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June 2020 Edition

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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope nobody has gone off the deep end as we continue to battle the pandemic. Even though restaurants and stores are beginning to become more open, we still have to keep our distances and wear our masks. Given everything going on, the Dielmann Rec Center won't be open in time for our meeting.



Instead, we will have a LIVE online lecture featuring Justin Miller and Adam Wilber for our June 3rd meeting! The lecture will begin at 7:00pm CST. Justin will also be providing some very special offers on their products. More information can be found on the next two pages. Attending will be as simple as one click (link on the next page), and then you can sit back and relax. There will be a Question & Answer session after the lecture, and they will hang around as long as we want. It should be a great evening! If you want to check out the lecture packages or Justin's SIGNATURE Cylinder & Coins sets, click on the links on page 4. Check out these goodies ahead of time.

We hate to do it, but we are moving the I.B.M. Ring 1 Close Up Contest to our August 5th meeting so we can be sure we can have a good audience. So, you have another month to polish up your act. The July meeting is to be determined. We want to keep our members as safe as possible. Our Annual Ice Cream Social will move to our September meeting. We will announce the date for the President's Banquet as soon as we finalize the date. In the meantime, be sure to check out the I.B.M. Facebook page. There are plenty of free lectures and interviews that you can watch almost every day.

If you are lucky enough that your father is still around, make sure you tell him how much you love him, not just on Father's day but every day. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. Until things return to some normalcy, keep your magic alive! I hope we can all be together in person again soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Richardson".

I.B.M. Ring 1



Join us on June 3 at 7pm for a Stellar Online Lecture!



On June 3, join the event by going to YouTube using the link below. I recommend joining by 6:45pm in order to give yourself time to troubleshoot. If you have technical difficulty, call Gary Chan or Terry Richison (contact info on last page).

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis

A number of previously scheduled activities were either postponed or cancelled as a result of the pandemic: Ring 1's Annual Close-up Contest was postponed until July. The Senior Tour convention, organized by Steve Zuehlke and previously scheduled for June 26th and 27th, was cancelled. The Midwest Magic Jubilee conference, previously scheduled for September 2020, was also cancelled. Monthly visits to Shriner's Hospital for Project Magic have been suspended until further notice.

The members of Ring 1's Board met virtually and decided to host a virtual member meeting on the regularly scheduled meeting date. Several clips of magicians performing effects were viewed. After each clip, the participants provided input as to what they liked about the effect, how one can improve/modify the effect, other similar effects like the one shown, etc. The members are learning how productive virtual meetings can be. The feedback was positive, and Ring 1 plans to have more of these.

Since the stay-at-home order has been in effect, members now have more time to devote to magic. They enjoy watching videos on the Internet or on Facebook. Several well-known magicians are offering excellent performances for free. Members are also purchasing new products. Of course, most members have products that they have but have never used! This is a time that they could be learning how to use these effects.

Dan Todd has been busy teaching chess to students online through the St. Louis Chess Club. He also teaches chess to Boy Scouts who are earning a Chess Merit Badge. Dan is very creative and has made over thirty chess-themed magic effects to use with his chess students. He has made a version of "Cereal Killer" for Chess. Instead of a bar code, he uses a chess set. In another effect, he uses Banachek's ideas but uses a ring to encircle a word in a chess book that matches his prediction. He has also made a "Coloring Chess Book!" He made a chess piece, "Out-to-Lunch" where the signed King turns into a Queen in their hand. He is not able to use this one now since all lessons are online. He wonders if participation in shows will be allowed or how they will be modified in the future. Dan has lots of fun creating his own versions of the effects and is always careful to respect other magicians' rights. He owns the originals, doesn't sell them, and reaches out to inventors when he's not sure. He even contacted the chess book author in Canada for permission.

Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt has booked her first Zoom magic show for a Girl Scout Troop. She is eager to see how it goes. If the girls have fun, then Jill will promote virtual party performances. She is also continuing to make six-minute

videos with magic and gags. When she makes a video for an individual child, she is asking the parent to donate to the St. Louis Area Foodbank. She recently ordered a new backdrop for her performances but has not received it yet. She shared that it weighs ten pounds, less than half the weight of other backdrops, but twice the price!

Steve Zuehlke has been working from home the past seven weeks. This is the first time he has ever done this, and he seems to like it. He is in sales and can do most of his work using his laptop. He is disappointed that he had to cancel his Close-Up Convention but hopes to be able to reschedule it in the near future. He is keeping busy, reading all of his magic books that have been sitting on shelves for months. He is relearning a “bunch of things” he had forgotten about. Hopefully, he will share these whenever the Ring is able to have meetings again. He also has been busy watching the IBM JAMS on Facebook, Lectures on Conjuring Community hosted by our own Steve Barcellona, and Virtual Zoom Meetings hosted by our own Chef Bananas—there is plenty of Magic! Magic is alive and well in this state of self-isolation.

Bob Blattel shared that he has been getting bored quite quickly. However, he did perform two virtual magic shows for his grandchildren and nieces/nephews using Zoom. He says he had great fun doing these.

Michael McClure shared, “I have been attending more virtual meetings than I would have thought possible. It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of generosity shown by our brothers and sisters in magic. So many magicians have been sharing their routines and methods online that this inconvenient pandemic will undoubtedly be responsible for all of us drastically improving our skill sets. I have been working through Ryan Schultz’s new book, “False Anchors,” and look forward to digesting Morgan & West’s “Parlour Tricks” and Ben Hart’s “The Darkest Corners.” We will all be horribly spoiled by the time we are allowed to, once again, move freely about the country . . .we will never have as much time to pursue self-improvement as we do at this moment.”

The Ring was invited on April 28th to attend a Live Event presented by the Conjuror Community. The host magicians shared their favorite tricks. Steve Barcellona, one of our members, is one of the presenters. Several of Ring 1’s members participated in this event.

Steve Queen shared that he became interested in magic after seeing a magician in Las Vegas about 6 years ago. This magician was the emcee for another show and only did a few tricks during intermission. Steve doesn’t remember his name, but he thought it was cool. The next day he bought 2 tricks and was hooked. Shortly afterwards, he found out about Ring 1 and joined. He also has joined a band and covers guitar, bass, and drumming, depending on the day or the song. Further, he has learned to juggle and perform fire eating.

Mellow Mushroom Magic

Stop by the Mellow Mushroom in Cottleville for a pizza and great magic from our very own Chuck Levy! Chuck performs Magical Fun Tableside Magic and Comedy every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. He has developed new touchless routines that are both magical and funny from 6 feet away.

Mellow Mushroom, 4716 Mid Rivers Mall Dr, Cottleville, MO . The restaurant is very cautious and making sure everyone is and feels safe, so join the fun!

Silly Backdrops by Silly Jilly the Clown

Jill "Silly Jilly the Clown" Schmidt recently purchased an 8' x 8' backdrop that weighs just 12 pounds, including the case. Jill's excited she found a backdrop that she'll be able to carry along with her magic and large balloon pump into a party with just one trip from her car. Her backdrop folds and unfolds like an umbrella and fits into a 39" x 6" x 6" case.

She purchased it from DRC Printing from Florida. The owner is a school show entertainer. His price for the ShowFlex backdrop with a stock graphic design is \$1250. The expensive purchase was a tough decision for Jill. Other backdrops are available for half to a quarter of the ShowFlex price but weigh about 25 pounds. She did not want to carry something so heavy into living rooms.

<https://drc-print.mybigcommerce.com/showflex-tension-fabric-display/>

An additional expense was hiring DesignCrowd.com for a cartoony curtain design. She asked Facebook friends for improvements on DesignCrowd's drawing (which had no chicken). Mike Neihaus replied, "Add silly things ... damn it, you're Silly Jilly." That motivated Jill to add the chicken. Thanks to Mike, Silly Jilly's backdrop looks twice as fun compared to her earlier draft!



To Read or Be Well Read

by Steve Zuehlke

With the internet, social media, Face Book, Netflix, etc., reading is becoming a lost past time. I myself love to read. I prefer magic books and non-fiction but a good novel every now and then works just as well.

I understand there are a ton of magic books available and you can't read them all. BUT you always have to re-visit the tried and true classics. And, believe me, there are a ton of them. Even some of the most elementary magic books that we read when we first got started in magic are loaded with great tricks. As we progress in our magical studies, these earlier books are forgotten about. Or maybe you just think there is nothing in these books that you don't know already. Trust me, I could fool a ton of magicians with material written for the general public. And the reason is that people don't read anymore.

At a convention I attended, there were three tricks in particular that were hot. Every demo resulted in a sale. As I watched in awe how fast people were digging into their hard earned cash to learn the secret, I laughed to myself because these same tricks were something that I was doing as a kid with things that everyone has in the home. Had the buyers been well-read, they would have already known the secrets. Just an updated look, a fresh coat of paint, and some fancy packaging and a new miracle has been discovered!

Lest you think that I think I can't be fooled, I was fooled myself with a card trick that was demonstrated for me. I reached into my pocket and spent my hard earned cash only to be completely disappointed when I learned that I already owned the same trick! I was more disappointed in myself for not being more well-read with the method. The version I purchased just had a new patter line, a different theme, and a few subtle twists, but the method was exactly the same as the one that I already owned and that I still perform on a regular basis. Looks can be deceiving for sure.

Randy Kalin and I were swapping card tricks. He fooled me, not once, but several times with some principles first published in a book from 1950! A book that most of us own, or have owned or read before. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. As soon as I got home, I dug my copy out and started to re-read this book cover-to-cover. I hope to fool Randy with something from this book the next time I see him.

I am sure you are asking, "What book was it?" That I will not say, but a challenge for the readers. Go dig through your library and re-read some classics. I'm sure you will be able to fool us at the next meeting.

Harold D. Russell

by Steve Zuehlke, adapted from Magicpedia

From Magicpedia with light editing:

Harold D. Russell (1922-2008), the “Divine Mind”, was a headliner at the Gold Palace in the Gaslight Square area of St. Louis. He performed at the St. Louis Playboy Club, the Midwest Magic Jubilee, and a charity show to benefit children. Mr. Russell was believed to have been St. Louis' first African-American magician.

Fascinated as a child by magic, he saw Thurston and Blackstone, Sr. Harold did not consider performing magic himself until much later in life when he saw a bartender at a restaurant where he worked demonstrate several effects. In June, 1967, Harold applied for membership in the Society of American Magicians with Gene DeVoe and Bob Stevens signing his applications. And in Oct. 1973 he joined the I.B.M. After learning magic, he went on to perform thousands of shows for night clubs, banquets, television, conventions, and other gatherings. Over the years, Harold developed a style of comedy magic.

A member S.A.M. Assembly No. 8, he served on numerous committees and as Vice President four times. The Harold D. Russell Extravaganza and Wine and Cheese Tasting Extravaganza has been held the first meeting in September annually since 1978.

From Steve Zuehlke:

Most of us remember Harold D. Most of you know that I collect, buy, and sell books and am fascinated with magic history, especially St. Louis Magic History. I just recently purchased a book collection that contains a Thurston book and is signed by Harold D. and dated 1966. Could this be Harold's first ever purchased magic book? Things that make you go “hmm.”



Familiar Faces (Randy Kalin, Harold Russell, Karl Grice, Harry Monti)

Audio Equipment For Sale

Lots of sound good equipment for sale CHEAP. Perfect for those smaller or outdoor shows. Now is the time to take advantage this deal since things are beginning to open up and you could use this. Everything is in good working condition and has only been lightly used. Items are priced individually but \$200 takes the entire lot. Contact Terry Richison at 314-791-9108.

Crate TX30 Taxi 30 amp speaker, rechargeable battery, 2 inputs, \$50

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Technics SB SL101, pair of stereo bookshelf speakers, \$10

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K&M folding music stand with carry bag, \$5

QuikLok A346, telescopic boom microphone floor stand, black, \$20



Upcoming Events

2020 Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Date	Event
Jun 3, 6:30pm	Online lecture by Justin Miller & Adam Wilber
Jul 1, 7:00pm	TBD
Aug 5, 7:00pm	IBM Ring 1 Close-up Contest. Open to the Public—Let your friends know.
Sep 2	Ice Cream Social

Ring 1 Volunteer Activities

Volunteer your time so that we can grow and improve our Ring for everyone. Moving forwards, we'll publish a consolidated list of volunteer activities for our membership in the monthly SPIRIT. Opportunities from most to least recent:

#	Task	Contact
1	Volunteer to do close-up at a table or walk-around magic at Francis Howell Central's cafeteria on Saturday, November 21st, 8-11am. There will be 500 people for a	Steve Finkelstein See last page for contact info.
2	Bring new magicians or send in ideas. We need to grow our membership, especially youth magic.	Terry Richison & Steve Queen See last page for contact info.
3	Project Magic (Shriners Hospital for Children). See next page for details.	Darryl "D. Jay" djay1000@yahoo.com
4	Attend the monthly Ring 1 board meeting. See below for dates and times.	Terry Richison & Steve Queen See last page for contact info.
5	Write an article for the SPIRIT on any topic related to magic. Your fellow magicians will enjoy reading it!	Gary Chan See last page for contact info.

Board Meeting Dates: Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, and Dec 16

7:00pm IBM

Location: Experience on Demand, 16020 Swingley Ridge Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017.
Register with Terry Richison so that you get any last-minute location change notifications. His contact info is on the last page.

Contribute and help shape the future of our organization. All members are welcome!

Volunteer for Project Magic

Volunteer to place a smile on a child's face at the Shriners Hospital for Children on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm and finish by 7:15pm. We are looking for two magicians for each month.

Date	Magician 1	Magician 2
Jul 21	Jason Stack	Bring a smile to a child! Volunteer!
Aug 18	Volunteer!	Bring a smile to a child! Volunteer!
Sep 15	Volunteer!	Bring a smile to a child! Volunteer!
Oct 20	Volunteer!	Bring a smile to a child! Volunteer!

Shriners Hospital for Children cancelled the sessions Apr - June and will confirm July closer to the date. Volunteer for July onwards!

Contact Darryl "D. Jay" at djay1000@yahoo.com to sign-up!

Directions to Shriners Hospital for Children ,4400 Clayton Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110: If coming from downtown or IL, take 64 and exit north on Boyle St. and turn left onto Clayton St. If coming from West County, head east on 64 and go North on Boyle and then left on Clayton St.

To check-in, go to the front desk and show a photo ID. The room we will be going to is on the 3rd floor. Take a left after getting off the elevator, and go towards the area where there is a sitting area with a large flat screen TV. It will be a small room (smaller than our Dielmann Recreation Complex meeting room).

Prior Commitment

At the May 6 online meeting, attendees watched a card effect where two Joker cards found two spectators' cards. It was asked what this effect was called. Readers can find information on this effect by looking up "Prior Commitment" from Simon Aronson.

August 5, 2020 @ 7:00PM

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Contact Steve Finkelstein to sign up!
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Beginner/Intermediate and Advanced Groups

Now is your chance to show off your Close-Up talents. If you are an I.B.M. Ring 1 member in good standing, you could be the next I.B.M. Ring 1 Close Up contest winner! There are two categories in the competition: the Beginner/Intermediate category and the Advanced category. If you have never participated in the contest, now is your chance to shine! You'll never know if you can win if you don't participate. Each member must register with last year's Champion, Steve Finkelstein, prior to June 22, 2020. Sign up early so you don't miss the deadline.

Here is what you can tell your friends and neighbors: The International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 1, will be hosting its Annual Magic Close Up Contest on July 1, 2020, at the Dielmann Recreation Center, 11400 Olde Cabin Road Creve Coeur, MO 63141. The Contest will start at 7:00 PM sharp and is open to the public. Magicians from all over the Metro area will be competing for one of the highest awards given by the International Brotherhood of Magicians. It will be an evening of fun, laughter, and Magic! Best of all, it is FREE to the public!

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