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**THE HOLIDAY POT LUCK HAS BEEN
MOVED TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE I.B.M. RING 76 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2018

**Clairemont Senior Center
4425 Bannock Ave., San Diego, CA 92117**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 FOR SETUP
MEET AND GREET WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT
6:00**

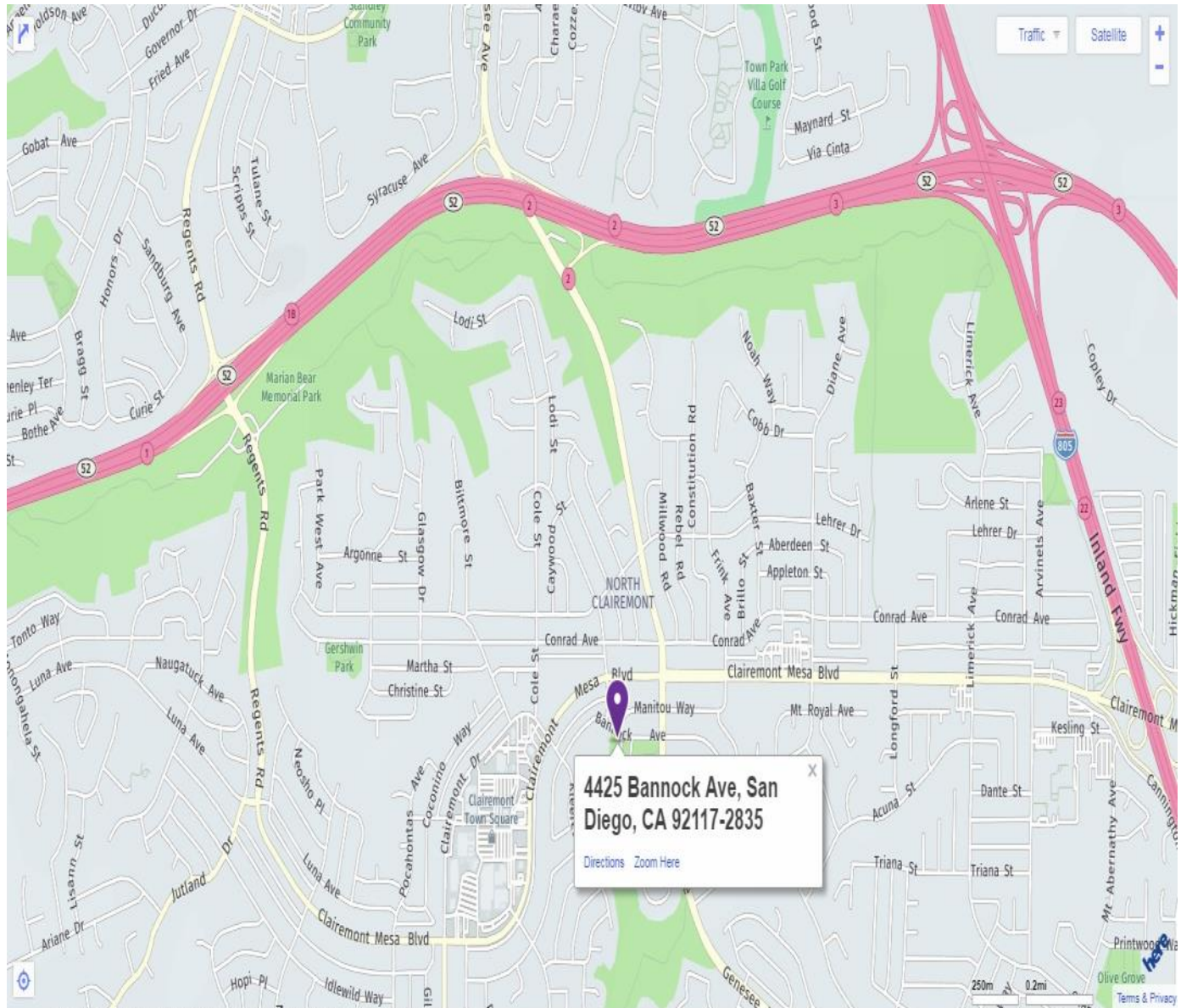
**POT LUCK AT 6:45
SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND GUEST AT 7:30 PM**



**TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A
SIDE DISH OF YOUR CHOICE.
GUESTS WELCOME!**



HOLIDAY POT LUCK LOCATION



The Clairemont Senior Center is where we held meetings before the Boat Club.
Turn west onto Bannock from Genesee and it's on your right.

Don't forget to bring a dish of your choice. It should be enough for 10 or more.



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about insurance companies and options and possible lawsuit complications, if the Boat Club does require insurance for having 50+ attending. More discussion with the Boat Club is needed to decide if we can make it work to still have the December banquet there. John Hunter offered to check with the Point Loma Masonic Lodge to see if that could be an option. Gary Salisbury mentioned the Moose or Elk lodges as possibilities. Jeff Marcus mentioned meeting spots at Balboa Park, a place that is connected to a library, and also retirement communities. Mary brought up Liberty Station, and Gary has a connection through his sister-in-law. Everybody should explore possibilities ASAP for alternatives for the December meeting.

Holiday Pot Luck - There was discussion about who will bring which food items. The Boat Club wants all drinks to be purchased at their bar (In the past, the Ring brought water and coffee). The Ring will bring tablecloths to avoid the large fees now charged by the Boat Club for linens.

January Meeting: Location is TBD! The theme will be "Fool-Us!". We will need magicians to judge (tentatively Robert Vinson and Gary Salisbury), and magicians to perform. Gary will look into trophy design possibilities.

Close-up competition - Robert brought up the fact that having each performer only do one performance, rather than having to reset, would help to expand the performing possibilities, to allow for effects that require longer setup.

NEWSLETTER

Malcolm Campbell presented what would be needed for the Newsletter.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.
.....Ken Intriligator, Secretary

THOSE PESKY ERRORS!

My cousin and I used to pass time by having a contest to see who would be the first to spot an error in the newspaper. Or we would watch old movies and pick up on goofs that were never removed from the footage.

We try to keep MagiCurents as "clean" as possible, but the rush to meet our time constraints leaves plenty of room for error.

The deadline for getting our meeting minutes to the Linking Ring is only a few days after the General Meeting and they are often sent without the benefit of the final proof-reading and without information which was added later. Therefore, they may differ from those reported in the newsletter or those archived even though they are the primary source of what is printed in the magazine.

A great source of error is the handling of meeting minutes which includes editing of the versions which the public can see in the newsletter and magazine.

Most absolute errors come from the publishing process which consists of several "skeleton" drafts. The first is a layout assembled by stripping down the previous issue to the material which will be revised and reused.

Then information from membership and board meetings as well as various events is used to fill in the blanks. As careful as we are, it is not impossible for "placeholders" to remain in the text undetected with the result being incorrect descriptions, photos and captions. If you discover a photo of yourself and the caption says "Mickey Mouse Performing", there's probably an explanation for that. We have had whole pages from the previous issue included in the next.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ROBERT VINSON



Hi all,

I am going to keep this short.

In the spirit of the season we should be ...

**... thankful for what we have,
... generous with our compassion,
... honored to have our friends,
... devoted to our loved ones,
... giving of our fortune,
... giving of our time,
... thankful to be with our magic family.**
And remember:



Ring 76 2018-19 Calendar

December 10 - Holiday Pot-Luck (see announcement for program details).

January 14 - Fool the Judges*.

February 11 - Close-Up Contest*.

March 11 - No Props/Dollar Store Props Night*.

April 8 - Original effects and/or routines*.

May 13 - Stand-Up Contest*.

June 10 - Story Magic/ Historical Magic*. Dues due. Election night.

July 14 - Installation Banquet.

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

Due to the Holiday Pot Luck, the next meeting is on Monday, December 10 at the Senior Center in Clairemont

4425 Bannock Ave.

San Diego, CA 92117

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. Entertainment Richard Ustick,

ru9@ring76.com.



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2018 RING MEETING

AT THE SAN DIEGO MISSION BAY BOAT
AND SKI CLUB

This being our bi-annual swap meet, there was no formal meeting.

Sellers - of which there were 10 - began to arrange their tables about 6:00 pm. Buyers arrived about the same time and money began changing hands as buyers picked up items they couldn't do without. There were 25 or more buyers in addition to the sellers at any one time, many of which found bargains on competitor's tables.

There were many treasures, including a full size guillotine and autographed lecture notes. Some of the items were from Jack White's collection and those of other former members' collections which were donated to the Ring. Proceeds from those items went to the Ring.

There were demonstrations of various effects to potential buyers and earnest negotiations of prices. Some sellers donated their unsold merchandise to the Ring for raffle prizes or future sales.



SHAVNGS FROM THE BOARD

MINUTES OF RING 76
BOARD MEETING
November 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Vinson at 7:33 pm. All the board members were present: First V.P. (entertainment) Richard Ustick, Second V.P. (membership) James Thayer, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Sergeant-at-Arms John Hunter, Secretary Ken Intriligator, Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large Malcolm Campbell, Member-at-Large and Past President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy, and Member-at-Large Rich Robertson.

Guests Jeff Marcus (TVP) and Gary Salisbury were also in attendance.

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. There was an increase in the balance, thanks to October Ring sales of donated items, and November Swap Meet table rentals.

Membership report - There are currently 58 members in good standing. The past peak was around 84 members, around the years (2002 and 2010) that the IBM convention was in San Diego.

OLD BUSINESS

November meeting recap - The meeting was seen as a success, and it seemed that the sellers did well.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Club issues - Robert was informed by Sheri from the Boat Club management company that their fees will be going up, and was given a new price sheet. Among other new charges, there will be additional fees and complications (including insurance, plus an increase of up to \$500) if more than 50 people attend, and an additional \$250 fee for use of the stage. We were also told that our host, Tony, must to be there, and we can be asked to leave if Tony is not there. Given these issues, there was discussion about possible alternatives for future meetings, including possibly the December holiday potluck. There was extended discussion

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2018 BI-ANNUAL SWAP MEET











MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE JANUARY 2019 MEETING

I know, I know, the Holiday season is not even here yet so how can we even start to think about the New Year. Right? Well, you may want to start thinking about it because at the January meeting we are going to try something different and hopefully exciting.

This January, Ring 76 is going to have its own Ring 76 “Fool Us “ event.

Members of Ring 76 are invited to perform in front of the Ring and a panel of judges who will then see if they can figure out HOW THE PERFORMER DID IT !!!!!

The effects do not have to be large, expensive, or really that complicated to baffle our panel of, so-called “experts”.

Details of this event will follow. Any suggestions you have would be appreciated. We think this will be fun but only if we have the support of the Ring. See you in January!

Richard Ustick
VP of Entertainment
IBM Ring



FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING

Ring 76 is in the spotlight in the November issue of the magazine with our Installation Banquet last July being featured in *Ring Events*.

There is also a very informative article by Kent Cummins in his *Marketing Magic* column. There he presents an in-depth discussion about secrecy: how we need to share secrets at appropriate times but maintain them at others.

This is a Must-Read for every member and the discussion should be carried on in our current mini-lecture series.

..... 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.

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!!

.... editor