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***International President Jack White
and his First Lady Lynn
in full regalia***



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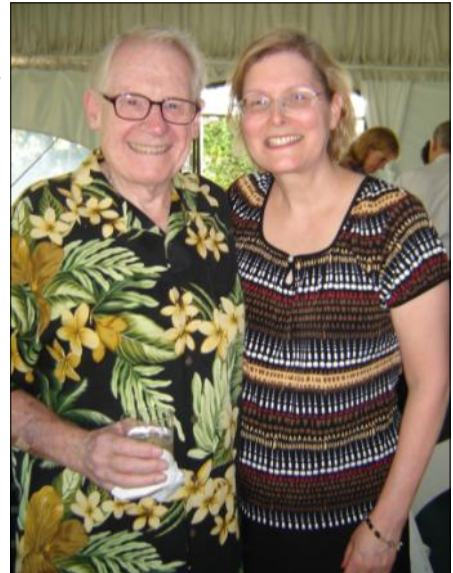
July Meeting Highlights by Bob Meigs



Sunday, July 12th, was Ring 76's annual Installation Banquet, and also a special "Hooray for Jack" night. Arranged primarily by vice-president **Kenny Shelton**, the affair was held in a big tent, opening onto the fairways of the Cottonwood Golf Club. And, this being San Diego, the weather was perfect.

This was a special year for Ring 76, as our own **Jack White** had just returned from Nashville and his inauguration as the incoming president of IBM. Both Jack and IBM's First Lady, his lovely wife **Lynn**, attended our banquet.

After a grand Italian buffet, outgoing president **Terry Lunceford** opened the meeting by recognizing the winners of Ring competitions held throughout the year. The winners of our Close-up Competition were: third-place, **Donna Greenbaum**; second-place, **Mago Ruly**; and first-place, **Jonathan Tsai**. In the Stage competitions, third-place went to **Bob Meigs**, second-



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The new Board of Directors take the oath of office.



July Meeting (continued)

place to Jack White, and Kenny Shelton took home gold.

Terry also recognized four Ring members for their significant contributions to the Ring and the magic community: **Michael E. Johnson** was awarded Entertainer of the Year (again), and Jack White was proclaimed Member of the Year. Honorary lifetime memberships in Ring 76 were awarded to **Bob Ingalls** and **Richard Ustick**.

Territorial vice-president **Jeff Marcus**, who usually installs our new board, ceded this honor to Jack White. Wearing his official IBM "Presidential Seal," Jack swore in our 2009-10 board: Michael E. Johnson President/Newsletter Editor, **Belinda Kaesler** 1st Vice President/Entertainment Director, Kenny Shelton 2nd Vice President/Membership Director, Bob Meigs Secretary, **Richard Ustick** Treasurer, Donna Greenbaum Sergeant-At-Arms/Librarian, **James Thayer** Member-At-Large/Webmaster, and **Sherry Luft** Member-At-Large.

In large part, the new board consists of former board members assuming new posts. However, two valued members have retired from the board: Terry Lunceford, who has served as President for the past two years, and **Don Soul**, who served simultaneously as Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. These two men did such outstanding jobs in their posts as to leave their successors with more than a little apprehension. Guys, we thank you – we really do! (continued)

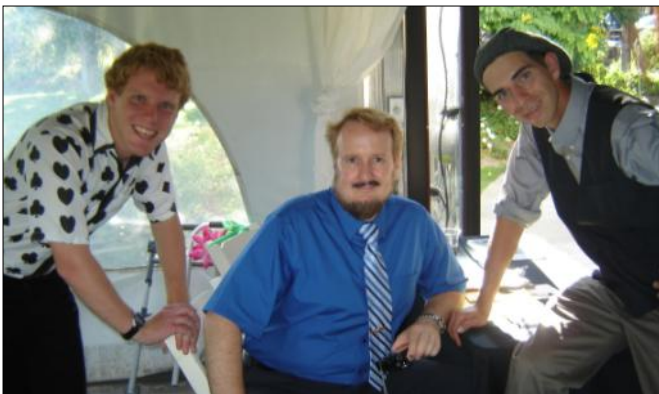


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And then, SHOWTIME! Following the official business, we were treated to the wonderful magic of **Martin Lewis**. Martin, accompanied to the event by his tall and beautiful wife **Susanne**, showed us that magic is showmanship, and that he is one great showman.

He performed several original routines, and also some "old favorites," such as his signature trick, *Signature*, and a new version of his *Technicolor Prediction*. Those of us who perform these routines had an opportunity to learn from a master!

Congratulations, Jack! Thank you, Martin!
And to all, a goodnight!





From the WebMage by James Thayer

Work on the IBM Ring 76 web pages (www.ring76.com) continues. There have been a number of changes: some obvious, some subtle and some invisible. The latter are not so important to the viewer but nevertheless make the maintenance of the site significantly easier.

In order to further this work, I would like to ask for the following. First, take a look at the site and let me know what you think. Is there something you'd like to see that is not a part of the site now? Is there something you don't like? Please let me know. Second, if you have copies of old Ring newsletters, I'd like to borrow them and scan them for the site. Originals will be returned, of course. Third, I've done a little work to improve the Ring History page but I suspect that there is much to be added. If you can add to the Ring History, I'd love to hear from you. Thanks, James



Magic Internet Connections by Bob Meigs

While the corner magic stores are sadly disappearing, the internet is a magic "candy store" as has never been seen before. When was the last time you saw illusions by Bill Smith, Owen, Wellington, Chalet Magic, Disney Fabrications and CW in a brick & mortar store? Where's your last issue of "MagiCurrents"? Who's playing at The Castle next weekend? How do you do the 4-Card Card Trick or the 6-Card Repeat? The answers are all on the "Net."

For those of you who lead an "analog" life, let me introduce you to some of the "must visit" magic sites on the Internet. First, of course, there's our own site, www.ring76.com. Here you'll find announcements, our past newsletters, and even directions to Jack's Place (but the parking reservations link is broken). If you're planning a trip to The Castle, www.magiccastle.com brings you up-to-date on Castle-doings (including the "Castle-Perks").

The two biggest open discussion forums are www.magiccafe.com and www.geniimagazine.com. Through these sites, you can communicate with fellow magicians on a wide variety of topics. The Magic Café includes reviews and members comments upon almost every effect imaginable!

Andy Martin maintains the world's largest photo collection of magical apparatus at www.martinsmagic.com. Included are many reviews and, if the product is still available, links to Andy's favorite sellers.

Fascinating historical information can be found at www.magicnook.com. Among the features of this site are a listing of the inventors of well-known effects, an index of great magic books and short biographies of many of the magic community's greatest performers and inventors.

And two of my personal favorites: www.magicana.com and the related www.theconjuror.com. Magicana is a private foundation, not a Ring, but what a Ring it would be! They do much to advance magic within the larger community! (Hint to our Board!)

I could go on-and-on – and might, if Michael wants to continue this feature in "MagiCurrents." If any of you have interesting sites you'd like to tell me about, please contact Bob Meigs, igor@thehauntedhotel@sbcglobal.net.

Happy "Surfing"!



Review by Joel A. Moskowitz, M.D.

A Blind Magician—Never!

“Fly Like A Bumble Bee—A Magician Shares His Most Powerful Secrets” by Bob Klamm

When an attorney acquaintance of mine was astounded that I could drive a car (I have been blind in my right eye since age 15), I revealed other tricks that I have done, i.e. becoming a physician, doing surgery, delivering babies, serving in the United States Air Force, etc. Thus I, like Bob Klamm, The Magic Man, proved the unbelievable was possible. Magician Klamm entitled his biography, “Fly Like a Bumble Bee...A Magician Shares His Most Powerful Secrets.”

This unusual title stems from the scientific belief that because of their anatomy it was impossible for bumble bees to fly! Yet they do! His 88-page paperbound book published by iUniverse is a testimony how a determined person can overcome physical adversity.

Magician/Author Klamm declares “(the public) can be amazed at the skill, and fascinated by the ingenuity....” of the magical performer. The senses may be deceived. His assertion that low vision is worse than no vision at all might be disputed, but, that vision dominates all the other senses is likely true.

Bob Klamm’s odyssey fills the pages (with a few trick explanations to add some honey). Generally shunned by his peers, he

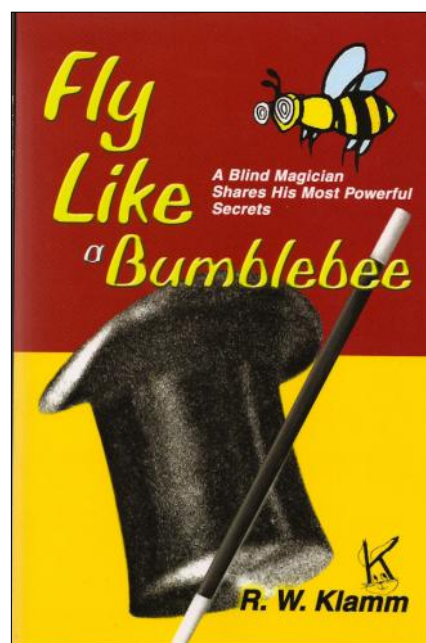
found a book on magic tricks in his doctor’s waiting room, which became the key to his future popularity.

Not wanting to preach, he sums up his ability to conquer his vision impairment with one word:

“Persistence”. This fascinated me because I have smartly remarked that my middle name is “Tenacious”. I wonder if that quality is universal

among we who have had to overcome some physical limitation.

Bob Klamm has also been capable of comedy, been an educator and he enjoyed the wonders of family life (for over half a century - not an easy trick). His other publications are: “Out-Fox the Kids for Fun and Profit” and “Buying Magic is Tricky Business,” as well as: “Get More Laughs from Your Laughs...How to be Funny” and “Rig Up The Ropes”. Dial up: www.klammbooks.com or www.klamm-magic.com. His optimistic narrative will stimulate readers. It is well worth your eyesight.



**IBM Ring 76 Salutes
Dazzling Diane Lane**

Nov. 22, 1957—

Oct. 22, 2008



From the President:

San Diego's Magic Renaissance

As the new President of IBM Ring 76, I want to thank the membership for giving me this opportunity to serve. It is an honor and a thrill.

I'm so proud of our magic club. Sixty years in the making, Ring 76 has created an awesome community for magicians. We have an international reputation for being cool. And it's not just the weather and beaches. We get to hang with the world's greatest magicians, right here in our own backyard. We get to hold club meetings in one of the world's most renowned private magic museums. Our hometown hero Jack White was just elected President of the International group. And next year, we host the IBM 2010 international convention. I feel there's a magic renaissance growing in San Diego County.

This wouldn't be possible without the efforts of the many Ring 76 Volunteers. They give their time and their hearts to the cause. Thank you one and all for keeping magic alive in San Diego!



Michael E. Johnson

Have you ever wanted to win an award from IBM Ring 76? Here's the lowdown. Our club gives out four awards a year: Entertainer of the Year, Member of the Year, Close-up Magician of the Year and Stage Magician of the Year. Votes are collected throughout the year, with winners announced at the annual July banquet.

The Close-up and Stage awards are given to the best acts who perform on designated contest nights. Members in the audience vote, and the acts with the most votes win.

The next two awards are given to members based on contributions over an entire year. Member of the Year is given to someone who has provided exemplary service to the club. One vote is taken near the end of the year. Entertainer of the Year is given to the person who has been the most entertaining act during the various performance nights. For 2009-2010, members will have seven opportunities to perform and collect votes for this award. Near the end of the year, the accumulated ballots will be tabulated and the winner announced in July 2010. Good luck to all competitors!



Loch David Crane You Tube

San Diego's character magician, Loch David Crane, has his own channel on You Tube. At least 20 videos can be found under "MagicSantaClaus". This includes magic performances, Star Trike news and footage from his campaign for Mayor of San Diego.

Magic videos feature him as Baffling Bill Cody, Merlin-ye-Mage and Carnac the Magnificent. There are also videos of Loch on the local TV show "Magical Moments" with Dazzling Diane Lane, and him performing at the June 9, 2003, IBM Ring 76 stage competition.

Loch was recently seen performing July 14 at the Crest Library in Chula Vista.



Magic News Briefs

Check out the new video with **Bob Elliott** on You Tube, titled "Celebrating Two Years Together." Link is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXQGJH-Rug4>. It was created by **Ken Ayers**, and his page name on You Tube is Unclekiykiy. This hilarious video shows Bob spending quality time with his massive trophy, given to him by IBM Ring 76 two years ago. The video features **Happy Elliott** and Dr. **Jeff Pearson**.

Syd Segal is hosting Magic-Con from March 19-21, 2010, Southern California's Premier Magic Conference. For more info, visit www.magic-con.org.

Magic shows are part of the fun at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Family Sundays from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23 and August 30.

The Four Seasons Resort Aviara in Carlsbad sponsors Sunday family magic shows with **Joel Ward** on August 2, August 9, August 16 and August 23. Joel also appears August 15, Saturday, at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park.

On Thursday, July 23, **Criss Angel** made a large entrance at the Comic Con 2009 in San Diego with a mock funeral procession. The stunt was sponsored by A&E Network to promote his fifth season of "Mindfreak".

Aug. 10 - 16, Monday - Sunday, **Richard Turner** performs at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, doing the early show in the Close-up Gallery; **Jamy Ian Swiss** also appears the same week in the Palace of Mystery.

Magic lovers around the world are rallying for Magician **Dean Dill** as he battles cancer and tries to keep up with medical bills. The Academy of Magical Arts is encouraging people to make a contribution towards Dean's recovery. Paul Gross of Hocus Pocus Magic has set up a link for donations at <http://www.hocus-pocus.com/magicshop>.

Thanks to **Belinda Kaesler** for hosting the July 27, 2009, Ring 76 Board Meeting at Tiki Land. This is an incredibly fun place with lots of San Diego character. Visit them at 3770 Hancock St. Suite B, San Diego, CA 92110.

Ring 76 Calendar

Aug. 10* Paper Magic Night
Sep. 14* My New Magic Night
Oct. 12* Halloween Magic Night
Nov. 9 Auction
Dec. 13 Holiday Banquet
Jan. 11, 2010* Lecture &
New Member Induction
Feb. 8* Close-up Competition
Mar. 8* Favorite Trick Night
Apr. 12 Swap Meet
May 10* Stage Competition
June 14 Lecture, Election & Dues
July 11 Awards Banquet &
Installation of Officers

* chance for members to perform

