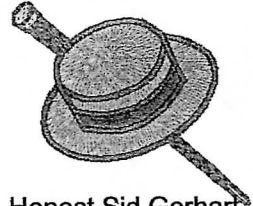


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June 11th meeting is dues night, elections, and Ring magic auction

Our June 11th meeting will be the annual Ring 76 auction, which is an opportunity for you to buy props, books, videos & DVDs at bargain prices. It is also a chance for you to sell your unwanted magic and put a few bucks in your pocket. If you are selling items you should make a list of what you have for sale and send it to Jack White or J.P. Jackson so they can work your lots into the auction schedule. Jack's e-mail address is prestooone@cox.net J.P.'s e-mail address is jipjack@adnc.com.

Jack & J.P. will be auctioneers again this year and they have spent a lot of time getting donations of magic, the profits of which will go to the Ring treasury; still other items are from private sources and the Ring treasury will receive 10 percent of the auction fee for the club. We know there will be many exciting lots with a number of tricks bundled together and sold as a grouping.

At this point we have several small illusions, a large variety of magic videotapes, books and a great deal of small magic that has been bundled into lots that has already been inventoried and is ready to sell. There is no question there will be something in this auction for everyone interested in magic. Featured items include an Electric Sawing a Woman in half, Arm Chopper, Bowl of Water Vanish, Zombie, Floating Skull, and the list goes on. Because on the large number of items being offered, our auctioneers will keep things moving quickly. In other words, if you hesitate you may loose out on an item you wanted.

Richard Ustick, the Ring 76 Treasurer, has designed a system to make checkout easy and quick; you may pay with credit cards, check and or cash. Everyone who will be bidding will receive a bidder's card that will insure that the items you buy are placed on your account. Sellers are again reminded 10 percent of the money they receive will go to the Ring 76 treasury as a seller's fee.

May election called into question

By Richard Ustick

During the April meeting of the Ring 76 Board of Directors, a slate of candidates for new officers for the Ring as required by the Ring's constitution was prepared. For the past few years the Board has presented its slate of candidates, and these candidates have been unopposed for their offices. Without floor nominations or other declared candidates the last few votes have been a Yea or Nay from the membership at the June meetings, without opposition from the membership.

At the May meeting, President Bob Ingalls presented the Board's recommendations for new officers before the annual Stand-Up Competition, with the idea of getting the business of the Ring over so the show, as they say, could go on. Carried up in the excitement of the evening, and not expecting any opposition to the board's recommendations, the president followed procedures and asked for floor nominations. To the surprise of many, there was a nomination for the office of First Vice President. At this point, again, caught up in the excitement of the evening, President Ingalls asked both candidates to approach the stage, give a brief speech on why they should be elected to the office, and then Bob called for a paper vote, announced a winner, and the new Board.

Unfortunately, according to the Constitution, the election is not to be held until the June meeting and two Ring members were upset that protocol was not followed. They presented their grievances to the Board at the May Board meeting. It was decided that while there was no intention to do any wrong, the Ring members were correct in their objection to the election at the May meeting. Also, some of the Board members requested a change in their original positions they were nominated for. For these reasons it was decided that the May election must be voided and that a formal election will be held at the June meeting as mandated.

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May meeting part business and part magic

The Ring 76, May 14th meeting was called to order by President Bob Ingalls at 7 p.m. sharp. There were a number of magic related announcements from the membership followed by the reading of nominations for President and Ring Officers. There was one nomination from the floor for 1st Vice President. Michael E. Johnson's name was placed in nomination. President Ingalls allowed the two candidates for that office, Diane Lane and Michael Johnson, one minute to campaign for office. Ballots we passed out to members only, and a vote was taken. Once the runoff vote was complete, President Ingalls then asked that the rest of the slate be approved; that action was carried out by a voice vote. Terry Lunceford is President; Michael E. Johnson, 1st Vice President; Kenny Shelton, 2nd Vice President; Richard Ustick, Treasurer; Jack White, Secretary; Donna Greenbaum, Sgt at Arms & Ring Librarian; Charlie Gott & Belinda Kaesler are both members at large; Bob Ingalls will become the Immediate Past President; effective July 15th.

With a longer business meeting than normal out of the way, Terry Lunceford took over the program and introduced the stand-up contestants for 2007. Our first performer was Toni Perrine, a longtime performer from British Music Hall who has worked with a variety of circus and stage shows over the years. Dressed to the nines, Toni did an act of six clever effects with original routines with each effect blending into the next effect. She ended with a seemingly endless fountain of very colorful silks that just keep unfolding like a budding flower. Receiving a nice round of applause, Toni took her well-deserved bows. While the stage was being cleared for the next act, Kenny Shelton and Terry Lunceford began the first round of the Ring raffle with some especially nice items this month, including a Joe Porper "Silent Sliding Casino Chip set," with President Bob Ingalls having the winning ticket.

Terry Lunceford then introduced Diane Lane as our second contestant. Diane entered to the sounds of Dean Martin singing "Money Burns a Hole in My Pocket." As "Deano" sang, Diane presented a very skillful "Misers Dream" using a glass coin pail so the audience could watch the coins drop into the bucket. Diane was also dressed in a long evening dress that sparkled in the spotlight on the stage. She ended the coin production with a two handed production of a shower of coins that brought lots of applause. With new music she offered a very beautiful feather fan and a production of flowers from the fan. After the flower production there was a flashy production of silks and another large bouquet of

flowers. It was a fast moving colorful act with the classics of magic.

17-year-old Alex Greenbaum was introduced to the stage and he immediately asked for four male volunteers from the audience. Once on stage each of the volunteers was asked to sit down in a chair, the chairs were in a sort of a circle. With the spectator's feet on the floor they were asked to lean back and rest their shoulders on the legs of the person behind them. Then Alex began to systematically remove the chairs the four volunteers had been sitting on. The four members of the audience were in a modified suspended position. It was a puzzling sight to behold as the audience looked on and then suddenly broke into applause. Alex then slipped the chairs back into position and asked the volunteers to sit up right. Our young performer then thanked his helpers and took a well deserved bow.

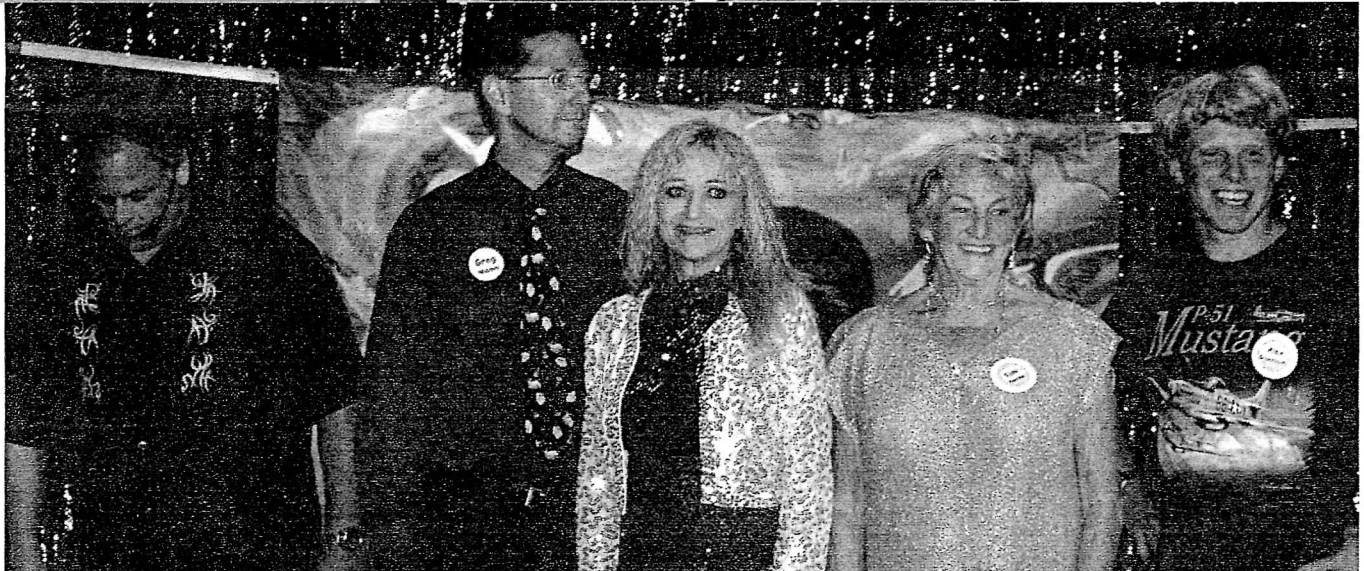
Longtime Ring 76 member Greg Wauson was next and did a very funny bit with his shoe: after showing it empty then suddenly removed a can of fruit juice from the same shoe his foot had been in moments before. After warming his audience up with some funny magic, he went into a routine that Dunninger had performed on radio in 1948, involving various members of the audience and having them call out a series of random numbers. Before asking the audience to give him numbers, he then wrote a group of numbers on a board. Then, with the numbers given to him by the audience, he had them added up and they equaled the earlier number he had written on the board. It was a stunner and brought a big round of applause from the audience.

The final contestant of the evening was Randy Kappe, a professional performer who has an excellent sound system that delivers music and sound effects on demand. Randy knows how to use the system to good effect and, as Terry Lunceford introduced him, he made an entrance that forced the audience to sit up and watch him. After a "flash" opening Randy went into a series of very fast and clever rope routines with each one becoming more involved as he went along. Then he invited two members of the audience on stage to help him. Randy's experience of working with audience volunteers everyday has given him great confidence onstage and his reaction to the on-stage people blends into his magic very well. Maxwell and Michael Johnson were his helpers from the audience and Randy got a lot out of them in his act. The volunteers helped with the "Peanut Butter & Jelly" effect with some nice original material giving this trick a very different look. It was a great closing act.

The winners of the Ring 76 Stage Contest will be announced July 15th at the Ring's annual Awards and Installation Banquet. Many members stayed after the meeting and did close up magic. It was all out and over at 9:45 p.m.



Top right: Diane Lane, left; Greg Wason, Randy Kappe, Toni Perrine, Alex Greenbaum and his human balance puzzle.



Stand-up contestants 2007; left to right; Randy Kappe, Greg Wason, Diane Lane, Toni Perrine, and Alex Greenbaum.

Magic Book Review by

Dr. Joel Moskowitz



The Sherlock Holmes Book of Magic by Jeff Brown

**Reviewed by Joel A. Moskowitz M.D.
(Certified Member of the Grimpin Admirers
of Sherlock Holmes, a branch of The Baker
Street Irregulars).**

Many have admired, some have mimicked, others have incorporated or emulated the wonder that the reader finds in the enchanting exploits of Sherlock Holmes. Jeff Brown has charmingly written a treatise where magic effects and Sherlockian escapades and wisdom are dexterously blended. When first I saw this title, **The Sherlock Holmes Book of Magic** A Collection of Tricks Based Upon the Stories of Sherlock Holmes, Piccadilly Books Ltd, I experienced a mixture of glee and regret – the latter that I had not thought to write such a book. After all, I, – and I expect virtually everyone interested in the conjuring arts and mentalism-has, an affection for the wizard of ratiocination.

It is most curious that Conan Doyle, Holmes's creator, was able to generate a character that is synonymous with logic, analytic thought, and an X-ray ability to penetrate even the most wily deceptions should, himself, be convinced that spiritualism is real. Even to the extent that Doyle insisted against his protests to the contrary that Houdini had special powers but was perhaps too modest to admit to them.

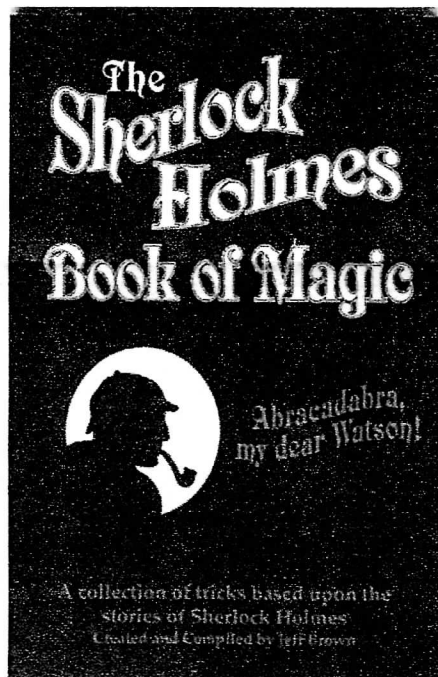
The persona with Holmesian skills is popular in ever repeating guises in our contemporary theater, e.g.,

Leonard Nimoy as Spock or Tony Shalub as Monk. So the themes described in the Canon (the collected works of Sherlock Holmes) would seem to have ready audience appeal. Author Brown writes, **The Sherlock Holmes Book of Magic** won't transform you into a skilled conjurer or a trained detective. It will, however, enable you to combine effects of magic with the tales of the world's most well-known sleuth, and give your audience a reason for the magic to happen." For that last phrase alone, Brown deserves, in my estimation, the Pulitzer Prize for Magic. Too often the polite audience remains bewildered and only slightly entertained.

This is a book of patter, blended with illustrative Holmesian stories. Do you remember that in **A Study in Scarlet**, the master criminologist is said to have stated, "You know that a conjurer gets no credit when once he has explained his trick, and if I show you too much of my method in working, you will come to the conclusion that I am a very ordinary individual after all."

Brown even rates the difficulty of each effect by classing it as "One pipe or two pipes or even four pipes." A favorite three pipes is entitled **A Clear Deduction** where the identity of a chosen card is found on the detective's magnifying glass. Referring to the story of **The Cardboard Box** Holmes said, "The features are given to man as the means by which he shall express his emotions – and yours are faithful servants." The effect, entitled "Deductive Crunch," involves the magician being able to discern the identity of various spectators just by the sound their teeth make while crunching a stalk of celery. A four pipe effect entitled "The Agent's List" utilizes approximately 20 names of characters, places and cases relating to Sherlock Holmes. These are displayed and given to the spectator. The spectator is simply to think of one of the names, saying nothing as to their selection. And Watson, don't be surprised when Sherlock divines their thought-of name!

In 96 lean pages, 29 effects are succinctly described. Some even come with props supplied by the author. Because this book may appeal to beginners, he offers a bibliography and sites where further education may be pursued. Jeff Brown expresses thanks to many who are familiar to we in the magician's fraternity: Les Moskowitz (no relation) is mentioned as supplying him with a collection of Sherlock's quotes. Other notables in magic, e.g., Phil Wilmarth, Elliot Black, Mark Strivings, Max Maven, Martin Gardner, Tom Craven, Martin Lewis, are a few who gave him inspiration. In turn, Jeff Brown provides anyone who reads his very fine book a model for lucid, helpful and stimulating magic. "All knowledge comes useful to the detective." The Valley of Fear. It is elementary, dear reader; you should be persuaded to buy this book.



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The election will follow constitutional guidelines, and again the Board's slate of candidates will be presented to the Ring. The floor will be opened to any nominations from members in good standing and a vote will be taken.

It must be remembered that June is also our auction meeting and when dues will be payable. With this in mind it is important that members try to arrive early so that Ring business can be dealt with in a concise manner and we have time for the auction.

Constitutional Amendment proposed.

IBM Ring 76 currently has over 70 active members, making it one of the largest Rings in the United States. Each year the Ring hosts a number of lectures by big names in magic, two large dinners with entertainment, as well as performance nights and community outreach activities. This keeps its members and Board of Directors very busy.

At the last Board meeting the increased responsibilities were discussed, and it was proposed that the Board be increased to lessen the workload for the people elected to make Ring 76 a club to be proud of.

The Constitution dictates the officers that are to be elected to the Board of Directors (Article 5, section 4 of the Constitution & Article 3f, section 1 of the By-Laws) and any change in the make up of the Board must be preceded by a Constitutional Amendment.

The Board has therefore proposed adding an additional Member-at-Large to the makeup of Ring 76's Board of Directors.

The procedure for amending the constitution is well spelled out in Article 8, section 1 of the current Ring constitution. The change will be posted at the next two Ring meetings and a vote will be held in August. All discussions, questions and comments should be directed to the current Board of Directors. You may also attend any board meeting and raise a question, as all board meetings are open to the all members. The time, location and date of every board meeting is posted in this newsletter.

Michael E. Johnson set new record

Magician Michael E. Johnson, set an indoor arena football record on May 26th, when he ripped 19 phone books in less than two minutes, during half-time at the San Diego Shockwave game at the Cox Arena. More than 12,000 pages were ripped, averaging one hundred pages per second. Michael arrived in style on the back of Loch David Crane's World-famous Star Trike.

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In addition to the auction, some Ring items of business will be discussed. You will have an opportunity to nominate candidates for the board of directors of Ring 76 and you will be asked to vote for the candidates of your choice. A story about the election appears in the next column. You will also be made aware of a proposed constructional change that will be voted on in August.

We must also remind you that your Ring dues are to be paid at the June 11th meeting. Dues remain at \$25, if you do not pay at the meeting you may send a check anytime during the month of June for \$25. To Richard Ustick, 4275 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105. If you have not paid by July first, you will be sent a dues reminder and you will also find that a \$5 surcharge has been added to your dues statement, bringing the total charge to \$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 for the bookkeeping staff.

So the Ring 76 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. Many members have already paid their dues at the May meeting and still others have sent their dues through the mail to our treasurer, Richard Ustick.

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by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



Bob Ingalls ends two years as Ring 76 President

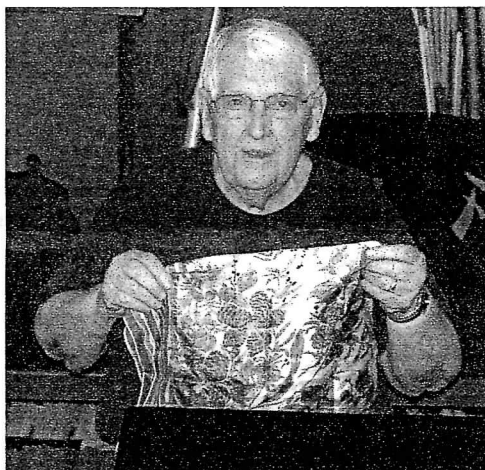
With the election of new officers at our Monday, June 11th, meeting, Bob Ingalls will wrap up two years as President of Ring 76. Bob became the President of the Ring on July 10, 2005, at the annual Installation & Awards Banquet at Dave & Busters restaurant in Mission Valley.

Shortly after his election to lead the Ring, Bob polled as many members as he could to find out what they wanted in the coming year in the way of monthly programs. The general consensus

was that the members wanted more opportunities to perform their magic, both close-up and stage. At his first planning session Bob told the board we must give the members what they want.

His first Ring meeting in August was a picnic and magic party that turned out to be a huge success. In October of 2005, Bob helped to promote "Magic Day" at the San Diego Blood Bank. This was a major effort for our Ring, with 20 members taking part in this event. Bob himself did magic for two hours at the Upas Street Blood Bank, then drove to the South Bay, Blood Bank and did two more hours.

Bob was very much in favor of bringing magic lectures to Ring 76; his first was Steve Hart, followed the next month by Tom Jones and Rachel Wild; the next month Bob helped to produce a very successful holiday party that included a performance by J.C. Wagner. In February 2006, Bob brought Jamy Ian Swiss in to give a lecture and workshop. In March J.C. Wagner was back with his lecture for the Ring. In April 2006, after saying he would only stay for one term as Ring President he threw his hat in the ring for a second term in office. Bob helped to find magic apparatus for the 2006 Ring auction that ended up as the largest in Ring history, bringing in several hundred dollars for the Ring 76 treasury.



Bob Ingalls about to do a trick with a coin and a silk (2006)

Bob has been on the I.B.M. Convention Committee for several years and last year in Miami, Florida, he worked from 7 a.m. until after the gala theater shows each evening; Bob was always the last to get on the bus going back to the hotel. It was backstage at the theater that Bob was presented with his Lifetime Membership in the Magic Castle by Dale Hindman. It was a special evening.

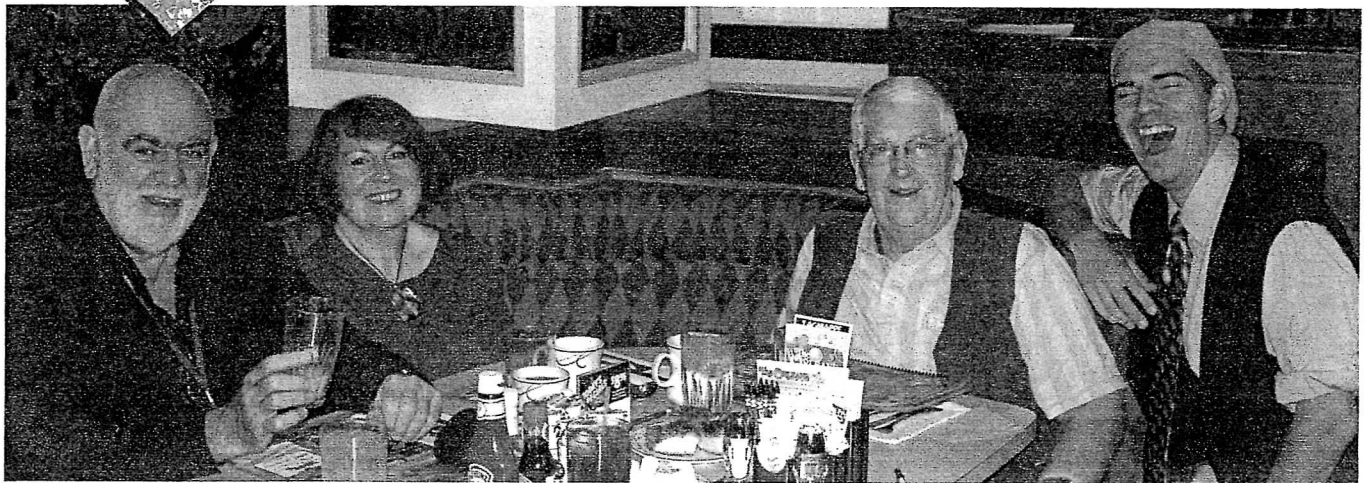
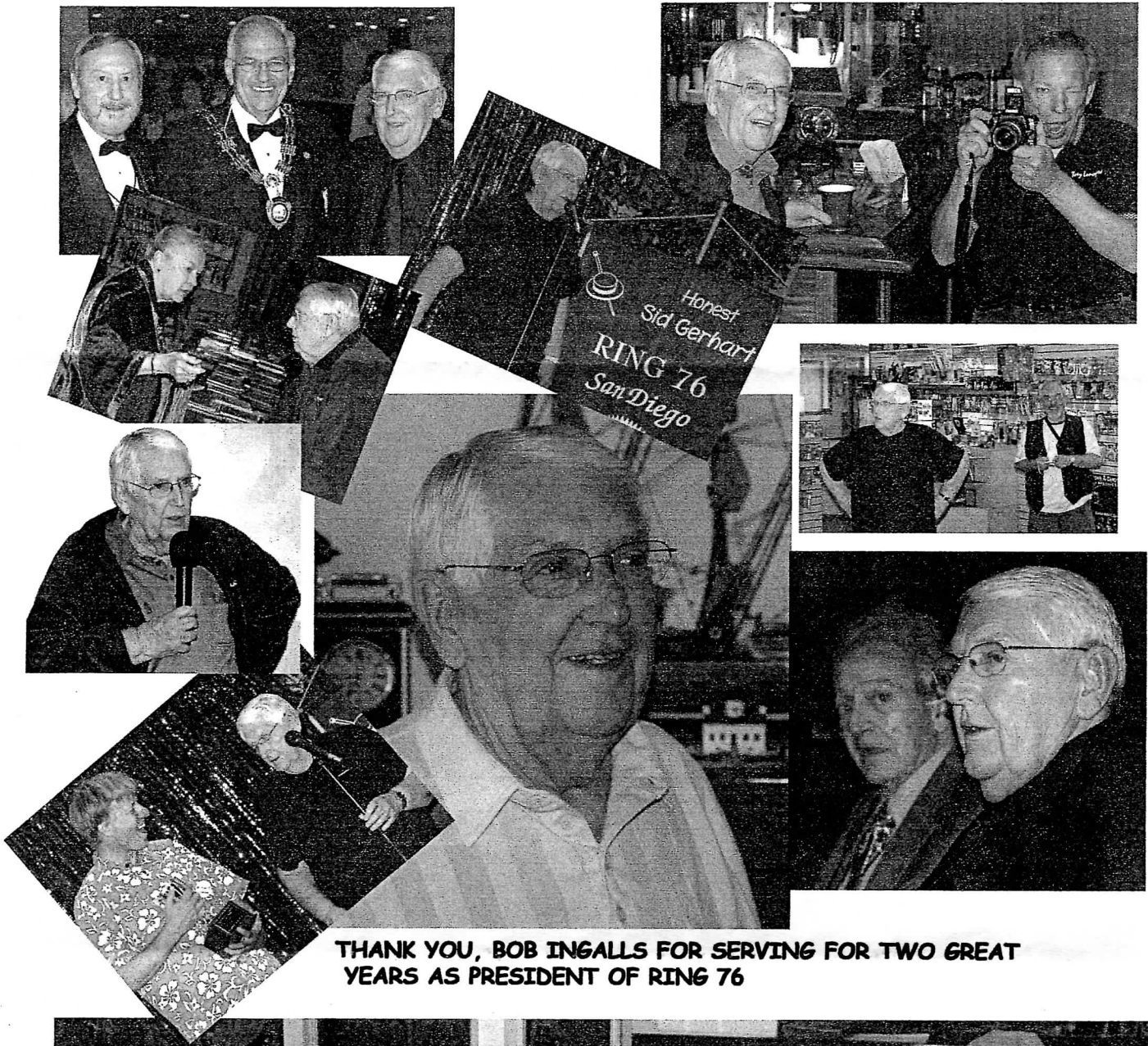
He began his second year as President of Ring 76 by presiding over the Installation and Awards Banquet at Terry Lunceford's house, as well as taking part in the show that was put on by the Ring officers. In November during the Teach-in program, Bob Ingalls was one of the teachers. For the annual holiday party of 2006, Bob brought Whit Hayden in for the entertainment and streamlined the party itself with a new format and food. After months of negotiation, Bob was able to bring Mark Wilson to Ring 76 for a lecture in February of this year.

In all of the time he has been President, there have been dozens of minor conflicts that he has been called upon to handle. He has given of his time and his talents in guiding the board of directors in making prudent decisions for the advancement of Ring 76. He leaves office with the knowledge that the treasury is healthy and the membership numbers are up.

We all thank Bob Ingalls for being a great leader for two years. On the next page are some photos taken during Bob's years as President. Upper left, Bob at the Miami, I.B.M. Convention with incoming International President Fred Casto and outgoing President Roger Miller. Below, Nani Darnell Wilson and Bob; A familiar pose, Bob at the microphone. Bob giving Michael E. Johnson an award. Top center: Bob conducting a meeting, Bob & Terry Lunceford at the Holiday meeting; center: the official Bob Ingalls portrait; Bob at the I.B.M. Miami convention with registration chairman Roger Wicks; Bob at I.B.M. banquet with Cesareo Pelaez better known as Marco the Magi. The large photo at the bottom of the page was taken at the "World Magic Seminar 07" with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gauci, Bob and Kenny Shelton at breakfast in Las Vegas earlier this year.



Salute to President Bob Ingalls!





Message from the Ring 76 President

What an honor it has been to be the President of Ring 76 for the past two years. As my term in office winds down, I now have three final duties to perform as your president. I will conduct the business portion of our June meeting, I will represent Ring 76 at the I.B.M. Convention in Reno, Nevada, in late June, and I will get to call the meeting to order at our Installation and Awards banquet on July 22nd; however, Terry Lunceford will get to close that meeting out as the new Ring 76 President.

When I took office as president I was reminded by Jack White of Abraham Lincoln's favorite advice; "You can't please all of the people all of the time." During the past two years of Ring 76 meetings I am sure some of you have asked yourselves, why are we doing this or that for a meeting this month? If you would have asked me I would have probably told you, we are doing that program because that was what the majority of our members has asked us to present.

If you are one of those who has strong feelings on our monthly programs and have been critical of how things have gone in the last year, I would ask you to suggest different kinds of programs for the future to our new president, Terry Lunceford. I know he will appreciate hearing from you and I know he and the new board of directors will be sitting down in July to do the planning for programs and events for the year ahead. So make some notes and pass them along to Terry. Remember, this

is your club and your suggestions are necessary and important to our success.

Our future looks very exciting: a couple of weeks ago at our May board meeting, Jack White reminded us that the 60th Anniversary of Ring 76 will take place in 2008. We will be celebrating that anniversary all year long. The celebration will include some different and exciting Ring functions and meetings, as well as the creation of a special Ring 76 Anniversary shirt, and a book featuring the 60 year history of the Ring that will include pictures, stories and magic by our members. Because these books will be limited to only 60 copies we expect them to become collectable very quickly. The Ring will also stage a gala public magic show in a theater to be announced in the near future. In short, it will be an exciting time to be a part of Ring 76, and you can be sure that I will continue to be in the mix of things.

I have said this many times before, but I must say it again: the people of Ring 76 are some of the most exciting and dynamic that I have ever worked with, and it has been an honor for me to be able to be your leader for two wonderful years. This has been one of the great highlights of my magic career, being able to serve the Ring. I encourage others of you who have the time to become more active and move up the chairs of office within Ring 76. I think you will find it as I have, to be very rewarding.

See you at the June meeting; it is dues night, an election, and our famous magic auction evening.

Bob Ingalls
President Ring 76



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News

A reminder: the San Diego County Fair opens June 8th and runs through July 4th. **Terry Godfrey** will be performing walk around magic at the O'Brian Gate for the opening day ceremony. He will also appear daily on the "Kids Stage" which is located in the infield of the race track, be sure to drop by one of his shows and say hello. He performs daily at 12-noon, 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Because of the extended run of the Fair they are closed on the 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, and 25th. Terry is excited about getting this booking because he can live at home and work an extended fair gig at the same time. After Del Mar, Terry takes off for a series of smaller fairs in California and Oregon; his current schedule has him booked into October.

The May issue of the "Linking Ring" magazine was very late this month because the publishing house that prints each issue had a power surge that burned up the motors on their presses, putting all of their work behind schedule. We are told the June issue should be back on time. Two notes of special interest in the current issue (May) is the **Nani Darnell Wilson** tribute by Ring 76, on page 53, and **Michael Claxton's** "Women in Magic" column on page 67, which mentions former Ring 76 President **Diane Lane**. If you haven't read those articles you might want to take a look at both stories.

Bruce Cervon, a mainstay at the Magic Castle in Hollywood since 1964, died Wednesday night, May 23rd, at his Ventura, home of throat cancer. Bruce was just one month shy of his 66th birthday when he died. He became interested in magic at the age of seven when his father taught him a one-handed cut. A Mysto Magic Set continued his thrust to learn; in 1964, he found his way from his home in Akron, Ohio, to the Magic Castle in Hollywood to study



with magic's Professor, **Dai Vernon**. Bruce was both a close-up and stand-up performer and the author or co-author of nine books and numerous articles that appeared in major magic publications. His most popular book was "Ultra Cervon" published in 1990, with Stephen Minch. He was an officer in the Academy of Magical Arts at the Magic Castle from 1978 to the time of his death. Over the years, Bruce appeared on many television programs as a magician and actor; he also appeared in two videos teaching his brand of presenting magic.

Dan Thomas has reopened his popular "Gathering Bar & Grill" in the Mission Hills area of San Diego, a longtime mecca for magicians, professional and amateur. The restaurant was closed by fire on May 7th, 2006. Because the building was so old the city demanded many major upgrades before Dan could reopen for business. Located at the corner of Washington & Goldfinch Streets, magicians appear every Thursday thru Sunday evening. If one of the regular performers is not available, Dan himself, a good magician, will show you a quick routine. Drop by and say hello and try something from their new menu.

The **Caryl Fleming** Ring 21, in Hollywood, will be holding a picnic Saturday, June 16, at 1555 Saticoy Street, in North Hollywood, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The area for the picnic is a large grassy area behind a church. The highlight of the afternoon will be a magic auction.

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I.B.M. members from throughout Southern California are invited to take part. Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic lunch and a couple of tricks you can do if called upon. You will find the Ring 21 bunch a good group of folks to hang around with.

Longtime Ring 76 member **Michael Feldman** is about the graduate from Stanford University, and he will be attending the I.B.M. Convention in Reno. Michael has already booked his room, but he is looking for a roommate to share lodging expenses. If you are going to Reno and are looking for a roommate, Michael's phone number is (650) 387-0954 or he can be reached by e-mail at mfeld@stanford.edu

Jack White, the Ring 76 secretary, has reproduced a brain teaser that magician **Dell O'Dell** gave Jack when he was 12-years old. It is apparently one of those puzzles that is now so old that no one remembers how it works. Recently Jack gave the puzzle out in Chicago, at the Magic Collectors meeting. When he got home he had two phone calls from people in the mid-west wanting to know how it worked? More recently **Joe Bertuzzi** called Jack from Orange County and said he took the puzzle to work and no one including Joe, knew how to work it. Jack explained it to Joe on the phone. Next time you see Jack ask him for one of his puzzles and see if you can do it.

Joel Ward has signed a new contract with the Lake Tahoe, Magic TV Stars Show at the Horizon Casino & Resort in South Lake Tahoe; the new contract runs through the end of the year. Joel will be taking a break from the show June 19 to the 28th and plans to be in the San Diego area. He is now accepting bookings for early 2008. He continues to sell his basic sleight of hand DVDs on the Internet.

Coming Attractions

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. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., but be early if your dues are to be paid.

Sunday, July 22, the annual Ring 76 Installation and Awards Banquet. The banquet will be at Jack's Magic Place with social hour 5 p.m. Light dinner at 6 p.m. Program and awards at 7 p.m. Special guest performer for the evening: Milt Larsen creator of the Magic Castle. Cost is \$15 per person. Reserve this day on your calendar for a special fun-filled event.

Monday, June 18, the Ring 76 Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. At Jack's Magic Place. This will be the last meeting of the current board with new members invited to attend. This meeting is one week earlier than usual to accommodate the board members attending the I.B.M. Convention in Reno, Nevada, the following week.

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