdescribed above.).

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".

As I will be out of town next month, members who wish to pay their dues at the May meeting may give the money directly to the Treasurer and receive a proper receipt. If you desire to pay by PayPal, please contact me first for details. I may be reached at <jt4@ring76.com>

.....James Thayer, V.P. of Membership



FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING

Where are you in your magic career? Are you just fascinated by the art and enjoy developing — or at least witnessing others demonstrate new skills — or are you seriously on a path to becoming a professional?

In either case, Executive Editor, Sammy Smth, has some words of wisdom for you in his April message. He points out that everything we need in life comes from other people and quotes Karynthy's "Chains" in which he presents the theory that any two people on Earth can be connected through a chain of no more than 5 other people.

Do you come early to the Ring meetings and hang around afterwards? Go to conventions and seminars? Those practices create great opportunities to build relationships with other magicians who can help you move closer to your goals, not just by teaching you better material but also by helping you establish relationships capable of opening up opportunities for you.

..... editor



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.

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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!!