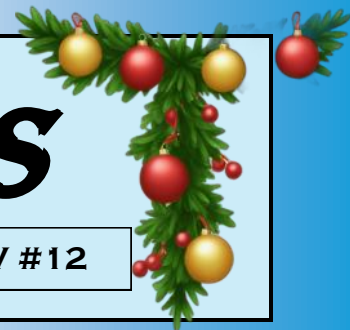




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December Highlight Will Be the Ring 76 Holiday Potluck

December ushers in cool weather, long nights, the magic of the holidays, and the biggest event of the season, the annual Ring 76 Holiday Potluck. This will take place at our next meeting, on Monday, December 9th. The doors will open early at 5:30 pm to allow members and guests to bring their delicious dishes and set up the hall. We will start serving at around 6:45 pm to allow everyone plenty of time to get their food and enjoy the festivities.

This year's entertainment will be the fabulous Christopher T. Magician. After two decades of performing magic for children and family audiences, he knows the secret to making kids sit quietly and watch a magic show. The secret: they don't! Children love Christopher T. Magician's magic because his audiences never just sit and watch. His audiences are as much a part of the show as he is, constantly interacting, shouting, helping, and participating.



This is a potluck, so bring your favorite holiday dishes, with enough to feed eight to ten people. This is also a meeting where we encourage you to bring family members and friends, but space is limited. Make sure you contact Secretary **Richard Ustick** at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com with reservations, what you plan to bring and any questions. The Board will be providing drinks and coffee, as well as warming trays and serving utensils.

See you there.



Christopher T. Magician

Ring 76 Calendar

December 9 - Holiday Potluck
January 13, 2025 - Bag Night *
February 10, 2025 - Closeup Contest

* Opportunity for members to perform

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, "Magic Mike" Stilwell, at magicmike@ring76.com.

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 will begin at 7:00pm.

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November Meeting Was a Real Treat

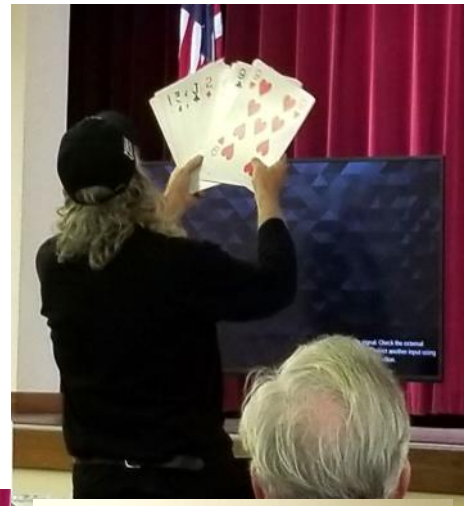
Ring 76 generally presents two lectures a year and an especially enjoyable one was the feature of our November meeting.



President **Josh Sherwin** called us to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed 21 members and seven guests. The business meeting consisted of announcements of future Ring events including December's Holiday Potluck (see page 1). **Paul Dwork** announced a fundraising show for the Encinitas Rotary Club in March (See Page 3).

With that, the evening was turned over to V.P. of Entertainment, "**Magic Mike**" Stilwell, who introduced our guest lecturer, Tim Wise. Tim is a passionate advocate for 'scripted magic,' in which the magician follows a well-thought-through presentation for every effect. That invaluable secret is one of the keys to why his magic is so effective. He performed several entertaining effects and then shared stories of his introduction to magic at age 12, his days on the road with Dennis Loomis' "Magic-Capades" and hosting Jeff McBride's "Wonderground" in Las Vegas. Following the lecture, Tim offered several terrific magic tricks for purchase.

Winning tickets were then selected in the general drawing, offering magical treasures to participants for the small price of a ticket. Luck was clearly on the side of new member **Eric Kavimi**, who walked away with an impressive five prizes. Following that, "El



Mago" Ruly won the opportunity drawing.

Josh reminded everyone of next month's Holiday Potluck and called the meeting to a close.





What is Coming Up

Of course you have read about the Holiday Potluck on December 9th. Doors will open early, around 5:30 pm or so, to allow time to set up. Contact **Richard Ustick** at ring76ibm@yahoo.com with what you are brining and how many will attend. Page 1 has all the details.

Next is our first meeting of the new year. This will feature Bag Night. You may pair up with another member if you like and each pair will receive a bag with a prop or two in it. You will have 10 minutes to figure out what you will do to perform great feats of magic with said props. All the bags are different so get those creative juices flowing. If you would like to perform, text or call “**Magic Mike**” Stilwell at 619-251-2766.

February will feature our annual Closeup Contest. Rules are available on the Ring website, Ring76.com. We will again feature only one table so the contestants will just performance once and not have to move to multiple tables. Again, contact “**Magic Mike**” Stilwell if you have any questions or want to reserve your spot. We are limited to the number of performers so get in touch with him quickly.

Finally, **Paul Dwork** is presenting his 39th Annual Fundraiser Magic Show on March 8, 2025. This is going to be a fabulous show. Send Paul an email if you need more information at www.magicmagicmagic.com.

ROTARY CREATES MAGIC!

David Kovac - The funniest Magician You'll ever see-

Paul Dwork - The Magic of Merlin

Ron Saylor - A Magician that leaves an audience of skeptics in "awe"

Jonathan Molo - The Magician in a Purple Suit

Ice McDonald - Excellence in Magic with no exceptions

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Saturday, March 8, 2025, 7 PM

Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center Theater

8357 Monroe St. Carlsbad CA 92008

Advance Tickets are \$60 ea. Seating is limited. No reserved seating

All proceeds benefit local charities through the Encinitas Rotary Club a Non-profit Foundation

To Order Tickets ONLINE scan QR code here →

Or go to: <https://www.magicmagicmagic.com/rotary-magic>

For further info: paul@magicmagicmagic.com



Shavings from the Board

Ring 76 Board of Directors meets every fourth Monday (except December) at 7 pm, via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

The first order of business was a look back at the last meeting's lecture. It was generally felt that it was good, but more reminiscence than magic. **Gary Salisbury** suggested the Board solicit feedback from members, possibly using Survey Monkey, and give that feedback to future lecturers about what the Ring wants. **Mark Booth** found it interesting but again wished there was more magic than personal stories. **Miguel Garcia** reported that the visitors he sat with felt it was good memories, but again, not enough magic.

Mark Booth then reported that attendance was down from the previous month with only twenty-one members and seven guests.

Mike Stilwell, V.P. of Entertainment, confirmed that Christopher T. Magician will be the performer for the Holiday Potluck in December. The January meeting will feature Bag Night, which was postponed from the September meeting. Mike said he would send reminders to the people who signed up for the meeting that was canceled due to COVID. Performers will be able to pair up with other members to improve their presentation. No one will know what is in the bag until the meeting night. The Closeup contest will be held in February and March will feature mini-lectures by Ring members. On that topic, **Mark Booth** mentioned performers sometimes require specific positions of the magician and audience. We should be aware of that when setting up on performance nights.

Miguel Garcia, Treasurer, reported that the dues have been deposited and the accounts are sound.

Gary Salisbury, Librarian, reported Jim Sloan donated two tickets to the USS Midway Museum for the Library. We will raffle them off at the January meeting. **Sherry Luft** donated VHS tapes, **Paul Dwork** donated two DVDs and these were digitized to the server. Clip-art for a pro is on the server and other projects are in the work. (See the Library report on page 5). After this report, **Mike Stilwell** suggested that the Board take a look at the future of the library and the Ring's involvement should something happen to Gary. Ring 76 currently has one of the most extensive libraries of all IBM rings. It is a complex situation and the Board will look at it in the months ahead.

James Thayer, V.P. of Membership, reported that we now have one new member, Dwayne Wilkes, and that our current membership count is 75.

The final business included the report that the Immaculate Conception Church, where we hold our meeting, has been receiving mail for Ring 76. As we are not associated specifically with the church, this has become a problem for them. The situation will be addressed and corrected.



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*” is on all my personal books.

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 630 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 fundraising efforts that I have engaged in for your behalf.”

WHAT’S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Library Donations:

We had several generous donations from members last month.

- Jim Sloan donated to the library two tickets for admission to the USS Midway (to be auctioned off at the December meeting).
- Sherry Luft donated 9 VHS magic tapes that have been digitized and put on the Magic Media Server.
- Paul Dwork donated 2 DVDs that have been digitized and put on the Magic Media Server.
- Gary Salisbury donated 30 DVDs from his personal collection that have been digitized and put on the Magic Media Server.

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 \$23.00 from the *50/50 Opportunity drawing* and \$12.00 from the *Door Prize drawing*. We renewed our library subscription to Genii magazine (\$58.00), purchased one audiobook (\$14.95), and bought a replacement video (\$3.33), and will be charged \$19.99 for 100GB storage on Google drive leaving the library Petty Cash at \$191.19.

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. Make a holiday donation.....

Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books):



We did not purchase any printed books this month. I am scheduling the library physical inventory after the holidays so if anyone want to volunteer to help, please let me know.

Ring 76 Magic Media Server (Streaming Service):

I have a large number of DVD and VHS media still to be digitized and put on the server. All the donated and purchased audiobooks are done and I am now working on over 80 DVD and VHS videos. I have added a new folder in the Ring 76 Photos library titled *Clipart for Magicians* that members may use royalty free. I also discovered a bin of DVDs that got put into storage without being processed. This is a slow but ongoing process that I donate 1-6 hours a day to.

We have lots of new things this month. You need to get logged on and do some exploring.

In the *Magic Audiobooks* library:

- The Shadow radio broadcasts (232 episodes) by Walter Gibson
- Dunninger Miracle Show radio broadcasts (13 episodes)
- The Raven Thief by Gigi Pandain
- Wicked by Gregory Maguire
- World of Magic by Pete Firman
- Sanctuary by Ilona Andrews
- Maths and Magic by Jolly Jenkins
- The Revenge of Magic by James Riley
- Magic Realism by Vanessa Villarreal
- Frye by Angie Sage
- An Introduction to Shadow by Benedict Jacka
- The Dragon Shifter’s Mates by Eva Chase
- Kingdom of the Wicked by Kerri Maniscalco
- Grimnoir Chronicles by Larry Correia
- Witches Get Stuff Done (#1) by Molly Harper
- Big Witch Energy (#2) by Molly Harper
- Never Been Wicked (#3) by Molly Harper
- The Other Wind (#6) by Ursula Le Guin
- The Color of Magic by Terry Prachett
- Tehanu (#4) by Ursula Le Guin
- The Furthest Shore (#3) by Ursula Le Guin



See Ex Libris page 5



In the ***Magic Instruction*** library, you will finally find the DVDs and VHS tapes that the club legally owns and have been digitized for streaming. There is some really GREAT stuff here.

- Paul Stockman – A Complete Mentalism Act #1
- Paul Stockman – A Complete Mentalism Act #2
- Jeff McBride - At the Table Live 2015 #1
- Jeff McBride - At the Table Live 2015 #2
- Andy Gladwin – At The Table Live 2016
- Ben Train – At The Table Live 2018
- David Regal – Masterclass
- Heavenz Kool – Deep Card Rising Unlimited
- Larry Anderson Jaw Droppers (#1-3)
- Titanas – Coming Call (#1-2)
- Titanas – Touch Screen (#1-2)

In the ***Magic Performances*** library:

Lots of new stuff here that you will just have to explore to enjoy.

As you can see, I have been very busy adding new media for you. I work on the server 1 - 6 hours a day. It is only beneficial if you take advantage of it so get logged on and start exploring.

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. Please tell me if there is something else you would like to see there.

Here is the utilization report from the past month:



Plex only offers four categories for our eight separate libraries:

- **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? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76! Send me a request at librarian@ring76.com.

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.



UPDATE: 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 bunches 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 gandra to choose from.



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

WATCH THIS: Here is a short video on how to watch the over 800 channels of free TV from the PLEX Magic Media Server: <https://watch.plex.tv/watch/video?uri=provider%3A%2F%2Ftv.plex.provider.vod%2Flibrary%2Fmetadata%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1%2Fextras%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1&context.page=on-demand.list&context.groupID=plex-proweek&context.groupIndex=0&context.itemIndex=9>

SPECIAL OFFER: 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.



LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7x24 either by email 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 four 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! Am I doing a good job for you? Do I meet your needs? Please email me with any comments or suggestions.

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.

Gary Salisbury



Objective: To build the best magic reference library in the IBM organization world-wide.

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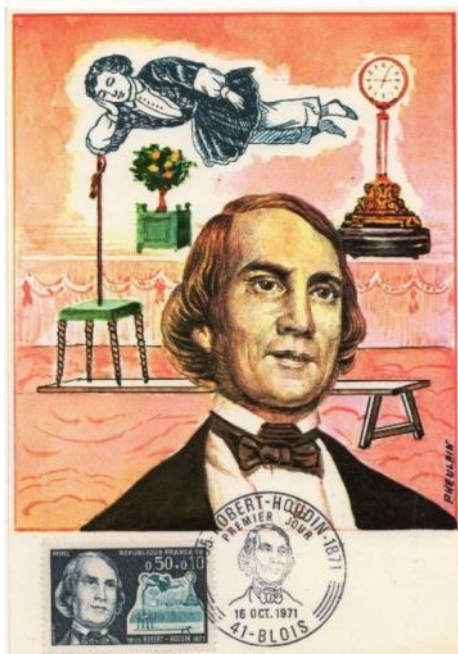
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Join Us For Our Post-Meeting Meeting

Many of us gather together to eat and talk magic and news of the world after our monthly meetings. There probably won't be many (any?) of us there after our December potluck, but usually we'll be at the Denny's in Mission Valley, 1065 Camino Del Rio South, right across I-8 from Target.



Thank You to This Month's Photographers



MagiCurrents is a large endeavor every month. The editors make a concerted effort to bring information to Ring members about events in the past and upcoming news, including the latest 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 **Richard Ustick**. Thank you for all your hard work!



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 POSTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE MAGIC CRAFT AS A WHOLE.

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

See you all at the Holiday Potluck Monday, December 9th. Be sure to RSVP at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com