

# MAGICURRENTS

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## June Meeting: Coins, Election and Kid Magic

June's meeting holds the promise of mystery and delight for the members and guests of Ring 76. Starting with the pre-meeting *teach in* where our

masters of coins will inform and delight. Immediately following the *teach in*, will be the official club business, new and old. This month is our annual election of Ring 76 Officers and Directors for the coming year. Remember, you can only display the bumper sticker ***Don't Blame Me I Voted For David Copperfield*** if you actually come and cast your ballot. Express yourself, make this our largest vote ever.

June's main theme is Kid Magic. Ring 76 has many magi very proficient

and experienced in the art of entertaining the younger set. Come and share your wisdom, magic and a story or two. Wasn't it Art Linkletter who said "Kids say the darndest things?"

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## MAGICURRENTS GET A NEW LOOK

We have undertaken some reconstruction of *Magicurrents* with this issue. The look and feel isn't nearly as important as the content. Let us know what you think, what you would like to see and, most importantly, what you would like to contribute. A trick, some patter, an amusing story, a review... whatever you would like to

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### JUNE 12

Pre-Meeting 6:30

Main Meeting 8:00

at

Hungry Hunter  
402 Fletcher Parkway  
El Cajon  
(619) 442-0517



### 1995-1996 ELECTIONS

Here's your chance to influence, direct and change Ring 76 for the coming year. On June 12 vote for the slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year.



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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello Everyone,

Your club has come to rather crucial crossroads. We will hold our election of officers at the next general meeting. I feel that this election process is critical. Within the past two months I have heard a considerable amount of discontent about our club. So far, I have not been able to nail down any specific cures for our club's ills. I do know this much... Ring 76 needs your help.

I received the following letter with my morning post. A post-it note requested that a copy be passed on to our newsletter editor. I felt that this letter was important enough to put right up front, rather than hiding it on the back page somewhere.

Dear Editor & Friends,

I cannot believe that the current officers of the club have let our organization slip so far. It has come to my attention that Dick Dale and Jeff Marcus are no longer members of the Board of Directors. THIS IS A TERRIBLE INJUSTICE!!!! These 2 men have more experience in magic and running a good and solid club than the current board combined. The uneducated and unorganized way in which our club is run is a DISGRACE and I'm amazed that it took them this long to bow out. The way the board handled Mr. Dale's departure from the newsletter was atrocious, you mean to tell me the club does not have 5-10 dollars to purchase a plaque that say Thank You Correctly! Jeff Marcus was the only other board member to be gracious enough to explain and demonstrate what effect he was showing to the club or any effect you were having problems with, unlike any other Board member or officer besides Mr. Dale. Or is it they are the only 2 with any talent and professionalism left, in the ring. For the officers and the Board I leave you with a couple of thoughts:

**Club:** Def: a group or association

**Leadership:** Def: 1 The office or position of a leader. 2 The quality of a leader. 3 capacity to lead.

These definitions are in my Webster's dictionary and apply to most of the officer's in this club. Take a good hard look at yourselves and ask the question, Am I doing the best I can Do????? I think not, by the departure of Mr. Dale and Mr. Marcus this club has suffered a great loss, by this club not doing anything in the public's eye we are furthering our club. The banquet at the same place as last year is just lazy!!!!

Sincerely, A member, A Ex-member or Deep Throat

First, I take exception to Deep Throat's suggestion that Jeff and Dick are the only members of the club gracious enough to help their fellow members learn. I can remember Loch David's very clear explanation of Clippo and the Gypsy Thread, my own Haunted Pack workshop, Brad's false shuffle workshop and so on. I remember other members helping me and each other. The membership as a whole must help one another grow. While I understand the comments on the Board's experience, I take strong exception to the puerile attack on our dedication, talent and professionalism.

Dick and Jeff have declined nomination for next year. Last year Jeff graciously extended his board seat by an extra year. When asked about extending for yet another year, Jeff said he would probably make most board meetings, he just didn't want to feel compelled. I very much understand his position. Dick also has graciously helped in transitioning the newsletter to a new team. I appreciate both of these members' dedication "above and beyond." I can also understand their wanting to take a breather. I do not believe that we are losing either as members and I expect that we can continue to count on them for advice in the year to come.

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## Member News

Send us your newsworthy information... a performance, benefit, birth, award, accomplishment. We will see to it you get the press you deserve!



## Shop News

Brad Burt's  
4690 Convoy  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 571-4749

Hours: M-Th 10:00-6:00  
Friday 10:00-8:00  
Sat: 10-5:30 Sun: 12-4

The Magic Shop  
849 W. Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 236-1556

Hours: Sun-Sat 10:00-10:00



## Installation Banquet

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Saying hello to the new Board, thanking and acknowledging the accomplishments of last year's Board... and of course, a little magic thrown in for good meas-

## Meeting Memories

By Mark Flores

The Ring 76 May meeting kicked off with a pre-meeting demonstration on chemical magic. Rick Waterhouse and Mark Flores showed the club that there are many magical effects that can be produced from simple, easy-to-find materials. Rick stated that a magician can utilize chemical magic to produce effects that the average person would not suspect is the product of science, rather than sleight of hand. Mark and Rick showed the club that instant cold packs could produce a '*deathly handshake*,' invisible writing could be accomplished with lemon juice and that liquid soap can be the finale of a great mental prediction. But clearly the

*pièce de résistance* was that even diapers (unused preferably) have useful chemicals in them!

For next month's elections, a nominating committee was selected: Ursula Rohrer, Jim Jolly and Tom Kasner. The Board will make a recommendation for a slate of officers but encourages **everyone** who wants to become involved with the club to run for office. Ring 76 needs you!

The main theme for this month's meeting was, appropriately, flower magic. The list of performers included Ursula Rohrer who demonstrated a beautiful flower production, including a blooming bouquet. Fred Rohrer imparted his pyromaniacal knowledge with some tips about flashy (and darn scary) magical effects. Thematically, he had a spectator mentally select a card and flower,

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ure. Mark your calendar, Monday July 10th at the beautiful Regency Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley's Hotel Circle (same place as last year). The festivities start at 6:30 PM with the *No Host Bar* with dinner served at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are only \$13 each and you should make your reservations with Julie

Dale (562-7379) as soon as possible (or see Julie at June's meeting). Make your reservations by July 5th and be eligible for a chance to win a year's dues in Ring 76.

The entertainment for the banquet will **Harry Eng**, one of the most entertaining magicians you will ever see.

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**Banquet (page 3)**

You are guaranteed to see things at this show you won't see anywhere else! Very clever, creative and unique magic.

Suggested dress for the banquet is essentially the same as for the Magic Castle, semi-formal.

And, this year's banquet has yet another bonus for attendees: a free lec-

ture on July 11th, at 7 PM in the Plaza Room at the Regency Plaza Hotel. So, get your reservations in today.



**Meeting (page 3)**

then the volunteer chose the exact card/flower combination from a number of sealed envelopes. Dexterous Joe Florian performed a wonderful multiple ball production and a color change a la Carl Cloutier. Rich Robertson showed everyone how to satisfy the most fickle guest by changing a Pepsi to 7-Up at will. Jeff Marcus proved his superiority over the plant kingdom by hypnotizing a flower to 'play dead'

and then promptly, magically, turn itself into a cane. Finally, Ed Raymond showed the audience a finely crafted empty box that produced no end of colorful silks followed by a stream of international flags!

Next month will be Ring 76's elections. Be sure to come and cast your ballot. Bring along some coins for the pre-meeting teach-in.



**President (page 2)**

However, we cannot count on any two people to run our club. Our club depends on both the experienced and inexperienced to serve and lead. And if there is no one, regardless of experience, willing to assume leadership, then the club will perish.

Deep Throat has shared a point of view. However, the letter typifies many of our problems. DT obviously cares. That is a first step. Still, there were only two concrete sugges-

tions in the letter. One is too late to act upon. The other will be brought before the board. But DT, why not come to a Board meeting? Why wait 'til now? Why this veil of secrecy? Rather than lamenting the retirement of two great board members, DT, step up and fill the void! Instead of complaining about the installation banquet venue in late May, suggest an alternative in February. Beyond DT's letter, if YOU find something wrong with YOUR

club, pitch in and fix it! If you don't like the meeting location, volunteer to find us another. If you don't like the meetings, suggest how they can be changed. If this newsletter bores you, submit something of your own. And finally, if you don't feel that your officers are serving you - **Throw the Bums OUT!!!** It's your chance for the coming year.



**Magiccurrents** (page 1) contribute. Also important, what would like you like to see, hear about?

In this issues there are teasers, captions, partially conceived ideas in addition to the **Magiccurrents** staples. This can be nearly anything you can imagine. We even toyed with printing on flash paper so you can use the newsletter after you have read it (unfortunately, the Post Office frowns on flammables being mailed -- but please feel free to burn this slowly if you would like).

Address any ideas to Jim Fry or Tom LaChance at any meeting or mail them to Magiccurrents, 4046 Caminito Treviso, San Diego, CA 92122-1993. (e-mail: jimfry@ix.netcom.com)



## Magic At The Castle

Here's a small sample of what's scheduled for the **Magic Castle** in Hollywood.

### May 29, 1995

Closeup Gallery

(Early 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 -

Late 10:30, 11:30, 12:30)

- E: Larry Jennings

- L: Jeff Semel

Parlour

(Early 7:45, 8:45, 9:30 -

Late 10:15, 11:15, 12:15)

- E: Aldo Colombini

- L: Becky Blaney

Palace of Mystery

(8:30, 10:00, 11:15)

- Mike Caveney

- Tina Lenert

- Joel Hodgson

### June 5, 1995

Closeup Gallery

(Early 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 -

Late 10:30, 11:30, 12:30)

- E: Monte Smith

- L: Martin Nash

Parlour

(Early 7:45, 8:45, 9:30 -

Late 10:15, 11:15, 12:15)

- E: Dale Hindman

- L: Michael Hack

Palace of Mystery

(8:30, 10:00, 11:15)

- Larry Wilson

- Rocco

- The Majestix



<http://www>  
(or, WHAT?)

Superhighways, cities of the future, the Web, the Net, gophers, FTPing, Telnetting, technology explosion...every wonder what it

means to Magic? Well, even Magicians are becoming hip, in the groove and connected -- big time.

Everyone from the **Magic Castle** (URL: <http://www.crl.com/~ivler/mc.htm>) to Penn and Teller (URL: <http://krusty.eecs.umich.edu/people/nielsen/penn-n-teller.html>) to magic shops (even our own Brad Burt pretty soon) are taking advantage of the internet.

For the connected, and digitally slow, there are the USENEWS groups, including ALT.MAGIC (not to be confused with alt.magick, alt.magick.chaos, alt.magic.k.ethics, alt.magick.sex, or alt.magick.sex.angst) for magicians and wannabes, though people try to talk cryptically since there is no protection from internet prying eyes.

And then there's the Electronic Grymoire (magic@maillist.crd.ge.com) put out by Chris Bailey for magicians only. You can be on the list by invitation only.

One clever trick on the P-N-T (Penn and Teller) Web page is the **Choose any Card** trick. You can bring/send your computer literate friends/audiences to see their selected card predicted (3 of Clubs). Pretty impressive.



## Board Report

By Mark Flores

The May Board meeting, at the Dale's home, was attended by Dick and Julie Dale, Sherri Luft, Greg Wauson, Don Soul, Dick Bush and Mark Flores. Greg finalized plans for this year's installation banquet to be held again at Villani's Restaurant, menu to be announced. The entertainment/lecture

will be provided by Mr. Harry Eng. (See *Installation Banquet*, page 3 for details. Ed)

The Board's suggested slate for 1995-1996 is:  
Rick Waterhouse, President  
Greg Wauson, Vice President  
Jim Fry, Secretary  
Treasurer, <vacant>  
Sergeant-At-Arms, Dick Bush  
Member-At-Large, Mark Flores  
Member-At-Large, <vacant>

Any club member is eligible to run for office and the Board is seeking people to fill the two vacant positions. Please contact the nominating chairperson, Ursula Rohrer or any

Board Member if you are interested. The Ring 76 Board also endorses Mr. Dick Dale for IBM territorial vice-president in the upcoming election.

The Board completed revisions of the Ring 76 Constitution and by-laws. A draft copy will be sent to IBM Headquarters for final suggestions and then presented to the club membership for final ratification.



### CALENDAR

June 1-4	Las Vegas Close-Up MGM Grand Hotel Las Vegas, NV	June 17	Ring 21 "Day of Magic" Holiday Inn, Hollywood (818) 785-2607 B. Garland
June 6	Martin Nash Lecture (7PM) 1537 India Street Contact Craig Stone @ Brad Burt's	June 19	Ring 76 Board Meeting Dick & Julie Dale's El Cajon
June 12	Ring 76 Meeting & Election Hungry Hunter, El Cajon Pre-Meeting: Coins Theme: Kid Magic	July 10	Ring 76 Meeting Installation Banquet Villani's (same as '94)
		July 12-15	67th Annual IBM Convention Oakland, CA

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