



## President's Message

Please join us at the Installation Banquet. If you haven't signed up yet, call Julie Dale, now! It should be a great evening of entertainment with Richard Ustick and Sylvester the Jester performing. Dinner should be good and you really need to see who the contest winners are and who the Entertainer of the Year turns out to be. AS of this writing, I don't even know.

Another thank you to all the Board Members over the past two years. I feel that a lot of good things have happened during that time and they happened because of Ring and Board members. We are a 'Quality Ring', we started the Close-up and Stand-up Contests, we've had great lectures, developed the Board member Pass the Mat trick, received four Proclamations this past year, resuscitated the Treasury, had a great newsletter, spent time at Jack White's, saw a lot of magic, and, most importantly to me, had a lot of laughs. Please understand, other than laughing and making a few wise cracks, I don't take credit for any of these happenings. Believe me, I was there and if the past two years have been good for Ring 76, it is because of the Board members and the Ring members. I thank you for a good and very enjoyable two years as President. I also appreciate the kind comments from several of you. They do get in. I hope I leave Ring 76 in better shape than I found it. More importantly, I hope Julie Dale and her board make better, much better. The sky's the limit. Good luck and have fun.

*Gary S*

This month's installation banquet will be in the "big" room at the La Mesa American Legion Hall. Our featured performer, Sylvester the Jester, will entertain after the awards and swearing in of new officers. The following night, Tuesday, the 13th, Sylvester will hold a lecture session which will be free to those members who attend the banquet and there will be a \$15 admission fee for those who are **not** Ring 76 members or did not attend the banquet. If you haven't sent your check to Julie Dale (\$15 per each adult and \$1 for each year of age of those children attending the banquet) **you'd better hurry up**. We need an accurate headcount for Ranch catering to be sure there will be enough food. Awards to be handed out are for Member of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, Close-up competition winner and Stand-up competition winner. It should be a great evening of family entertainment.

# June Meeting

June is Ring election night and the Stand-Up competition. The new officers for the coming year are:

President **Julie Dale**  
 VP of Entertainment **Dick Dale**  
 VP of Membership **Tom La Chance**  
 Secretary **Dick Ustick**  
 Treasurer **Gary Dismukes**  
 Sergeant-at-arms **Ralph Mauzy**  
 Member-at-large **Don Soul**

New member, **Len Cardoza**, a magic veteran of many years, auditioned for us this evening and it is a pity he was not on our contest bill because what he did with cigarette productions, multiplying billiard balls and scarves tied to ropes which magically released themselves might well have stolen the show. Welcome to the Ring, Len.

With that, the competition began. **Paul Thomey** led off with his Reality With A Twist act. He borrowed a \$20 bill from **Gary Schwartzwald** and promptly tore off a corner as Gary's receipt. Gary's wife, **Ann**, assisted as she chose a card, replaced it in the deck and the deck was tossed into a basket containing Paul's snake, "Killer", who brought forth that same card. After an interlude with linking coat hangers(Paul's "commercial"), Ann selected a helium balloon clinging to the wall and inside was the \$20 bill. **Diane Lane** followed in the second spot with a flower production from an empty tube, performed coin-in-nested-boxes, a nice "mirror" scarf routine which

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# Board Meeting

*by Don Soul, secretary*

This month's meeting was held at the **Dale's** home and included all the board members as well as the two board-elect members, **Gary Dismukes** (treasurer) and **Dick Ustick** (secretary/newsletter editor). Final preparations for the installation banquet were the main topic.

Survey forms will be created and handed out by **Julie Dale**, the evening's program created by **Don Soul**, plaque order by **Gary Schwartzwald**, certificates by **Ralph Mauzy** and

special awards fabrication by **Dick Dale**. Ranch Catering will setup and tear down the tables and provide the meal.

"Cups" will be the theme of the August regular evening Ring meeting. It was also noted that a lecture by Daryl is set for August 11th as a Ring fundraiser with admission being \$20 per head and will be held at Jack's Magic Place on University Avenue. It is hoped that the Ring 76 coffers will be sweetened by a good turnout.

Julie reported the treasury now stands at \$1,400 and **Tom La**



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**MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS** should be sent to the club treasurer, **Julie Dale**. All Ring 76 members must be members in good standing with the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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**Chance** puts the Ring membership at 67. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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later revealed a selected card and also accurately predicted a number merely thought of by a member of the audience. Following that, **Bryan McDaniel** gave us an outrageously hilarious routine as a bumbling nerd, sucking on a sports water bottle all evening, who somehow made things vanish as his randomly-selected assistant, **Reisa Thomey**, offered her ring, a dollar bill and a selected card as props in the act. These same three items suddenly appeared on the straw of the water bottle when Bryan removed it.

A musical act followed and in the spotlight were Dick Ustick and his son, **Alex**. Sung to a melody from 'The Sound of Music', "I am the master, you're the apprentice" showed us yet more interesting magic this father and son duo have given us in the past year or so. Nagging question: Which one was the master and which one was the apprentice? Tough call here. Don Soul was next, giving us his own variation of Stephen Minch's blindfold routine, "Eyeless in Gaza", throwing in a few surprises along the way which included a dollar bill/wrist watch serial number coincidence and the mysterious revelation of a randomly selected card by the spirit of a past American Le-

gion Women's Auxillary president whose ethereal presence persistently influenced Mr. Soul. And, last but not least, **Jeff Smith** presented his ultimate Chase the Ace routine through the use of pseudo-radio-contact with an unknown prompter (**Tom Kasner**). Jeff's presentation outshines all other versions one may have seen in the past and it was a spotless performance. Jeff followed up with a version of single card monte; one which baffled the entire audience. Three cheers to all the Ring members who participated in the competition. The winner will be announce at the officers installation banquet.

The I.B.M. National Convention held in Little Rock, Arkansas June 30th thru July 3rd presented San Diegans Rick Bruce, Josh Hall and Josh Sadowsky in competitions. No word on the outcome at press time but more details will be in the next MagiCurrents.

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.

## Magical Happenings

Dave Goodsell's West Coast Wizards Magic Camp in beautiful Idyllwild, CA is scheduled for August 1st - 7th for kids up to 17 years old. Call Dave at 1-800-645-1423 for details.

Michael Ammar is the scheduled lecturer for Ring 313's August meeting in the Irvine area. Secretary/Treasurer Larry Krasny's phone number

is (818) 783-9557 if you're interested.

PCAM's annual convention will be held in Orange County. Contact Bill Pearce at (714) 498-4500 for more info.

November 11-13 marks the L.A. conference on Magic History in North Hollywood. Write to L.A. Conference, 514 S. Parish Pl., Burbank, CA, 91506.

## 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

July 19 - 25	July 26 - August 1	August 2 - 8
<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Maryn Roy Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Barry Price <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Gregory Wilson Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Tom Ogden <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Krine Etkan Glenn Falkenstein Frances Wilbard <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Aldo Colombini	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Monte Smith Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 Dean Dill <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 Mark Edward Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 Chet Seale <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Rich Bloch Hans Davis Victor and Diamond <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 J. C. Dunn	<b>FUTURE STARS WEEK</b> <b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 Van Dreil 9:30 - 10:30 - 11:30 Josh Sadowsky 11:30 - 12:30 Joseph Trina <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30 George Towar Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 White Hayden <b>PALACE OF MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 Ed Alonzo, M.C. Josh Hall - James Helgins Joel Brooker - Brian Dow Jimmy Kithyachavali <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> <b>PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 Bob Hoover

## Lecture Schedule for magician members only

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

July 11 Aldo Colombini	Just what you would expect from this amiable, award-winning magician from Italy. Aldo will present a 100% new lecture on stand-up and close-up magic with great effects everyone can do with just a minimum of effort.
July 18 Alvin Niu	Alvin's lecture is entitled "Magic Happens Internally." His lecture will cover fresh approaches to impromptu effects, close-up magic and "visual" mentalism. Recently the I.R.M. awarded Alvin the "Best Linking Ring Parade of the Year" trophy.
July 25 Kelley Thomas	Kelley manages and promotes magicians. Her lecture is entitled "Magic of Marketing." Highlights include how to put a promo pack together, the right way to submit material, how to select an agent and get the most money every time you perform.
Aug 1 Brandon Scott	Brandon has appeared in over 100 commercials and 500 television shows. He will discuss how to adapt yourself and your magic to impress casting directors and promote yourself within the television and film industry, using strategies which work.
Aug 8 Pit Harling	Pit is from Frankfurt, Germany and is the "Little Green Man Of Magic." He is a F.I.S.M. prize winner in card magic. He will present and explain some of the cleverest card magic you will ever see. His work is superb and his methods ingenious.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12th 6:45 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
Officers Installation and Awards Banquet  
Featured entertainer: Sylvester the Jester

July 13th 7:00 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
Lecture by Sylvester the Jester

July 26th 7:00 pm Dick and Julie Dale's home  
Ring Board meeting

August 9th 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
Meeting: Magic with cups  
pre-meeting: To be Announced

August 11th Jack White's Magic Place

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