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August Ring Meeting to be a "Favorite Trick"

Our meeting for Monday, August 14th, has been changed, instead of a picnic in Temecula with 13 other Southern California Rings it will now be a "Favorite Trick Night" and will be held at our regular meeting place: Jack's Magic Place at 4275 University Avenue. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. sharp.

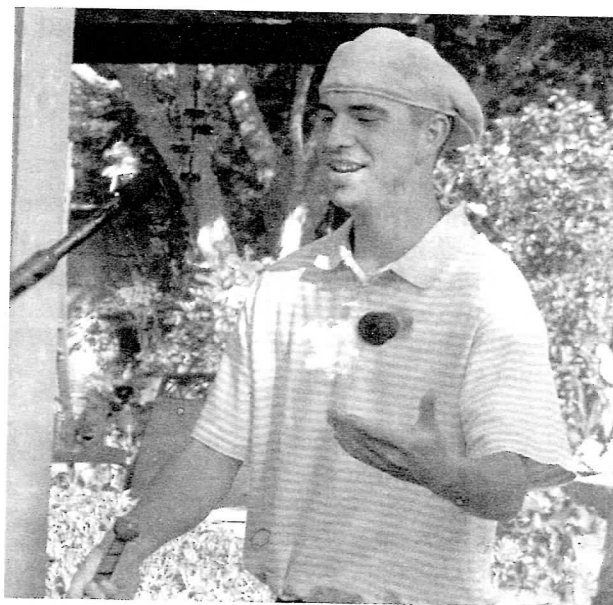
Planning for the combined Southern California Rings has been going on for many months, and the idea of getting everyone together for an old fashioned picnic seemed to be an idea that was popular with everyone. However, after much work on getting the proper permits we found that insurance for this event was a serious problem. A new committee will be formed that will include the presidents of all of the 14 Southern California Rings and the two TVPs. A new plan will be worked out and hopefully next year we can have the combined Rings picnic.

In place of the picnic we are going to give our members an opportunity to show off their talents and do some magic. We are asking members to do a trick they may have learned this summer or perhaps one they have used whenever they are called upon to perform an event or function. These kinds of programs always offer a learning experience for both the performer and the audience.

We will have plenty of iced soda and water, and popcorn popping. Because of the warm weather we have set up a series of fans to cool the meeting hall down, so dress casually for warm weather.

Kenny Shelton still in the running for Million Dollar Prize on NBC

Ring 76, 2nd Vice President Kenny Shelton, a magician and juggler, has in recent weeks been basking in the spotlight of the NBC Network television program **"America's Got Talent."** Kenny first appeared on the program in June, and admittedly had some trouble while juggling in front of the judges. His persistence and dominant personality caused the judges to give him a second chance on that first program and that gave him the confidence to pick up the pieces of his act and go on to a second round.



Kenny Shelton juggling flaming torches.

The person who wins the "America's Got Talent" contest will walk away with 1-million dollars in prize money and the honor of being America's top talent. But Kenny says it's not the money he is interested in
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The July Installation & Awards Banquet at Terry and Lynn Lunceford's home enjoyed by all

The Ring 76 Installation and Awards Banquet was held on Sunday afternoon, July 16th, at the home of Terry and Lynn Lunceford in the shadow of Mount Helix. Some found it a difficult place to find while others said they followed the map in *MagiCurrents* and went right to the home.



Terry Lunceford

Richard Ustick reports that 62 people paid to attend the luncheon, installation, awards ceremony and show put on by the board of directors. The lunch was catered and offered a wonderful assortment of Mexican dishes. There were also dishes for those who do not eat meat.

Territorial Vice President Jeff Marcus prepared a very fast moving and funny but dignified installation program and officially installed the new officers for the 2006-2007 year. Outgoing board members were thanked and plaques were handed out.

Then came the awards portion of the program with 1st Vice President Terry Lunceford taking over and presenting awards for the Close-up Contest held last February. 1st Place Winner, Craig Stone; 2nd Place was a tie with two winners, Bob Pozner and Greg Wauson with both of them receiving equal prize money; Third Place was awarded to Tom McCarthy.

The next category was the Stage Competition that was held in May: first place went to Jacques Lord and Phoebe, 2nd place was awarded to Randy Kappe; with third place a tie between Loch David Crane and John London, with each of them receiving equal prize money.

The next award, the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award was presented by Ring 76 Secretary, Jack White and was given this year to Jim Riley who has been a member of Ring 76 since 1966. Jim has



Jack White presents Honorary Lifetime Honor's to Jim Riley.

served as an officer and past president of the Ring and has always offered his support to Ring projects and has been an active part of the monthly newsletter for many years and was a past Territorial Vice President for the I.B.M. Jim now joins a select group of past recipients of this special honor.

Richard Ustick presented the "Performer of the Year" award to Michael E. Johnson, who was not at the meeting to receive the award. Then Diane Lane, last years recipient of the "Member of the Year" Award, presented it this year to Kenny Shelton, Ring 76 2nd Vice President in charge of membership.

With the awards out of the way it was show time. Terry Lunceford opened things up with his "Six Card Repeat" routine and introduced the first performer of the afternoon, Ring 76 President Bob Ingalls, who produced a real watermelon from a briefcase. Richard Ustick, the Ring 76 Treasurer, presented a magic song that was original and very entertaining. Jeff Marcus did his very beautiful Linking Ring routine; Diane Lane had us all on the edge of our seats with a hidden spike under a styrofoam cup effect. Jack White taught us how to conduct ourselves on a game show and also found a borrowed dollar bill in a lemon. Kenny Shelton, who gave us all a preview of the juggling stunt he would present the following week on network television, closed the show.

There was lots of close-up magic at the various tables during and before the meal and following the show. It was a most successful Installation and Awards Banquet. Here are some photos of the various events.



Belinda Kaesler & J.P. Jackson



Jim Riley, Robin & Vi Freeland



Jim & Bernita Whiting



The "It" Girls



The Greenbaum Family



Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCarthy



Mr. & Mrs. Don Holcomb and Marcus Day



At left: Tom LaChance and Jim Riley talk over a card trick. Below: The new officers of Ring 76. From left to right: Bob Ingalls, President; Terry Lunceford, Diane Lane, Kenny Shelton, Donna Greenbaum, Jack White, and Richard Ustick.



MEETING SCHEDULE FOR RING 76 FOR 2006 & 2007;

Monday, August 14, 2006

"Members perform their favorite trick night"

Monday, September 11, 2006

"J.P. Jackson's Silk Lecture" Plus Tricks old and new with silks." (Members perform)

Monday, October 9, 2006

"Halloween themed magic" (Members perform)

Monday, November 13, 2006

"Ring 76 Teach-in" Five instructors will teach new moves and magic close-up and parlor magic.

Monday, December 11, 2006

"Holiday Party with special entertainment to be announced."

Monday, January 8th, 2007

"Induct new members of Ring 76, Bag night" Members pick a brown bag and perform a trick or routine with the contents of the bag.

Monday, February 12, 2006

"Ring 76 Close-up Contest"

Monday, March 12, 2007

"Favorite trick night." (Members perform)

Monday, April 9, 2007

"Ring 76 Swap Meet"

Monday, May 14, 2007

"Nominations for Ring officers and Ring 76 Stand-up Competition."

Monday, June 11, 2007

"Ring dues, Election and Ring 76 Auction"

Monday, July 15, 2007

"Installation & Awards Banquet." (Location to be announced)

Above is the tentative schedule as put together by the Ring 76 president and board of directors for the coming year. President Bob Ingalls, after polling the membership, asked that the board approve a schedule that would allow our members to perform more often at meetings. All meetings start at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month and include a brief business meeting followed by our scheduled program. A brief

teach-in will be conducted prior to each meeting during the social hour between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

All meetings except the July 15, 2007, Installation & Awards Banquet to take place at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue, East San Diego. Members are encouraged to invite guests to all of our meetings and events.

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so much as the opportunity to perform and hone his talent and skills on a network television program.

Since the show first went on the air in early June, Kenny has been prominently featured in all of the on-air promotion doing his juggling stunts. His airtime has been enormous, and it has all proven to have been good exposure because his second appearance on the program in late July turned the corner for him. He juggled three flaming balls while wearing gloves. For his second juggling stunt he juggled three flaming torches while perched on top of a Rolla Bola board, and the act was flawless.

On each of the programs 15 acts are selected to take part in the show, but only 10 of those acts are actually asked to perform before the television cameras, leaving five acts out in the cold and kicked off the show. In addition to being a good performer, Kenny is a good actor, and the show's producer has recognized that by often times, between acts, showing Kenny in the audience praying that his name be called as one of the acts to perform. It has been these cutaway shots and the brief interviews done backstage or between the various acts that have endeared Kenny to the audience in the studio and at home.

Videotaped at the Paramount movie studios on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood, this has been both an exciting and exhausting experience for Kenny Shelton. It all began with an audition session, then the first taping of the program, then being asked back and round two of the competition. The toughest part according to Kenny is the not knowing what will happen next and whether or not you will make the cut to the next level.

The competition on the program has been good. Some of the top variety acts in the country have auditioned and are taking part, acts that are headliners in Las Vegas Casino Shows, as well as some people who are doing the show on a dare.

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Craig Stone's new daughter arrived in early July

In case you have not heard this year's first place award winner in the close-up contest, Craig Stone and his wife Barbara have given birth to a new baby girl. Below is a photograph taken two to three hours after Amelia Faith Stone was born on July 10th, at 4:17 in the afternoon. Her big sister Emily age 18, has taken care of both Mom and baby in the days immediately following the new arrival and is holding little Faith in the photo.



Craig Stone has kept up a busy schedule of doing shows and taking care of the entire family during the blessed event. When asked by MagiCurrents if his sleep has been interrupted by the new baby, Craig's response was; "My sleep has not been affected, but I can't say as much for others in the household."

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People like the "Rapping Grandmother" or the "Gospel Singing 10-year-old girl." Through it all Kenny has prevailed and continues to hang on as the highly rated weekly television program is broadcast and goes into millions of homes and businesses across the nation.

At Ring 76 we all say congratulations to Kenny Shelton, for having the personal grit to take part and push his performing skills to the maximum. We are all proud of you, Kenny, win, loose or draw, because we know you have made the effort to showoff your God given talents in a gentlemanly way. Hang in there, we are all rooting for you!

The Trick Shop in Temecula moves

Sam Blankenship, the owner and operator of the Trick Shop in Oldtown, Temecula, has moved north one block and across the street from the former location.

The new address is 28480 Front Street. Chris Blankenship told MagiCurrents that the new location would allow more room for more stock and an opportunity to hold more lecturers and teaching sessions.



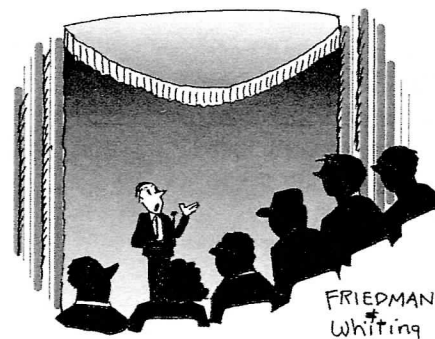
Chris and Sam Blankenship at work in the new Trick Shop

Sam Blankenship has recently taken over the operation of Penguin Magic in Las Vegas, Nevada, a large on-line magic supermarket. Sam is currently carrying a complete line of Penguin videotapes and DVDs in his new store, as well as the products of many other independent magic manufacturers, apparatus and books that are hard to find elsewhere.

The next time you are in the Temecula area, drop by and say hello.

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"And Valdaro, the Great Escape Artist will be a little late for his show. He's stuck in the elevator."



Message from the Ring 76 President

I want to begin this month by thanking Terry and Lynn Lunceford for their help and hospitality in putting on this year's annual Installation and Awards Banquet. They have a lovely home that is perfect for entertaining a group such as ours. I have yet to hear any complaints from those attending this exciting event. It is too bad that more of our members could not come out and take part in this special meeting. If we do this again we will begin the festivities a little later in the afternoon with the hope of attracting more to this important event.

Your new board of directors met on July 24th and planned the meeting schedule for the year ahead. I have asked Jack White, the editor of the newsletter, to publish the new schedule in this edition of MagiCurrents so that everyone will know what is ahead. One of the recurring requests from members was to have meetings where our members can perform. With that in mind I think you will find our new schedule will supply ample opportunity for everyone to take center stage.

As most of you know Territorial Vice Presidents Belinda Kaesler and Jeff Marcus along with Ring 76 Secretary Jack White have been working for sometime now to put together a combined Southern California I.B.M. Rings Picnic. The date that was tentatively set

for this event was Sunday, August 13th. The location was selected; a park in Temecula and the permits were being processed. During this period it was determined that the insurance needed to cover such an event was more than we could afford. So the picnic has been shelved until next year. This will give the TVP's and a committee of presidents from all of the other 14 Rings in Southern California, more time to better work out the details of such an event and better promote it.

So our August meeting will be at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Ave., at 7 p.m. Monday evening, August 14th. The theme for the evening will be "Favorite Trick" night. That simply means you can bring a favorite trick and present it at the meeting. The stage is set up at our meeting place. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

I must also thank Diane Lane for stepping up to the plate and taking over the mini-teachins we have presented in the past just before our regular meetings begin. They usually start about 6:40 and anyone who wants to take part can learn a new move or trick. Diane is lining up our instructors for the future and she will tell us who will be teaching each month in MagiCurrents. If you want to know more about magic, this is a great way to learn.

Stay cool during these hotter than usual summer months.

Bob Ingalls
President Ring 76



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Bob Ingalls

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Jeff Marcus*

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News

Terry Godfrey spent the third week of July entertaining at the Hood River County Fair, in Oregon. Terry has booked a number of fairs in Oregon and Northern California during July and August. He has found time to do a special magic show for the San Diego U.S.O. Terry will be flown out to the Aircraft Carrier Lincoln, about 150 miles off the coast of San Diego, on August 3rd, and do magic shows for the Sailors and Marines and their families onboard the carrier. The giant ship will tie up in San Diego on August 4th. As a young man, Terry was in the Navy and always wanted to serve on a carrier. Now his wish has come true, even though he will only serve for 24 hours.

In case you have been wondering what ever happened to Ring 76 member **Bryan McDaniel**, he has finally surfaced. He and his wife Dawn have moved to Woodbridge, Virginia, about 25 miles from Washington D.C. As you know after a career in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bryan retired and went to work for SAIC, a government agency, and was immediately sent to Baghdad for a year. He returned to the United States in February of this year and was offered a new opportunity in the nation's capital. Bryan tells us he is now a member of Ring 50 in the nations capital, and has attended several meetings. Says they are a great group of guys but misses everyone at Ring 76. Bryan says his wife Dawn is a native San Diegan, so they will no doubt make occasional trips back to this area to visit friends and family, Bryan says he will pay us a visit when he can. We all wish the



McDaniels the best of luck in Washington D.C.

If you are one of those who occasionally read "**Amusement Business**" magazine, the voice for the outdoor showman, you will be saddened to learn it has suspended publication effective, June 30th. It was originally called "**Billboard**" magazine and served the variety arts entertainers, circus and carnival performers and workers. In the 1960s, Billboard became the voice of the music industry and the spin-off for variety artists, circus and carnival, became "Amusement Business." Stories and reviews of magicians and magic venues were always featured in Amusement Business, a publication that was read mostly by professional entertainers and show people. The passing of this once proud publication leaves a void for all performers.

Terry Luncford will take a break from magic in September and take his sleek little racing car to Topeka, Kansas, for the National Championship races. Terry became the west coast champion, assuring him a place in the National Championship race earlier this year here in San Diego. We all wish Terry the best in his attempt to bring a new championship to Southern California.

The Friends of Heritage Park Village in Oceanside will hold their

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20th Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 20th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring magic by **Michael E. Johnson**, a car show, and music by the Rumble Seat Rascals. Heritage Park Village is off of highway 76 near the Mission San Luis Rey.

On Sunday evening July 30th, **Joel Ward** and longtime director of the junior magicians at the Magic Castle **Bob Dorian** were seen at the Civic Theater in San Diego, as part of the audience for "Wicked," a musical featuring the Witches from the "Wizard of Oz." Dorian is a big fan of the show and says in February, a production of "Wicked" moves into the Pantages Theater in Hollywood for an indefinite stay. A lot of good theatrical magic is featured in the exciting fun-filled production. Meanwhile, Joel Ward opened at the Magic Castle in the Palace Showroom on July 31st for a week-long run. Joel has been on tour with his magic act during the summer in Canada and the United States.

Bob & Judy Ingalls are getting ready for a fall cruise to Alaska, in mid September. Bob is working out the magic routines he plans to take with him to entertain fellow passengers on the ship. The Ingalls have been to sea many times before, and Bob says this is a great opportunity to test some of the material he has been working on for the past couple of years.

Jack & Lynn White are headed to Honolulu and Maui in the Hawaiian Islands on August 2nd, Jack will be back in time for the August Ring meeting.

Coming Attraction

Monday, August 14, members will meet at Jack's Magic Place; the combined Southern California Ring Picnic has been postponed. Our August meeting will be an opportunity to perform a favorite effect.

Monday, September 11, J.P. Jackson will open our evening with a mini-lecture featuring the most beautiful Rice magic silks you have ever seen. The brief lecture will be followed by Ring members presenting tricks featuring silk magic. This will be a very colorful evening.

Monday, October 9, members will present Halloween themed magic effects with a spooky story. Get ready for the ghost and goblin season of trick or treat.

Ring 76 Board of Directors meeting will be Monday evening, August 28th, at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Ave. This meeting is open to all members. It begins at 7 p.m. sharp.

Watch for our re-opening soon



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