

I.B.M. RING 76 NEWS LETTER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

JULY 1988

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SEE YA J.P.

GREETINGS from your new Board of Directors - We are dedicating ourselves to a busy and fun year of MAGIC activity leading up to the 61st IBM Convention at the OMNI Hotel, right here in SAN DIEGO, in July 1989 - MAKE PLANS NOW. We, the Board, need your help and participation to make ours a GREAT IBM Ring and to give it an improved reputation as IBM eyes nationwide start looking towards SAN DIEGO for '89

PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Our new President, Dick DALE, will be providing a short message in each News-letter. This month the message is brief, (while we get organized) but simple: "MINIMUM Business; MAXIMUM Magic, and Every Member Performs". More on this later, meanwhile, don't panic. We are not going to force anyone up on stage who is not ready to perform or demonstrate; but what better atmosphere than a Club Meeting to start adjusting to being "looked at" while entertaining.

INSTALLATION DINNER

Our Installation Dinner on June 21st at Sir George's was a well attended affair. Joe BERTUZZI, California Territorial Vice President, did the formal honors by installing new President Dick DALE, former President of RING 36 in Flint, Michigan and now full-time working San Diego professional Magician; Vice-President Mike STILWELL of "BUMPER and Company" magic works and also one of our busiest local professional magicians; 2nd Vice Mr. Ed FORSYTHE, previously of RING 50 in Washington, D.C.; Secretary J.P. JACKSON, magic collector (MCA) and author/editor of the old Napa Valley Magicians Guild Newsletter; Mr. Ed RAYMOND returning for a second stint as Treasurer and Mrs. Ruth PEARSON also returning for a second year as SGT-AT-ARMS.

An excellent buffet dinner was followed by the new officer installation ceremony and a special tribute to one of our departing members. Mr. Joe THOMPSON, local "emmy" winning T V producer and head of Sea Vision Productions took over as Master of Ceremonies in honoring Mr. Al KNOX, long term member, previous President of RING 76 (several times), patron of magic, teacher of many and magic friend to all. Al was presented with a special Farewell Plaque, beautifully made by member Fred ROHER, and was dumbfounded to also receive the Member-of-the-Year award, which included another special plaque. Al KNOX is moving to Scotland Neck, North Carolina and leaves behind many, many years of invaluable contributions to RING 76, literally decades of sharing his magical experience, and countless magic friends. We will miss him and wish him well on the East Coast.

Several Members took the floor to express gratitude to AL for his years of service; his gifts of time and assorted magic props; his tutelage and his genuine friendship. Mike STILWELL (new Vice Pres.) and J.C. WAGNER (author and famous bar-magician) were both teen-agers under AL's guidance and were profuse in their thanks to AL for his solid foundations teachings. As "J C" put it so well: "BEE-U-TI-FUL, AL".

Our entertainment started with Mike STILWELL who demonstrated a new project from the 'magic works', which he described as a "man-eating plant", ala "SUDS". Turned out to be a very effective card eating tree, about four feet tall and complete with some nine sets of chattering teeth and the remains of a jumbo chosen card. Mike went into a triple Hat Tear effect, going from torn tissue to pants, to bonnet, to Clown hat. (Watch for his new Wizard Hat Tear, soon on the market). Outgoing President Mark DIMENSTAIN of COSMAR Magic dazzled us with a coke bottle vanish and reproduction, then finished with his new Crystal Dove Appear, a stunning production! Art JUDGE, local street magician, gave us a peek at his excellent street work with some original knots on/off rope routines and a chosen card-on-forehead finish. Guest of Honor AL KNOX took the stage for his last San Diego appearance (he left town the next day) and gave us a lengthy, six rope, linking rope routine (all examinable) with a hefty surprise finish. New President Dick DALE closed the evening with an extremely well balanced rope routine which flowed from cut 'n restored (two or three variations) into Professor's Nightmare (his skilfull version) and ended with a very funny presentation of Professor Cheer's rope routine. All in all, a very fun and full evening and a nice kick-off for the RINGS new Year. For those of you who missed it, next time- DONT! It proved to be one of our better functions!

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The new Board of Directors; Dick DALE, Mike STILWELL, Ed FORSYTHE, J P JACKSON, Ed RAYMOND and Harry HARTMAN met Thursday the 7th at the President's house for a brief organizational and planning meeting. The coming year was discussed; goals identified and tentative plans for each monthly meeting were started. A year-long planning sheet will be passed out at the July meeting and other inputs and ideas solicited from the membership. REMEMBER - any member can attend the Board meeting (the 1st Monday of the month at the Board members homes on a rotating basis). You are invited and encouraged to participate anytime, whether you have a contribution or not. The more business we conduct at the Board meeting, the less time we waste at the regular monthly meeting.

NEW MEETING NIGHT

By previous action (at the May meeting) the Membership has agreed to change our monthly meeting night. As you know, our new President and Vice Pres. are both working professionals and busy every night of the week except Monday. In order to facilitate their participation, which we NEED and WANT, the membership approved our new meeting night to be: the third Monday of each Month, to be effective with the August meeting on the 15th - so mark your calendars.

NEW MEETING PLACE

IBM Ring 76 has officially been given "notice" by the bank that our current meeting place will no longer be available. The Bank is expanding it's administrative/computer operation and may need the space now taken by the upstairs meeting room. So - we are 'OUT' after our July meeting. A new meeting room/place is required SOON !! The Board of Directors has been working on this for a month and a half now with some tentative and promising results which will be discussed at the July meeting; BUT, we need and want HELP from the Membership - your ideas, brainstorm and thoughts on the subject are necessary to help locate the best meeting place available. Please come to the July meeting on the 13th with your inputs. After a brief discussion, action will be assigned to board members to investigate any potential sites suggested. The Board will act on the results at the August Board meeting in order to select a place for August meeting on the 15th.

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER

CONTEST....

A CONTEST IS HEREBY ANNOUNCED : : :

Your Board of Directors offers a suggestion to help enhance the Ring's image. A catchy name for our NEWSLETTER (which will be sent to other Magic organizations) will help. Mike STILWELL has offered to donate a quality prize to the winner of our "NAME THIS NEWSLETTER" contest. We are looking for something brief, catchy, clever and magic related (simple huh ?) Two examples which are already in use are "The Flash Paper" and "The Palm Reader"; but those are off-limits. WE NEED OUR OWN ! Entries should be submitted to the Secretary (at the July meeting by hand or by mail to the return address on this newsletter) on a 3 x 5 card. Be sure to put your own name on your entry, as many as you want. DEADLINE is 31 July 1988. Judging will be by the Board of Directors at the August Board meeting on 1 August 1988 in time for use on the next edition of this Newsletter. The winning entry and other non-winning entries will be discussed at the regular August meeting. GOOD LUCK and GET INSPIRED !

NEWSLETTER INPUTS

Inputs for this Newsletter are invited and solicited from the Membership. Most of this Newsletter comes from the Secretary and will include as much fun news as I can locate. HOWEVER - I will probably run dry in a few months so I need help from you readers to make this a real 'going' information sheet. I have permission to use material from other sources but this is the RING 76 Newsletter and should pertain to our Membership. Your ideas, gags, tricks, thoughts, comentary and cartoons are most welcome. My goal is to have this newsletter to you by the Thur or Fri prior to our new Monday meeting night. Any inputs can be included if received as late as the Wed before the meeting. PLEASE HELP.

CROSSTALK

One of our goals during the coming year is to increase participation in Ring 76 activities; notice I didn't say increase "Membership" - that's always a Goal! We want to not only attract new members but to pull back some of the old members who have drifted away. To this end, I attended a meeting of the North County magic group, Magicians Guild of Southern California (SAM 218) on the 5th and made a quick speech about our Ring, our future activities and coming IBM Convention in '89. Many of their members expressed interest in sharing meetings, visits, newsletters and the possibility of mutual functions together, like a SWAP MEET or Pot-luck picnic. In other words I was greeted with enthusiasm and made to feel very welcome. Many of the North County folks are also IBM'ers who find it easier geographically to attend meetings in Carlsbad; but were excited to hear about our plans and the convention. We are welcome to attend their meetings anytime and hope they will attend ours.

JULY MEETING

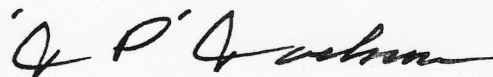
This month's meeting will be the last one at our regular place and time. Wed. the 13th at the Great American Bank building at 925 Ft. Stockton St. in Hillcrest. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM with the business portion at 7:30 (over promptly by 8:00). We are happy to announce the "J C" WAGNER has relocated to San Diego and will participate in our meeting. He has generously offered to conduct a brief seminar on "Professional Misdirection" as opposed to just "talking" a trick as most of us tend

to do. We are delighted to have " J C " with us and hope he will have time to join us at future meetings. J.P JACKSON will host a short "Collector's Corner" with items from his ever-growing collection; and we look for entertainment by any and all members who have something to share. Please let Ed FORSYTHE know who you are as you arrive so that he can outline our program.

DUES

Annual Ring Membership dues of \$11.00 were payable in April. Members who are still in arrears (YOU know who you are) are encouraged to pay Ed RAYMOND promptly at the July meeting, or mail him your check at 6902 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120; phone 287-5087. (Make checks payable to "I B M Ring 76")

and as those two guys on T V say: 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT'



J. P. JACKSON

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