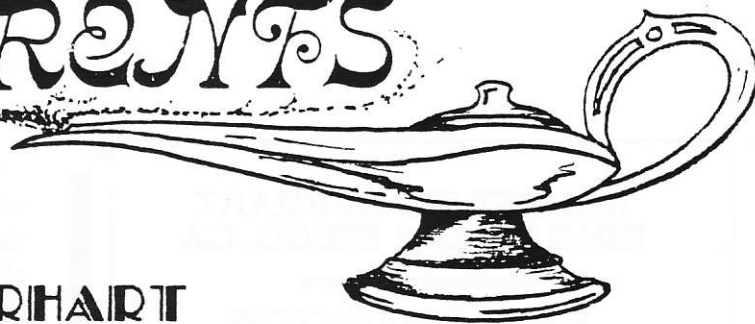


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## ELECTION TIME

Time to start thinking about a new slate of Ring Officers for the 1991/1992 Membership Year; and, MAYBE, consider YOURSELF as a CANDIDATE for an opportunity to implement all those nifty Changes you've been thinking about!

Some rather big changes are necessary for the coming year: **J.P.JACKSON** will step down as President, and **Brad BURT** and **Bob INGALLS** have both served their two years as Vice Presidents - so there are several openings at the top. We need some new blood, folks! Some new candidates who can *commit* themselves to a year or more of Ring 76 Leadership and Management.

The Nominating Committee (See Board Meeting inside) will announce a recommended "Slate" at the May Meeting, but that's just the start of the process. If you've ever had thoughts of helping to "Run the Ring", now's your chance. Make yourself known to the Nominating Committee on May Twentieth (or sooner) and we'll have a well rounded, full and formal Election in

June. We also have an opening on the Board of Directors to fill, so be thinking about your commitment to Ring Seventy Six. You hold your *LAST ISSUE* of *MAGICURRENTS* in your hands RIGHT NOW! Unless, of course, you've paid your dues. If you *haven't* paid, you may get another courtesy issue or two as final reminders; BUT, Dues have expired this

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## Prez's Mezzage

Hope only the minimum number of you showed up for a non-meeting on April Fifteenth. (Ten percent is always allowed.) Our April Meeting was changed to the Twenty Ninth. Remember? Back in February? Our meeting room was in use by the American Legion Ladies - and may still be. So be prepared to go around to the front and up to the small meeting room up stairs - like we did a year ago for the **Tom OGDEN** Lecture. If the back door is open, come on in!

And while I'm on the "meeting room", I want to THANK, publicly, all those nice people who consistently and regularly help to pick up and "rack" chairs after our meetings. It's always the same group, and I appreciate your help. We've been fairly good in always leaving the meeting room "better than we found it", but I have to make a plea for your continued help in picking up after yourselves. There is no "mother committee" on our staff, so you've got to do it yourselves. We've been getting a few too many spilled drinks at the meetings, and I'm getting tired of picking up used raffle tickets. There are trash cans at the front and back - and paper towels in the rest rooms - please use 'em. We've got a great place to meet, and great hosts. Let's don't spoil the good relationship. See ya on the Twenty Ninth.

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month! About forty of you have already signed up for the 91/92 Membership year, but that leaves about one hundred more yet to dig out those check books. A twelve dollar check payable to "IBM Ring 76" puts you back on the Membership Roster. Bring it to the April Meeting on the Twenty Ninth or mail it to **Peg MARCUS**, P.O.Box 710262, Santee, CA 92072.

And, speaking of our Newsletter, am somewhat saddened, but overall - happy to report that the editorship of *MAGICURRENTS* will change with the July issue. It's been a fun three years of writing, but it's time for me to move on to other things. **Frank SYREN** has graciously consented to continue working on the paper and a new Editor will be announced soon. If you would like to help with *MAGICURRENTS* on a committed basis, please let me know soon!

Welcome to **Saul AMERLING** - our newest International Member. His application is "in-process" at the IBM office in Ohio, and his name will appear in the May issue of the *LINKING RING*.

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## MARCH MEETING

-- or what you missed

The Ring had the largest turnout ever for the **Warren STEPHENS** Lecture on March Tenth: Sixty Five Members, Two Guests (including a guest from Cape Cod, **John COULTER**), Three Juniors, and four New Members too! At our business meeting our President, **J.P.JACKSON**, handed out membership kits to **Chris CASTILLO** and **Larry FRANKEL**. Then we observed a moment of silence for **George EDWARDS**. Our Ring made a

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## VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



significant donation to the *MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION* in **George's** name. In addition to **George**, we also observed a moment of silence for another loss, Entertainer **Randy FOSTER**, who died on February Twenty Fourth.

Thanks to some of the members who have been performing: **Dana LAW** for the Children's Dental Health Week, **Tom CLAYTOR** for the U.S.O., and **Loch David CRANE** for his "*TRICKS FOR THE TROOPS*" with **Jack WHITE** and **Dana LAW**.

Now on to the Lecture: **Warren** was great. He has over seventy five items on the market. **Warren** has original material which is easy to do & colorful that entertained everyone. He interjected humor everywhere in the lecture. The Ring was thoroughly entertained for hours. **Warren** incorporated a variety of magic: Close-up, Mentalism, Off-beat Comedy, etc. "*SUPER SILK TRANSPORT*" was a clever trick using two silver colored tubes & two different colored, ungimmicked silks. The silks change places. "*CLEAR THROUGH*" was a wonderful penetration effect using a Jumbo Card secured in a plastic holder with a nut and bolt. The nut is removed and the card slides out of the holder even though the bolt remains in place. **Sherry LUFT** helped **Warren** with the effect and was amazed. He performed "*WILTING FLOWERS*" with the help of **Bernie KLEINKE**, and also with **James SWOGER**. One of **Warren's** favorite props was the "wobble" wand. Next was "*WACKY SILKS*" - great entertainment. There were three plastic tumblers on a tray with silks. The silks change colors. Then "*OH, WEEGEE*" with the help of **Sherry LUFT**. It's a great haunted pack. The pack cuts itself under the spectator's fingers, revealing the chosen card. "*CLIPPITY CLIP*" with the help of **Monica LACE** and **Logan HALE** was a great Close-Up effect. The color of the clip matches the color of the chosen

card. Next was a mental effect with the help of **Ken DEWOODY** using flash cards and spectator matched the prediction previously placed in the envelope. Then on to the nest of wands with **Bryce HAMMOND**. They were beautiful brass wands. It was fun. "*MENTAL COERCION*" was next with ESP Cards with the help of **John CADDY**, **Robert PRIOR**, **SUNNY the Clown**, and **Terry & Bruce LOVE**. Next "*ASTRO LINK*" which was great. Brass Rings were dropped into a cup and tossed into the air as a chain. For his finish "*TELETHESIA II*" used geometric designs on large cards. **Warren** revealed the chosen design on a clip board. Very versatile effect. It was all great, workable magic! Dispersed among his magic he talked about his philosophy. One of the favorites, "Don't run when no one is chasing."

## BOARD MEETING

The Board was hosted by **Jan EASTMAN** on April First WITH **Jeff & Peg MARCUS**, **J.P.JACKSON**, **Sherry LUFT**, **Dick** and **Julie DALE**, and **Paul BARTON**. Coming Ring Seventy Six Elections were discussed, and **J.P.JACKSON** announced the appointment of **Marcus DAY**, **Mary BROWN** and **Roy ARMSTRONG** to the official Nominating Committee with **Roy ARMSTRONG** as Chairman. The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of new officers at the May Meeting and accept further nominations from the floor.

Future meeting programs were discussed and the Board voted to have a new Officer Installation Banquet in late July. This will be in addition to our regular meeting on July Fifteenth. Locations and Banquet ideas were discussed with no resolution. The topic will be carried over to the next Board Meeting at **Jan EASTMAN's** on May Sixth.



## JUNIOR CORNER

by  
Logan Hale

Our March First Meeting turned out great with five members, one guest, and our "Head Honcho", **Don Halbach** present. In the business part of the meeting we talked about the elections. We decided to appoint officers rather than vote. (The results will be announced next month.) We also reinstated the "Junior Magic Book Library" and our Magic Point System. In this system you win points for performing magic. Points are awarded for things like entertaining at: Junior Meetings, IBM Meetings, and for strangers. And, when you accumulate a certain number of points, you will win prizes like books, cards, and tricks.

After the business meeting we learned ways of performing false cuts. **Don** showed us the "Push Through" from the *STARS OF MAGIC*.

The next Junior Meeting will be at *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP* at Seven P.M. on Friday May Third. Be sure to come.

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## APRIL MEETING

--or what's coming

Two weeks later than usual, but our regular meeting, none-the-less, is on Monday, April Twenty Ninth; AND we are working on a fun surprise for our MAY MEETING which will be back on the regular THIRD MONDAY schedule - Monday, May Twentieth.

Starting at Six Forty Five, **Jeff MARCUS** will give us a "Dealer Demo" of items from **Dick DALE's "MAGIC WORKS"** as the

pre-meeting event. Tricks will include "*CASE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR*" (the color changing card case created by member **Jessie JUDGE**) and "*HOT AIR*" (created by **Harry ENG**), plus a lot more. Regular business meeting at Seven Thirty followed by the usual break and our raffle with the evening's program starting at Eight P.M.

"Tricks from a Parade" is our program theme so dig out your *LINKING RINGS* (the magazine not the set), and find something neat to show us. For those of you who don't get the monthly IBM Magazine, this is another reason **WHY YOU SHOULD**. It comes as part of your International Membership and is only twenty dollars a year after you join. The *PARADE* feature is one of the best sections in the *LINKING RING*. It's edited by **Phil WIL-MARTH** and features magic ideas, concepts, and creations by some of the best minds in the "biz". So, Go! Review your back issues and find a "sleeper" to share with us on Monday, April Twenty Ninth.

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## SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

★ Superb job by Secretary **Sherry LUFT** and members **Jessie JUDGE** and **Tom CLAYTOR** with their "*WELCOME HOME TROOPS*" show at the Balboa Naval Hospital on Saturday, April Twentieth. They perform there every month but *this one* was special. Over one hundred returning troops, dependants, families, and friends in attendance for a full, hour-long, stage show by three of our members who *regularly* donate their time and magic. **WELL DONE!**

★ Community Relations Coordinator **Dick**

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**DALE** passes <sup>on</sup> another voluntary booking for anyone who can donate some magic time. St. Columbus School at 3327 Glencolum Drive in San Diego will hold a fund raiser on Saturday, May Eighteenth from Ten A.M. to Nine P.M. and on Sunday, May Nineteenth from Ten Thirty A.M. to Seven P.M. They need Stand Up or Walk Around Magic for kids and families. Call Pat Hill at 268-8153 if you can help out. Still another semi-FREE-BEE from **Dick** is at the *REGENCY NURSING HOME* Call 741-6109 and speak to Alice Fitzgerald. She needs a half-hour show and has a very modest budget.

☆ "Mentalist and Magic Lady get together for making magic," was the lead in the *Life-Style* Section of the April Tenth issue of the *CALIFORNIAN*, the East County Daily. Very nice Full-Page Article on Board Member **Jan EASTMAN** and **Paul BARTON**, President of IBM Ring 292, and their magic endeavors together.

☆ Have just received a very nice letter of THANKS from the MAKE-A-WISH Foundation of San Diego for the Ring's recent donation in **George EDWARDS** name. I've included it with this month's issue of *MAGICURRENTS* - it's for the entire membership.

☆ In addition to being very busy Clowns and Magic Entertainers, and dedicated, hard-working officers of Ring Seventy Six, **Jeff** and **Peggy MARCUS** have an additional project. **Peg** is an accomplished seamstress and has made a few custom-fitted "TOP-IT" vanishers for some of our working members. If you're interested call her at 562-3434 for a fitting.

☆ **Loch CRANE'S TRICKS FOR TROOPS** Benefit is all set for Sunday, April Twenty Eighth from five to eight P.M. in Chamberlin Hall at National University 4085 Camino

Del Rio South. In addition to members **Jack WHITE**, **Loch CRANE**, **Dana LAW** and **Dick BUSH**, **Loch** has also booked two comics to round out the program. Admission is free but **Loch** requests that attendees bring a blank Video Tape which will be used to re-record the show and sent to the troops who are still deployed in the Middle East. The hall seats three hundred and fifty, so to be sure to get a seat call **Loch** at 222-2849 and tell him to hold a few.

☆ Lastly, don't forget the **Doc EASON** Lecture on Monday, June Tenth. **Dick DALE** is hosting this very professional Bar Magician at our regular meeting room at the American Legion. It starts at Seven P.M. and will cost you Fifteen Dollars at the door.

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## CROSS TALK

● **Jim BEAMON**, one of our distant members in Riviera, Arizona, sends his annual dues and a nice personal donation to the *MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION* in memory of **George EDWARDS**. Many thanks, **Jim**. "**Diamond Jack**" **BEAMON**, as he is billed, is busy doing magic at the *RAMADA EXPRESS HOTEL and CASINO* in Laughlin, Nevada. He sent in a great news article on his work which appeared in the "*LAUGHLIN GAMBLER*" recently. (I'll include it if there's room.)

● **Joe SELPH**, President of Hollywood's IBM Ring Twenty One, sends a last minute reminder about their "*DAY OF MAGIC*" on Saturday, May Fourth. There may be a few tickets left at the door, but advance regist-

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rations are encouraged since attendance will be limited to One Hundred and Seventy Five Max. The program includes a lecture by **Vito LUPO** and performances by **Loren MICHAELS** and **The Illusions of Russell LEWIS** in addition to the "bill" shown on the flyer you got with last month's *MAGICURRENTS*. A grand total of ten lectures and four performers. One **HEAVY DAY OF MAGIC!**

- Lots of mail this month! Letter and Order Blank from *MAGICAL CREATIONS* in San Carlos, CA offering "*I BELIEVE IN MAGIC*" T-Shirts at a group discount. Anyone interested, fill out the attached order blank and bring it in with the cash or check to the

April Twenty Ninth Meeting, and I'll mail 'em in for anybody that wants.

- And More! *CUSTOM BENEFITS CORP.* is offering a "Comprehensive Medical Health Plan" for "Performing Artists". Don't know a thing about it and *am not endorsing it*, but I made a few copies for anyone who wants to look into it further. See me at the meeting.

*J.P. Jackson*

J.P.JACKSON

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**HERMAN** By Unger



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"You're gonna have to start losing weight."

**MARMADUKE** By Brad Anderson



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"Go ahead and pick out a card or we'll be here all night."



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Mr. J.P. Jackson, President  
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Dear Mr. Jackson and Membership of I.B.M. RING 76:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego, I express our heartfelt thanks for your donation in memory of George Edwards. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

An acknowledgement card has been sent to the Edwards family. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that this donation will help us in our efforts to continue bringing smiles to the faces of San Diego's special children.

Again, **THANK YOU** for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Most sincerely,

Mary Kent  
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Enclosure



# 'Diamond Jack' amazes Ramada Express guests with magic act

Disappearing coins, vanishing aces, mystifying card tricks... just another day at a Nevada gambling hall, some wisecrack might say.

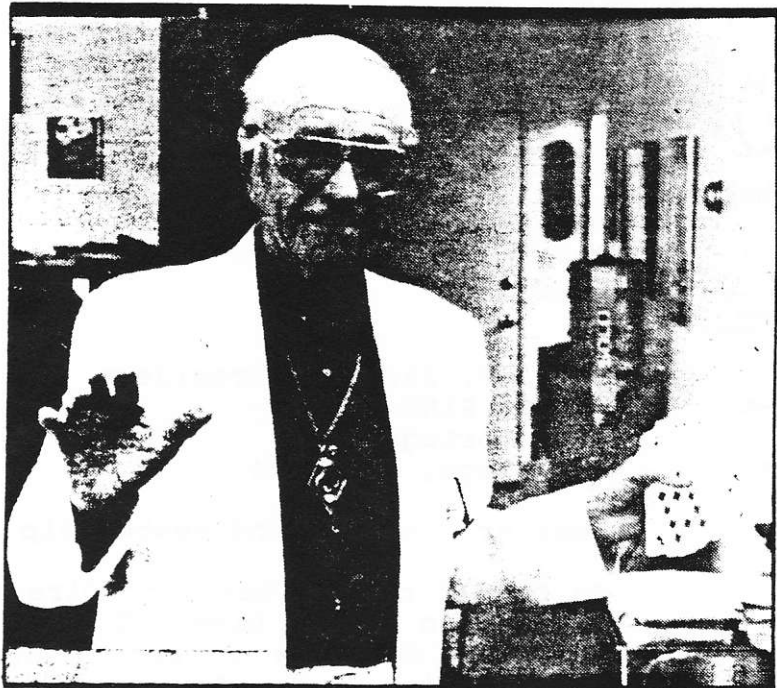
But not at the Ramada Express, where these amazing acts of prestidigitation will be presented, not by a blackjack dealer or a slot machine, but by house magician "Diamond Jack" James T. Beamon.

"People see what I do and they say it's practically impossible," said Beamon, who lives in Bullhead City. "But I do it right under their noses."

Beamon, a student of magic for more than 60 years, considers himself a "close-up" artist, practicing sleight of hand effects using coins, playing cards, scarves, dollar bills and other small objects.

From a deck of 52 regular playing cards, Beamon can have a subject "pick a card, any card," as they say, and then, without looking, tell exactly what the card is. He can seemingly move objects through space, from one location to another, put torn cards back together again, or make George Washington turn a flip-flop on a one-dollar bill.

"The things that I do in my shows are of my own development," said Beamon, who worked in the wholesale produce industry for 27 years.



**PICK A CARD**/Magician 'Diamond Jack' James T. Beamon assures audiences that he has nothing up his sleeves as he performs almost unbelievable feats of close-up magic during special events and parties.

"I have put my own touches on each effect. Nobody can copy my personality."

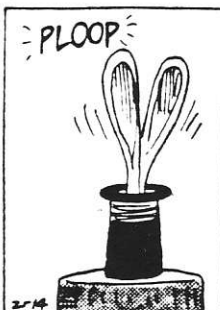
A member of the world-famous Magic Castle club in Los Angeles, Beamon has performed in the close-up room there and at numerous venues in Laughlin and Bullhead City. Many of his performances have been for charitable organizations, hospitals and convalescent homes.

"He never says 'no' when someone calls him to perform for children or hospitals," said his wife, Celeste.

"The charitable work is too numerous to keep track of."

"Diamond Jack" will be showing off his talents at the Ramada Express on a variety of occasions, during special events, tournaments and parties and to entertain diners who are waiting to be served.

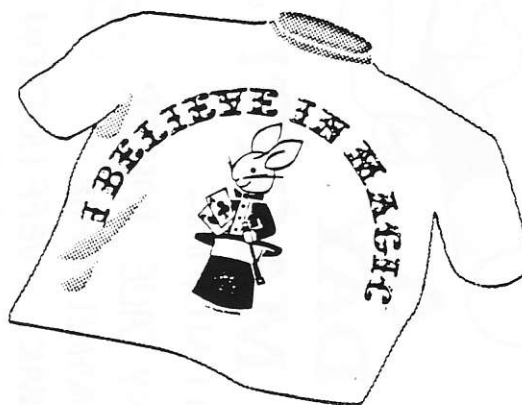
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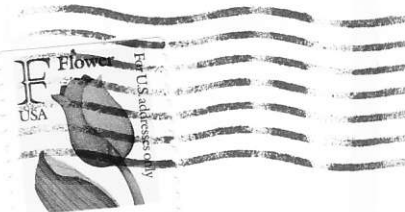
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