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President's Message

Greetings from the Wizard's Lair where all of us masters of conjuring is currently residing in Shelter-at-Home. It looks like the reopening of the Golden State has begun and it also looks like caution is still the word of the day. We will not be having a live meeting in June and the July Installation Banquet is not looking promising either. That said, Ring 76 is still going strong and the Board of Directors has been working hard to keep the magic community occupied. In the past few months, we have had a teach-in, a guest lecture, and several Board meetings online and will continue to do so until it is safe for our members to "pick a card" in person.

As the Board has striven to keep the Ring spinning there are obligations that the members are also responsible for, and some of those obligations are due now. Dues are due (see the newsletter for specifics) and there is an election this month. The slate of candidates is published in this newsletter and we will be taking floor nominations at the virtual meeting on June 8th. We are in need of a Secretary, an important post on the Board, and it is time that you come to the aid of your Ring and volunteer for this task. You would be expected to record events at meetings as well as attend Board meetings, which will now be held online to make things easier. As well as keeping records, you will have a say on where the Ring goes and what it does for the next year. Please contact me at president@ring76.com if you would like more information.

A special thank you to V.P of Entertainment Greg Wauson and current Secretary Ken Intriligator for all they have done to make meetings possible. Their expertise in

Ring 76 2019-20 Calendar

Jun 8 - Election, Dues, and Money Magic*

Jul 12 - Installation Banquet?

Aug 10 - Kid's magic / TBA*.

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having physical meetings until further notice. Where possible, we will have virtual meetings on-line. Read this Newsletter and watch your e-mail for further details!

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment Greg Wauson,

their fields has been most appreciated and they deserve recognition.

I will see you all for Money Magic on June 8th.

— Richard Ustick

Ring76 Meeting

May 11th, 2020

In Cyberspace

This was our second general ring meeting held on Zoom. Members joined early to chat and discuss, together with our lecturer, **Carisa Hendrix**. President **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. There were 38 people online,

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including a couple of guests (the lecture was free for members, and guests paid \$5). There were a few short announcements. The June meeting will likely be on zoom, and there will be an election for the new board, with on-line voting. There is a need for a new Secretary; contact **Jeff Marcus** if you're willing to do it. Also, we are in need of a newsletter editor; contact **James Thayer**.



Vice President for Entertainment **Greg Wauson** introduced **Carisa Hendrix**. Greg saw Carisa performance as **Lucy Darling**, at the Magic Castle (I have too) and wow - she is a fantastically entertaining, talented performer. Greg went over some of Carisa's many achievements and recognitions. **Carisa** gave an awesome lecture. Topics included were relevant to the current reality of performing via zoom or other electronic platforms, and how to make the magic still happen in the audience's hands. Thank you, Carisa!

The lecture and discussion ended at around 8:30, and many members stayed afterwards on Zoom to chat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

— *Ken Intriligator*



Carisa Hendrix Lecture

Ring 76 had the privilege of hosting a lecture by Carisa Hendrix for our May meeting, via Zoom. At least the coronavirus made it possible for this top performer to virtually join us, since she's also locked down, in her home in Calgary, Canada. She's a fast-rising star in the magic world – she's on the cover of Genii magazine this month - and after watching her



lecture it's clear why: She puts a lot of thought and effort into every detail to maximize the performance value when she entertains. As an example, she worked with a voice coach for a number of months to incorporate three different accents to flesh out her Lucy Darling character into a well-rounded presentation piece. Here's a link to watch her full Lucy Darling show: [Indulgence](#).

Her 90 minute lecture contained tricks as well as performance tips she has learned over the years, gaining expertise not only in magic but in some more offbeat areas including fire eating and bubble shows. She said being a lifelong learner has contributed to her abilities and has made her a more well-rounded entertainer.

Carisa performed, then explained, a small variety of magic effects which were all entertaining. They also played well online; she chose material which could be effectively presented to shelter-in-place audiences using Zoom. One example was her take on Gemini twins, in which the magician never handles the playing cards but is still able to mystify the audience using a clever subterfuge.

Other parts of the lecture were useful to anybody performing magic shows. This included tips on what clothing to wear (comfortable but classy), a topic in which she is particularly interested. She's planning to start a podcast just on clothes. And some information was specifically for online shows, such as how to outfit your performance area to maximum effect. She showed how to put together an inexpensive backdrop and shared tips on lighting to make the most of the magician's appearance during Zoom shows.

From the discussions after the lecture our members and guests found it to be an entertaining and educational night.

— Greg Wauson

Coming Up in June... ...and July...

Our meeting on Monday, June 8, will again be using Zoom, since we're still under coronavirus lockdown rules. Members will receive the June Zoom meeting invitation via email. Our theme will be money magic, a wonderful subject for magic tricks because, well, who doesn't like money? And few things are more familiar to people than cold hard cash. Any presentation at our June meeting involving coins, bills, foreign money, etc. is fair game. This will be our last member performance meeting of the 2019-2020 year, meaning votes will be cast for members' favorite performers of the night and will be added to the tally for the coveted performer of the year award. Whether you want to compete to collect more votes for your total for the year or try out a new effect or just get some stage time in general, this is your opportunity to entertain your fellow Ring 76ers. A slot is available for you! Let Greg know by email (gw83@ring76.com) if you'd like to perform.

Did I hear you ask what's up for July? Well, as you may know, our July meeting is traditionally our installation banquet. Your Ring 76 board had vetted a very nice venue and reserved it with the restaurant management a few months ago but that plan blew up since we will not be able to hold our July meeting in



person due to the lockdown and health concerns. We are currently working on a fun Plan B and will notify you when we have more information. Hang in there, folks! We'll meet in person as soon as possible.

— Greg Wauson

Money Magic

Money magic is the theme of our upcoming meeting on June 8. Money is a wonderful subject for magic tricks because people are very familiar with it, they like it and need it and usually have some with them. Anything regarding money is fair game – coins, bills, foreign money, etc. This will be our last member performance meeting of the 2019-



2020 year, meaning votes will be cast for members' favorite performers of the night and will be added to the count for the performer of the year award. Whether you want to compete for more votes or just try out a new effect or get some stage time in general, this is your opportunity to entertain your fellow Ring 76ers. Let me know by [email](#) or text/voice at 858-354-8075 if you'd like a performing slot.

You'll be receiving the June Zoom meeting invitation via email. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

— Greg Wauson

MagiCurrents

Editor Needed

We are still searching for a new editor for MagiCurrents. If you think you might be interested, please contact me at Editor@Ring76.com and I will let you know what is involved.

— James Thayer

Dues

Yes, it is that time of year again. Dues are coming due. As always, they are due as of June 30th and we hope as many members as possible will be able to renew by that date. We are aware, however, that Covid-19 has put a crimp into many members finances and membership in Ring 76 may be a difficult choice under the circumstances. Please let us know if this is the case — we would rather not lose members and we are motivated to work something out.

In the meantime, if you can, we are prepared to receive dues payments. The amount is \$30. At the moment, paying by mail (make a check out to "IBM Ring 76") is the best way. My address is: 9556 Babauta Road; San Diego, CA 92129. You can also send your dues to me via PayPal and I will forward the funds on to the Ring. Contact [James Thayer](#) for details if you wish to pay by PayPal.

And, as long as you are paying dues and you have not already done so, please let me know if we can include your phone number and/or e-mail address in the Ring 76 Contact List on Arcanum.

And if, for any reason, you are not intending to renew your membership this year, please let me know.

— James Thayer



A Plea for Help From the Ring!

Well gang, it's that time of the year again:
ELECTION TIME!!!

There's an old saying: "In any organization, 10% of the membership does all of the work." Many of our Ring members come to the meetings (in person or now on line) to be entertained or maybe learn a new effect but they don't want to be involved in the business of running the Ring. In other words; They don't want to do any of the work!

Ken Intrilligator has done a great job as secretary but unfortunately can't continue in the position next year for personal reasons.

We, as an organization, REALLY need a secretary to serve next year. I'm not going to "soften" the job. It's the most demanding officer position! He/She should attend both the regular meetings as well as the board meetings. The secretary takes notes of the meetings and reports the minutes of them to the board and in the newsletter. He/She also writes the Ring reports for to be published in the Linking Ring. It's admittedly not an easy job but CRITICAL to keep the Ring running in an organized fashion as well as for a record of Ring decisions and happenings.

Being on the nominating committee, I'm appealing to all of you for some brave member to step up and take on the job. I'm afraid the Ring will have major problems without a record of what was

discussed or voted on at the meeting and the Ring could fail miserably.

We also have one (or two) openings for board members at large. This is a much easier position. He/She just has to attend both meetings but has no



specific job or duties. He/She just helps the board by discussing the ways to run the club and votes on the issues that come up. He/She may (at his/her option) help with some other tasks.

PLEASE consider taking on one of these positions. Although it would be nice to fill both positions, obviously the secretary job is the most important to fill.

I, along with the others in the nominating committee will also ask for "floor nominations" (even though the June meeting will still be on line) but we will hopefully have at least one person for every job in place, before the meeting in case there are no nominations from the floor.

If you are willing to take on either position (preferably secretary) please call me as soon as possible.

My cell number is 619-847-4632 Thanks for taking time to read this plea and I look forward to hearing from some brave souls.

— Jeff Marcus

The current list of candidates is as follows:

President: Richard Ustick
VP, Entertainment: Greg Wauson
VP, Membership: James Thayer
Treasurer: Joe Mystic
Secretary: Open
Sergeant at Arms: David Chiu
Member-at-Large: Gary Salisbury
Member-at-Large: Robert Vinson

Any member in good standing can run for any office — the one restriction is that a candidate for President must have held another Board office at some time in the past. Contact Jeff Marcus (phone number above) if you are interested.

— James Thayer

Kudos to Dan Thomas!

Thanks to Dan Thomas for donating to Ring 76 four boxes of magic props the last week of May. Dan is a longtime magician and supporter of magic and was



the owner of The Gathering restaurant in San Diego for 28 years. He hired many of San Diego's best close-up magicians, including Terry Lunceford, Tom McCarthy and Craig Stone to mystify and entertain the diners at their tables. Several of these legerdemain artists worked there on a weekly basis and others came in occasionally, but patrons of the restaurant dined there regularly because they knew they could count on first class entertainment tableside while waiting for their food or eating their dessert.

We sent Dan a thank you card but also wanted to publicly express our appreciation with this mention in our newsletter. The props are now at Robert Vinson's home and will be made available for purchase by Ring 76ers when practical, to give the club some needed funds.

— Greg Wauson

Shavings from the Board

May 25th, 2020

The meeting was via Zoom and it was called to order by President **Richard Ustick** at 7:09 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**, and Member-at-Large **Rich Robertson**. Also present were Librarian and Member-at-Large **Gary Salisbury**, IBM Regional Representative **Jeff Marcus**, and North County and Military Liaison



Josh Sherwin and Social Media rep. **Mark Booth**. Sergeant-at-arms **David Chiu** was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report Joe went over the month's check register and other charges. There was a donation from a guest, Ron Anderson, who appreciated the lecture - thank you, Ron!

Library report and discussion Gary Salisbury presented his report to the board. The PLEX server prototype is up and running now. Users need to download the free PLEX app and Gary will add them for access. Thank you, David, for another donation to the computer system, and to Josh for continuing help with content.

Membership and Newsletter and website James Thayer's update: we remain at 61 members. Six members have renewed for the coming year. James would like to find another newsletter editor. Any volunteers?

First VP of Entertainment Greg Wauson gave a recap of the May Zoom meeting and there was a lot of positive feedback about Carisa's lecture.

NEW BUSINESS

June 8 Meeting: The theme will be money magic, with an opportunity to perform over Zoom.

Installation (Virtual) Banquet: The board will look into possible performers for a virtual meeting.

New Board and Election: James will set it up to vote online with survey monkey in case there is any contested office. All members of the current board, with the exception of Ken (secretary), will be on the slate to continue in their current positions.

Future of Ring 76: There was discussion about opening up the Ring’s Zoom meetings (and possibly physical meetings in the future) to others, including former Ring members, members of other IBM Rings, and possibly the general public.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

— Ken Intriligator

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.

‘Ex Libris’ (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means ‘From the Book’. Generally you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner, “*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury.*”

This is where we talk about your library and do book & video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So keep in good standing by paying your dues on time.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY

The library’s primary objective is to support the art of magic by providing the best reference library in the entire IBM organization for members to learn from. It is here for you so please use it!

We will make it the best by:

- ♣ Increasing quantity and quality of materials available to members through donations and acquisitions.
- ♣ Implementing easier methods to check materials out.
- ♣ Improving communications to members about library issues.

- ♣ Implementing record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss.
- ♣ Developing a standardized set of policies & procedures on how the library will operate.

DONATIONS WANTED

- ♣ We need more books and videos to build the library. Those have to come from donations because there are no funds earmarked for library acquisitions this year.
- ♣ We have not raised any additional funding for the library because physical meetings have been cancelled and we have gone to virtual meetings. That means no library sales table or 50/50 raffle.
- ♣ Currently we need money to buy Windows 10 Pro software and some incidentals for the Magic Video Streaming Server project. If you could help out by donating something for this? We need \$300 more but anything at all will help.



MAY DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share and funds to build with. Thanks again for your generosity and setting an example for others to (hopefully) follow.

Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Danke, Arigato, 谢谢, 감사합니다, спасибо!

- ♣ David Chiu
 - ◆ Used monitor for PLEX Project
- ♣ Gary Salisbury
 - ◆ New server case (\$135)
 - ◆ New server power supply (\$95)
 - ◆ New DVD drive (\$55)
 - ◆ New keyboard (\$45)
 - ◆ New mouse (\$40)



WHAT'S NEW?

Magic Video Streaming Project:

The Magic Video Streaming project is one where we will have all the magic videos we legally own available to members for streaming via a PLEX media server. At last count, we had over 1,200 instructional and performance magic videos that will be available for viewing on the server.

Current Project Status: We have now received all the parts need to build the PLEX server. David Chiu has donated a used flat screen monitor to the project. The building process is under way.

As mentioned last month, we have PLEX up and running on a proto-type server that is capable of a couple of concurrent video streams. If you would like to try it out, send me an email (Librarian@Ring76.com) with your email address requesting access. I will send you a PLEX invitation, which you will need to accept, in order to gain access. Since this proto-type server has limited bandwidth we may have to limit the users during this test phase so first come, first served. One requirement: I need you to tell if you see or experience any problems. That way we can solve them before the real server goes into on-line.

MAGIC BOOK & VIDEO REVIEWS WANTED

If you have watched a magic video or read a magic book (good or bad), please drop me an email telling me what you thought of it so I can include your comments in the next issue of Ex Libris.

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7x24 either by e-mail at Librarian@Ring76.com or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 4 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Remember, our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library.

Have a magical month my friends and we will see you again next month. In the meantime, email me with your thoughts about the library. I would love to hear from you.

— Gary Salisbury



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



Don't forget that Ring 76 has a private area just for members called [Arcanum](#). There you can find contact information for other Ring 76 members and numerous magical documents are available for download. Contact [James Thayer](#) for instructions on how to log in for the first time.