



MagiCurrents

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October's Spooky Magic One for the Tombs

The Ring 76 meeting on October 9th was a performance night and the theme of the evening was "Spooky Magic."

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **Josh Sherwin**. Thirty-one members and five guests were in attendance. The business meeting was brief: Next month's lecture will be Robert Baxt, **Mark Booth** talked about the Holiday Banquet Chili Cook-off, and the Ring was reminded that we are redesigning the Ring logo and are welcoming member input.



With that, the meeting was turned over to the Vice-President of Entertainment, **Magic Mike Stilwell**.

The first order of entertainment was an audition for membership by **Robert Budz**, who told of his early introduction into magic, his loss of interest, and his reintroduction to magic much later in life. He shuffled a deck of cards face up and face down, then removed the aces one at a time. He placed an ace face down on the table and changed it into another card with a wave of his hand. He did the same with the other aces, then, with a tap of his fingers, all the cards faced one way, except for the aces. At the conclusion of his act Robert was escorted out of the hall, the membership voted, and Robert was made a member. Congratulations, Robert!



Nick Benevento was the first performer whose mystic ropes of two colors linked together and then magically separated with the appropriate incantation.

Steve Rowin was next on the stage in appropriate seasonal garb. He told of the historic Salem Witch Trials and his relationship to them. He produced an amulet that was capable of finding vampires. He called a

member of the audience (Gary Dismukes' daughter Katrina), who chose others from the audience. Steve then demonstrated how to identify the Nosferatu. Cards were given to the volunteers, who switched cards at will with other audience members. Katrina then took the amulet and gazed upon the group until she felt the vibrations. She only felt them when looking at Alvin Revilas. Sure enough, he was holding the vampire card and all the other cards were blank. Alvin received a coin 3D-printed just for the occasion.



Mark Booth told a story of a magician who belonged to a magic club and had a card trick which he wanted to make spooky. **Laurie Pearson** came up to help Mark. Each party shuffled a deck of cards and did a you-do-as-I-do series of operations. After each step, they used bony little arms to press a button which caused a screech. After magic moves and magic gestures came the revelation that both parties had produced the same card. He succeeded in making a card trick spooky.



Ring 76 2023 Calendar

November 13th - Robert Baxt lecture (see pg 3)
December 11th - Holiday Potluck & Cookoff
January 2024 - Magic for Kids *

* Opportunity for Members to Perform
Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, Mike Stilwell.

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Misha Osinovskiy introduced his routine by reminding the audience that across the street from the meeting hall is the Whaley House, the most haunted house in America. We know this is true since the sign outside says so. Susan Callagy was called up from the audience to help Misha with his haunting demonstration. Six cards were drawn to represent the six children of the Whaley House. Susan

committed to memory one of the six cards, then Misha told the story of Anna Whaley, who had a tragic marriage, ended her life, and is still haunting the Whaley House to this day. True to the story, Susan's card, which represented Anna, then disappeared from the stack. Spooky stuff!

Greg Wauson was next up, asking who in the audience liked to cook. He lamented how he liked to cook but the Betty Crocker Cookbook he ordered from Amazon was mixed up with Hogwarts. It garbled the recipes with magic tricks. Greg then tried to boil water following one of the recipes but instead of boiling the water, it solidified enough to be held up with a spoon.



We took a break for the opportunity drawing and great gifts were won by members and guests alike. Thank you to the librarian, **Gary Salisbury**, who donated the door prizes.

After the break, **Ms. Charley** took the stage and performed a ritual she does at home. Her friend Mama Denise had a ritual that she did up to her recent death. The ritual used a candle, which she lit every night for dinner to remind her of her childhood, a package of Zig Zag rolling papers, and a deck of playing cards.



With these on the table, Ms. Charley tried to contact the spirit of her friend to identify a selected card. Being spooky magic night, Ms. Charley's friend lent a hand and the card was identified.

Callahan from the Dark Side, in a black and red robe, was our next performer. He appeared on stage known to all of us as Callahan from the Light Side but for tonight's performance he is Callahan from the Dark Side. He called on



Susan to once again assist. Fuego, the dragon of fire, appeared on Callahan's hand and addressed Susan asking for a pure thought. With a deck of cards split into body and soul and

the pumpkin head of the Halloween beast, Callahan from the Dark Side eventually found the card that Susan had chosen behind the glass of the rectory door.

Max with an X was next on the bill. He talked of a frail man who was so weak that all he could do was put a key into his hand and watch it roll, which he demonstrated. Max then placed a blank deck into his pocket. He selected a woman who said her name is Alexa. He reached into his pocket and pulled out a card with Alexa printed on it. Again and again, as



people called out name, he produced a card which had that name on it. Max explained that the frail man asked for a bell to be tied to one of three ropes attached to a wooden block. This was to allow the spirits to answer questions. Max held up the block with the ropes and bell and the spirits answered with a ring of the bell, as well as moving the bell from one rope to another.



Mr. Funtastic performed a magic series titled "What if." What if magic was done by different people? What if he were someone else? "What if I were a monster hunter?" Mr. Funtastic

proposed. He then told the story of tracking a monster who loved pizza, but only pizza with children as the topping. The monster had an eyeball in a box that would rise from under a drape in Mr. Funtastic's hand.

Alvin Revilas was next up, donned in full witch doctor garb. He came onto the stage and selected an audience member who said he could draw. He drew a picture and Alvin gave the tablet to another person and told her to draw three X's. He then lit an electric candle and invoked voodoo but the spirits were against him and the



effect did not work. All magicians know of uncooperative spirits.



Vic Terrific was the last performer of the evening. After wishing everyone a happy Columbus Day he gave a PSA about candy, making sure it was well sealed off, as in his case it would turn into a Rubik's

Cube. Vic tried to produce a dove from an inflated paper bag but the flying feathers indicated it did not work as planned. He then inflated a balloon and had the spectators make a gun with their fingers. After the count of three, they said BANG! But again things did not work out as planned, to the amusement of the audience. Susan, it turns out, drew a card that said "Bat," and Vic pulled a big bat balloon from behind the curtain.

As this was a performance night, members voted on who they thought to be the best of the evening.

The meeting was then adjourned. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 13th, and will feature a lecture by Robert Baxt. See you there.

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Carolyn Sheets Owen-Towle, wife of member Tom Owen-Towle. She died peacefully and will be memorialized on Dec. 2, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Diego.

Robert Baxt Lecture in November!

Robert Baxt will be lecturing to Ring 76 Monday, November 13th, at our usual location, the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town. He brings the experience of his incredible career to every audience. He's written for David Copperfield and has appeared on the Today Show, 30 Seconds To Fame, and America's Funniest People. He's won numerous awards around the world for his comedy and magic and has hundreds of 5-star online reviews. His passion is to bring a feeling of fun and good times to every audience member.

The lecture is free for all members of Ring 76 and \$20 for guests and non-members.



CALLING ALL RING 76 CHEFS!

We want to include a Chili Cook-Off as part of our 2023 Holiday Potluck. This is your opportunity to share your chili cooking skills with your fellow Ring members and possibly win a handsome medal in the process!

We need at least five entries to make the Chili Cook-Off viable. Your chili can be considered your potluck contribution to the party! The Holiday Party will be Monday, December 11, 2023, which is approaching quickly, so please don't delay in letting Mark know of your interest! Contact Mark at magicmark-booth@gmail.com.



We look forward to tasting your favorite chili recipe!



Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



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

‘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. For example: “*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury.*”

Someone recently asked me, “*What is the Ring 76 Library?*” I responded, “It is currently over 1,000 volumes of magic books and over 2,000 magic magazines, all available for check-out. It is 180 magic audiobooks, 2,176 magic instruction videos, 25 full length magic movies, five albums of magic music (some royalty free), 1,719 magic performance videos (many classics), 10 podcasts (that we co-host), 13 magic TV series, a photo warehouse (where we will save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*. It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fund-raising efforts that I have engaged in for you.”

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Library Donations-----ON GOING

We received a donation of several videos from *Nick Benevento*. They will be digitized and put on the server. Thanks, Nick for your support.

I would like to give a big magical ~~Thank You!~~ to everyone who has donated to the library. We need your DVDs, VHS tapes, and video downloads. They will be put on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* so you will still be able to watch them or check the physical media back out. Please help. Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

Funding & Expenditures-----ON GOING

Summary: We made \$44 from the 50/50 Raffle and \$30 from Library Sales and Door Prize Drawing. We spent \$17.88 for a book, \$2.99 for a video, and made a \$1 donation to a software company, whose product we use regularly, and \$58 for a subscription to *Genii* magazine leaving a balance of \$387.34. We still have to purchase a raid array for the Magic Media Server. We need money for the library to continue serving you.

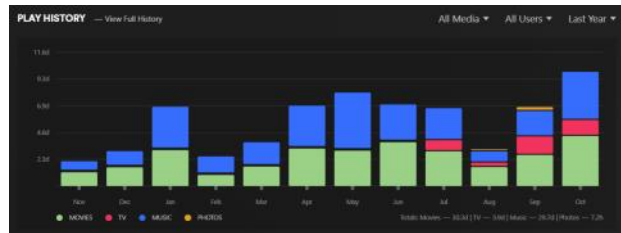
Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books)-----ON GOING

The library purchased one book, *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* (Hardcover). It is available for check-out. See the review further down in this article.

Ring 76 Magic Media Server-----ON GOING

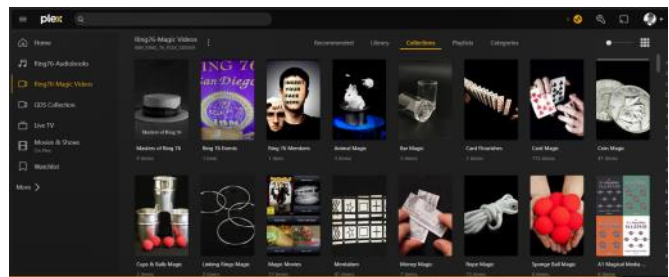
I constantly search eBay and other outlets for deals on DVDs for the Magic Media Server. We purchased one video, *Alone by Matthew Johnson*, and it is now on the Magic Media Server.

This is the utilization report for the Ring 76 Magic Media Server over past 12 months. Videos are in green, audio books are in blue (under music), and Magic TV Shows are in red. The new orange section shows Ring 76 Photos & Videos access.



Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? Why not? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76!

How would you like to be featured on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server under our *Ring 76 Member's* section where everyone can see you work your magic. Come on, this will be fun. I would like to see at least one video from every member here.



Tired of high cable TV bills? Would you like to watch free movies & TV? You've come to the right place. We've got a bunch of them here on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* and you can start watching right now, all courtesy of PLEX! There is a wide selection of gandra to choose from.

MAGIC BOOK REVIEWS

Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini

By Sid Fleischman

Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, vanish elephants? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists. No jail cell or straitjacket could hold him! He shucked off handcuffs as easily as gloves.



In this fresh, witty biography of the most famous bamboozler since Merlin, Sid Fleischman, a former professional magician, enriches his warm homage with insider information and unmaskings. Did Houdini really pick the jailhouse lock to let a fellow circus performer escape? Were his secrets really buried with him? Was he a bum magician, as some rivals claimed? How did he manage to be born in two cities, in two countries, on two continents at the same instant?



Here are the stories of how a knockabout kid named Ehrich Weiss, the son of an impoverished rabbi, presto-chango'ed himself into the legendary Harry Houdini. Here, too, are rare photographs never before seen by the general reader!

This book will be soon available for check-out from the library.

HISTORICAL MAGIC TIDBITS

Houdini in San Diego

A vaudeville act that is without its equal in the world today has been secured for the Grand Theater. Harry Houdini, the noted handcuff and jail breaker, will give exhibitions of his skill here. -- San Diego Union, Oct. 5, 1907

In the fall of 1907, Harry Houdini, soon to be known as the world's greatest magician and escape artist, came to San Diego to display his skills before crowded theater audiences. It was the era of vaudeville in America and Houdini was a rising star in the popular variety entertainment field.

At age 33, Houdini was a show business veteran but fame had come slowly. After years of meager success as a magician in dime museums and circus sideshows he began experimenting with escape stunts in the late 1890s. After a triumphant tour of Europe in 1900 he returned to America as a proven escape artist, able to defeat any form of confinement including handcuffs, leg irons, jail cells, and straitjackets.



Touring with the popular Orpheum vaudeville circuit, Houdini came to Southern California in September 1907. A successful three-week tour in

Los Angeles made him "the talk of the northern city." A new act featured a challenge from the U.S. Postal Service. Mail officials secured Houdini in an oversized leather mail pouch, fastened with government padlocks. The escape artist quickly foiled the locks and escaped, in full view of the audience.

A more spectacular feat was performed outdoors before an estimated 5000 spectators. With his legs in chains and his hands manacled behind him, Houdini leaped from the roof of a pavilion into the reservoir of Westlake Park (known today as McArthur Park). After two minutes of suspense, Houdini bobbed to the surface free of his shackles.

A similar stunt was promised for San Diego, when the newspapers announced that "the Handcuff King" was coming to the city for a three-night engagement at the Grand Theatre on Fifth Street. Advertising proclaimed that Houdini, "absolutely the greatest act in vaudeville today," would "dive, handcuffed, from top of Spreckels' bunkers" into San Diego Bay at the foot of G Street.

The Houdini show at the Grand began on Monday night, October 7. In addition to the star attraction, the show offered "the usual good bill of vaudeville." The warm-ups acts included a "clever monologist" who sang and told jokes; a "champion trumpeter" who drew applause for his patriotic numbers; and music and comedy from the Gilman sisters.

Following the other performers, Houdini took the stage for a one-hour performance. Before a sellout crowd, Houdini began his act by demonstrating how simple handcuff escapes were performed. He then invited a committee of local police and county officials to take part in his show.



Police Chief William Neely and three of his officers, along with District Attorney Lewis Kirby and several county officials, mounted the stage. Using San Diego police property, "they manacled the magician's hands and feet with cuffs, leg irons and shackles of every description, then guarded the tiny cabinet in which he

released himself." It took Houdini six minutes to free himself of every shackle.

Houdini concluded his show with the "stellar act of the evening," a straitjacket escape in full view of the theater audience. Four policemen strapped the jacket on and "exhorted themselves to the utmost in drawing up all of the buckles as tight as they could be drawn." As the audience shouted, "He'll never get out of that!" and "They've got him now," Houdini writhed and twisted until he managed to raise his hands above his head and unfasten the buckles. An uproar of applause greeted him as he threw off the jacket.

For the final night of the engagement, Houdini invited four employees of Marston's Department Store to nail him in a shipping case and then nail ropes around it. As usual, the magician escaped with apparent ease.

Regrettably, Houdini left town without performing the advertised underwater escape in San Diego Bay. For reasons unknown (or at least unreported), the plan for a handcuffed Houdini to jump from the Spreckels wharf into the bay never occurred.

In the next few years, the fame of Harry Houdini grew quickly as his escape acts became more challenging and "death-defying." He became the highest paid act in vaudeville and eventually created his own, hugely successful evening show. Houdini never performed again in San Diego and died on Halloween in 1926, of acute peritonitis, at age 52.

From Richard W. Crawford, The Way We Were in San Diego (Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2011), pgs. 134-136. Photo from Wikipedia Commons.

MAGIC TRICK REVIEWS

ALONE! w/ Expansion

By Matthew Johnson

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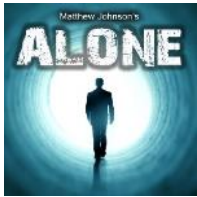
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What you believe is real, is real.

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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 items get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick them up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of four items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to each item and provide 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.

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 and videos and donate regularly to your library. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it!

Non-urgent communications will always be done via my *Ex Libris* newsletter article while more urgent communications will be done by a *Ring 76 Librarygram* emailed to:

ring76members@googlegroups.com.

Have a magical month, my friends, and we will see you again in the next newsletter. In the meantime, email me with your thoughts about the library. I would love to hear what you want the library to acquire next. Your input is critical for the library working properly for you.

Gary Salisbury



Magic in the Community



This year the Heritage Ranch, Home of the San Dieguito Heritage Museum, held its second annual immersive experience filled with fun and spookiness.

Guests were taken on a tour of an imaginative lost gold rush settlement, known as the Haunted Ghost Town of Bitter Gulch, which has risen from

the midst for seasonal fun and community awareness of the good work the group does. As far as the setting goes, the grounds are filled with restored historical buildings to recreate a fictitious mining town.



This year our own **Paul Dwork** expanded his previous magical offering to the event by making a magic fun zone for the visitors who “survived” the tour.

Paul was joined by **Bob Meigs** and Eric Noble (potential new IBM member) to secretly make the magic happen. Paul built two “photo op” illusions, where people could be cut in half, float in space, and even get a sword impaled through their neck. **Bob**

Meigs joyfully cut Paul in half, resulting in a “split personality.” Magic Mike Stilwell showed up the last night and, believe it or not, floated, with all the welding joints holding! Was that a miracle or real magic??

Magic Mike Stilwell





Shavings from the Board

The Ring 76 Board of Directors meets via ZOOM every fourth Monday of the month, except there is no meeting in December. The Board manages and directs Ring 76 activities and its interactions with the community. All members in good standing are invited to join the Zoom meeting and see what the Board is doing for them.

The meeting was held on Monday, October 23, via Zoom and was presided over by **President Josh Sherwin**. First on the agenda were the reports from the officers. **Mark Booth**, sergeant at arms, reported 31 members and five guests attended the October general meeting. **“Magic Mike” Stilwell**, VP of entertainment, confirmed that Robert Baxt will be lecturing at the November meeting. **James Thayer**, VP of membership, said the club is maintaining 71 current members and as the deadline has expired for membership renewals, he will be making the appropriate corrections to the active member list. **Gary Salisbury**, librarian, reminded us that the Plex server is for members only, one of the perks of being an active member, and that Ring 76 has the largest library in the IBM organization. **Richard Ustick**, editor of *MagiCurrents*, updated and filed all the paperwork for the Ring’s 401(c) status, a task that is due on a regular basis both for state and federal agencies. **Alvin Revilas**, store manager, reported no new sales. There was a suggestion to advertise in the newsletter four of the items in our magic store: one expensive, two moderately priced, and one inexpensive, to help generate sales and inform the membership what is available.

With that the Board moved on to the new business. **“Magic Mike” Stilwell** discussed that Dan Thomas wanted to donate a 70" TV to the club for the meetings. It was thought that this would aid the viewing of closeup presentations, which are hard to see with our current seating configuration. **Mark Booth** suggested buying a rolling stand and camera for the setup. Mark then talked about the **December Holiday Potluck**. As we are limited in how many people we can accommodate, early reservations will be strongly suggested. Richard Ustick will handle the reservations and the food the members need to bring. As of this meeting, the chili cook-off is not on the agenda since we need more contestants.

The articles for the newsletter were assigned and the meeting was adjourned.

Sherry Luft, Acting Secretary

Introducing Future Ring Member,
Felix Miguel Garcia

Congratulations to our Treasurer,
Miguel Garcia, and his wife **Joyce!**



New Denny's for Post-Meeting Magic

We have moved the “after meeting” to what we feel is a better location. From now on we will be meeting at the Denny’s in Mission Valley, 1065 Camino Del Rio South, which is on the south side of I-8 and across from Target. About 15 of us met there last month and it worked well. You’re welcome to join us there after our November 13 meeting!



Happy Thanksgiving!



Help Needed: Secretary

Ring 76 currently does not have an official secretary. Sherry Luft has been doing a fantastic job filling in as acting secretary, but this is an elected Board position and not a temporary one. Besides taking notes at the Ring and Board meetings, the secretary’s responsibility is to send those notes to the IBM national headquarters for inclusion in *The Linking Ring* magazine. The secretary also works closely with the newsletter editor to make sure you get the latest and most accurate information you need to be a member of Ring 76.

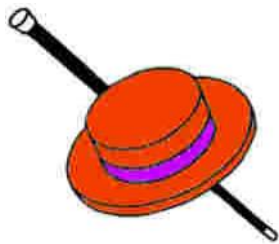
If you are interested in being the Ring secretary or would like more information, please contact Richard Ustick at editor@ring76.com.

New Logo Design Sought

At a recent Board meeting it was brought up that the membership might be interested in Ring swag; polo shirts, hoodies, playing cards, and water bottles, all with “Ring 76” emblazoned on them.

It was also discussed that the current Ring 76 logo that honors Honest Sid Gerhart might need to be updated. [For those of you not familiar with the history of Ring 76 we suggest you read the post at the Ring 76 website: [https:// www.ring76.com/html/history.html](https://www.ring76.com/html/history.html)]

While this logo represents the magic and style of our Ring’s namesake, many have felt that it lacks the pizzazz of the 21st century. For that reason, the Board is calling on the skills and talents of Ring members to design a new logo: one that will honor the past, be in tune with the present, and that you would be proud to wear on all of your Ring 76 swag.



Please take the time to think of a design you feel represents your Ring and present your ideas to newsletter editor Richard

Ustick at Editor@Ring76.com. All ideas will be considered, including rough sketches or just general concepts. The winning design will become the new Ring 76 logo and its creator will receive a \$50 gift card. We value the input of our members!

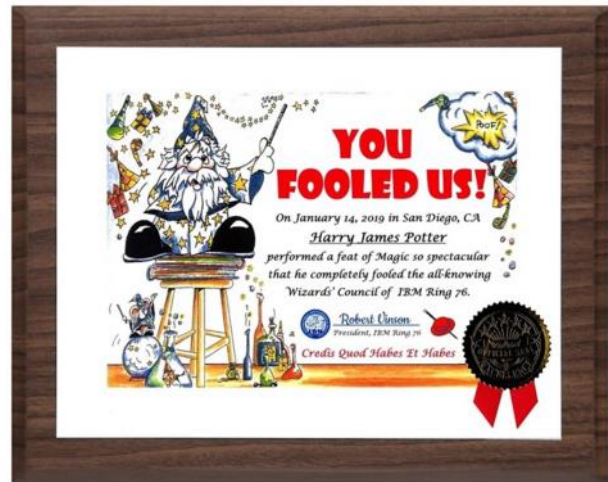
You Fooled Us! To Return to Ring 76!

Yes, it’s coming back by popular demand. “You Fooled Us!” will be back at our April 2024 meeting! Why are we telling you so far in advance? Well, it’s not easy to fool our knowledgeable judges, so you may need this much time to prepare your magical trickery.

There is only the slightest of similarities (ahem!) between our contest and one we’ve heard is on TV. For those who are new to Ring 76 and weren’t at either of the meetings when we’ve played You Fooled Us two and three years ago, or can we say whose memories aren’t what they used to be, the object is simple. Perform a magic trick for the audience, including two pre-selected judges. The judges then put their heads together for a brief time to come up with the most likely method of how the effect was

accomplished. If the judges are incorrect, you have fooled them and you win a beautiful plaque created by our own Gary Salisbury. If the judges are correct and you did not fool them, you pay \$100. Ok, just kidding about that part. The point is you can win something and there’s no risk to lose anything!

We’re talking big-time fame and booty here and we’re now looking for those hearty individuals willing to take on the challenge. Step right up and take the bull by the horns. If you want to be a player, send Mike Stilwell an email at ms70@ring76.com. He’ll gladly put you on the list of people who thrive on adventure and live life to the fullest!



Thank You to This Month’s Photographers

MagiCurrents is a large endeavor every month. The editors make a concerted effort to bring news and information to Ring members about events in the past and upcoming news, while also providing information on magic events all across San Diego. We welcome all the help that Ring members give us in getting this periodical out.

This month’s photographs were provided by **James Thayer** and **Cynthia Robertson**, the wife of member Rich Robertson. Thank you for all your hard work!





December is the Holiday Potluck

The December 11th meeting will be our annual *Holiday Potluck*. Members will be bringing all of their mouth watering seasonal favorite dishes to share with Ring members and their family and friends. We will also have top notch entertainment and may even have a visit from Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Richard Ustick, the editor of *MagiCurrents*, will be coordinating the event to be sure we have a wide variety of food and will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and decorations.

Space will be limited as we will be at the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town, the usual meeting place. Please contact Richard if you plan on attending and how many guests you will be bringing and your Holliday offerings. You should bring enough food to feed eight to ten people.

Richard can be contacted at Editor@Ring76.com. Send in your RSVP as soon as you can.

Happy Holidays



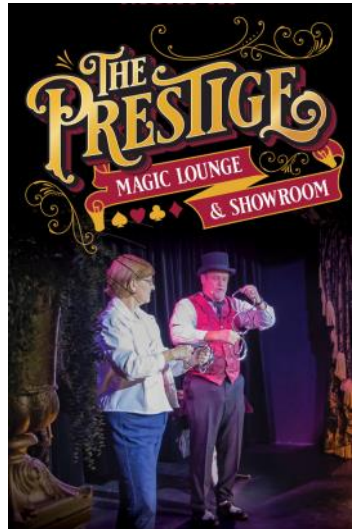
See you at the Robert Baxt lecture, Monday, November 13th, at 7 pm. Members attend for free and guests pay only \$20.

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