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October Meeting to take place in Del Mar

Our Monday, October 10th, meeting will be a bit of a departure from our regular monthly meetings. It will be held at the Pumpkin Station, just across the street from the Del Mar Fair grounds next to the Hilton Hotel. You can't miss the set up; there is a large white tent and a lot of carnival rides for children next to the tent on Jimmy Durante Drive.



Pumpkin Station Del Mar

When you arrive, park your car in the lot and come to the front door of the main tent and there will be someone to greet you and point out the hospitality tent that will be our headquarters. At 7 or thereabouts we will have a very brief and informal business meeting and outline the evening festivities. You might want to arrive early, as we have invited other Rings in Southern California to drop by. Some have indicated they are going to be setting up tables in the hospitality tent for a magic swap meet.

Many of those coming from outside of San Diego County indicated they would be in and set up by 4:30 or 5 p.m. There is no charge for a table, in fact it is a good idea if you bring your own folding table, as they will be at a premium at the Pumpkin Station. So you might want to arrive early and see if there is something on a swap meet table you want to add to your magic inventory.

Ring 76 will supply some pastry and soft drinks for those coming early. We are asking members to bring some tricks to do for the people attending the Pumpkin Station,

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New membership cards to be issued to all members

At the September Board of Directors meeting 2nd Vice President, Michael E. Johnson introduced a plan for a new Ring 76

Membership Card and a plan that would allow Ring members to give out a guest pass to fellow

magicians that might like to pay a visit to a Ring 76 meeting. The guest pass will be given to all members in a packet of 12 passes. All you have to do is tear off the number of passes you want to give out.

Membership Card 2007—2008

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Terry Lumcford, IBM Ring 76 President



The passes are like a guest card to the Magic Castle or other magic venues. We hope to have the new Membership Card and Guest Pass ready to hand out at the

IBM Ring 76 Guest Pass

Is invited to attend a club meeting on the
2nd Monday of the month at Jack's Magic
Place, 4275 University Ave., San Diego;
RSVP to Michael Johnson, 760-747-4627

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November meeting, though the membership cards and the guest passes maybe mailed to all members.

It is important that each member of Ring 76 has a membership card; these cards are necessary to check books, videotapes and DVDs out at the Ring library. It is now our plan to have the library open again for our November meeting. The new library system will be outlined at the November meeting by our Ring librarian Donna Greenbaum. We have just received a donation of 30 plus commercial magic DVDs to add to our collection. Our book library also continues to expand.

Magic with liquid and food was a big success in September

The September 10th meeting of Ring 76 was called to order by President Terry Lunceford, who introduced our guests for the evening, then opened the floor to announcements by our members. With the business portion of the evening out of the way, President Lunceford,

dressed in a snappy tuxedo, began a mini-lecture on: "What to do when a trick goes wrong." Terry is a longtime professional magician and he told the audience he had been put "on the spot" with

something going wrong many times. He had many suggestions for having the proper out for a situation, and he talked about the handling of hecklers in the audience.



Ring President Terry Lunceford presenting his mini-lecture.

Terry's recurring theme in his lecture is when something goes wrong keep on going, and try not to let things rattle you. The audience does not know when "the thread breaks" or "the gimmick does not work." So hang in there and keep going never letting on that something is not going they way it was planned.

Following his informative mini-lecture, Terry Lunceford turned the meeting over to the Immediate Past President, Bob Ingalls, who acted as the M.C. for the evening in the absence of our 1st Vice President, Kenny Shelton. The theme for the September meeting was "Tricks with Food or Liquid." A larger number than anticipated asked to perform during the meeting.

Toni Perrine opened the show with an entire act. She closed her set of magic with a beautiful old "Haenchen Plate Restorer cabinet" that most of our younger members had never seen or even heard of before. Charlie Gott had a great story for a giant "Lota Bowl." Jim Whiting had us all in the aisles with his comedy mini-cut and restored rope trick. He ended his routine by eating the rope that was really made out of rolled up marshmallows. Very funny.

The evening rolled on with Michael E. Johnson doing a very clean "Coin in Soda Can." Richard Ustick promised his audience he would not sing and instead presented a very nice "Bill in Orange." In a very brief few moments on stage the creative Greg Wauson was chewing gum, which he quickly turned back into a wrapped, unused stick of gum. Very different. Loch David Crane, treated us by wearing his very large and colorful turban for his "Amazing Karnack" comedy routine.

Jeff Pearson, presented his "Kentucky Fried Chicken" egg bag routine with a singing chicken in a KFC box. Jeff Marcus, closed our little show with a very nice "Silk to Egg" routine. Everyone was surprised there were no "Milk Pitchers, Foo Cans, Funnels, Candy Factory, or Liquid Appear" effects. But we did see some good original routines with standard magic tricks. A good meeting with all over and out at 9:15 p.m.

Our November meeting will include a special session for close-up workers. Bring your favorite close-up trick and present it during a "Close-up Round Table" session. October, we will be at the Pumpkin Station in Del Mar. More information on that meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.



Jack White (right) presents an I.B.M. Presidential award from I.B.M. President Phil Willmarth to Michael E. Johnson for his efforts in organizing and presenting the salute to Bob Elliott at the Installation and Awards Banquet in July.



Jeff Pearson



Toni Perrine



Richard Ustick



Jim Whiting



Jeff Marcus



Greg Wauson



Back row: Richard Ustick, Greg Wauson, Michael Johnson, Jeff Marcus,
Front row: Loch Craine, Toni Perrine, Jeff Pearson, Charlie Gott, & Jim Whiting.

Magic Book Review by Dr. Joel Moskowitz



"A thinking mentalist would seem to be a redundancy!" Anton Zellman exemplifies the finest of this paradoxically rare genre. Zellman prefers not to refer to himself as a "psychic." The word, derived from the Greek, refers to mental/ of the soul. With that in mind (no pun intended) "I Read Minds and So Do You," is highly recommended. Copyright 2004, Zellmann Publishing Company, pp 244, this instructive tome can be obtained from the author: orders@zellmannpublishing.com <<mailto:orders@zellmannpublishing.com>>.

This master mentalist and motivation specialist explains his intention in writing this book. He offers it as a tool to enhance the reader's ability to become more successful at whatever their pursuits. You will, he promises, learn to read minds-especially the most important mind of all - your own! Reviews written for periodicals, whose audience

is magicians and mentalists, attract readers thirsting for the next revelation. Although, in a sense, this is a "how to book," it is definitely not for the slight of mind.

Anton personalizes his enlightening edutaining theses with autobiographic glimpses of how he became an eminent and extremely successful performer. In a sense, he was reborn at age 32 when he legally changed his name to the one which had been given to him at birth (Joseph A. Feldman became Anton Josef Zellman- a costumed version of Anton Joseph Zellmann). He also shares his happy intuition which brought him and his second wife, Lois, together.

It was, Zelman explains, self-reflection that persuaded him that the true Rosetta stone was not a set of tricks to read

someone else's thoughts. Rather, it is about enhancing one's own internal awareness; alerting us to the non-verbal communications which in any interpersonal interaction shower us with data (most of which we miss); increasing our perceptive powers; conquering impediments in absorbing and retaining information. We can hope to achieve the most astonishing of our qualities as humans: ever seeking to communicate and to be understood. Anton writes warmly about Marcello Truzzi, a friend of his and a friend of mine, long gone but sorely missed. Marcello was a thinking man's mentalist, also a member of the P.E.A. (Psychic Entertainers Association), as are Anton Zelman and this reviewer. Each of us shares the thinking person's quest-curiosity. Zellman writes and shares his appreciation of the How and the Why.

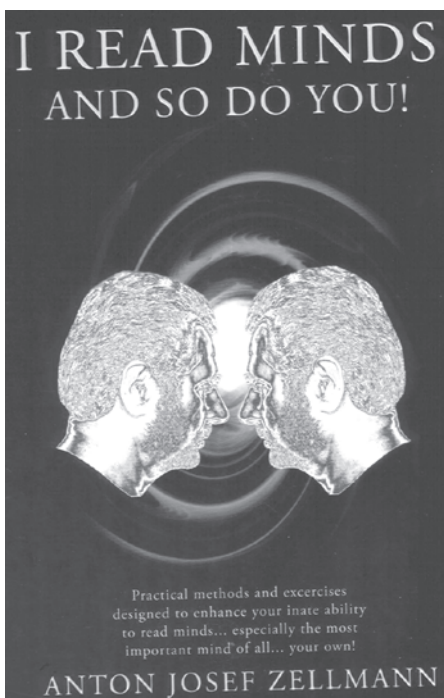
This is a book not for those obsessed with the secrets of the magical arts. You won't learn the latest book test or billet switch. Nor will a swami writer be necessary.

In lucid prose thankfully bereft of psychobabble or jargon, Zellman takes the reader by various routes to the mind, yours and others. How one perceives, he shows, leads to how we believe. By his pen, Neuro-linguistic programming is simplified with useful exercises. Listening, Intuition (which he calls his other sense), Empathy, all blend to access Creativity. Concentration is the sister of memory. Choice originates from a Belief. One of many exercises used to illustrate mental principles demonstrates how by failing to think outside the box, the average person cannot connect a series of dots. Yes this book has pictures- diagrams, photos, cartoons.

This book is also a love story. Lois and Anton share their perspective on how it came that they met and wed. Each writes convincingly from their personal viewpoint how their destiny resulted from synchronous congruent mental mechanisms. Others might say it was "Kismet" or "Beshairt." Whatever the mysterious design, their perception of the mechanism of their thinking and reacting is not only charming but emphasizes how being able to read the mind of another, as well as your own, can influence your life in happy ways.



Anton J. Zellmann, Arlene & Joel Moskowitz



Clever slogans, e.g. "Exciting Sales Promotion with Extra-Special Prices and Extra-Sensational Prizes," was the slogan for one of his early shows, "Entertainment in ESP." Thus many aspects of Anton's thoughtfulness and his ability form clever associations so as to draw the attention of the reader.

This book should not be read in one sitting. It is better tasted; eaten slowly. Better thus to digest the very nourishing content. It is not a cook book to transform one into a mind reader. Instead, earnest study will reward the reader with satisfying insight-useful on the stage as well as in every day life. Remember, "All the world's a stage and the men and women merely players." All of us yearn to be understood.

As a Forensic Psychiatrist, myself, I am inclined to refrain from disclosing my profession. The public is inclined to believe that psychiatrists can read their minds. On my office wall, to defuse this anxiety with humor, I had a plaque, "I can read your mind and you should be ashamed of yourself." This ambivalent anxiety, part of all of our mental wiring can be captured in the working of a mentalist to enhance the audience's appreciation of his or her skill. Anton Zellman has perfected this sensitivity and enjoyed a long remunerative profession.

Whether you read this book to enhance your ability as a mentalist or interpersonally, I predict that your money will be well invested.

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and there is a little entertainment area with bales of hay for people to sit on and watch a stand up show. All of this allows our members an opportunity to have a lay audience to enjoy our magic presentations.

Belinda Kaesler, a member of the Ring 76 Board of Directors and a Territorial Vice President for parts of California, has a booth at the Pumpkin Station and is acting as our host for this Ring 76 event. She has invited other Rings to take part in this program and we thank her for helping to organize this special outing. Belinda has had her costume shop at this location for several years and is well respected by the promoters of this annual attraction.

This should be a very different and exciting event for our members, and it offers everyone who wants to perform an opportunity to do so. You might want to bring your spouse and or children to this meeting and they, too, can enjoy the Halloween season at the Pumpkin Station.

Our November meeting will return to Jack's Magic Place in San Diego and will feature a close-up magic roundtable session. For a complete listing of programs for the coming year see the President's Message on page 6 of this newsletter.

Kenny Shelton Street Magician

Art Splash, a huge community event was held in Carlsbad on Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd & 23rd, you might remember it rained Saturday morning; but that did not seem to dampen the spirits of those attending or those taking part.



Kenny Shelton was celebrating his fourth appearance at Art Splash, doing magic and juggling. Joel Ward was the person who set him up with the job four years ago and Kenny has expanded and upgraded his skills and performance level in those years.

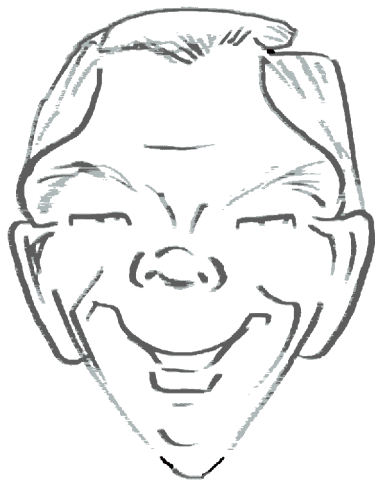
We found his set up worth mentioning: two sleek silver footlockers on luggage racks made a professional setting and carried his entire act. When he needed a flat surface to do card tricks he used the top of his trunk. It looked good and was all very useful.

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"Vince! You forgot to turn off your hat again!!"



Message from the Ring 76 President

At our September board meeting we hammered out a schedule of programs for the year ahead. Here is what you can expect as meeting themes:

Monday, October 8, 2007,
Ring members to perform at the Pumpkin Station at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. I.B.M. members from other Southern California Rings will join Ring 76 members.

Monday, November 12, 2007,
"Close-up Round Table," Bring your favorite close-up effects and present them for the people at your table.

Monday, December 10, 2007,
"Annual Ring 76 Holiday Party and dinner," Location to be announced.

Monday, January 14, 2008,
"Broken Wand Ceremony,
Installation of new members, an opportunity to perform a favorite trick."

Monday, February 11, 2008,
"Close-up Contest" Members will be the judges;

Monday, March 10, 2008,
"Magic Teach-In Night"
Kenny Shelton & Michael E. Johnson will be the committee to get the instructors.

Monday, April 14, 2008,
Magic Swap Meet

Monday, May 12, 2008,
Ring 76 Stand-up contest. Members to pick the winner.

Monday, June 9, 2008
"Dues and Free Magic Lecture"
Artist to be announced.

Sunday, July 8, 2008,
Installation & Awards Banquet
A committee will be appointed soon.

Monday, August 11, 2008
"Bag Night" Everyone brings a bag with something to perform, everyone who wants to take part selects a bag.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month and will take place at Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue. There will be some surprises thrown in along the way. See you Monday evening in Del Mar.

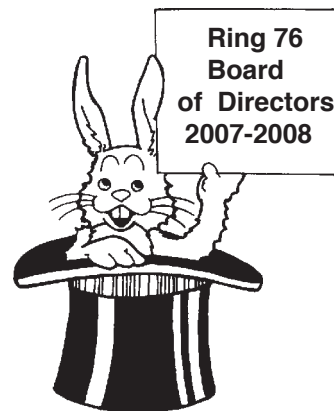
Terry Lunceford
President Ring 76

California Magic Quartet Headlined in September

The California Magic Quartet headlined a huge event at the Manchester Hyatt Hotel, September 25th.

The event was the Corporate Directors Annual Forum awards banquet. More than 750 people attended the black tie function, which was designed to honor excellence in the Board Rooms of corporate America.

Magician's Michael E. Johnson, Joe Mystic, Jeff Marcus and Magic Mike Stilwell were all part of the California Magic Quartet that dazzled the audience with their magic.



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Kenny Shelton spent six years of his life at the Alpine Elementary School; in October he goes back to the school but this time as a magician to entertain the students there. One of Kenny's former teachers is bringing him back for the return engagement. Kenny also took part in the Carlsbad, Art Walk program in the North County, during late September. He did his juggling act and some strolling magic.

Jack White is off to Louisville, Kentucky, for two days of meetings and an opportunity to look over the site of the Combined I.B.M. – S.A.M. Convention next July 21 to the 27. Jack has already written several convention stories for both the Linking Ring magazine and MUM magazine. The Combined Convention has to date signed up 1287 registrations. If you want to take part in a competition that pays big bucks, sign up for this convention. Top prize money in both the stage and close-up contest is \$10,000.

Linking Ring magazine gave the Ring 76 Installation and Awards banquet last July, a two and a half page spread in the October issue. Many color photographs and a nice salute to **Bob Elliott**. That event has brought a lot of praise and attention to our Ring, for which we are grateful. Thank you, Sammy Smith, editor of Linking Ring magazine, for all of your help with this article. If you haven't done so, look at the article in your current Linking Ring magazine.

Jacques Lord tells Ring members he has been busy with family activities all summer and hopes to attend more meetings this fall. He still remains active on weekends as a magician performing magic and his calendar is filling up with holiday party magic



shows. In a non-magic related story, Jacques appeared on a radio program September 16th, with **Tommy Hough**, a talk show host. The conversation centered on the environment.

The energetic **Toni Perrine** will be taking part in a "Belly Dancing performance and Magic Show" Saturday, October 6th, at the Al Bahr Shrine Center on Kearny Mesa, her program is part of the annual Bedouin Bazaar which is a two-day Belly Dancing Convention. The two-day convention is Saturday and Sunday, October 6 & 7. For more information google www.bedouinbazaar.org.

Ring 76 will have its own booth at the Chargers Blood Drive, at the Town & Country Convention Center, November 20th, that is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We are asking members to volunteer an hour during the day to do a little magic at a table set up in the booth. We will have a sign up sheet and more information at our November meeting. The Chargers Blood Drive draws thousands of people and is an effort to keep our local blood supply at safe levels throughout the busy holiday period. This is a great way for us to help our community.

One of those attending the Monday night meeting in Del Mar, at the Pumpkin Station will be **Bob Meigs**, a Solana Beach resident who has had a longtime interest in "Halloween Magic" and building illusions. He is currently working

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with the Boy Scouts of America, and is building a Haunted House exhibit in Olivenhain. He is hoping to have some of his Scouts perform some of the classic illusions at that exhibit. Some members of his Scout Troop will be at our meeting to observe the magic. Be sure to give Bob a Ring 76 welcome if you see him at the Pumpkin Station in Del Mar.

Diane Lane celebrated her 4th year of doing magic at the Corvette Diner on 5th Avenue in Hillcrest in September. She is there on Tuesday evenings, so drop by and say hello. Diane has also just purchased some new video editing equipment that will allow her to edit her television program "Magical Moments" at home and not have to book critical editing time at the TV station. She believes that will allow her to take the program to new heights.

Andre Kole will present his magic show at 7 p.m. at Montezuma Hall at San Diego State University, Thursday, October 4th. There is a \$7 charge for non-students. The show was originally booked for a week earlier but had to be pushed back one week because of a scheduling problem. Campus Crusade is bringing Andre Kole to San Diego; call their office for more information and reservations.

Ring 313 in the North County has been looking for a new home ever since the Baker's Square Restaurant closed down in San Marcos. They will meet in October at Coco's Restaurant in Vista. One of the topic's of discussion will be a permanent meeting place for future meetings. The location of choice seems to be San Marcos or Escondido, but finding the right spot is more difficult than it sounds.

Coming Attractions

Monday, October 8th, Halloween meeting & Show at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. Bring some magic to do walk-around or stand-up presentation at the Pumpkin Station performance center.

Monday, November 12th, Close-up magic roundtable. Bring a close-up effect and perform it and explain it if you want to. The "how" to perform the trick is not necessary; it can be just presentation.

Tuesday, November 20th, Charger Blood Drive at the Town & Country Hotel in Mission Valley. Ring 76 will have a booth in the activities room, with members doing close-up and stand-up magic throughout the day.

Monday, December 10th, Annual Ring 76 Holiday Party. This year's party will not be held at Jack's Magic Place. A location for this event is still being planned with announcement to be made in Nov.

Monday, January 14th, New members night and an opportunity for all members who want to perform their favorite trick, to do so.

Monday, February 11th, Annual Ring 76 Close-up Contest.



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