



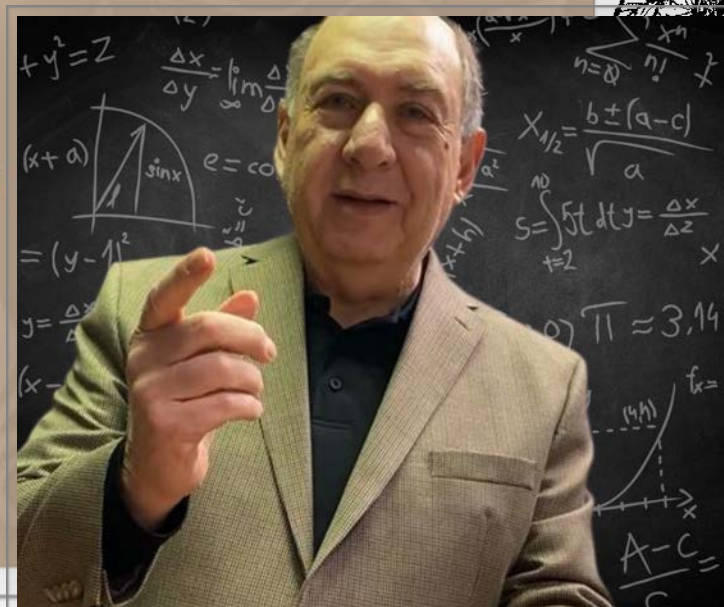
The Math Magic of **STEVE FINKELSTEIN** In Person Lecture



Please join us on November 1st at

Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

7:00 p.m.



Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.



Christian Misner shared the following: “In the enchanting setting of Rosalita's Cantina in Des Peres, MO, members of Ring 1 gathered for a night of magic, camaraderie, and recognition at the annual Ring 1 President's Banquet. The event, held on Sunday, September 24th, from 5 to 8 p.m., was a true testament to the vibrant magic community that thrives within Ring 1. The evening's festivities were kicked off by the captivating magic of Alan Fisher, a seasoned magician with nearly five decades of experience under his belt. Born in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, Fisher's journey into the world of magic began at the tender age of 6, and he gave his first professional performance when he was just 9. Since then, he has entertained audiences of all sizes and ages, from back yard picnics to 1,000-seat opera houses. During the banquet, Fisher treated guests to a mesmerizing half-hour magic show that left everyone in awe. His performance ranged from mind-bending illusions to spellbinding card tricks. One particularly memorable moment occurred when Fisher borrowed one of the restaurant servers for a routine, playfully dubbing him "The Human Calculator" due to his lightning-fast math skills. The evening was made even more special when Ring 1 President D. Jay Lenz presented Mr. Fisher with a Ring



Annual Ring 1 President's Banquet

Presidential Citation, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the world of magic. The Ring 1 President's Banquet was not only a night of magical entertainment but also a time to acknowledge the ring's achievements and leadership. The following club officers were inducted during the evening: President-D. Jay Lenz, Vice-President-Terry Richison, Treasurer-Sandy Weis, and Secretary-Al Zibits. Newly elected Board Members are as follows: Jerry Collins, Steve Finkelstein, Mike McClure, Ted Schnarre, and Scott Smith. President Lenz's Certificates of Appreciation were also a significant highlight of the evening. These certificates were awarded to individuals who had made exceptional contributions to the club. The recipients included: Gary S. Chan, John Davit, Steve Finkelstein, Paul Gregor, Mike McClure, Dan Todd, and Sandy Weis. Additionally, the winners of the I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-Up Contest were announced, showcasing the incredible talent within the ring. Winners are as follows: 1st Place-Gary S. Chan, 2nd Place-Steve Finkelstein, and 3rd Place-Raleigh Muns. As the evening came to a close, the members of Ring 1 left Rosalita's Cantina with hearts full of magic and memories. The Ring 1 President's Banquet had once again lived up to its reputation as a magical and unforgettable event, celebrating not only the art of magic but also the dedicated individuals who make up this vibrant community. Alan Fisher's captivating performance, the recognition of club officers and outstanding members, and the close-up magic contest awards all combined to create a night that will be fondly remembered by everyone fortunate enough to be in attendance. For more information about Ring 1 and future magical events, please visit the club's website www.ibmring1.com or contact any of the current club officers.”



Board members (left to right): Steve Finkelstein, Alan Zibits, Sandy Weis, D. Jay Lenz, Mike McClure, Scott Smith.

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: "Magic Circle Close-Up Performer of the Year, **Matthew Garrett** presented a **lecture** at our October meeting. One word comes to mind after watching this lecture, **OUTSTANDING!** Many of our Ring members said this was one of the best lectures we have had in a long time. An as an added bonus, this lecture contained **NO** card tricks! Good sound practical advice, tips on performing, angles, routines, etc. Opening with a killer version of the Magic Square utilizing preprinted grids, along with the "Out To Lunch" principle, with Matthew's advertising information on it which is left with the spectator. A great give-away piece! Matthew shared several other commercial routines which were available in his notes. The real highlight of the evening was Matthew's work with the



Dave Goldfarb and Matthew Garrett

Ninja Linking Rings. His work on the "crash link" was worth the price of admission alone. Matthew linked finger rings, chair posts, purse handles, etc. A nice talk about thinking "outside" the box. If your Ring has the chance to catch Matthew's lecture, don't miss it. Hats off to President D. Jay Lenz and Mike and Susan McClure for all their hard work with set-up, refreshments, etc.



The annual **Florissant Fall Fest** took place on October 8th. Typical of any small town gathering, there was plenty of food, arts and crafts, vendors, music, a car show and **MAGIC**. Paul Gregor and Steve Zuehlke were on hand to show magic and promote our October 21st fundraiser. Approximately five thousand plus were on hand for this great event. The weather was fantastic! Everyone seemed to enjoy what they witnessed..... **MIRACLES!** And trust me, magic is alive and well. With all the recent talk of **YOU TUBE** exposure, not one person said 'I know how you did that.' Hats off to Mike McClure for doing the leg work on this. I am sure the Ring will be back next year."



Steve Zuehlke set and ready at the Florissant Fall Festival

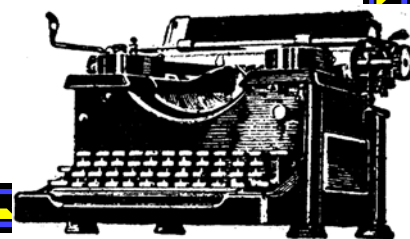
Dan Todd shared the following: “On October 2nd I performed at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. I presented the Multi-Color Paper Production, Indian Rope, newly learned Oil & Water with cards and a paper bag, my version of Speller, Crystal Silk Tube, Substitute Rabbit, Jumbo X Marks the Spot Card Trick, Coloring Book, Dr. my Seuss Book Test, Stage Sized Money Printing Machine, Oriental Production Cabinet, and my Barbie Levitation. On October 6th I performed at St. Louis Children’s Hospital's on CCTV my Barbie Levitation, my large version of EMPTY, Slydini Silks, Six Bill Repeat, Reading (coloring) Book, my Grandma’s Pearl Necklace, Bubble Catch, and Square Circle with a chirping bird in a cage. I ordered the Moon Box by TCC & Conan Liu & Royce Luo. I hope it is well made. It is a wooden square version of a ‘Chick Pan’ that can hold two decks of cards or a load such as liquid, if needed! I'll let you all know next month. You can get 20% off if you sign up for emails at TrunkofMagic.com. No, I am not signed up for referral points. I am selling my Card Duckling for \$350. It is in excellent shape and works great, but I rarely use it. On line asking \$375 for it.”

Steve Finkelstein, Chairman of our Ring 1 Nonprofit Committee, continues to give back to the community. At the annual Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America St. Louis Chapter Gala, Steve performed for 90 minutes nonstop during the cocktail hour. He also donated, for the silent auction, private magic lessons to help raise money for the organization. By amazing many of the guests with his magic, it kept people bidding on his lessons. He performed many of his best close-up effects which included the following: Rising Card, Cut to the Aces, Invisible Palm Aces, Ring and Chain, Twisted Aces, Count the F’s and Anniversary Waltz. In his Chairman role, he looks forward to other opportunities to engage our Ring 1 members in giving back to the community.

Chad Jacobs “Chef Bananas” has been asked to perform and lecture at Kapital Kidvention in February of 2024 which is located in Arlington, Virginia. This convention has everything for Children’s Entertainers including magic, clowning, face painting, balloon artistry, and more! Congratulations Chad!

Guests are always welcome to attend Ring 1’s meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis





- Freedom Writer - best nail writer
- Coin Flux - Mark Mason - coin magic
- Pen Thru Sharpie
- Diamond Jack - card story like Sam the Bellhop
- Chad Long 3 DVD lecture notes
- Psypher - card mentalism
- Knife Billets in Envelope - RARE
- Ox Bender - coin bender
- Sponge Balls - new
- Several DVDs including \$100 Bill Switch
- Hotel 52 - I Had A Dream (card)
- ProCaps
- Countdown Coins

MAGIC EFFECTS/BOOKS ON SALE AT UNBELIEVABLE PRICES

Steve Finkelstein, Director of the Board of I.B.M. Ring 1, will host a huge MAGIC SALE on Saturday, November 18th, from 9am to 12:30pm. The location of this highly anticipated event is in Richmond Heights. Readers can find the address either in the accompanying email or by contacting Steve. There will be boxes (Banker's box size) containing a large variety of magical effects, and each box (including ALL of its contents) is priced at ONLY \$25! This reflects dramatic savings for many new/like new items ... some of which are now very hard to find. Cards, Coins, Mentalism, Books, DVDs, and so much more are awaiting their new homes, so DON'T MISS OUT on this opportunity to add to your repertoire and collection. Sample items include:

(Some LARGER effects will be priced separately, and at steeply discounted prices)

PAYMENT METHOD - Prefer cash but will accept check.

Please let Steve know by email if you plan to attend.

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Calling all magicians!

A Thanksgiving eve dinner party
needs your hand at making it a magical event!

November 22, 2023, 6-7 p.m.

Address: #1 Rabbi Alvan D. Rubin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

Indoor show for about 500 people (international families)

Types of acceptable magic: close-up strolling/tablehopping/walk
around without table.

Every year, the night before Thanksgiving, the temple's staff and many volunteers prepare and serve a full holiday dinner. This event is made possible primarily through donations and our volunteers.

Many nationalities and ages will attend, so understand the difficulty in entertaining them. Since magic is the international language, entertaining at the tables would bring delight to the adults and certainly the children. It's a heartwarming event for all participants and volunteers and there is often media coverage at this event.

Please spread the word about this and let's flood them with fun-loving magicians!!! Attending will be many international families from here in St. Louis.

No need to sign up, just show up and be amazing!



registration
\$200



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Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke wanted to remind everyone to make your reservations early for the Gateway Close-Up Convention being held April 11th-13th of 2024.

Just added was Nick Lewin from Las Vegas and Robert Moreland, from Savannah, GA. You make reservations on line at <http://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024>.



Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disbelief-cocktails-and-conjuring-tickets-730913852007>

Scheduled Events:

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday

at 1:30 p.m. at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131.

Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the president and secretary (contact info on last page).

All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Event
November 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Math Magic with “Professor” Steve Finkelstein
November 9, 2023	Disbelief: Cocktails And Conjuring - 7 p.m.
December 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Holiday Party with Food and a White Elephant Gift Exchange
December 16, 2023	Magic Show—Kirkwood Community Theater (old theater) (Cancelled)
January 10, 2024	Ring 1 meeting: First Regular meeting of 2024!
April 11-13, 2024	Gateway Close-up Convention 2024

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