



# MagiCurrents

## President's Message

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and have a terrific new year full of magic, in all its forms. We had a great turn out at the December Pot Luck and show. The crowd showed their appreciation of Jack White's generosity by giving him a much deserved standing ovation for his hospitality. The evening's entertainment was fantastic. It was a full show displaying tremendous talent. Many thanks to Paul Thomey, Josh Hall, Bill Monroe, Rick Bruce, Don Soul and Jack Evans. They each were great and generous with their time and talent. And one more thank you to the board and ring members for making it such a successful evening.

Our next meeting, as you know, is the Close-up Contest. Last year it was a wonderful night of magic and I'm hoping this year is even better. So start the year right, brush up and enter the contest. All you can do is gain some experience and have some fun. See you at the January meeting.

  
Gary S

## Members CLOSE-UP!

This month's meeting shows off the Ring 76 members who will be taking part in the 2nd annual Close-Up competition. If you haven't notified Dick Dale of your interest in performing, let him know...before the meeting gets underway. The winner will be announced and awarded at the July installation banquet.

We meet at the La Mesa American Legion Hall, 6:30 pm, Monday, January 11th.

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## Ring 76 December Meeting

Our annual holiday party was held at **Jack White's** magic place and the turn out of nearly 60 members, family and guests enjoyed a plentiful pot luck dinner and a terrific show. Our most sincere thank-you's go to Jack and Glenn for decorating, setting up and tearing down the banquet hall.

After dinner, a few brief announcements were made and then the magic show began. Five performers and our emcee, **Paul Thomey**, gave us an hour of top-notch entertainment, the likes of which haven't been so elaborate in quite awhile.

From the A.C.E.S., **Josh Hall** opened the show with his terrific dove act and snowfall routine. It

brought down the house. How's that for openers?

Next up, **Bill Monroe** showed us his highly-polished silver dollar production - the highlight of his act as seen at various public performances from the Ring 76 band of magicians.

This was followed by **Rick Bruce** narrating "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." During the recitation, three different-colored scarves were used.

President **Gary Schwartzwald** then interrupted the show to announce the unscheduled appearance of a special mystery performer, The Amazing ShamanDon (**Don Soul**). Shamandon performed coin-

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## Performer Interview

*An exclusive interview for Ring 76 covering the fantastic career of The Amazing ShamanDon, Mystic Seer.*

**DS:** Your specialty is that of an illusionist. What illusionists have influenced your career?

**Sham:** Well, let's see. There's Karl Strauss, Rob Roy, Harvey Wallbanger, The Great Martini, Jim Beam and, of course, Jack Daniels.

**DS:** Speaking of Jack Daniels, we've seen you perform your Jack Daniels production and some of us are interested in knowing if that's the real thing or is it just tea?

**Sham:** It's real. In fact, ALL my illusions are real.

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### About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.





Left; Marcus Day and J.P. Jackson have dinner as Thurston looks on. Right; Jack Evans and Jack White chat before the evening's performance.



# Ring 76 Holiday Party



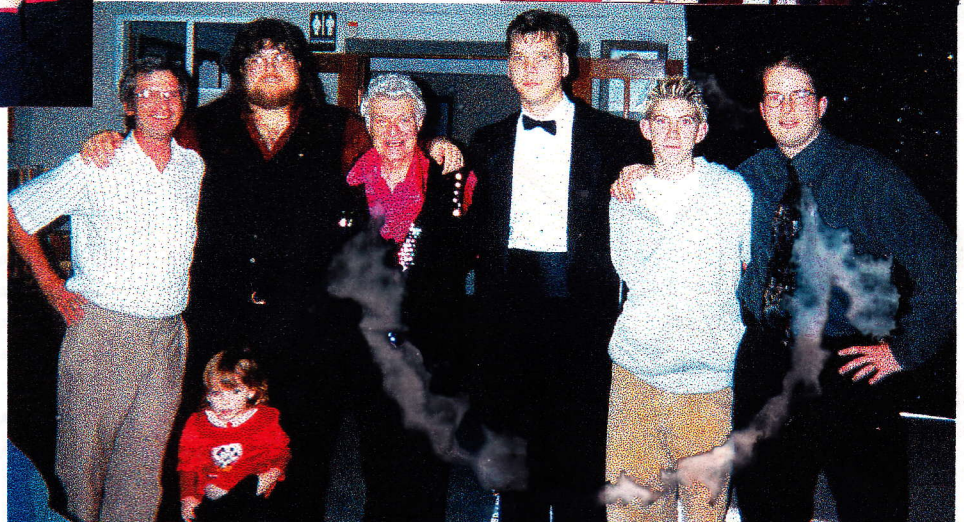
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Left; The Schwartwalds chow down. Above; Featured performer Jack Evans dazzles us with a colorful streamer. Right; Loch David Crane gives the thumbs up while Alex and Dick Ustick agree.



Right; The Ring 76 talent pool for the entertainment fare - from left to right, Don Soul, Rick Bruce, Jack Evans, Bill Monroe, Josh Hall and Paul Thomey all helped to put on a great show. Oh yes, and Ariel Bruce (kneeling) assisted as well. And a special thank you to Sumit Dua who stayed late and helped Jack clean up.





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## December Meeting

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from-ear, ear-from-ear and even nose-from-face, using Gary as his victim. This was followed by a truly dreadful puppet bit and he closed with a parody of Bill Monroe's blindfolded card divination routine.

Then came our star performer, **Jack Evans**, from the North County Guild. Having performed on the high seas on cruise ships for twenty years,

Jack's show was superb. Scarves, streamers, jokes, a mechanical monkey and great illusions brought him one of the warmest ovations ever presented by the Ring.

The holiday gala topped off a super year in which it appears more and more members are getting the performing bug. It pleases the Ring board knowing their efforts to give Ring 76 members insights and outlets for their magical interests are appreciated. Let's keep it up during the new year.

## Performer Interview

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DS: What illusions do you consider to be among the greatest of all-time?

Sham: I think Bob Dole's Pen-Thru-Hand is very good. Then there's Monica Lewinsky's Floating Bill trick. It's been done so many times before but it's still pleasing.

DS: You call yourself a Mystic Seer yet many of our members are wondering why they haven't seen you do any Mystic Seeing?

Sham: That's because he hasn't been to any of the meetings lately.

DS: Being a Mystic Seer also involves mentalism. Did you study any memory training courses?

Sham: Yes. When I started out I read Harry Lorayne's book *How to Develop a Super-Power Memory*.

DS: How long ago was that?

Sham: I don't remember.

DS: Last month we saw you perform a fascinating blindfolded act.

Was the blindfold real and can you tell us how it was done?

Sham: Yes, the blindfold is real. Well, you know, I really shouldn't tell how it's done but let's just say it involves memorizing an entire deck of 52 cards...in order!

DS: Is there a point in time down the line when you will write a book and reveal your methods?

Sham: Yes. My book will be called *The Amazing ShamanDon Exposes Himself*.

DS: That has...

Sham: It'll be profusely illustrated.

DS: I'm sure it will. That title bears a similarity to Milt Larsen's *Hockmann The Great Exposes Himself*. Aren't you afraid of plagiarism?

Sham: Plagiarism is my middle name!

DS: Oh, so it's The Amazing P. ShamanDon?

Sham: Yes. ■

## Close-Up!

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This month our Close-Up competition takes place. Last year's challenge showed off eleven Ring members and their efforts were outstanding. Can we count on **YOU** to be a contestant this year? If so, touch base with Dick Dale and get on the list for January 11th.

The Ring 76 website is online. Want to see plenty of pics and a great promo for our group? Want to find out what's in our library? Then visit

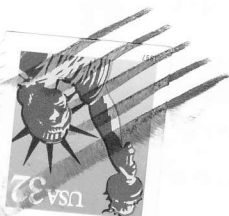
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Find out what Ring 76 is all about by getting on the web now! Links to many magical sites are also listed.

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## AT THE CASTLE

## What's Happening

|             |                                                                                             |
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| January 11  | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa<br>theme: Close-up competition                       |
| January 25  | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Tom La Chance's home                                               |
| February 8  | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa<br>theme: My favorite trick<br>pre-meeting: teach-in |
| February 22 | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Tom La Chance's home                                               |
| March 8     | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa<br>theme: Auction<br>pre-meeting: Swap meet          |
| March 22    | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Don Soul's home                                                    |
| April 12    | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa<br>theme: lecturer TBA<br>pre-meeting: dues night    |
| April 26    | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Don Soul's home                                                    |

| January 18 - 24                                                                                                       | January 25 - 31                                                                                                     | February 1 - 7                                                                                                 |
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| <b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b><br>Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30<br><u>Suzanne</u><br>Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30<br>Mike Close | <b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b><br>Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30<br>Armando Vera<br>Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30<br>Whit Haydn | <b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b><br>7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30-11:30-12:30<br>Eugene Burger                                   |
| <b>PARLOUR</b><br>Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30<br>Alfie<br>Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15<br>Brian Gittis                 | <b>PARLOUR</b><br>Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30<br>Bruce Cervon<br>Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15<br>Mike Close          | <b>PARLOUR</b><br>Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30<br>John Shryock<br>Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15<br>Jonathan Levit |
| <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b><br>8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15<br>Skildini<br>Ed Alonzo                                             | <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b><br>8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15<br>Dimmare                                                         | <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b><br>8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15<br>Dimmare                                                    |
| <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b><br><b>PARLOUR</b><br>Children's Shows<br>12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15<br>Jeff Martin                      | <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b><br><b>PARLOUR</b><br>Children's Shows<br>12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15<br>Howard Jay                     | <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b><br><b>PARLOUR</b><br>Children's Shows<br>12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15<br>Bill Perron               |

### Lectures

(for magician members only)

Lectures are normally held at 3.00 P.M. in the Parlour

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| Jan 3  | Ross Johnson         | Ross is from Chicago and is one of the most successful mentalists in the country. He will discuss the age-old debate regarding mentalism vs. magic and how they can be successfully combined. Ross will present this lecture as a tribute to the late Al Koran.   |
| Jan 10 | Sylvester the Jester | Danny will dig deep into the realms of creativity, describing some pitfalls and obstacles which get in the way. His lecture is entitled "Magic Composition 101" in which he will discuss his thinking processes which lead to his original effects.               |
| Jan 17 | Loren C. Michaels    | The title of Loren's lecture is "Hide everything in plain sight." He will go into considerable detail to cover the concepts of creativity and misdirection, with particular emphasis on becoming bolder in the presentation of magical effects.                   |
| Jan 24 | Tim Wright           | Of Tim Wright's new video, Lance Burton said, "If you own a Zombie, this video is a must." Tim, who is known as Skildini in his comedy stage act, will present many basic and classical moves with the Zombie as well as other different effects.                 |
| Jan 31 | Mike Close           | Michael Close's farewell lecture tour has received rave reviews from magicians around the country. His lecture contains close-up and stand-up material, featuring a discussion of 'Unconscious Assumption', one of the strongest tools in the conjurer's arsenal. |