



# MAGICURRENTS

San Diego Ring 76

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## President's Message

*What does it take to be a magician?*

This seems like a relatively simple question and most people would simply answer, "learn to do tricks." Most of us have had the experience of being interested in magic when seeing a trick performed, we run to the magic store or the hobby shop, or online, and buy tricks that look amazing, and now call ourselves "magicians." It seems too simple.

However, is that all there really is to wear the title of Magician? Do we feel, those of us who have had the initial rush of our first Cups & Balls set and are now settling down with Tarbell's Encyclopedia volume three, that we should be put on the same stage as the tourists from Kansas City who wander into the magic store down at Seaport Village? Or is there a difference between a guy who buys a D'Lite and the one who uses it as part of an overall effect?

Don't get me wrong, I am one of those guys who learned magic to impress girls. As a teenage boy, you learn everything just to impress girls. However, the second thing I learned about magic was that the rose from the match and the flower from the silk only goes so far with any audience, even girls. I also learned, over the years, that mastering a complex card slight, on its own, does not make you any more of an entertainer than finding the Two of Spades with a Svengali deck. I would like to think this was maturity, but hey, I am a magician and we all know what THAT has to do with maturity.

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

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

## Ring 76 2019-20 Calendar

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| Mar 9  | <b>Panel discussion on various aspects of magic in San Diego &amp; member performances*</b> |
| Apr 13 | <b>Teach a Trick, Teach a Skill, and Bring a Friend*</b>                                    |
| May 11 | <b>The Annual Ring 76 Stand Up Contest*</b>   |
| Jun 8  | <b>Election night, dues are due, and Money Magic (much more than just coin tricks)</b>      |
| TBA    | <b>The Installation Banquet.</b>  |
| TBA    | <b>Kid's magic*</b>   |

\*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment **Greg Wauson**, [entertainment@ring76.com](mailto:entertainment@ring76.com)



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My point is, we all learn tricks first. We see them, we like them, we buy them and we show them to our friends. However, that does not mean we can call ourselves magicians any more than buying a cordless drill makes us a master carpenter. We need to learn how to entertain with our tricks, to infuse them with our personalities and if we do not have personalities, we need to develop them for the "stage." Then we can be entertainers and then we can call ourselves magicians.

The March meeting will feature a panel of artists who will answer questions you will have on how you transition from a Kansas City tourists who buys a trick to a Magician who entertains an audience. I hope to see you there and I hope you think about some specific questions you would like to have answered. Ring 76 is not only a fine organization to mingle with like-minded individuals, it is also a valuable resource for anyone to learn anything about the art of magic and how to perform it.

See you at the next meeting.

**Richard Ustick**  
President  
**IBM Ring 76**



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?

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ANNUAL CLOSE-UP CONTEST

Monday February 10, 2020

*North Clairemont Recreation Center*

President **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at 7pm. There were a few guests, including **Nelson Franse** and **Julie Roland** (who is a magician, and has a variety show "Just Tryna Make Friends" @jtmfshow). Richard announced the upcoming meetings: March 9 will be a panel discussion, April 13 will be teach-a-trick and bring-a-friend, and May 11 will be the annual Stand-up magic contest. **Dr. Jeff Pearson** announced that the North County Magic Club meets at the Cocos in Vista on the first Thursday every month, and all are welcome to attend. Jeff also mentioned that he does bar magic at the G-spot Grand Avenue Bar and Grill in

Oceanside on Tuesdays. Jeff also mentioned that he went to Jeff Hobson's new venue, Marvyn's Magic Theatre in La Quinta, and that it was awesome and heartily recommended. There was also an announcement about an upcoming new show in San Diego, "Completely Mental," with **Derek Ostovani** and **John Hankins** at the Certainty Theatre in Carlsbad. **Eli Sanchez** announced that his Magic Underground in the East Village will host **Joel Ward** on March 4, and there is a coupon code for discounted admissions for Ring 76 members.

## NEW MEMBER AUDITION

Next was a great audition by a **Elissa Melor** (aka Magic Melor), who was assisted by a guest, Eleanor. Elissa dealt three face up cards and had Eleanor point to one while Elissa was not working. Elissa then read Eleanor's mind, and determined the correct card - **Welcome to Ring 76, Elissa!**



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## PERFORMANCES: ANNUAL CLOSE-UP MAGIC CONTEST

VP for Entertainment **Greg Wauson** announced the performers, and that ring members will vote for their one favorite.

The first performer was **Josh Sherwin**, who did an Oil and Water routine that started with 3 red and black cards, and then progressed to a whole-deck, slop shuffle face up and face down, then restored to having all cards facing the same direction, with red and black separated. Then, after another face-up, face-down shuffle, not only were the cards immediately restored to facing the same direction, but they were also separated into their 4 different suits!

Next came **Mago Ruly**, who started with a coin production and vanish into his mouth. Then a deck was shuffled and the aces were produced. The deck was again mixed, and the aces were produced again. A spectator chose a card and then her card was revealed to be on Mago's pin.

Next was **Ken Intriligator** who demonstrated the magic of Schrodinger's cat with the assistance of Elissa Melor. First, Elissa intuited with some game cards whether the cat would be alive or dead, and got them 100% correct. Next, Elissa rolled the dice to determine the fate of the "cat" (or "ket"), which turned out to still be in a quantum superposition mixed state.

Next was **Miguel Garcia**, assisted by **Sherry Luft**. Miguel did an excellent 3 card Monte routine, that was filled with multi-phase magical changes and surprises.

Next was **Joe Mystic** who packed his allotted 10 minutes, down to the very last

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## MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2020

*The meeting was called to order by President **Richard Ustick** at 6:53 pm. The board members present were: First V.P. (entertainment) **Greg Wauson**, Second V.P. (membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Sargent-of-arms **David Chiu**, Member-at-Large **Rich Robertson**, and Member-at-Large and past president **Robert Vinson**. Also present were Host **Bob Meigs**, Librarian and Member-at-Large **Gary Salisbury**, IBM Regional Representative **Jeff Marcus**, and North County and Military Liaison **Josh Sherwin**.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

### REPORTS

First VP (Entertainment): Greg Wauson gave a recap of the February meeting and close-up competition. There were five competitors, and a successful audition, and the meeting went well.

Joe appreciated the countdown timer. There was an extended discussion about the psychological challenge of competing in front of magicians, and what can be done to alleviate the stress and encourage more performers.

Second V.P. (Membership): James Thayer's update via email: there are now 61 members (including our new member, **Elissa Melor**). The website is in fine shape.

Treasurer: Joe went over the month's check register and other charges. Gary asked

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second, full of magic. With the assistance of Katrina, Joe demonstrated a \$2 bill that changed into two \$1s and then one of the \$1s changed into \$100, and then it changed back into \$1, and then back into \$2. Next, Joe opened a new deck, shuffled it, and showed the deck to be in the same order. After another shuffle, the deck was red-black separated. After another, the cards were all paired up with their mates. Next came a Triumph routine. Next, the cards were all blank, and then they returned to their usual state.

## **YET MORE MAGIC**

That concluded the contest performances, and Greg then demonstrated Stephen Bargatze's "I hate kids" effect with three wallets, where the "kid" assistant is initially happy to have correctly tracked the wallet containing \$1, and getting to keep it as a prize, only to then find that the other wallets had bigger denomination bills that could have been won.

Next, **Terry Godfrey** spoke about Albert Goshman, whose work and style was an influence for Terry. Terry then did a performance to music of one of Goshman's routines, and dedicated the performance to Albert. Terry showed four cards, the ace, two, three, and four of spades, and placed them on an open newspaper. The cards were individually placed under the open sheet, and penetrated through the sheet under a small, folded newspaper cover. The effect was great. Terry then showed his copy of the Al Goshman book, which explains the routine, and Terry then taught how it is done. Thank you, Terry! Next, Terry asked for help in demonstrating his 100-foot rope escape.

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about forecasting the balance.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Dave reported that there were 31 in attendance at the February meeting.

**Librarian:** Gary Salisbury presented his report to the board. There is a lot of work and progress with making the library's material more accessible, including digitizing VHS, and the PLEX server is now up and running.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Close-up competition discussion.** Joe appreciated the countdown timer. There was an extended discussion about the psychological challenge of competing in front of magicians, and what can be done to alleviate the stress and encourage more performers. There was also discussion about giving (optional) feedback after performances.

**Pre-Meeting sales.** Charlie Gott had a table at the February meeting. The opportunity for members to have a sales table will continue for future meetings.

**Videotaping.** David brought a release form that could be used if we video record meeting performances. The video recordings will only be viewable in the member's - only section of the website.

**Dues comparison and library and PLEX server funding.** Joe did a great job of polling other Rings about their annual dues. Our Ring's dues seem reasonable in comparison. Joe suggests that members could pay \$5 to attend our lectures when there is a lecturer fee. This motion passed. The board spoke in favor of having 50/50

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm, and many then went to the nearby Denny's for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

## Ken Intriligator

Secretary  
**IBM Ring 76**

### Just a Reminder

Ring 76 continues to offer members the chance to sell their wares before the meeting.

You can reserve a half table for \$5 or a full table for \$10 and sell anything you think the membership might be interested in.

This is also a reminder for members to bring cash so that they can take advantage of the great deals to be had at these tables.

Space is limited so the sooner you contact us the better your chances of cleaning out that case you have full of magical treasures.

Simply contact the Board at Ring76ibm@Yahoo.com and tell us how much space you want.

This is also a reminder for all members to bring a little extra cash to the next meeting and maybe go home with a bargain or two.

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opportunity drawings to benefit the library and PLEX server for the rest of the term. There was a vote, and this motion passed.

### **Benefit of the magic show fundraiser, and the reduced meeting space dues.**

Robert discussed the benefit received in

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reduced meeting space dues for six months, and that the center did not charge for the installation banquet meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Panel discussion topic for the March meeting.** There was a discussion about the panel composition, and the theme (overcoming performance anxiety), and Greg Wauson volunteered to be the panel moderator.

**Teach-a-trick in April.** A call will be sent to members in the newsletter. There was a discussion about presenting an organized instruction of some basic material.

**Installation Banquet.** Greg recommended having Carisa Hendrix (aka Lucy Darling) perform, and has contacted her regarding availability (TBD). Bob suggested that members could entertain; others felt that it makes the event more special to have an outside entertainer. Joe recommended the Golden Corral Buffet as a venue.

**Magic show benefit.** The Center is interested in having the Ring do another benefit in June and possibly also October. There was a discussion about how to split the proceeds, and how to advertise the event, and who would perform.

## NEWSLETTER

Richard will send his President's report. Gary will send his library report, and also a section on history of magic. Greg and Ken will contribute to a writeup about the Close-Up contest.

The contributions should be sent to editor@ring76.com.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

## Ken Intriligator

Secretary  
**IBM Ring 76**



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## CLOSE-UP CONTEST



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## CLOSE-UP CONTEST (CONTINUED)



## NEW MEMBER AUDITION







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## Trick of the Month Club - The Trick That Fooled Einstein (*Adapted for "Pi Day"*)

*The Trick That Fooled Einstein* is a prediction trick using coins. It can be performed for anyone, and/or be taught to kids over 12. The trick requires no math skills beyond *counting money and simple addition*. As the outcome is set in advance, I set it at **\$3.14**, which blends into "Pi Day."

### Pi-Day

*Pi* is the mathematical number used in determining the perimeter or the area of a circle. The computation of *Pi* can be carried to a never-ending number of digits, but math classes usually abbreviate it as **3.14**. Thus, they often call March 14 (3/14) **Pi-Day**.

### The Trick That Fooled Einstein

The required props are a change purse containing **\$3.69** in small change (including at least 8 dimes, 4 nickels, and 9 pennies), a glass bowl with about \$3 in small change; a "prediction" (in an opaque envelope), and a white-board with an erasable marker. (The amounts are variable; in this example, I use amounts that end up at *\$3.14*, or *Pi*.)

You invite a spectator to come up and take a handful of coins from the glass bowl, and keep these coins in a **closed fist**, so no one knows the amount. You dump the contents of your coin purse (\$3.69) on a table (to be more visible to the audience, you might use a chair).

Take the spectators fist in your hand and pretend to *weigh it*. Write your first prediction (there will be 3) on your white-board and show this prediction to the audience. It is "1) *I have as much as you...*"

Repeat the weighing process, and write and show your second prediction - "2)...*plus 55 cents...*"

Repeat with your final prediction, which is "3)...*plus enough to make yours total \$3.14.*"

Have the spectator place her coins on the table, being careful to keep them separate from yours; count them, and announce the total. You then count an equal dollar amount from your pile, proving your first prediction.

Now count out a stack of 55 cents, proving your second prediction. Count out your remaining coins - OMG - they total **\$3.14!** This proves your final prediction, and can be used as an introduction to *Pi*.

**You're done!** This is *The Trick That Fooled Einstein*. (Not really, but that's what it's called.)

### How Does It Work?

Notice that you never told the audience how much change you **started** with. *You start with your final prediction* (\$3.14), **plus** the amount specified in *Prediction #2*. In our example, this is would be **\$3.69** ( $\$3.14 + \$0.55$ ).

If you start by matching the amount in the spectator's fist (*Prediction #1*), and then make this amount total **\$3.14** (*Prediction #3*), you use \$3.14 - every time. *Prediction #2* only exists to make the trick a little less obvious. If you set aside another *55 cents*, you have used all \$3.69, the amount you started with.

### Bob Meigs

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## IBM RING 76 – LIBRARY STATUS REPORT

### OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY:

The library's primary objective is to support the promotion of the Art of Magic by making it the best reference library in the entire IBM organization for our members. We will do that by:

- Increasing quantity and quality of materials available to members.
- Implementing easier methods to check materials out.
- Improving communications to members about library issues.
- Implementing record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss.
- Develop & document policies & procedures of how the library will operate.

### METHODOLOGY USED TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES:

- We will increase the quantity and the quality of books & videos by:
  - Soliciting donations and direct purchasing, as funds allow.
  - Converting all existing VHS tapes to DVD format for checkout.
- We will implement easier methods to check materials out by:
  - Putting materials on-line (Ring 76 web site) for easy access.
  - Having a librarian available (7x24) to be more responsive to member's needs. (The Librarian's email, cell phone, and physical address are published in each Ex Libris and in each Ring 76 Library Gram.)
- We will improve communication about the library by:
  - Publishing a monthly newsletter article, Ex Libris, with book & video reviews.
  - Using Ring 76 Library Gram emails to communicate directly and quicker.
- We will implement record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss by:
  - Retaining the master media in the library and use a legal copy for checkouts.
  - Installing library cards & pockets on each library item to track what is checked out and by whom.
- We will document how the library will operate by publishing a Ring 76 Library Policies & Procedures Manual detailing of all library policies and procedures. This will give all future club librarians a standard set of guidelines to follow in managing the library.

### ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT METHODOLOGY:

- Wrote the January Ex Libris and The History of Magic newsletter articles
- Library "Books, Videos & Props" Sale in February yielded - \$30
- Solicited donations for the PLEX Server Project – Raised \$820 - **ONGOING**
- Stream Team: Working on building a media server then testing - **ONGOING**
- Working on the book collection inventory, clean up, restoration, and labeling - **ONGOING**
- Working on the VHS tape to DVD conversion using Robert's VHS/DVD recorder – **ONGOING**



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### DONATIONS:

- Plex Magic Media Server Project:
  - Bruce Wollitz \$300 (for PLEX Server)
  - James Sloan \$250 (for PLEX Server)
  - Miguel Garcia \$50 (for PLEX Server)
  - Gary Dismukes \$50 (for PLEX Server)
  - Mark Booth \$50 (birthday gift for PLEX Server)
  - Eli Sanchez \$30 (for PLEX Server)
  - David Chiu \$25 (for PLEX Server)
  - Jeff Marcus \$25 (for PLEX Server)
  - Charlie Gott \$25 (for PLEX Server)
  - Josh Sherwin \$20 (for PLEX software)
  - David Chiu \$25 (for PLEX software)
- Steven Kingsley - \$??? (pledged but not yet received)
- Larry Hass - donated 2 Eugene Burger books (*Teaching Magic & Eugene Burger: From Beyond I*) for the library for my help with his new book, *Eugene Burger, From Beyond II*.
- Mike Stillwell – donated a signed copy of his book, *The Entertainer’s Handbook*.

### LOAN STATUS:

- 13 items currently on loan for the month of February

### ISSUES:

- **PLEX Streaming Server:** ON GOING
  - ~~a. Form a team: Josh, David, Mark, and Gary – DONE~~
  - ~~b. Streaming Software – PLEX (\$129) – Purchased for \$89.99 on 2-day sale – DONE~~
  - c. Server – I have a proto-type server finally running (Dell Optiplex 7010 desktop, Core i5-3570 @3.4Ghz, 8GB memory, 250GB SSD for the OS, 4TB HDD for the library, 8TB HDD for back-ups.) It is running an unregistered version of Windows 10 home that needs to be updated to Win 10 Pro for remote access capability. I have PLEX Media Server loaded (paid version) on it. We need to upgrade to a faster processor with more memory.
  - ~~d. Drive Space – minimum 2TB, prefer 4TB or more (\$100-200) – DONE~~
  - ~~e. 8TB Back-up Drive – Library petty cash + Robert Vinson donation of \$56 – DONE~~
  - f. Network Bandwidth – My COX home network is 200GB down/10GB up - UNKNOWN
  - g. Electrical Usage – UNKNOWN
  - h. Maintenance – UNKNOWN
  - ~~i. Location – Gary’s House – DONE~~
  - ~~j. Alpha Test – DONE~~
  - k. Beta Test – Pending installation of the PLEX server
  - l. Production – After all the issues are worked out
  - m. Media to Stream – Josh is doing VHS to MP4 format for streaming – ON GOING



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- n. Assign a back-up PLEX administrator - PENDING
- o. Current video count is at 1,186 not counting the Dr. X donation (about 300 videos) which is in process.
- **Broken VHS/DVD Recorder:** ON HOLD  
Replacement is on hold pending the loan from Robert Vinson of his personal VHS/DVD recorder. We are soliciting membership for a replacement.
- **Pirated Videos:** ON HOLD  
The club has acquired over the years a number of pirated videos. What is our policy going to be regarding illegal copies of videos? What are we going to do with the ones we have? Plans to destroy them are being considered.
  - a. 131 DVDs
  - b. 52 VHS tapes

I still have not had a chance to cross check the list of pirated items to see if they were duplicates of legal items we owned.
- **Funding:** ON GOING  
We have received \$820 donations and \$30 in library sales at the February meeting which put the library petty cash fund at \$727.95. I have one outstanding pledge for an unknown amount still pending. It was discussed at the January board meeting that I would take over the monthly raffle to fund the library in lieu of raising membership rates.

### LIBRARY FUND (Petty Cash Report):

Date	Item	Credits	Debits	Balance
08/01/19	Beginning Balance			\$0.00
08/11/19	Book Repair Supplies		-\$18.12	-\$18.12
08/12/19	Library Sales at meeting	\$203.00		\$184.88
08/13/19	4-1TB Portable USB Drives		-\$200.00	-\$15.12
08/15/19	4 - Hard Blue Cases for 1TB Portable USB Drives		-\$20.00	-\$35.12
09/01/19	Service fee to forward Ex Libris article from Las Vegas		-\$15.04	-\$50.16
09/09/19	Library Sales at meeting	\$120.00		\$69.84
09/24/19	Donation from Robert Vinson for a back-up drive	\$56.00		\$125.84
09/25/19	1-8TB Backup Drive		-\$140.06	-\$14.22
10/12/19	2½" Drive Enclosures for donated drive		-\$7.53	-\$21.75
10/16/19	2½" Drive Enclosures for donated drive		-\$15.06	-\$36.81
10/23/19	2½" Drive Enclosures for donated drive		-\$22.59	-\$59.40
11/01/19	Price labels for swap meet items		-\$5.43	-\$64.83
11/01/19	2-1TB Disk Drives for internal library use		-\$80.00	-\$144.83
11/09/19	Plastic bags for library sale		-\$6.73	-\$151.13
11/11/19	Library Sales at meeting	\$224.00		\$72.87
11/13/19	Donation from Gary for PLEX software	\$20.00		\$92.87



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11/13/19	Donation from David for PLEX software	\$20.00	\$112.87
11/14/19	Resealable Bags for Library		-\$6.73 \$106.14
11/15/19	PLEX PASS Professional Software		-\$89.99 \$16.15
12/05/19	Resealable Bags for Library		-\$9.63 \$6.52
12/19/19	10 Flip Lid Bins for Dr. X Donation from Costco		-\$75.32 -\$68.80
12/30/19	Drive bay adapter for PLEX server		-\$13.78 -\$82.58
01/02/20	Drive bay adapter for PLEX server		-\$24.77 -\$107.35
01/06/20	Epson Black Ink cartridge for library printing		-\$37.70 -\$145.05
01/13/20	David Chiu (donation for PLEX Server)	\$25	-\$120.05
01/13/20	Eli Sanchez (donation for PLEX Server)	\$25	-\$95.05
01/13/20	Bruce Wolliz (donation for PLEX Server)	\$300	\$204.95
01/13/20	James Sloan (donation for PLEX Server)	\$250	\$454.95
01/13/20	Miguel Garcia (donation for PLEX Server)	\$50	\$504.95
01/13/20	Gary Dismukes (donation for PLEX Server)	\$50	\$554.95
01/13/20	Jeff Marcus (donation for PLEX Server)	\$25	\$579.95
01/13/20	Charlie Gott (donation for PLEX Server)	\$25	\$604.95
01/13/20	Josh Sherwin (donation for PLEX software)	\$20	\$624.95
01/13/20	Library Sales at meeting	\$23	\$647.95
01/18/20	Mark Booth (birthday gift: donation for PLEX Server)	\$50	\$697.95
02/10/20	Library Sales at meeting	\$30	\$727.95



We challenge members to also provide articles, reviews, stories, photos, or magic related comics.

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### Ring 76 Magic Media Server Announcement:

I am working on an announcement that will go out to the membership via a LibraryGram email and in the newsletter announcing the Ring 76 Magic Media Server as soon as we finish Beta testing.

**Welcome to the IBM Ring 76 Library**

Have you checked out our new Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? We have over 1,500 magic related performance & instructional videos, magic related audio books & movies, as well as local club member performances available for streaming to a wide number of devices such as computers, tablets, smart phones, and smart TVs. Just send an email to [librarian@ring76.com](mailto:librarian@ring76.com) and ask for an invite. See you there.

*Gary Salisbury*

IBM Ring 76 Librarian

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## Ring 76 Membership List

Remember the old days when organizations such as ours would send out a printed membership list? It was a very handy when trying to reach out to another member of the group. The problem was that, as we moved away from printed materials, we did not have a way to keep this information private and restricted to only the membership of Ring 76.

Well, I am happy to announce that with the introduction of a private, password protected website, we again have the ability of offering a membership list to the members of Ring 76. You can find this list at Ring 76's private website, Arcanum (<https://arcanum.ring76.com>).

First things first, we will not publish your e-mail address or your phone number without your permission. **So this is where we need your help.**

If you do not wish to have either your e-mail address or your phone published in the membership list, you need not do anything. Your name will appear, but no contact information will be shown.

If you want either your e-mail address or your phone published in the membership list, please send James Thayer [jt4@ring76.com](mailto:jt4@ring76.com) an e-mail with the e-mail address and/or the phone number that you would like to be used to contact you.

If you would like to be contactable but don't want to publish your personal e-mail address, there is a solution for this. I can create a [\\_\\_\\_\\_@ring76.com](mailto:____@ring76.com) e-mail alias for you. You can include this alias as your contact e-mail address and any mail sent to that address will be forwarded to your personal e-mail address.

If you want to take advantage of this option, please send me your preferred [\\_\\_\\_\\_@ring76.com](mailto:____@ring76.com) alias

## IBM Ring 76 Members Only Facebook Group

Late last year, **Mark Booth** started a new Facebook Group for Ring 76 members. It is a members only group online for members to share their passion for the art of magic with their fellow Ring 76 members. Photos, videos, articles about magic, upcoming magic events and performances, articles and stories regarding the art of magic, various IBM/Ring 76 discussions.

The Group is hidden and private so it cannot be found using search on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account and you'd like to be a member of the IBM Ring 76 Members Only Facebook Group, please send an email to Mark at [markbooth@cox.net](mailto:markbooth@cox.net), and he will invite you to join the group.

The Facebook Group is open to all Ring 76 members that are in good standing (current with their dues). The Group is private, so only members of the Group can read posts and who is in the Group.



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name (yes, you get to choose!) and the e-mail address that you would like e-mail to be forwarded to. (All aliases are available but they are first come, first served and we reserve the right to reject anything that is inappropriate. Please stay away from anything that you would not use in polite company.) If, at anytime in the future, you change your mind about your contact information, please send me an e-mail and I will make the requested changes.

## Arcanum!

Arcanum is Ring76's private website. To access it, you must be a member in good standing of Ring 76.

At this juncture, the website contains:

- The Ring 76 membership list
- Ring 76 related documents -- our Constitution and Bylaws, for instance
- The Ring 76 Library catalog -- all of the books and DVDs that you can check out plus a collection of magic PDF files that you can download (there's a lot of good material here...)

So hopefully, by now, you are asking yourself, "How do I get access to this?" (This will only work if you are a member of Ring 76.)

1. Go to <https://arcanum.ring76.com>
2. Click on "Forgot your username?"
3. Enter the e-mail address at which you received MagiCurrents. You'll get an e-mail message with your username. (In most cases, your username will be your first initial and last name.)
4. Click on "Forget your password?"
5. Again, enter same e-mail address. You'll get an e-mail message with instructions on how to reset your password. Follow this procedure to create a new password.
6. Login using your username and new password.

If you have any suggestions for how to improve Arcanum or additional content that we could add, please let us know.



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## San Diego or San Diego Magician Magic Events

Submit magic events to Michael Johnson at [hellomichaelj@gmail.com](mailto:hellomichaelj@gmail.com) or [editor@ring76.com](mailto:editor@ring76.com).

First Thursday of every month, the **North County Magic Club** meets on the at the CoCos in Vista, and all are welcome to attend. It's more of a meet-up of both magicians (including some youngsters) and those who come to watch the magic.

March 4th, The Magic Underground on Wednesday will be featuring **Derek Ostovani** and **Joel Ward**, hosted by Ring 76 member **Eli Sanchez**. Eli created a coupon code exclusively for IBM members, the code IBM25 will get 25% off each ticket. There are only 20 redeemable codes and the offer expires on 2/26. More info on the show such as location/time can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-magic-underground-sd-tickets-92822820555>.

March 2, **Nathan Kranzo** will give a lecture at the Red Spade Theater. Info <https://www.redspadetheater.com>.

March 8, **Shin Lim** performs at 7:00 p.m. at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Info [www.shinlimmagic.com](http://www.shinlimmagic.com).

March 13, a play "**The Aging Magician**" is scheduled at the Balboa Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

March 22, **The Real Magic Roadshow**, premier dealer event, will take place from 10 am to 4 pm at the Double Tree in Mission Valley. Info [www.realmagicroadshow.com](http://www.realmagicroadshow.com).

March 25 - 29, **Joe Ward** performs at Marvyn's Magic Theater in La Quinta; show times are Wednesday-Thursday 6:00 p.m., Friday - Saturday 6:00 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday 3:00 p.m. Tickets available on-line. Info <https://www.marvynsmagictheater.com/index.html>.

June 27, **Anthony the Magic** presents "Welk Illusions 2020" at 7:00 p.m. at the Welk Theatre in Escondido; shows will be every Saturday through August 22. Tickets are now selling online at \$37 plus fees. This is his fifteenth year performing at the Welk Resort. Info [www.anthonymagic.com](http://www.anthonymagic.com).

Fridays and Saturdays, **Illusions Theatre and Bar** offers their magic dinner show at 6:00 p.m. in the Gaslamp, at 827 Fourth Avenue, Diego. Tickets are \$119 or \$150 (VIP). The location is unique--a speakeasy hidden behind a magic shop. Book on-line at [www.illusionstheatre.com](http://www.illusionstheatre.com).

Mondays are **Open Mic Night** for ages 21 and up at **Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill**, 136 Encinitas Blvd. in Encinitas; sign-up at 7:00 p.m. with the show starting at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays are **Open Mic Night** for ages 21 and up at **710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Ave. in San Diego, Pacific Beach area; starts at 9:00 p.m. with 15-minute slots available.

Thursdays are **Open Mic Night** at 7:00 p.m. at **Navajo Live**, 8515 Navajo Rd. in San Diego, San Carlos area; and at 7:30 p.m. at Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego, 2955 Jamacha Rd. in El Cajon.





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To register for the I.B.M. Convention, [CLICK HERE](#)

## **\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\* FREE Convention Registration for all Junior I.B.M. Members**

The I.B.M. is excited to announce that under the leadership of our youngest elected President, Alex Zander, the convention committee of Pittsburgh 2020 has decided to allow **I.B.M. Youth members** the opportunity to register for our annual convention for the low cost of **NOTHING!**

Yes, you read that correctly. All *youth members* in good standing will be able to register for **FREE**. That means they'll be able to attend the convention, participate in events, lectures, contests and see all the shows for absolutely no cost to you.

There are a few stipulations to this amazing deal though.

As *youth members*, they must be accompanied to the convention by a parent or legal guardian and as such they must be registered for the convention. The good news is the cost for registration for a non-magician parent is considerably less than the cost a magician would have to pay.

As a free registrant to the convention, we will be calling on them occasionally to help us with such things as backstage helpers, set-up crews, line up maintenance and even assisting some of our magical stars.

**We do have a limited number of these FREE registrations available so you need to act quickly to ensure your spot at what is certain to be one of the most epic magic events ever.**