



## President's Message

As my two terms as Ring 76 President come to an end I can honestly say thank you. I feel that I have had good support from the members, great support and help from the Board and a lot of fun in both the Ring and Board meetings. Many good things happened under 'my watch' but I don't think this is the time to list them. The Board and the membership accomplished all the positives for the Ring over the past two years. I think we've done a great job. Happily the membership is strong as is the Treasury and I am confident that the next Board and next President will improve the Ring 76 even more. I have enjoyed being President more than I thought I would and will miss some of the contacts that came to me because I was President. It forced me to get more involved in magic and I will try to sustain that. Thank you, it's been great.

Our June meeting has the Board election and the Stand-up Contest. Please come place your votes, they do matter, and show us your stuff in the Contest. It looks like a great evening of magic. See you there.

*Gary S*

## STAND UP!

Tonight's the night!  
The annual Stand-Up competition will begin after a brief business meeting and it promises to be an entertaining evening of quality magical acts. If you're ready for a fun time, join us at the La Mesa American Legion Hall, 6:30 pm. Be there!

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# May Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

Our May meeting started off with a presentation by **Chris Portillo** and **Jack Evans** who offered a History of Cards, with not only the evolution of playing cards but a display of various rare card decks and card-oriented merchandise. Next, **Tom La Chance** performed his Pass-the-Mat trick, "A Special Magic Trick" as he calls it, based on Elmsley's "Hoftwister". A card was selected and shown to all then placed into Tom's deck. He pulled out the four aces and showed them then demonstrated that each of three aces would flip over in the small packet, one by one. Each time he asked if that was the suit of the selected card but, of course, it was not, leaving one lone ace. Surprise. It wasn't an ace at all but the selected card!

President **Gary Schwartzwald** then announced the candidacy of our new board, as collected by the nominating commit-

tee. He then informed us of the installation banquet by stating it would be held at the Legion Hall with a catered Hawaiian luau for dinner and special guest performer, **Sylvester the Jester**. A new member audition was next up with **Ilene Peiser** in the spotlight. She gave us a lively performance of the disappearing paper-toss gag with **Sumit Dua** as the "sucker", performed Helicopter card using a borrowed credit card and close by "cutting to the chase" and showing us the "endings" of our favorite magic tricks - cups and balls loads, jumping scarves and disappearing rabbit. Great act, Ilene.

After the break, it was time to enjoy magic from our members on Money Magic night. **Miguel Garcia** baffled us with a \$20/\$1 bill transposition simply by rolling up the two then unrolling them. What happened?! Next, **Tom Kasner** displayed his origami

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# Board Meeting

by Don Soul, secretary

The May board meeting was held at **Dick** and **Julie Dale**'s house. Attending were **Ralph Mauzy**, **Gary Schwartzwald**, **Tom La Chance** and **Don Soul**. The meeting was mostly devoted to final planning of the installation banquet. It was agreed that admission will be \$15 for any person 15 years of age or older and a rate of \$1 per year of child under 15 years of age. Because the Ring must make a commitment to Ranch Catering for the number of people attending so as to prepare enough food, the only admittance into the installation banquet will be by reserved, advanced ticket sales only. Tom will make up a notice regarding the event for publication in the June newsletter.

Dick confirmed that the La Mesa American Legion Hall "big room" will be the location and Gary next assigned tasks to organize the banquet. Ranch Catering will set up and tear down the tables provided by the Legion Hall. This will include tablecloths and plasticware but not deco-

rations. The performer (and lecturer the following evening) will be **Sylvester the Jester**, a crowd-of-all-ages pleaser. The order of events will be the same as last year and Don will create the program hand-outs. Ralph will create the Close-up and Stand-up certificates for all who participated and Julie will purchase the plaques for all categories of awards.

Gary sought approval for a brief opening act before bringing out **Sylvester** and it was unanimously approved by the board. The performance will remain the board's secret. Julie Dale will create survey forms, based on last year's format, which will be issued as guests enter the banquet hall. Such forms proved useful last time.

The subject then turned to the logistics for officers election at the June meeting. It was agreed that only paid-in-full members would be allowed to vote on the evening of June 14th. Tom reported that currently there are 63 paid members with

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# RING 76 INSTALLATION BANQUET



MONDAY, JULY 12, AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

FEATURING THE FUN AND MAGIC OF

## ★ SYLVESTER the JESTER ★

BUT BEFORE YOU FEAST ON SYLVESTER'S HUMOR, A DELICIOUS  
CATERED BUFFET WILL BE SERVED FEATURING:

YOUR CHOICE OF EITHER BAKED HAM OR TERIYAKI CHICKEN

WILD RICE - TOMATO BASIL SALAD - HAWAIIAN ROLLS - COOKIES & BROWNIES

COFFEE - RASPBERRY ICED TEA - ICE WATER



THE EVENING ALSO HOLDS SPECIAL HONORS FOR SEVERAL RING MEMBERS AS  
THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S STAND-UP & CLOSE-UP CONTESTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
ALONG WITH THE ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR & MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS.



ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE FOR THE UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICE OF  
\$15.00 PER ADULT. CHILDREN PAY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THEIR AGE.

THE EVENING BEGINS AT 6:45 PM WITH A LITTLE SOCIAL TIME  
THEN THE BUFFET KICKS OFF THE EVENTS AT 7:00 PM

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

DUE TO CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, AN EXACT COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
ATTENDING IS NEEDED BY WEDNESDAY JULY 7. WE REALLY WOULD HATE TO TURN ANYONE  
AWAY AT THE DOOR. SO PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE, FILL OUT THE REPLY FORM BELOW AND  
RETURN IT TO A BOARD MEMBER - OR JUST MAIL IT IN. THANKS AND SEE YOU THERE !

----- PLEASE REPLY BEFORE JULY 7 -----

## INSTALLATION BANQUET REPLY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

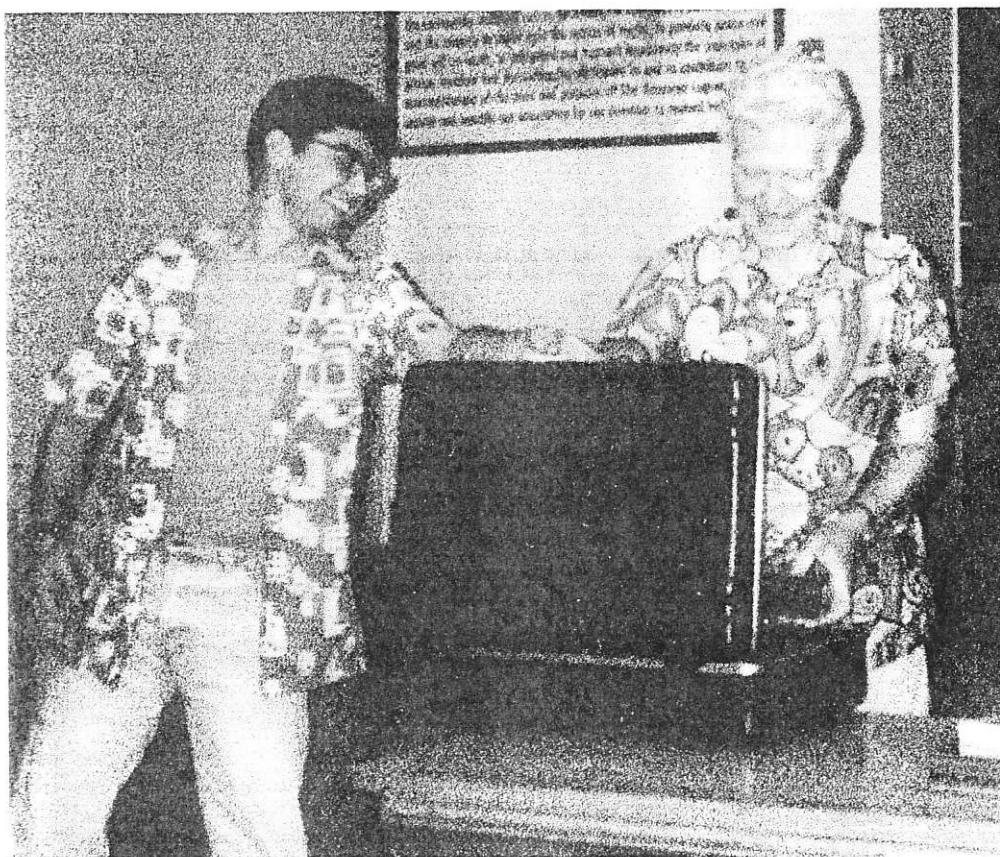
NUMBER ATTENDING:      ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO ANY BOARD MEMBER OR MAIL TO: JULIE DALE, 2447 NIELSEN ST., EL CAJON, 92020

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JULIE AT 562-7379 / GARY AT 697-9468 / OR TOM AT 441-3747

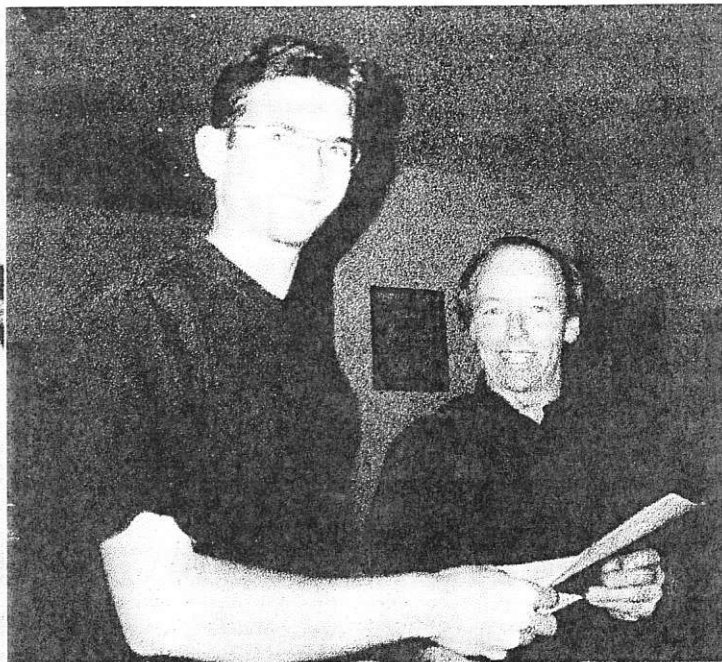
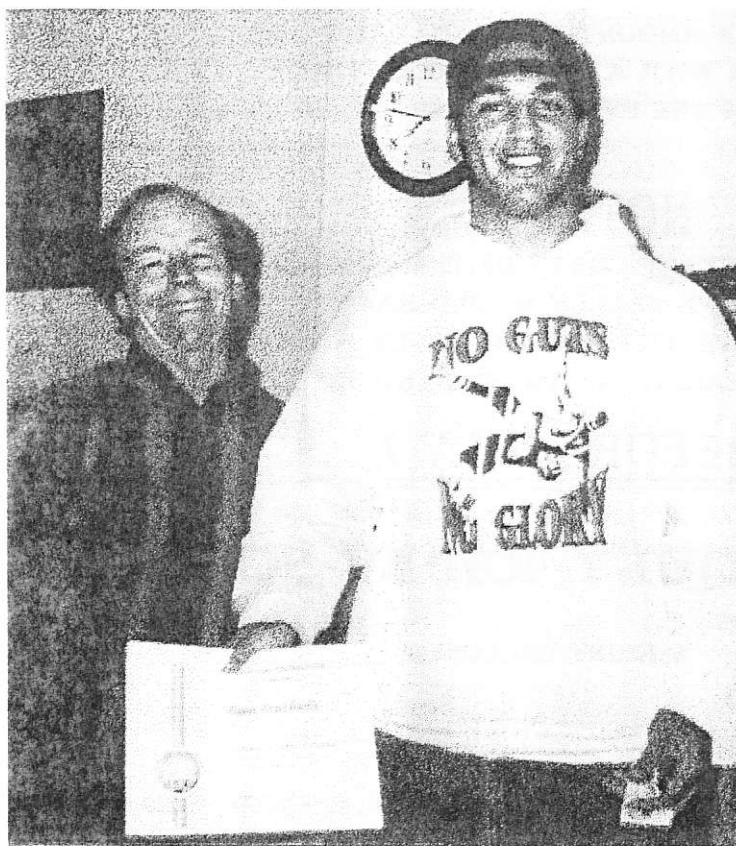




*Chris Portillo, left, and Jack Evans gave us their famous History of Cards lecture as our May pre-meeting entertainment got under way.*



*Ilene Peiser is our newest Ring 76 member, having successfully passed the audition last month. We'll be looking forward to more entertainment from you, Ilene.*



*Receiving their IBM membership packets from Tom La Chance are Ring 76 members Miguel Garcia, left photo, and Jacob Rheuban, above.*

# May Meeting

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collection of dollar bills. This array can be viewed on our website. Following that, **Greg Wauson** offered to explain what happens to our money because of taxes, etc. by showing two dimes which eventually changed into a dime and a nickel, two nickels, one nickel and, finally, only a penny. **Rich Robertson** took center stage next and stated that a new IRS tax form has been created to telepathically determine one's taxes. This was followed with an incredible dollar bill serial number divination by having the spectator call out only the first two and last two digits, in any four digit order. **Sumit Dua** then proudly showed us what might be an original coin or small object vanish. Could it be this is one even David Roth doesn't know about?

Our next performer was **Bryan McDaniel** who pulled off a funny "psychic" shopping spree gag using a bar code label. Tom Kasner returned to give us his Defaced Dollar bill penetration then vanished a borrowed dollar bill which resumed its place inside a sealed, windowed paycheck envelope. And, of course, Nifty Fifty just had to be included in the evening's entertainment by its originator, **Jeff Marcus**. Rounding out the show was **Dick Ustick** who threw a pile of change on the table and merrily sang "Fifty cents, quarters and pence" to the tune of "Edelweiss". The entertainment/performance portion of our meetings just keeps getting better and better. Thanks to you all.

## Don't Forget To Vote!

We hope you'll attend this month's Stand-up contest but, more importantly, it's time to cast your vote for Ring officers. If you know you won't be able to attend the June 14th meeting, feel free to send us your "write-in" vote. The candidates are Julie Dale or Don Soul for President, Dick Dale for Entertainment Vice President, Tom La Chance for Membership Vice President, Dick Ustick for Secretary, Gary Dismukes for Treasurer and Ralph Mauzy for Sergeant-at-arms. While all but one office has a candidate running unopposed, it would still be encouraging to hear from you. Send your vote to Gary Schwartzwald ASAP. His address is in the masthead on page two.

## Board Meeting

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many long-time members having not paid dues yet. A pitch for "re-upping" will be made when board members make their monthly phone calls to those unpaid people. Since the office of presidency has two candidates this year, there is a necessity for ballot slips indicating the race. Additionally, separate slips will be made for Stand-up contestants and also one for voters to write in their choice for Member of the Year. No previous Member of the Year is eligible.

Next, a thumbnail sketch of possible lecture speakers was presented. Daryl is set for August as he visits San Diego on his "Millennium" tour which will be a Ring 76 fundraiser. Free-to-members lecturers in the future may include Loren Christopher Michaels, Bob Sheets and Mitch Williams, each having been contacted for initial availability by Dick.

Julie then gave a treasurer's report of \$1,789 in our account before payments

Ranch Catering, Sylvester or other banquet incidentals. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

## This Space For Autographs

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

[CMSS.LIMAX.COM/](http://CMSS.LIMAX.COM/)

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

## 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.

# at the Magic Castle

June 14 - 20	June 21 - 27	June 28 - July 4
<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Thomas Meier Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Mark Janest  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Bob Dorfman Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Howard Jay  <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Jonathan Neal Huber Marionettes Michael Rappa  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Jim Shaggs *	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Jerry Andrus Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 George Tovar  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 T. C. Tahoe Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Alfonso  <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Randy Pryor Paul Driscoll Ice McDonald  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Jim Kopperman *	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Paul Green Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Lou Serrano  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Mike Wong Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Dana Daniels  <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Billy McComb The Great Tostada Richard Burr & Josett  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Closed *

## Lecture Schedule for magician members only

Lectures are normally held at 3:00 P.M. on Sundays, in the Parlour

**May 30 Andrew Winburn** Andrew is a card expert from Australia. His card work centers primarily on gambling effects. He portrays himself as a sophisticated card hustler. Earlier this year he published a set of lecture notes, "Down Under Deals" which has been very well received.

**June 6 Rich Marotta** Rich's lecture is entitled "What Works." He will cover close-up, stand-up and strolling material that he has found to be most effective after 20 years of performing. He will also demonstrate some brand new effects.

**June 13 Greg Wilson** Greg says you won't learn any new tricks in this lecture but you will find out how to dramatically increase your sales closures. He will disclose the real secrets of selling yourself and your act with video tapes.

**June 20 Mark Edward** Mark will be lecturing on mentalism and spirit magic, demonstrating several original effects from his recently published hardcover book "Restless Pious," which contains many mental effects to add to your act.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm  
theme: Stand-Up contest  
Board election

June 28th Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
Dick and Julie Dale's home

July 12th American Legion Hall-La Mesa 6:30 pm  
Officers Installation Banquet  
Admission by prior reservation only.  
Guest performer: Sylvester the Jester

**Richard Ustick**  
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