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President's Message

By Robert Vinson

Happy Holidays to all of you. I hope you had a great time at the potluck. I was very pleased with the turnout and we all had a chance to relax and enjoy our friendships.



We will be using the Senior Center for our meetings for the remainder of our fiscal year (July).

January's meeting is going to be one for the books. We are holding the "Fool Us 2" contest for the first time and we already have several members signed up to perform. If you want to join the contest, please contact Richard Ustick. There will be an award you could receive if you fool our panel of judges. I wish all of you the very best and hope you are able to enjoy time with your friends and family over the holidays.

Have a happy safe New Year.
See you in January.



SHAVNGS FROM THE BOARD



There was no Board meeting in December.

Ring 76 2018-19 Calendar

January 14 - Fool Us 2*.

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.

*The next meeting is on Monday, January 14 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,
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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 RING MEETING

AT THE CLAIREMONT SENIOR CENTER

This being our annual Holiday Potluck, there was no formal meeting.

We have used the facility in the past for regular meetings and special events. Because of intolerable increases in fees at the San Diego Boat and Ski Club where we have met recently, the Board elected to return to the Senior Center for this event.

The doors opened at 5:00 pm for the volunteers to prepare the tables, decorate and arrange the buffet as the food arrived. Starting at 5:45, our guest band consisting of Folk and Gospel music composer and singer Paul Svenson on guitar, Ring member Malcolm Campbell on bass, drummer Saxon Rawlings and Joe Simoni on saxophone, played a pleasing set of familiar music, mostly from the 70's, until the buffet opened at 6:45.

A total of 31 members and 40 guests attended.

The buffet was one of the best we've had with turkey, stuffing and gravy, a huge variety of side dishes and many desserts.

Just as the dinner was complete, Santa himself entered the hall and gathered the children in attendance around him and Mrs. Claus.

Santa told several stories about himself, his helpers and the reindeer. Then he did some Christmas Magic for the children (and the adults) and handed out Candy Canes and Beanie Babies.

The children were then invited to have their photo taken with him. Many of the adults present participated as well.

Malcolm Campell, Acting Secretary

Thank you!

The success of our Holiday Potluck was the result of the efforts of many people:

The Board who planned the event, including last minute scrambling to find a venue for the event.

Robert and Terri Vinson and Susan Laws for table setup and decorating.

The Pick-Up Band, provided by **Malcolm Campbell**, who treated us to music familiar to most of our attendees.

Our Entertainment V.P., **Richard Ustick**, who kept the program on track.

Our Resident Santa and Mrs. Claus, **Joe and Cindy McGrievy** who performed a fine kids' show.

Our photographers **James Thayer, Dave Chui, Richard Ustick, and Mysti Schubert**.

The Senior Center Host **Eleanor Slaughter**.

The Vinsons for the souvenir tree ornaments.

All members who helped bring the fabulous buffet and guests, and who stayed to clean up.





2018 HOLIDAY POT LUCK









SAN DIEGO RING 76, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS





Our Special Guest Arrives





Storytelling and Magic



Santa Photo Opps









HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR
from the Magiccurrents Staff



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE JANUARY 2019 MEETING

The Board has planned some unusual themes for the monthly performances and competitions for the remainder of the year.

In January, we are going to conduct a Fool The Judges event which has been titled “Fool Us 2”.

Participants will perform a single effect in front of the Ring and a panel of judges. The judges will attempt to determine the method behind the effect. A moderator who will be given the method will decide if the solution the panelists propose is correct.

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

Please contact me to reserve a slot in the event.

Richard Ustick



FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING

There are many, many magic gimmicks and props which have been lost because their secrets expired with the originator. Fortunately, examples of some are preserved in collections along with the basic construction details.

Craig Beytien’s column “Petite Magica” in the December issue of The Linking Ring, describes the construction the “Fantastic Frame” attributed to Eric C. Lewis. Ranking high on the list of innovative props, the device is actually fairly simple and would be a good project for a seasoned wood-worker.

..... Editor



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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