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April 12th is the Ring 76 Swap Meet!

This April, our meeting will be featuring the annual Ring 76 Swap Meet. Members should clean out their closets and magic cases, dust off their old treasures, and pack up all those tricks and illusions bought, but never learned, and haul them down to Jack's Monday, April 12th.

Members and guests should pack their wallets and purses full of green backs to take advantage of the wonderful deals that traditionally fill this event.

The cost to sell is only \$10 for a full table (members only please), and \$5 for a half table. This amount is payable at the swap meet to the Ring Treasurer, Richard Ustick. To reserve a full or half table, e-mail Richard at rustick@flash.net, or call at 619-589-1913.

Please remember, only members in good standing



may sell at the Ring 76 Swap Meet, but anyone, member or not, may buy. So if you have friends and family interested in magic, this is the place to get the best deals on new, used, and classic magic props, full tricks, and of course, magic books.

The date is April 12th, Jack's Magic Palace. The doors will open for sellers at 5:30pm. Selling will begin at 6:30p,. We will break for our meeting at 7:00pm to discuss the upcoming convention, elections, and other Ring business.

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Favorite Trick Night Was a Hit!

Our March 8th meeting was Favorite Trick Night. It drew an unprecedented 17 performers! It was also Mago Ruly's birthday, which we celebrated with a giant card. Other business included announcing our election of Ring officers at the June meeting, and appointing Jeff Marcus to head up a nominating committee.

Despite the large number of favorite trick performers, all went very smoothly, and we wrapped up at our target time of 9PM. What a magic night it was!

Our able performers, and their routines, were as follows:

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| 1. Bob Meigs | Germain's Water Jars |
| 2. Belinda Kaesler | Silk Penetration |
| 3. Mago Ruly | Celebrity Book |
| 4. Donna Greenbaum | March |
| 5. Toni Perrine | Grandma's Necklace |
| 6. James Thayer | Satisfaction |
| 7. Professor Howard | Wrist Chopper |
| 8. Greg Wauson | A Prediction |
| 9. Eddie Shinn | Traveling Money |
| 10. Jeff Marcus | Kate & Edith |
| 11. Malcolm Campbell | Telephone Mentalism |
| 12. Charlie Gott | Gospel Illusion |
| 13. Timmy Qafiti | Red Magic |
| 14. Chuck Cook | Driebeck Die |
| 15. Joe Mystic | Silk to Egg |
| 16. Magic of Sebastian | Time Machine |
| 17. Michael E. Johnson | Phone Book Phantasmagoria |



After the performances, Ring members voted for their favorite performer, as this is one of the five contests considered in determining our Entertainer of the Year.





Photos From the March Meeting



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MagiCurrents Has a New Editor

After considerable arm-twisting and other means of “gentle persuasion”, James Thayer has agreed to take on the role of editor of the MagiCurrents newsletter. Assisting James in this role will be Bob Miegs and Richard Ustick.

James has been a member of Ring 76 since 2001 and is a member of SAM and the Magic Castle in addition to the IBM. James is currently serving on the Ring 76 Board as a Member-at-Large and maintains the Ring 76 website.

James would like to thank his predecessor, Michael E. Johnson for his contributions to the Ring 76 Newsletter.

James would like to solicit articles, photographs and and news items for future newsletters. If you have something to submit or if you have any questions, please contact James at editor@ring76.com

Stand-Up Competition Scheduled for May

May is the month of our Stand-Up Competition! If the 17 performers who signed up for Favorite Trick Night is an indication, you'll want to sign up early!! Sign-ups are handled by Vice President Belinda Kaesler, at belindamagic@yahoo.com.

C'mon, team! Sign-up for this one. Maybe give us a taste of what we might expect at BELIEVE IN MAGIC on July 4!

The Stand-Up Competition is separate from our Entertainer of the Year contest. The top three contestants will be honored at our July Installation Banquet with overwhelming praise and large quantities of stimulus money. (This article is being written on 4/1/10, so take that with a grain of salt. There actually are monetary prizes, but don't count on it making your mortgage payment).

Elections Coming in June

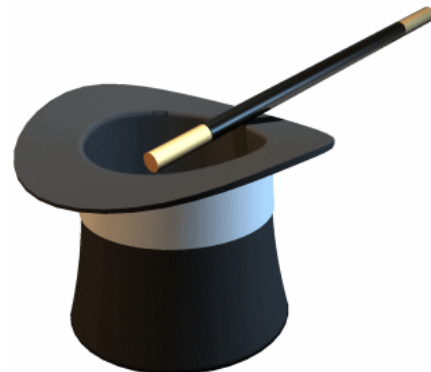
The election of Officers for 2010-11 is coming up in June. Jeff Marcus is Head of the Nominating Committee this year. As per the Ring Constitution, the Board will submit a slate of candidates to the Nominating Committee. If any additional candidates wish to be considered, they should make themselves known to the nominating committee.

The Officer Installation Banquet FREE!

Due the bustle and expense of the IBM convention, we are having a no-cost Installation Banquet this year. It will be a potluck dinner at Bob Meigs' house on Sunday, July 18, from 5-9PM. Entertainment will be provided by Ring members, in a format yet to be decided.

Bob lives in Solana Beach, a little east of I-5. Take the Lomas Santa Fe offramp, go 8/10 mile east, and you're there – it's the NE corner of Lomas Santa Fe Dr. and Via Mil Cumbres. (On a Sunday, it's about a 25 minute drive from Jack's Place, and much easier to find than the Christmas Party!)

We'll have more on the details in a later newsletter. But for now, know that the Installation Banquet will be *free*, and even if you don't bring a dish, we want you to come!! (Past experience with potlucks shows we always have *plenty* of food!)





Magic Week Kicks off at the San Diego County Fair!

Ring 76 will kick off "Magic Week" in San Diego on July 4 with two public shows at the San Diego County Fair! The shows will be called *BELIEVE IN MAGIC!* We will be performing two one-hour shows on the Showcase Stage, which has seating for several hundred spectators. Performances will be at 6PM and 8PM. The Fair's giant fireworks display will immediately follow our second show. One never knows how many people will watch a particular event at the Fair, but there should be about 100,000 people on grounds that evening!

The shows will be stage magic, but the specific performers and content has yet to be determined. Each show probably will have three performers, as well as an MC. Member Terry Godfrey will be performing throughout the Fair, and most likely will be one of the performers. Vice-President Kenny Shelton currently is recruiting performers. Kenny also will be performing his juggling act throughout the Fair.

Our secretary, Bob Meigs, is our liaison with the Fairgrounds, as he works in their Special Events Department.

Other activities in Magic Week will be the three IBM shows at the Balboa Theater on the evenings of July 8, 9, and 10.

Ring 76 also is hosting a kids' Magic Camp at the Fair on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons at 2PM, beginning on June 12. One or two "instructors" from our Ring will teach magic to 10-12 students for about a half-hour. Students will be 10 to 12 years old, and will have signed up in advance. There also will be a one-hour stage show for the camp at noon on July 4.

Bob Meigs is coordinating this event, and Terry Godfrey will be one of the instructors. Members

with an interest in participating should contact Bob at thehauntedhotel@sbcglobal.net

The Magic Camp is intended as a pilot program for magic camps for disadvantaged kids in the San Diego area. This larger program will probably be 8 weeks in length, with weekly sessions of an hour, and will operate at different times and locations throughout the year. It will be modeled on a long-established and very successful program called My Magic Hands, directed by Julie Eng in Toronto, Canada. Members interested in this program also are invited to contact Bob.

Let's have a big turnout at the Fair on July 4 to support our performers! And if anyone has other events or ideas for Magic Week, please contact Bob.

Convention Update

Many thanks to our members who volunteered at our February meeting to work at this summer's IBM Convention. If you haven't volunteered, but would like to participate, please email Bob Meigs, our secretary, at thehauntedhotel@sbcglobal.net. We do not yet have specific job responsibilities to announce, but we should by our next newsletter.

Just a brief reminder: the Convention runs from Tuesday, July 6, through Saturday, July 10. Volunteers must register for the Convention. The Convention includes BIG magic shows for attendees (and the public, space permitting) at the Balboa Theater on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Several Ring members will be asked to perform strolling magic in the lobby prior to these performances.

Ring 76 Calendar

Apr. 12.....Swap Meet
May 10*Stage Competition
June 14.....Lecture, Election & Dues