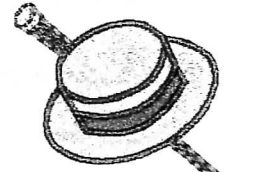


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## Bob Ingalls new President of Ring 76, Installation & Award Banquet Sunday July 10th at Dave & Buster's

The Ring 76 Installation and Awards Banquet is set for next Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Dave and Busters in Mission Valley, located just under the 805 bridge and just off of interstate highway 8. Plan to arrive at 4:30 dinner will begin at 5 p.m. This will be a sit down dinner with salad, entree of grilled chicken, vegetable, rice and dessert. Beverages will include coffee, ice tea, soft drinks and milk. Immediately following dinner will be our installation of new officers. That will be followed by the handing out of awards for our close-up contest held last February and our stage competition held in May. We will also award performer and member of the year. Again this year we will be inducting two long-time members into our Life Time Honorary Hall of Fame. This year's honorees are Robert Pozner and Vi Freeland.

Following dinner, the induction of officers and the awards ceremony we will have a special evening of entertainment. Bob Ingalls who has set up this program promises several surprises and a special guest performer Randy Pryor who has presented his comedy magic act at the Magic Castle, Las Vegas

and other top entertainment capitals across the country. The entertainment alone is worth the cost of the evening, which is \$20 per person. Please, if you have not let Richard Ustick know that you are

planning to attend the banquet, give him a call at **619-589-1913**, and let him know so we can plan for the correct number of meals to serve. This will be a very exciting evening honoring our members and featuring some outstanding magic attractions. You will be sorry if you miss this evening.



Tony Wilson the immediate past president of the IBM congratulates Bob Ingalls on his nomination as President of Ring 76

On Monday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Randy Pryor will present a special lecture that is "free" to all Ring 76 members. The lecture begins at 7 p.m., at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue. Randy is well known for his stage

act but you will find he is also very adept at close-up magic and that is an area that will be covered in his Monday night lecture. This will be the first Ring sponsored lecture of the 2005 - 06 year. Randy's lecture at the Magic Castle in Hollywood was sold out. We are offering that same experience "free" to all Ring 76 members.

## June magic auction nets several hundred dollars for Ring 76 treasury.

The June meeting brought 54 members and guests to the Ring 76 election of new officers and magic auction. Elected to office was Bob Ingalls, President: Terry Lunceford, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kenny Shelton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jack White, Secretary: Richard Ustick, Treasurer: Sal Barjas, Sgt at Arms; Jacques Lord, Member at Large: Diane Lane, Immediate Past President and Membership.

It was nice to see Brad Burt in the audience and again taking part in the meeting and magic activity. Nearly 40 members paid their dues for the coming year. Those not paying will be sent bills for their dues in the next month.

The auctioneer for the evening was Jack White who is known for moving things along. He had 21 lots of magic to auction off that included nearly 60 preowned videotapes featuring some of the top names in magic. Some of the tapes were performance only and others with various lectures.

Many individual members brought some very nice props and effects that they no longer used. One seller told MagiCurrents that they made a lot more

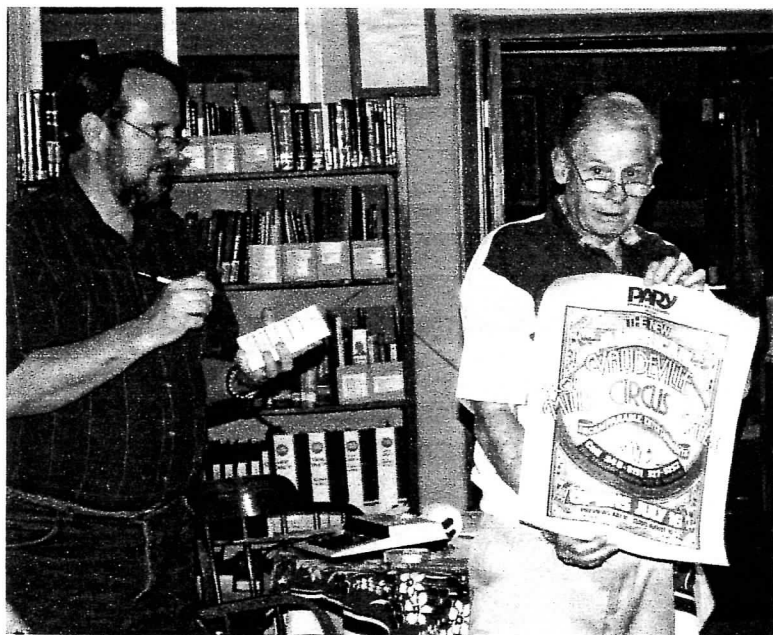


Above one of the prize auction items that went for \$45 a foot locker filled with magic props and silks. This was a highlight of the auction.

money than they thought they would make on the auction. Bidding on most items was spirited and all of the items up for auction sold. J.P. Jackson had purchased a large collection of props from an old-time magician and many of those items were on sale. If you were looking for magic silks they were a lot of them including at least a half dozen 6-foot square colorful production silks that went for a fraction of their true value.

According to Ring 76 treasurer Richard Ustick this was one of our most successful auctions. Several items were donated to the Ring so we received all of the money from the sale of those items. All of the other items auctioned at the Ring received a flat 10% percent of the hammer price. At one point J.P. Jackson and Jack White demonstrated a very funny routine with Rice's Haunted Chimney. It is a large set of production tubes that hold a huge load of silks. There was also a little magic mixed in with the auction.

In addition to Richard Ustick, Sherry Luft and Diane Lane kept track of the sales and made the check out process very smooth. All of the business of the evening was wrapped up by 9:15.p.m.



Richard Ustick keeps track of bidders and sales as J.P. Jackson shows off a poster that was part of a large package of magic posters up for auction.

## News

The new San Diego edition of Pacific Bell's Yellow Pages was just released for the last six months of the year 2005. The new book has ten listings under the heading of "magicians." All but one of those with display ads in the phone book are members of the I.B.M. and members of Ring 76. It is clear that advertising pays.

Sad news department:  
Ventriloquist-Actor

**Paul Winchell**, is dead at 82. Winchell debuted his vent act on TV with dummy Jerry Mahoney in 1947 on the NBC Television Network. Winchell began a show business career as a teenager doing a vent act first in 1936, he appeared on the **Major Bowes** Original Amateur Hour on radio winning first prize. He also appeared on a string of children's shows on television that included such guest stars as **Carol Burnett**, **Lucille Ball** and **Angela Lansbury**. In the 1970s he became the voice of "Tigger" in the "Winnie the Pooh" features for Disney. Born Paul Wilchen in New York City on Dec 21, 1922, he was a shy youth who stuttered. Fascinated with ventriloquist **Edgar Bergen**, Winchell learned to throw his voice and gradually overcame his speech impediments. He was one of the greats.

Ring 76 member **Kenny Shelton** was a contestant in the close-up contest at the I.B.M. Convention in Reno in early July. While Kenny did not win any of the top prizes he had the experience of taking part in a major magic contest. He says he is already making plans for the contest next year in Florida. Kenny also took part with performer **Ron London** in the Hospital shows in Reno.



The two performed for those who could not get out of the hospital and brought a little cheer to their lives.

**Joe Mystic** has been booked into the **Lawrence Welk Resort** off of I-15 north of Escondido two nights a week for the next three months. He opens Wednesday evening July 13<sup>th</sup> with his illusion show and will appear on Sunday evenings with his Hypnotic Show. Joe is mounting a full illusion show for the Wednesday evening gig. This is a great opportunity for the multi talented Joe Mystic.

**Bob Ingalls**, **Don** and **Donna Soul** and **Jack White** were all members of the I.B.M. Convention committee in Reno. Bob and Jack filmed the stage competition that consisted of 31 acts. Much of their videotape is currently appearing on the I.B.M. Website and you can view it by going to [www.magician.com](http://www.magician.com) and then clicking on the convention site. Don Soul did the convention program and worked the registration booth with his wife Donna, a very hard working couple. **J.P. Jackson** had a booth in the dealer's room with several tables of select collectable magic and books.

**Dr. Joel and Arlene Moskowitz** were also in Reno for the convention. Joel surprised his wife with a quarter page ad in the program featuring a photograph of both of them. When

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Arlene saw the ad for the first time she let out a scream and said: "Who gave them my picture?" She then looked at her husband and said: "You did that didn't you?" I was meant to be a surprise and it was.

Also attending the I.B.M Convention in Reno were; **Diane Lane**, **Jeff Marcus** and **Greg Wauson**. Jeff Marcus attended the Territorial Vice Presidents meeting where a great deal of time was devoted to closing the loop on the large number of Ring members who are not members of the I.B.M., but attend Ring meetings. This has become a major problem and TVPs throughout the world are making an effort to sign up those who have slipped through the cracks.

**Jack White** wrote the cover story for Magic Magazine for the month of July. The story is about **Lyn Dillies**, a lady magician from the New Bedford, Massachusetts's area. She did her illusion act with the San Diego Symphony in May and that was when Jack wrote about her and the show. The Symphony is inviting Lyn Dillies and her musical illusion show back to San Diego for next year's Summer Pop's program which is titled "Magic at the Pops."

**Randy Pryor Lecture "free" to all Ring members Monday, July 11th At Jack's Magic Place 7 P.M.**

## Coming Attractions

July 10th, which is a Sunday, our Installation and Awards Banquet will be again held at Dave & Buster's Restaurant in their showroom. The evening will include a sit down dinner, (everyone will be served at their table, avoiding last year's problem of running out of food) installation of new officers, awards presentation, and special entertainment. Details are coming.

August 14th meeting will be something new. A Sunday afternoon meeting and picnic for members and their families at Mission Bay Park. Ring 76 will supply the food and soft drinks. Members will supply the show with a few surprises. Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 14th. More details coming.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, July 25th. The meeting will be at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Ave, at 7 p.m. sharp. These business meetings are open to all members interested in attending.

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