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September Starts the Fall Season with Swap Meet



Unfortunately Ring 76 had to cancel the August meeting out of concern for Ring Members. The County was experiencing a major COVID outbreak and a significant number of members who had attended Magic Live this year, in Las Vegas, had become ill. While not all of these illnesses were COVID-related, it was felt that it was better to be prudent.

With the current public health situation greatly improved Ring 76 will now start its Fall Season with the annual Swap Meet. This is always an opportunity for members to clean out their closets and magic bags and for other members and their guests to find treasures at rock-bottom prices. Not only will there be magic tricks, magic props, and magic advice, but the Ring library will be clearing its shelves of duplicate volumes of magic mysteries and sage wisdom from past masters.

If you are interested in selling at this event there are a few tables still available. The cost is \$10 for Ring members and \$20 for all non-members. Doors will around 5 pm to allow people to bring in their items and set up their tables. Contact “**Magic Mike**” Stilwell for a table. magicmike@ring76.com

This is an actual meeting as well as a wonderful event so there will be a brief amount of time out from selling to conduct Ring business.

As stated before, we strongly encourage members to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend the Swap Meet with them. It will be a wonderful opportunity for them to meet magicians and explore the wonderful hobby that is legerdemain. There will be tricks and information for all skill levels so all ages will be welcome.

See you there.



IBM Ring 76 meets every second Monday of the month at the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church in the Old Town area of San Diego. Unless otherwise specified, the doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00.

The Amazing Life Of Jeff

San Diego's beloved “Magic Doc” Jeff Pearson passed away from pancreatic cancer on August 4, 2024, after a remarkable lifetime of magic. More than a magician, Jeff was a fantastic human being who brought joy and laughter to every world he inhabited. He was a frequent participant in meetings of IBM Ring 76 with his wife Laurie. He was the inventor of the popular “Chick Magnet” necklaces.

Jeff always had a twinkle in his eye. And a pocketful of tricks. And an irreverent joke to share. He took childhood delight in shocking people. He was a wonderful paradox, with advanced sleight of hand skills and a demented juvenile sense of humor. Members of IBM Ring 76 plan to celebrate the man with a broken wand ceremony on Monday, September 9, during the regular club meeting in Old Town.

The public service for Jeff will be on Sunday, September 8, at the Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Dr. in Encinitas. The memorial service will be from 4 – 5 p.m., followed by a reception from 5 – 6 p.m. Visiting will be open until 7 p.m.

See Life of Jeff pt 3



Ring 76 2024 Calendar

September 9th - Swap Meet

October 14 - Spooky Magic*

November 11 – Lecture with Tim Wise

December 9 - Holiday Potluck

***Opportunity for Members to Perform**

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, “**Magic Mike**” Stilwell at Magicmike@Ring76.com.

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Parking Lot Changes

A Gentle Reminder

Fellow Ring members, due to an increase in the number of priests who are living at the Church, we have been instructed that the **ONLY** available parking spaces in the little gated parking lot on Church grounds are the five spaces on the **SOUTHWEST** side of the parking lot.

Two of those spaces (the one near the rec hall door and the one farthest from the door) are reserved for our Librarian and our VP of Entertainment and in consideration of our members with mobility issues, your Board has voted that the remaining spaces be designated **Handicap Only**, available on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** basis. Any member parking in one of those four spaces must display a Handicap Placard or have Handicap plates on their vehicle.

Please see the attached overhead photo.

We understand that, at times, members will need to unload/load their equipment near the door. The spot immediately in front of where our Librarian parks (small **BLUE** rectangle) is the **ONLY** unloading/loading spot. You may park there for only as long as it takes to unload/load but please **DO NOT** leave your vehicle parked there while you set up your equipment.

The important part of this is to **NEVER** inconvenience the priests who live there. We are **VERY** lucky to have this meeting spot available to us.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask any Board member. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Remember to tell "Magic Mike" Stilwell who you want to perform at the December Holiday Potluck.

magicmike@ring76.com

Magic in the Community

Matthew Sawchuk, is hosting a free online workshop called, "Learn Card Magic Now!"

Matthew is a former President of Ring 200 in Edison NJ, the publisher of the *Card Magic Tricks & Tips Newsletter* (a weekly email newsletter offering suggestions, advice and original card magic videos and articles) and most recently the founder of the *Card Magician's Guild* (an online membership to learn and discuss card magic).

The goal of this workshop is to not only give people training on some of the fundamentals of card magic, but also an amazing education in card magic as a whole. By the end of this workshop, attendees should be able to have full confidence in themselves that they can **WOW** their family and friends with impressive card magic **AND** be clear on what their next best steps to learning card magic are.

The workshop will be divided into three videos and each video can be accessed after they are released On-Demand, at your convenience. The first video is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th.

You can sign up for the "Learn Card Magic Now!" Workshop here (sign up page made with Aweber): <https://cardmagicktrickstips.aweb.page/p/b4063ee9-f02e-4c08-8772-063043f8651c>

Thank you so much for your interest and if you have any questions or need more information please contact Matthew at Matthew Sawchuk <matthewsawchuk@protonmail.com> and he will be more than happy to answer them!

Hope to see people from your Ring there!

What's Coming Up !

Ring 76 has a full calendar through the rest of the year and well into 2025 so get out your organizers and jot it all down.

September is of course the annual Swap Meet. Tables are \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Ring members are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to the meeting as an introduction to the world of legerdemain. There will be a brief business meeting, the auditioning of a potential new member, and the Broken Wand ceremony for **Jeff "Doc" Pearson** who we lost last month. (see Pg 1)

October will be **Spooky Magic** where all members are encouraged to show the effects they have that go "bump" in the night.

The November lecture will be **Tim Wise** who just got the Merlin Award last month. This is a free lecture for members but there will be a fee for visitors and guests. More in the next newsletter.



December will be our annual Holiday Pot Luck and the entertainer will be **voted on by the membership** at the September meeting. The candidates are **Christopher T. Magician** and **Derek Osteavani**.

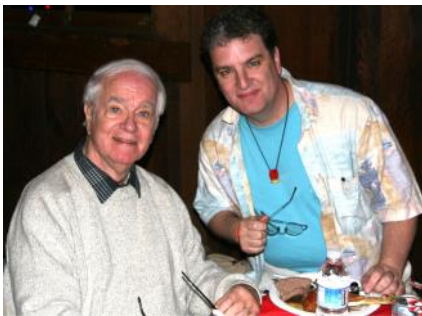
January of the new year will feature Bag Night, which had to be canceled in the August meeting, and February is the Closeup contest.

"Magic Mike" Stilwell, V.P. Entertainment

Life of Jeff Cont. from pg. 1

Jeffrey Pearson was born May 2, 1957, in the small town of Kirksville, Missouri. His ancestors came from a little town on the outskirts of Rome. He was proud of his Italian heritage. A curious lad, Jeff grew up in New Jersey with his parents Robert and Eleanor, and his younger sisters Lori and Wendy. At an early age, he favored outdoor activities, theater, and music. He went camping, visited National Parks, and could often be found playing his guitar.

More than a renaissance man, Jeff was known in various worlds as a doctor, a magician, a musician, an improv actor, a free speech advocate, a film nerd, and a tech geek, to name a few. But the universe most important to Jeff was always his family.



eventually, Jeff joined his father's practice in medicine. They had two children, Samantha and Michael. When the family moved to San Diego, the couple started their own practice, Medicine in Motion.

Daughter Sam has fond memories of her dad bringing her to hospitals. "He always told me hospitals had a bad reputation—people die there. But his goal was to make it fun. A magic trick or a conversation." She said, adding, "His whole thing was to make a crappy situation a better situation... Always a positive spin."

Over the years, Jeff continued to evolve as a doctor, going above and beyond the call of duty in Family and Sports Medicine. He mentored several generations of young doctors, physician's assistants, and nurse practitioners in the "art" of medicine. In other words, he taught them how to communicate with patients, be a good listener, and make them feel comfortable.

He was my family physician. I can tell you he was excellent in his craft, but also highly entertaining. There were comedy props in the exam rooms. There were sponge balls and coins everywhere, along with decks of cards. He had the funniest jokes to accompany his procedures. I won't even tell you about the time he had me bent over in laughter, during my first prostate exam. Ever the volunteer, Jeff learned how to speak Spanish, so he could communicate with his Spanish-speaking clients. He frequently volunteered his services to the migrant families in the Tijuana border region. At the same time, he worked with Olympic athletes. He also volunteered at local colleges and served as a team physician at Rancho Bernardo High School.

Jeff's interest in medicine also started young, because his dad was a doctor in family medicine. Jeff went to medical school and got his degree. And more than that. He met his first wife Elaine in the 1980s while going to college. The pair married, and



Magic was one of the strongest suits in Jeff's personality. His powerful skills were no accident; Jeff studied personally with some of the greatest magicians of all time, like Bob Elliott and J.C. Wagner. When Jeff remarried in 2012, his wedding to Laurie was held in the towering Stratosphere Hotel in Las Vegas. One famous magician, Paul Draper, officiated, and another famous magician, Johnny Thompson, produced a dove during the ceremony.

When they first met, Laurie said she was attracted to Jeff's upbeat positive energy, but she wondered if he could survive the vetting process. At that time, Laurie had a habit of taking her dates out on trail runs, to see if they could keep up with her. "Jeff was the only one who could survive three runs with me," she said. "I tried to lose him on the trail, but I turned around and he's right behind me. I couldn't lose him."

When Jeff was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he retired from his medical practice after 35 years and began an aggressive fight. There were experimental treatments. He was down for the count more than once, but he kept coming back. All along the way, he documented his experiences on social media. He wrapped up production and recording of 35 original songs.

And Jeff kept living, checking off items on his bucket list of life-affirming activities with Laurie, going to concerts, holding Saturday night Karaoke parties, and movie nights, and growing with his various communities of friends.

During Jeff's final years, he turned his attention back to family. "All of us saw the humble changes in him," said Sam. "He started to listen. He started to understand. There was real family healing."



Near the end, Laurie said that Jeff never admitted to the pain he was suffering. He even welcomed guests to his home to say goodbye. I was one of those guests. He requested bad jokes, so I obliged him with my best gallows humor. For example, I told him that even a defective parachute will last you a lifetime.

A few weeks before passing, Jeff fulfilled a final bucket list item. He rallied his strength, and he took his sister Wendy to Disneyland, a place she had never visited before. "Jeff got an ADA pass and an electric scooter. He had the app on his phone," Laurie said. "He was go go go. He was unstoppable!"

Jeff passed away at 6 a.m. on Aug. 4, 2024, with the trifecta of death: he was home, he was with his wife (and a cat by his side), and he had hospice care on-site. More than that, he had the love and appreciation of thousands of people. And the tributes keep pouring in.

For more information about Jeff's life, visit his website at www.medicine-in-motion.com. The family has asked that donations be made to www.gofundme.com to help rebuild one of Jeff's favorite places, the San Diego Magic Shop, which had recently burned down.

By **Michael E. Johnson**



Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.

'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means 'From the Book'. Generally, you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner. For example: "Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury."

This is where we talk about your library as well as do book and video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So be sure to stay in good standing by paying your dues on time.

Someone recently asked me, "What is the Ring 76 Library?" I responded, "It is currently over 1,000 volumes of magic books and magazines, all available for check-out. It is 602 magic audiobooks, 1,688 magic instruction videos, 86 full length magic movies, 8 albums of magic music (some royalty free), 1,481 magic performance videos (many classics), 10 podcasts (over 2,000 episodes we that co-host), 23 magic TV series, a photo warehouse (where we will save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the Ring 76 Magic Media Server.

It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fund-raising efforts that I have engage in for your behalf."

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Special Feature: Do you like your computer desktop to have a magic theme? If so, then check out all 265 magic oriented wallpaper (1600x900) images available for downloading here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZROQeFbR2YqAlVjMXuJqqXNsU0KwPp-t?usp=sharing>

Library Donations:

There were no donations this month due to the meeting being cancelled because of the Covid outbreak from Magic Live!

We need your DVDs, VHS tapes, and video downloads. They will be put on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server so you will still be able to watch them or check the physical media back out. Please help. Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

Funding & Expenditures:

We made \$0.00 from the 50/50 Opportunity Drawing, \$0.00 from the Door Prize Drawing, and \$0.00 from Library Sales at the last meeting. We made several purchases for \$150.32 leaving the library Petty Cash at \$168.24.

We have other things to purchase for the library but I am holding off until the cash balance increases and am only focusing on essentials at this time. The library needs to be fed in order to keep it alive so your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books):

We did not purchase any printed books this month.



Ring 76 Magic Media Server (Streaming Service):

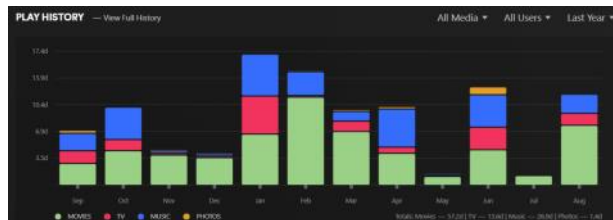
Server activity is up this month. I purchased 18 new magic instruction DVDs at Magic Live for \$5 each. What a great deal. I wish I had bought more.

We currently have a wide variety of magic oriented material on the Ring 76 Magic Media server in hopes to have something of interest for everyone. Tell me if there is something you would like to see there.

This brings our magic audiobooks collection up to 602, our magic instruction videos (not digitized yet) up to 1,688, and our magic movies up to 86. Not everything has been put on the server yet but is in process.

Plex only offers 4 categories:

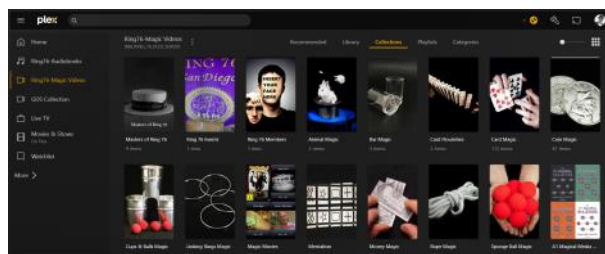
- **Movie Category** in green (Magic Instruction, Magic Movies, & Magic Performances)
- **TV Category** in red (Magic TV Shows)
- **Music Category** in blue (Magic Audiobooks, Magic Music, & Magic Podcasts)
- **Photos Category** in orange (Ring 76 Photos and Videos)



This magic machine is your key to *learning* and *being entertained*. It is a benefit from being a Ring 76 member so please make use of it.

Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? Why not? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76!

How would you like to be featured on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server in the **Magic Performances** library where everyone can see you perform.



Tired of high cable TV bills? Would you like to watch free movies & live TV? You've come to the right place. We've got a bunch of them here on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server and you can start watching right now, all courtesy of PLEX! There is a wide selection of gandora to choose from.

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Action	Animation	Comedy	Crime
Documentary	Drama	En Español	Horror
Music	Romance	Sci-Fi	Thriller

Update: PLEX now offers rental movies via streaming just like Netflix. Be sure to check it out.

Additional Note: Do you have your eye on a video from your favorite magic dealer but were holding back because of the cost? Have I got a deal for you! Just tell me what you want to buy and I will take a look at it. If there are funds and it is something that would benefit all the members, then I may be able to purchase it and put it on our Magic Media Server where you and others members can enjoy it.

AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS (on the Magic Media Server)



The Bone Magician by F. E. Higgins

Since his father disappeared under a dark cloud of scandal, Pin Carpue has been alone in the world. His work for the local undertaker keeps him busy, but his life is bleak. Then Pin encounters the Bone Magician, a man who can raise corpses and make the dead speak. As Pin is drawn into an intoxicating world of mystery and intrigue, he becomes suspicious of Juno, the Bone Magician's young assistant. A strange darkness haunts her when the Silver Apple Killer stalks the streets at night - and as Pin pieces together the secrets of Bone Magic, his own life becomes fraught with grave danger....

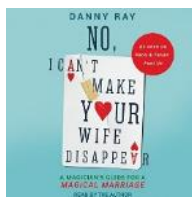


Red Magician by Lisa Goldstein

Winner of the National Book Award: In the shadow of the Holocaust, a young girl discovers the power of magic.

In the schoolroom of a simple European village, Kicsi spends her days dreaming of the lands beyond the mountains: Paris and New York, Arabia, and Shanghai. When the local rabbi curses Kicsi's school for teaching lessons in Hebrew, the holy tongue, the possibility of adventure seems further away than ever. But when a mysterious stranger appears telling stories of far-off lands, Kicsi feels the world within her grasp.

His name is Vörös, and he is a magician's assistant who seems to have powers all his own. There is darkness growing at the edge of the village - a darkness far blacker than any rabbi's curse. Vörös warns of the Nazi threat, but only Kicsi hears what he says. As evil consumes a continent, Vörös will teach Kicsi that sometimes the magician's greatest trick is survival.



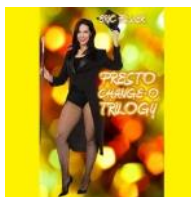
No, I Can't Make Your Wife Disappear: A Magician's Guide for a Magical Marriage by Danny Ray

Your marriage can be magical.

World-renowned illusionist Danny Ray pulls back the curtain and shares the biblical truths he has discovered in his career to expose the secrets of a successful marriage. Drawing from his own experiences of building an enduring, magical marriage, Danny, together with his wife Kimberly, will help you unlock the secrets to:

- Experience effective communication
- Overcome impossible situations
- Thrive in your marriage

No, I Can't Make Your Wife Disappear is a lighthearted, practical, and sometimes hard-hitting guide to building a stronger relationship with your spouse. So don't ask the magician to make your spouse vanish! Instead, embrace his secrets for a magical marriage and enjoy a lifelong, loving, fun-filled relationship.



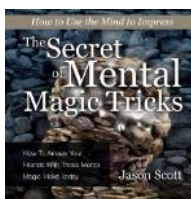
Presto Change-O Trilogy by Eric Filler

Three magical gender swap stories!

In *Presto Change-O 1*, a retired couple finds a magic book and both wind up becoming beautiful young women, but that's only the beginning!

In *Presto Change-O 2*, a disgraced critic goes to review a magic show only to become the main attraction when he's turned into a gorgeous bimbo by a hypnotist.

And in *Presto Change-O 3*, a magician in 1928 New York tries to find the source of a rival's trick only to become its next victim. He's turned into a young woman and transported halfway across the world. To get back home and change himself back, he becomes a magician's assistant and finds out what real magic is.



The Secret of Mental Magic Tricks: How to Amaze Your Friends with These Mental Magic Tricks Today! by Jason Scott

If you're into mental magic tricks and can't get enough of them, *The Secret of Mental Magic Tricks: How To Amaze Your Friends with These Mental Magic Tricks Today* will get you pretty excited. But what if you don't know much about it or are just getting started? This audiobook has you covered on that as well because it explains exactly what mental magic tricks are which includes the various rules. What's really nice is that it goes into detail, chapter by chapter, on specific tricks such as table magic, card, coin and others.

Choose which one you would like to master, or master them all! The instructions are clear so that you can become a pro at each one. Even a beginner that's just getting into mental magic can become a pro. By the time you've gone through each chapter, you should be able to master each trick which will impress your friends and make them wonder if you're for real.

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**Magyk**
by Angie Sage

The first book in the internationally best-selling Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage, featuring the funny and fantastic adventures of a wizard apprentice and his quest to become an ExtraOrdinary Wizard.

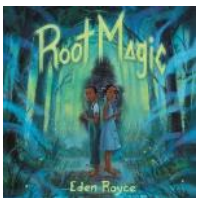
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"A deliciously spellbinding series opener." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"Fun, mystery, and rollicking characters." —VOYA (starred review)

Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, disappears the night he is born, pronounced dead by the midwife. That same night, the baby's father, Silas Heap, comes across an abandoned child in the snow—a newborn girl with violet eyes. Who is this mysterious baby girl, and what really happened to the Heaps' beloved son Septimus?

The first book in this enthralling series by Angie Sage leads readers on a fantastic journey filled with quirky characters and Magyk charms, potions, and spells. Magyk is the original story of lost and rediscovered identities, rich with humor and heart.

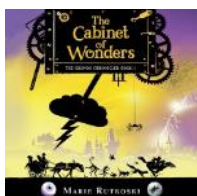
**Root Magic**
by Eden Royce & Imani Parks

Walter Dean Myers Honor Award for Outstanding Children's Literature! A Mythopoeic Fantasy Award winner!

Debut author Eden Royce arrives with a wondrous story of love, bravery, friendship, and family, filled to the brim with magic great and small.

It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. Her beloved grandmother has just passed away. The local police deputy won't stop harassing her family. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven—and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork.

Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family for generations—especially the curious potions and powders Doc and Gran would make for the people on their island. But Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond small charms and elixirs...and not a moment too soon. Because when evil both natural and supernatural comes to show itself in town, it's going to take every bit of the magic she has inside her to see her through.

**The Cabinet of Wonders**
by Marie Rutkoski & Lorelei King

Marie Rutkoski's startling debut novel, the first book in the Kronos Chronicles, about the risks we take to protect those we love, brims with magic, political intrigue, and heroism.

Petra Kronos has a simple, happy life. But it's never been ordinary. She has a pet tin spider named Astrophil who likes to hide in her snarled hair and give her advice. Her best friend can trap lightning inside a glass sphere. Petra also has a father in faraway Prague who is able to move metal with his mind. He has been commissioned by the prince of Bohemia to build the world's finest astronomical clock. Petra's life is forever changed when, one day, her father returns home – blind. The prince has stolen his eyes, enchanted them, and now wears them. But why? Petra doesn't know, but she knows this: she will go to Prague, sneak into Salamander Castle, and steal her father's eyes back. Joining forces with Neel, whose fingers extend into invisible ghosts that pick locks and pockets, Petra finds that many people in the castle are not what they seem, and that her father's clock has powers capable of destroying their world.

The Cabinet of Wonders is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7x24 either by e-mail at librarian@ring76.com or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 4 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it!

Non-urgent communications will always be done via my *Ex Libris* newsletter article while more urgent communications will be done by a *Ring 76 Librarygram* emailed to:

ring76members@googlegroups.com.

Please email me with comments or suggestions. Have a magical month my friends and we will see you again in the next newsletter.

Gary Salisbury

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What you believe is real, is real.

(Disclaimer: Much of this material is my own but I sometimes copy material from other sources, with and without credit, and then merged with my own commentary to give you a better, more thorough source of information. Thanks to all who have knowingly and unknowingly contributed.)



Shavings From the Board

August 26th, 2024

The meeting started promptly at 7 pm.

Mike Stilwell laid out the plans for the Ring entertainment for the rest of the year and the early part of 2025 (See What's Coming Up pg 2).

The changes in the Parking situation are important and the Ring will be reminded that the lot will now just be for drop-offs. (See Parking pg 2)
The rest of the lot is restricted for Church business.

Next up was New Business. Treasurer Miguel Garcia reported that the fictitious name statement needed for the Ring business was finalized with public publication. Dues are still coming in though late fees are in effect and dues are \$35 if you have yet to pay.

Mark Booth had no information as the last meeting was canceled due to an increase in Covid cases.

James Thayer reported that the current paid membership is sixty-eight members in good standing as of this date with seventy-nine members on our roster. Some of those members have not yet paid dues.

Gary Salisbury gave his library report. DVDs were purchased at Magic Live and black cases for new DVDs in the physical library were also per cured. Six hundred auto books are currently on the library Plex server, with 1600 instructional DVDs and performance DVDS totaling over 1500.

President Josh Sherwin was selected as Commander in the Chaplin Corps, United States Navy.

San Diego Magician's Facebook page is a good place to post information on Ring meetings. Mark Booth volunteered to give them information on the upcoming Swap Meet.

With that, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

IBM Ring 76 Board Meetings are conducted via ZOOM on the fourth Monday of every month except December. All members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Contact a Board member for further information.



Thank You to This Month's Photographers

MagiCurrents is a large endeavor every month. The editors make a concerted effort to bring news and information to Ring members about events in the past and upcoming news, while also providing information on magic events all across San Diego. We welcome all the help that Ring members give us in getting this periodical out.

This month's photographs were provided by **Mark Booth** and **Michael E. Jonson**. Thank you for all your hard work!

Join Us for Post-Meeting Meetings!

Many of us gather together to eat and talk magic and news of the world after our monthly meetings. You are invited to join us at the Denny's in Mission Valley, located at 1065 Camino Del Rio South. It's right across I-8 from Target.





Ring 76 Well Represented at this Year's Magic Live

More than anything, *MAGIC Live* is known for its professional approach. From the highly organized registration process, to wonderful welcome gifts and a high-energy opening party... and that's just the start. Every detail is considered, every option is explored, and every bit is polished in order to bring you the best convention experience ever! Held in Las Vegas every year, it traditionally well attended by members of Ring 76. This year was no exception.



Ring 76 at Magic Live



"Mago Ruly" with David Copperfield



Sherry Luft

Gary Salisbury

Mark Booth



Mark Booth

Paul Dwork

Terry Luncford



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MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP



Magicians pledge

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE ART OF MAGIC THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE VIEW OF MAGIC IN THE PUBLIC FORUM.

A. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL TREAT EACH AND EVERY FELLOW BROTHER MAGI WITH THE RESPECT I WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED WITH WHEN IT COMES TO MAGIC AND THEIR PERFORMANCE OF MAGIC.

B. I PLEDGE I WILL NOT TALK OR WHISPER DURING A FELLOW PERFORMERS ACT .

C. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NEVER EXPLAIN THE WORKINGS OF ANOTHER MAGICIANS ACT TO A LAY PERSON.

D. I WILL NOT DISTURB A FELLOW PERFORMER PRIOR TO HIS SHOW.

E. I WILL NOT TAKE NOTES DURING A PERFORMERS ACT (WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM SAID PERFORMER.)

F. I WILL NOT VIDEO TAPE A FELLOW PERFORMER ACT WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION.

G. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NOT CRITICIZE A FELLOW PERFORMERS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CRITICIZING HIM OR WITH A PERSONAL AGENDA BUT INSTEAD WILL ONLY OFFER CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

H. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL ALWAYS RESPECT THE TERRITORY OF A FELLOW PERFORMERS PERFORMANCE AND NEVER PERFORM MAGIC AT HIS VENUE BEFORE OR AFTER THE SHOW.

I. I PLEDGE I WILL NEVER PUT ANOTHER MAGICIAN DOWN TO A LAYPERSON NO MATTER WHAT I THINK OF HIM PERSONALLY OR WHAT I THINK OF HIS ACT.

J. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING POSITIVE TO SAY ABOUT A FELLOW PERFORMERS ACT TO A LAY PERSON.

K. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NEVER TRY TO OUT-DUEL A FELLOW PERFORMER JUST FOR THE SAKE OF DOING SO.

L. I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NEVER ASSUME THAT ANYTHING IN A FELLOW PERFORMERS ACT IS IN THE MAGIC DOMAIN FOR ME TO TAKE, THIS INCLUDES EFFECTS, SUBTLETIES AND LINES.

M. I PLEDGE THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT JUST BECAUSE I AM A FELLOW MAGI THAT DOES NOT GIVE ME THE RIGHT TO ALL AND ANY SECRETS OF OTHER MAGICIANS. IF I ASK FOR PERMISSION FOR THE SECRET OR USE OF AN EFFECT FROM A FELLOW MAGICIAN, I AM WELL AWARE AND ACCEPT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO KEEP THE SECRET FOR THEMSELVES AND IT IS NOT PERSONAL BUT BUSINESS.

N. I PLEDGE I WILL NEVER TOUCH ANOTHER PERFORMERS PROPS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL SUSPENDED FROM THIS CLUB AND ANY MAGIC SOCIETY IF I AM FOUND BREAKING ANY OF THESE PLEDGES.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT AS A FELLOW MAGICIAN I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE MAGIC CRAFT AS A WHOLE.

I PLEDGE THIS ALL IN THE NAME AND BETTERMENT OF MAGIC.