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All  
Ages  
Welcome!

**J.C. Wagner's Benefit Show**  
Sunday January 10, 2:00—5:00  
Mc P's Irish Pub  
1107 Orange Ave., Coronado

Also appearing:

Terry Lunceford  
Bob Sheets  
Jamy Ian Swiss  
Doug Brewer  
Jeff Pearson,  
and more!

to raise money for  
J.C.'s cancer treatment



Monday, January 10  
Ring 76 Meeting and  
**Jim Pace Lecture**  
7:00 p.m. Jack's Magic Place  
Free To Members, \$10 For Others



**David Ginn's Live Kidbiz Workshop** Sunday  
January 17, 2:00—6:00 p.m. at Jack's Magic Place  
Cost \$35 includes free book, 3 tricks and magic kit  
Rest of family can attend for free!



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## *December Meeting Highlights*

An adventurous group of club members gathered near Encinitas for the annual Ring 76 Holiday Pot Luck on Monday, December 14. This year, the party was held at the historic Olivenhain Town Hall, an 1800s building with lots of character.

And there were plenty of magic characters there that night. Magicians dropped in from all over San Diego County and Tijuana. A cornucopia of food dishes filled the tables. Everything from soufflé to Fritos to pie. Temperatures were brisk, but warm vibes of magic enthusiasm filled the rustic structure.

Wearing his favorite (and only) suit, President Michael E. Johnson welcomed the crowd and complimented the Ring 76 Board Members, past and present, who helped put together the event. Many arrived early to decorate and set up the room, including Bob Meigs (who secured the venue), Belinda Kaesler, Kenny Shelton, Richard Ustick, Terry Lunceford, Donna Greenbaum, James Thayer, Sherry

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Luft, Don & Donna Soul, and Bob Ingalls. Thanks to their hard work and planning, the Club's President was able to claim credit for everything.

Before the entertainment, President Johnson discussed a proposal for the establishment of a Jack White Magic Youth Scholarship Fund through Ring 76. Feedback from the members was encouraged, and a lively discussion ensued about the difficulties of launching such a new project. Immediately, three members quickly pledged \$450 towards the goal of \$1,000. If anyone else wants to help, contact Johnson and make checks payable to Ring 76.

During the dinner, a prize raffle was coordinated by 1st Vice President Belinda and Webmaster James. Winners were treated to some awesome holiday nutcrackers donated by Secretary Bob. Belinda also provided some great stuffed animals.

While club members dined, Godfrey the Magician performed close-up magic from table to table. He almost lost his



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## *December Meeting* (continued)

favorite jumbo penny on the rough-hewn floor, until the eagle-eyes of Terry Lunceford located it across the room.

When showtime came, Godfrey delivered a magical, hilarious, fun-filled magic show. The comedy was great, with lots of inside jokes for the special magician audience.

This was a rare treat for San Diego magic lovers, since Godfrey is usually out-of-town, travelling the country from fair to fair. The crowd roared in laughter, shaking the old timbers of the town hall. Everyone left the building on a high note.

The December Holiday Pot Luck was proof that IBM Ring 76 can create magic fun anywhere, any time.

The next meeting will be back at Jack's Magic Place on Monday, January 11, for a 7:00 p.m. lecture with Jim Pace. For info visit [www.jimpacemagic.com](http://www.jimpacemagic.com). See you there!



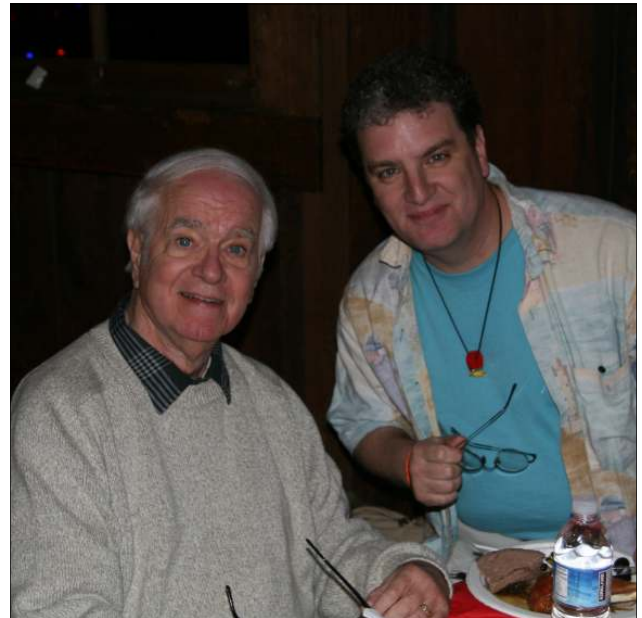
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## *Review by Joel A. Moskowitz, M.D.*

### *“Clown Magic” by David Ginn*

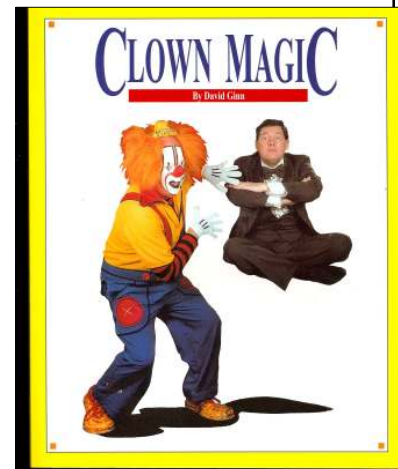
At first blush “Clown Magic” might seem like a redundancy. A “clown” per se, is a wonderment. But think of Emmett Kelly the “sad” clown. David Ginn is the longtime master of entertaining children. His book, “Clown Magic” published by Piccadilly Books, Ltd., Colorado (281 pp circa \$28.00), can be viewed as the definitive treatise on how to rifle shuffle the image of clown with conjuring.

Readers will readily observe that David knows his priorities, e.g. “Successful Clown Magic” means Entertainment Comes First!

Ginn’s advice would be applicable to beginning magicians and some veterans as well. He considers “mistakes,” outdoor shows, and warming up your audience (a frequently overlooked area of damage). Detailed expositions on “how to fold a rubber chicken,” spring snake effects, costuming, the “mummy finger” (remember that spoof?), and running gags like “Olsen and Johnson’s Growing Tree” (OK, you aren’t old enough to remember these guys but what they did is worthy of rethinking). Sure there are ropes, paper cups, silks, coloring books, many which can be home constructed.

Performing whether on stage, walking around, in the bathtub (OK, not the bathtub) with audience participation (willingly or not), skits and routines are topped with a cornucopia of resources for clown and magic organizations, and those who sell to such types. Additionally, David Ginn offers the reader a list of his favorite books, tapes and videos for further study. Ginn’s pen attests to his humility and sensitivity to those who welcome his performance. His counsel is not only for children’s shows.

Laughter is acknowledged in medical circles to be healthful. As such, clowns and magicians and magical clowns and clowns who magish will benefit from this book. Recommended by Dr. M, (Rx Rx Rx Rx Rx) (5:5).



### *MagiCurrents*

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**NEWS FLASH:** David Ginn makes a rare San Diego appearance on Sunday, January 17, from 2:00—6:00 p.m. at Jack’s Magic Place, 4275 University Ave. in San Diego. Tickets are only \$35 for his Live Kidbiz Workshop, which includes a book, 3 tricks and a magic kit. For info visit [www.ginnmagic.com](http://www.ginnmagic.com); call 770-466-8421 or e-mail [Ginnshow@comcast.net](mailto:Ginnshow@comcast.net).

*Families  
Attend  
Free!*





*From the President:*

## ***Jack is back! Volunteers needed!***

December was a month of many blessings, and one of my best was a conversation with Jack White. I haven't spoke to our club's mentor in half a year, ever since he became paralyzed. I was worried. Now I am relieved.

Jack is back. He's been scarce on the local scene, but he's busier than ever keeping up with physical therapy and his duties as International President. He views his challenging circumstances as "Just another chapter in the making of Jack White". Don't be surprised if you see him at a future Ring 76 meeting in his new chair. If you've been wanting to call him, now is a good time to connect..

Hearing Jack's voice was uplifting. I could tell he still has his unbridled enthusiasm for magic. He's super excited about the upcoming 2010 IBM Convention, which meets in San Diego from July 6—10. About 1,200 magicians are expected at the Town & Country Hotel, with evening stage shows scheduled at the Balboa Theater.

This magic convention will pump more than \$1.5 million into the local economy. The schedule will be action-packed from Tuesday, July 6, when President Jack White opens the ceremonies at 6:30 p.m., through Saturday, July 10 at 11:00 p.m. when the Strolling Olympics commence (Jeff Marcus and Terry Godfrey are previous winners). For more info, visit [www.magician.org/portal/node/6](http://www.magician.org/portal/node/6).

Ring 76 will be actively involved in this year's convention. A volunteer pep rally will take place around January 23, 2010, when Convention Chair Terry Richardson visits San Diego. If you'd like to join the party and learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Secretary Bob Meigs at 858-481-5433. In other convention news, the IBM Ring 76 Board of Directors are designing a special T-shirt with art from Jim Whiting to sell during the event. There is also a top-secret plan to stage a world record, but no details can yet be revealed. Don't wait—register today and join the party!



**Michael E. Johnson**

### ***Ring 76 Calendar***

Jan. 10, 2010 ..... J.C. Wagner Benefit  
Jan. 11 ..... Jim Pace Lecture  
Jan. 17 ..... David Ginn Lecture  
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

