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May 14th meeting is the stage competition and nominations



Our May 14th meeting will be the annual Ring 76 Stand-up Contest. Those wanting to take part in the contest can sign up at the door. We will limit the program to 12 contestants each doing an act of 10-minutes. The membership will vote for their favorite act and the winners will be announced at the July Installation and Awards Banquet. 1st prize is \$50; 2nd place is \$25; and 3rd place winner receives \$15. The three top winners will also receive a gold medallion in recognition of their efforts.

The various acts will be judged on appearance, originality, verbal skills, and performance. We ask that the audience take this contest seriously and vote for the person they feel does the best work, not just for friends or personalities.

There will be room behind the stage for performers to set up for their acts prior to the show itself. This is always a fun evening for performers and the audience alike. Bob Ingalls and Terry Lunceford will determine the order the contestants appear by drawing straws.

Just prior to the contest President Bob Ingalls will, in keeping with the constitution and bylaws, present the Ring

Ring Dues Payable at the June meeting

Ring 76 members will be asked to pay dues in June. Again we will not ask for an increase, dues remain at \$25 perperson. This year your dues are payable at the June 11th meeting. You may, however, send a check at anytime during the month of June to Richard Ustick, the Ring 76 Treasurer, for \$25 dollars.

If you do not pay by July first you will be sent a dues reminder and you will also find that after June 30th a \$5 dollar surcharge has been added to your dues and you will be charged \$30. There is a specific reason for this change in policy. As late as last November, we had members renewing their dues that were supposed to have been paid in June, and that made a nightmare out of keeping the books and an accurate roster of paid members.

Every year the Ring 76 Board of Directors attempts to have several special lectures that are free to the membership and a variety of other events. We can not plan or budget for those events with the necessary lead time when we do not have dues in our treasury to pay for these extra events.

So your board of directors has taken this action of adding the \$5 dollar late charge after June 30, in an effort to keep our Ring operating within our budget and without any interruptions because of a lack of funds.

We urge everyone to please pay your dues in June and avoid the \$5 dollar added fee.



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Very large turnout for the Ring 76 Swap Meet in April. Twelve sellers show their wares.

Our April 9th meeting was the annual Ring 76 Swap Meet, an opportunity for members to rent a table and sell off all of their unwanted and unused magic. A total of sixteen tables were filled with magic apparatus, videotapes, DVDs, books and various other magic supplies. There was a nice variety of collectable magic items and books for the true magic collectors, as well as newer items for sale.

Terry Lunceford had all of the props from a magician who had worked the San Diego area years ago and his magic had been locked up in storage since the 1960s. If you like old magic, this was the table you wanted to visit for vintage, as well as unique items. Collectors J.P. Jackson and Jack White raided the table for many items and then Diane Lane bought the rest of the items that included a nice old 1941 Walking Liberty folding half dollar and a ton of silks, many of which were Rice silks.

Belinda Kaesler, a Territorial Vice President for California and a member of Ring 76, featured a table filled with unique and different items, many of which were of Belinda's own design. She shows her line of wears at many events in Southern California, and it is always a treat to see what she has added to her line of magic goods.

Greg Wauson arrived with three large banker boxes of magic and spread it all out on his table before the doors opened for the swap meet. Eddie Lake who had a small space at the end of the bar spotted Greg's table and asked how much every thing would cost. Greg told Eddie he could have it all for \$120 dollars. Eddie bought it all and then took over Greg's table space and was set up for business as the buyers started to arrive. That was a smooth deal.

Though an accurate count was impossible, it is believed that 90 buyers made their way around the room more than once. The buy of the evening was a trunk full of older magic apparatus that included a clever Spirit Slate, A Production Box for a large rabbit, A Tear-a-part Box, and various other items, as well as a nice footlocker style trunk for \$20.

J.P. Jackson and Jack White recently acquired a large collection of used and new magic, and many nice pieces from that collection were featured in this swap meet. Part of that collection included 350 magic videotapes. The tapes were displayed and on sale for \$6 a tape or three for \$15. Needless to say, many videotapes went out

the door at bargain prices. Jack White demonstrated his "Super Swami Mind Reading Test" several times and had it on sale. This was an effect that was originally made by Jim Swoger and presented under another name; Jack has given it a new look and presentation.

David Watson had a lot of people gathered around his table that featured two huge boxes of one-dollar items. He had a big set of "Grandma's Beads" for sale, when someone asked David to demonstrate them he said he had never done the trick. He took the beads over to Jack White's table. Jack performed the trick for the potential buyer and for David. David liked the trick once he saw it performed and decided not to sell it, the potential buyer was disappointed but understood and found a similar version of the same trick on another dealer's table.

Normally Ring 76 Swap Meets start at 6:30 p.m. and end about 8 p.m. This year was different; it started at 6:30 but people were still buying at 9:15. By 9:30 however, many of the members had moved down the street to Denny's Cafe for pie and coffee and an opportunity to show off their newly purchased magic. As for the dealers, they packed up and most said they were going home with less than they brought. There were, however, a couple of sellers who had purchased more than they brought to the swap meet.

One of the highlights of the evening was the raffle. Each person that was selling donated an item or two to the Ring Raffle. Kenny Shelton and Richard Ustick sold raffle tickets at a dollar-a-piece or 7 for \$5. A new item was raffled off every 15 minutes, with many people who purchased raffle tickets going home with a prize or two. All of the proceeds from the raffle went to the Ring treasury. A big "thank you" to everyone who donated items and who purchased raffle tickets. Most of all, thanks to Kenny and Richard for keeping things moving and for making this portion of the evening successful..



J.P. Jackson with Fifi the card picker, a colorful prop.

April Swap Meet in Photos



Photo by Bob Pozner



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Magic Book Review by Dr. Joel Moskowitz



“Watch..watch..watch” A review of “On the Other Hand” by Andy Cohen
By Joel A. Moskowitz M D

You might wonder if David Blaine read Andy Cohen’s book “On the Other Hand,” Few will doubt that Blaine brought Street Magic to public attention and then outdid “Survivor” in capturing notoriety. Original thinking has brought Blaine to prominence. Even if David Blaine didn’t read “On the Other Hand,” magicians desirous of energizing their act should.

Professor Cohen’s book is designed to teach the business community how to think as a successful magician might. He is adjunct professor at NYU, teaches at Stern College and has consulted for some of the world’s largest companies. Likewise, it is a resource for magicians who want to do business. Blaine certainly has accomplished this. The principal idea of “Follow the Other Hand” is typified by Blaine’s curbside performances where the reactions of the audience is the show less the performer.

To punctuate his innovative thinking, Cohen flavors his text with contemporary approaches to wizardry. An example is the use of a cell phone to reveal a “chosen” card. Take a photo of a distinctive court card on your own cell phone. Store it. Ask a compliant stooge to hold your cell phone lest it ring and interrupt your act. Later, force that very card on another spectator by yfm.

“Incidentally,” ask if anyone has a cell phone handy – extending your hand to he/she who is holding your cell phone. (Who is to know that the cell phone thus produced is not that spectator’s but actually yours?) Ask the person who chose the card to think of his card and “without incurring any roaming fees,” mentally broadcast the card to the cell phone which you are now holding aloft. Mime the Statue of Liberty. Flip open the phone and eureka – the card appears on the cell phone screen!

Being alert to using new technology to do an ‘old’ trick puts back the excitement in your act. Many other illustrations are provided in this quick to read entertaining book. He even includes a simple card trick with the cards (to be punched out). The principle is to illustrate the process of “assumptions.”

Choices are an essential part of every magician’s act. In business, trust is built by offering the customer choices. As in the case of the conjurer, it doesn’t matter which card the spectator chooses because you have anticipated every contingency and your goal will be accomplished in either case. As an illustration, Starbucks offers twenty choices for how you want your coffee. It doesn’t matter, their purpose is to sell you coffee. Quoting Marc DeSouza who Cohen says is a successful real estate developer, as well as a very fine magician, misdirection is a misnomer. The finger flicker is directing the viewing public exactly where he wants them to watch.

In both magic and the theater of advertising, simulating control is a key element in increasing sales. If the purchaser is confident that they are getting the best, truest, most accurate deal, they are inclined to be accepting and responsive. Home Depot on every register receipt offers the customer an opportunity to participate in a drawing for thousands of dollars of merchandise if they participate in an opinion survey. Not only is the promise of the win enticing, but you are given an opportunity to critique your shopping experience in the ultimate hope of making a visit to Home Depot better next time. Think how often magi will offer the spectator options, thereby creating trust and satisfying suspicion. Remember this line, “Now hold this solid steel ring etc.”

Magician/Author/Thinker Cohen eschews (now there is a word that doesn’t appear in his book) complexity. He writes in a light illustrative style, as though he was talking to you, the reader/listener. The author advocates planning ahead but don’t lose spontaneity. Eugene Burger is his model for the well scripted but seemingly casual entertainer. Burger seduces and charms his audience, mesmerizing them into cooperative enjoyment. Hecklers are unlikely to bother Eugene Burger.

The usual retorts to hecklers are counterproductive, emphasizes Cohen. If you encounter a heckler, consider examining your performance. Andy Cohen is an eloquent example of innovative ratiocination. Can everyone do it? Cohen is convinced that aside from genetics (he praises his mother’s cleverness), everyone has the capacity to be inventive. He has convinced media and advertising gurus of some of our most famous international companies that it is within their power. “On the Other Hand” for a mere \$22.95 (from St. Martin’s Press 2006) and the time to enjoy 172 pp, you can convince yourself that you, too, can be more creative.



A new look for our MagiCurrents newsletter coming in July

The Ring 76 Board of Directors has been talking for sometime about distributing our monthly newsletter via e-mail. The current cost of mailing the newsletter each month is about \$65 dollars. As you know, effective in May, the postal rates will take yet another hike and the cost of paper for printing MagiCurrents is also costing more money. Our printing costs are currently about \$95 dollars a month. With rising costs at hand, we have decided to follow the lead of many other Rings around the country and go to e-mail distribution beginning with our July issue of MagiCurrents.

For those who do not have computers or e-mail, we will continue to mail you a hard copy each month. Our latest tally shows about 9 people will receive a printed copy of the newsletter, cutting our mailing list from just over 100 and our operating expenses for printing and postage by a significant amount of money.

We believe there are some pluses in receiving your newsletter online. The pictures and graphics will be in color, and we believe picture quality will be vastly improved. If there is some material you want to save in the newsletter you can print that page out on your printer at home. We believe the e-mail distribution of MagiCurrents will allow you to receive the publication 3-to-5-days earlier than you currently get it in the mail. We also believe the e-mail delivery will allow us to increase the number of people we send our monthly publication to and not cost the Ring any additional money.

We would hope that you as members would work with us as we experiment with this new process of delivering your monthly online newsletter. This will allow for more of your dues money to be spent on free lectures, library, and other magic related events. As many of you already know our monthly newsletter has been appearing on our Ring 76 Website for sometime. So if you don't receive your MagiCurrents when you think you should have, you can go to the Website and find it there. The Website is also

an ideal source for back issues of this publication.

It is important that we have your current e-mail address, so for the next several months we will have forms for you to fill out insuring that we have your address correctly logged into our database system. We anticipate some bumps along the way in this transition process, but by fall we expect to have all of the bugs out of the system, and we should be running smoothly.

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76 Board of Director's proposed slate of officers for 2007 – 2008. That slate is as follows:
President, Terry Lunceford; 1st Vice President, Diane Lane; 2nd Vice President, Kenny Shelton; Treasurer, Richard Ustick; Secretary, Jack White; Sgt at Arms & Librarian, Donna Greenbaum; Members at Large; Belinda Kaesler & Charlie Gott; Immediate Past President, Bob Ingalls. President Ingalls will then open the floor for nominations to the board of directors. If there are no nominations from the floor; then President Ingalls will ask the general membership to accept the board's slate of officers and a voice vote will be taken. However, if there are nominations from the floor, all nominees will be put on a ballot to be voted on at the June 11th meeting.

Nominations are welcome, but it must be remembered that the board of directors of Ring 76 each makes a commitment to serve at 23 meetings a year and are often asked to do the work that others will not do. The I.B.M. and Ring 76 are all volunteer organizations and, as such, do not receive any pay or are they reimbursed for money they spend often times out of their own pocket.

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"One small step for man...one
giant illusion for a magician."

Ring 76 Library in trouble your help is needed!

The Ring 76 Board of Directors decided at their April 23rd meeting to close down our Ring Library until September. We are asking that anyone who has books, videotapes or DVDs on loan to please return them at the next meeting. It has been noted that all of our DVDs are missing, we have the cases for them but the discs themselves are missing. No one seems to know what happened; they are just gone.

During the March meeting several people wanted to checkout magic videotapes and it was discovered that poor quality dubs of movies recorded from television broadcasts had been slipped into the videotape boxes instead of the magic tape that was suppose to be in the box. We do not know how or when this happened, but we believe it is more widespread than we first thought. In addition to the videotapes and DVDs we also have a number of books missing from our collection.

As a result of this surprising find, the board will close down the library and will attempt to get new books and DVDs and establish a new policy for checking these resources out with a new library system. We do not anticipate that new system being in place until the September meeting. The library is a service that is offered free to all members of the Ring. We have, at times, relaxed that policy in an effort to help everyone who attends Ring meetings and that may be one part of our problem.

Many of the books, videotapes, and DVDs came to our library as donations from friends and members of Ring 76. To all of those who made donations we are sorry for the current situation and we are taking steps to rebuild and redesign our checkout policy so this will not happen again.

We ask all of our members to be patient during the rebuilding process. We know it is difficult to see quality resources sitting on the shelf and not be able to use them. This is only temporary and we beg your indulgence until September.



Two big magic lectures scheduled for May

Two separate lectures are scheduled for the month of May. Syd Segal will present a double header in one evening of magic. Two excellent European close-up magicians, Christian Engblom and Dani DaOrtiz, will be in San Diego May 15th, the evening following our regular monthly meeting. Engblom and DaOrtiz create sensational magic using cards, coins, bills, and rubber bands. These entertainers are part of the all-Spanish week of performers at the Magic Castle the week before they come to San Diego.

This lecture begins at 7 p.m. at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Ave, Tuesday, May 15. The cost of this duel lecture is \$20 and can be paid to Syd Segal at the door the night of the lecture or to assure you of a good seat call Syd at (619) 300-1344 and reserve your seat. You can expect to see some very different close-up magic at this event.

On Monday, May 28th. (Memorial Day) stand-up performers will have an opportunity to learn all they have ever wanted to know about "Dove Magic" when Dan Sperry comes to San Diego with his lecture on the art of dove magic. Dan is currently one of the members of the "World's Greatest Magic Show" in Las Vegas and has become well known for his work with doves. He will present his dove act and then explain the various methods of organizing a program of dove magic and how to put such an act together.

The Dan Sperry Dove Lecture will begin at 7 p.m. at Jack's Magic Place; tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information and reservations on this lecture, call Jose at (619) 240-1209. Special bonus for Ring 76 members, a \$5 discount. Ring members pay \$15 for this lecture.



Exciting new sleight of hand learning center on the Ring 76 Website

Some months ago at a Ring 76 Board of Director's meeting, Dr. Robert Allen gave the board a series of magic lessons that he proposed be put on our Website. Several board members read over the program and found it to be a unique set of lessons for beginning and experienced performers as well.

Trevor L. Blane, a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and an excellent writer, wrote the lessons in sleight of hand. It is Mr. Blane and Dr. Allen's desire to have the lessons in sleight of hand put on our Website as a learning tool for local magicians. Our first concern and a concern echoed by Trevor Blane and Dr. Allen is that it would be available to everyone world wide on the Ring 76 Website so we turned to Don Soul our Webmaster to come up with a solution to having this desirable material available but not out there for just anyone's eyes.

Don has been wrestling with a plan that would use a "password" to get into the sleight of hand learning area on our Website. All of this sounds quite simple but it takes a great deal of thought and effort to make it work right. We believe we are in the final stages of coming up with a plan that will hopefully make everyone concerned happy with our plan and most importantly we will be able to offer this valuable material to our members on a guarded basis.

This series is titled "Magic in Your Hands." It is a series of lessons in sleight of hand magic that will be provided free to all members of the I.B.M. and Ring 76, who are beginners in magic and also for those who want to learn some things they might have glossed over as they began building their magic act.

Mr. Blane points out that sleight of hand is the ability to perform hidden movements of the hands to bring about magical effects. It is a secret skill developed over centuries by many contributing magicians. Their secrets can now be yours to use as a magician. Trevor Blane reminds us that anyone can buy apparatus to do a magic trick, but the most mystifying magic you can do is magic that is performed close up with common, examinable objects, such as a deck of cards, a coin, a dollar bill, or even a piece of rope. It is magic that seems impossible and unexplainable except, perhaps, as a demonstration of incredible skill.

One of the reasons the board was impressed with this set of lessons is because it is very easy to follow and has been written in terms that make it easy to learn. By studying a couple of the lessons and then coming to a Ring 76 meeting and asking questions of some of our sleight of hand whiz kids, you will have the foundation for becoming a very good performer.

We, of course, want to give Don Soul a pat on the back and a tip of the hat for bringing this effort to a point of getting it ready to go public on our Website. We will have more in the near future of how you can get into this secret sleight of hand learning center on the Ring 76 Website.

We are especially indebted to Trevor L. Blane for writing this series and for giving it to us to present to our members young and old alike. We certainly want to thank Dr. Robert Allen for being the moving force behind seeing that Ring 76 received this program.

Cost of magic may be going down

by Jack White

Everyone complains that the cost of magic is too expensive. Aldo Colombini has just announced that all of the Colombini products, tricks, books and DVDs will be sold only by Aldo and will cost his customers only \$10 per item. These are the same items that have been selling for \$30 and \$40 dollars. This is not a short-term sale. Aldo is not retiring; he will continue to produce new books, tricks, and DVDs, and all of them will sell for just \$10.

What has happened is that Aldo is cutting out the wholesalers and distributors, and he says he will pass the savings along to his customers. He is also producing all of his products himself. The best place to find Aldo Colombini magic is on his Website at acmagic@mindspring.com.

The web has opened a lot of new doors for people interested in performing magic. The Web has become an industry that is enjoying an interesting metamorphosis for those people manufacturing and selling supplies for magicians. Magic enthusiast's can expect to see more of these kinds of practices in the future. But, all of this new technology has contributed to the demise of the brick-and-mortar magic shops. With a savings of money comes a loss of the traditional magic shop.



Message from the Ring 76 President

Spring is my favorite time of the year because I have all of the great summer conventions to look forward to. The I.B.M. Convention in Reno, Nevada, in late June and the MagicLive Convention in Las Vegas in mid-August. If you are really into magic you should try to attend a magic convention at least once a year.

This month the Ring will hold their annual stage competition. A few years ago I took part in that event and I was also called upon to referee the counting of ballots in the annual Ring election of officers. Suddenly someone said: "Bob, you are on next." I quickly went back stage to get my act ready but was distracted several times by people asking me questions about the election that was going on at the same time. When I finally went on stage I discovered that the gimmick that was needed to accomplish my final trick was still in the trunk of my car. I simply excused myself in mid-performance and went to the car got the gimmick, came back on stage and finished my routine. Needless to say I did not win that year.

It was truly "Murphy's Law" at work. If something can go wrong it will! If you are going to be a contestant in this year's stage competition a word to the wise: rehearse your act well and make sure you have everything you need with you when you enter the building. There are cash prizes being awarded so look your best, and make your act and performance the best you possibly can. I, of course,

send my wishes for the best of luck to each of you taking part.

On another front, I think most of you by now know that our video library is in chaos. We are asking everyone who has Ring 76 videotapes or DVDs to please return them and we are temporarily closing down the videotape/DVD library until we can straighten it out. In addition to all of our DVDs being gone we are now finding that many of our videotapes are gone as well, and that while some of the cases are there, the tapes inside those cases have nothing to do with magic. The board is going to replace everything and try to reestablish the video library for our members. But, if this happens again, we will close the library down for good. The cost of reproducing our DVDs and finding more videotape is quite expensive, so let's all work a little harder at preserving what we have.

Finally, at this month's meeting I will be asking for nominations from the floor to the board of directors of Ring 76. I remind you there is a commitment to being part of the board, a commitment of attending 23 meetings a year. If you would like to be part of the Ring 76 executive committee, I urge you to have your name put into nomination. But remember, it is a job and there is a lot of time and work involved.

See you Monday evening, May 14th for an evening of fellowship and magic.

Bob Ingalls

President Ring 76



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News

Easter weekend was a very busy one for Magic **Mike Stilwell**, who was a performer on Friday night at a star-studded party in Palm Springs. The next day he had a special fund raising performance back here in San Diego at noon, that night another big show back in Palm Springs. And Easter morning he worked a restaurant brunch in Palm Springs. With gasoline at \$3.49 a gallon, Mike says he has to up his rates just to pay for his transportation out to the desert and back.

Jack White was seen sitting with award winning magician **Paul Potasy** at the Academy of Magical Arts banquet at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills in early April. Former San Diego, magician **Richard Turner**, was nominated for best lecture of the year at the Magic Castle by the AMA committee. Richard who was the recent subject of a cover story in Genii Magazine, spent time with **Jack & Lynn White** remembering his days in Southern California; Richard now lives near Austin, Texas. Also honored at the AMA Banquet was the Editor Emeritus of the Linking Ring magazine **Phil Willmarth** for his countless years of service to the magazine and the I.B.M. Phil will assume the responsibilities of the President of the I.B.M. in late June.

MagiCurrents recently caught up with **Dan Thomas**, owner and manager of The Gathering Restaurant in Mission Hills. Dan is hoping to get the Gathering open on May 7th, one year to the day that it closed because of fire. There have been dozens of reasons for delays in getting the restaurant open again. Everything will be new including the menu. Dan has a new chef that formally worked at the Marine Room in La Jolla. Of course, magicians will be back entertaining the patrons when the



restaurant finally reopens for business.

Magician, mentalist, writer and creator of magic effects **Max Maven** was hospitalized April 21st and underwent heart surgery on April 23rd. Doctors are optimistic that Max will be able to resume his busy work schedule by late summer.

J.P. Jackson and **Marcus Day** will travel to Chicago to be part of the Magic Collectors Weekend, May 2nd to the 5th. A highlight of that event will be the **Jay Marshall** Magic Collection auction. J.P. has promised to give us a report in next months MagiCurrents about the auction and the high points of the collector's event.

An interesting phenomonom takes place in May. At three minutes and four seconds after 2 a.m. on the 6th of May the time and date will be: 02:03:04 05/06/07. This will never happen again. I will probably not be up to witness the event but thought you might be interested in knowing about it.

On a sad note: San Diego Magician **Vince Ugarich**, died Friday, April 20th, of esophageal cancer; he had only been diagnosed with the disease for about six weeks. Vince was Italian and was raised in New York City and spoke with a unique but loveable accent. He found his way to San Diego via the U.S. Navy and when he retired, he decided to make San Diego his new home. He was

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never a member of Ring 76, but would often attend lectures and special Ring magic events; he loved magic of all kinds and could often times be found hanging around **Brad Burts** magic shop. Services were held at the Elks Lodge in Chula Vista, April 29th.

Kenny Shelton appeared on the KUSI-TV's early morning news in April, doing some juggling and talking about the upcoming Epilepsy Association of San Diego's Walk, Run & Bike marathon, which was on Sunday, April 22nd. He also took part in the event as an entertainer as well. Kenny also became a new uncle this month. His sister had a 4 pound 8 ounce baby girl; mom and baby are doing fine.

One of our youngest members **Alex Greenbaum**, will graduate from high school in June and has been accepted at U.C. Irvine in the fall where he will major in mathematics. As a graduation present Alex and his mom will be attending the I.B.M. Convention in Reno, in late June.

Diane Lane is one of the celebrities taking part in the "5th of May" celebration in the Gaslight District of downtown San Diego. Diane is also searching for someone to help her co-produce her weekly TV show "Magical Moments." Diane is looking for someone with some television experience to help her breath new life into the program.

Michael E. Johnson has been busy establishing a new Website that features biographies of prominent and not so prominent magicians around the world, you can visit the site at www.MagicBiography.com. Michael said he wanted the site to feature all the people in magic, from television stars to local heroes. Take a look at it. You might see some names you recognize.

Coming Attractions

Monday, May 14. The annual Ring 76 stage contest. Start polishing up your act for this exciting event that offers cash prizes for the top three winners. Nominations for Ring 76 board of directors takes place at this meeting. The program & business meeting begin at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 11, Ring 76 elections, time to pay your dues and the annual Ring auction of magic props, books, videotapes, and DVDs. If you have items you want placed in the auction, contact Jack White or J.P. Jackson with a list of your goods.

Sunday, July 15, the annual Ring 76 Installation and Awards Banquet. The time and location are yet to be decided. Reserve this day on your calendar for a special fun-filled event.

Monday, May 21, the Ring 76 Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. At Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue. These meetings are open to all Ring members who may want to attend. The May board meeting will be one week earlier than usual because of the Memorial Holiday Day the following week.

Opening in May



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