



## The Spirit • The Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1 • July 2022

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### Things Going On

Greetings,

I do not wish to be repetitive, but only 40 percent of the Spirits emailed are read. If this sounds like something you have read before, my apologies.

Here is what is going on in St. Louis magic:

Monday Night Magic at the Blue Strawberry in St. Louis continues through the summer on the second Monday of each month. There is a rumor that St. Louis' own Chris Raymond will return for an October performance.

Looking forward in the IBM calendar:

July, there is no IBM members meeting.

But, Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital has asked us to perform at 6pm, on the second Monday of the month. Darrell Lenz aka DJ is managing the event. Darrell is looking for three magicians per event. Two are signed up for July: we need one more, then volunteers for August and beyond. The kids at Ranken are there for a month to a year. The age range is a few months to age 19. As the kids move on from the hospital, the census changes. We are looking for every brand of magic as the kids ages are diverse. Please reach out to Darrell at: [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com) in order to help.

August, is the ice cream social. Bring family and friends. We will send out a brief survey for attendance to ensure we have enough ice cream for all. Please return it even if you are not attending. Thank you.

September is the close-up contest run by Gary Chan. Let Gary know if you wish to participate. There is a beginner/intermediate group and an advanced category. The single, consistent advice I find in magic performance books is: you must perform to get better. There is not a safer place to perform than in front of your friends. Think about it, then reach out to Gary S. Chan at: [ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com](mailto:ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com).

October and November are not yet booked. We are in the lookout for touring lecturers so it would not surprise me one of those months is a lecture.

Somewhere in the Fall we are looking at having a Presidents banquet as our last banquet was pre-Covid. The location, date and cost should be known soon.

We are fundraising with two shows in October at the Florissant Civic Center, and are potentially being sponsored for a show December 17 in Kirkwood. Times, talent, and costs will be announced soon. If you could support the club by social media, participation on stage or back stage, or in the audience, our chances to succeed improve.

And finally, a member survey has been sent to your email. The link is [Survey Monkey I.B.M. 2022](#). We are fortunate in St. Louis that we have very talented magicians willing to share their skills to improve our skills. The survey will help us decide what programs you, the members, want to have. You sent in the dues, you need to have a voice. Please take two minutes and send this back.

If there is something I can do to make your magical road easier, please let me know. I may not have the immediate answer, but I will try to get it for you.

Stay cool my friends.

Steve Buesking

# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

The Ring elected new officers, all of whom have started their terms, as follows- President-Steve Buesking, Vice President-D. Jay Lenz, Secretary-Al Zibits, Treasurer-Sandy Weis, and Board Members-Steve Finkelstein, Terry Richison, Michael McClure, Ted Schnarre, and Scott Smith. Thank you Scott for all your hard work as President of Ring 1 this past year.

The Close Up competition is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Board has been busy finalizing the rules for the competition. Details will be forthcoming in the near future.

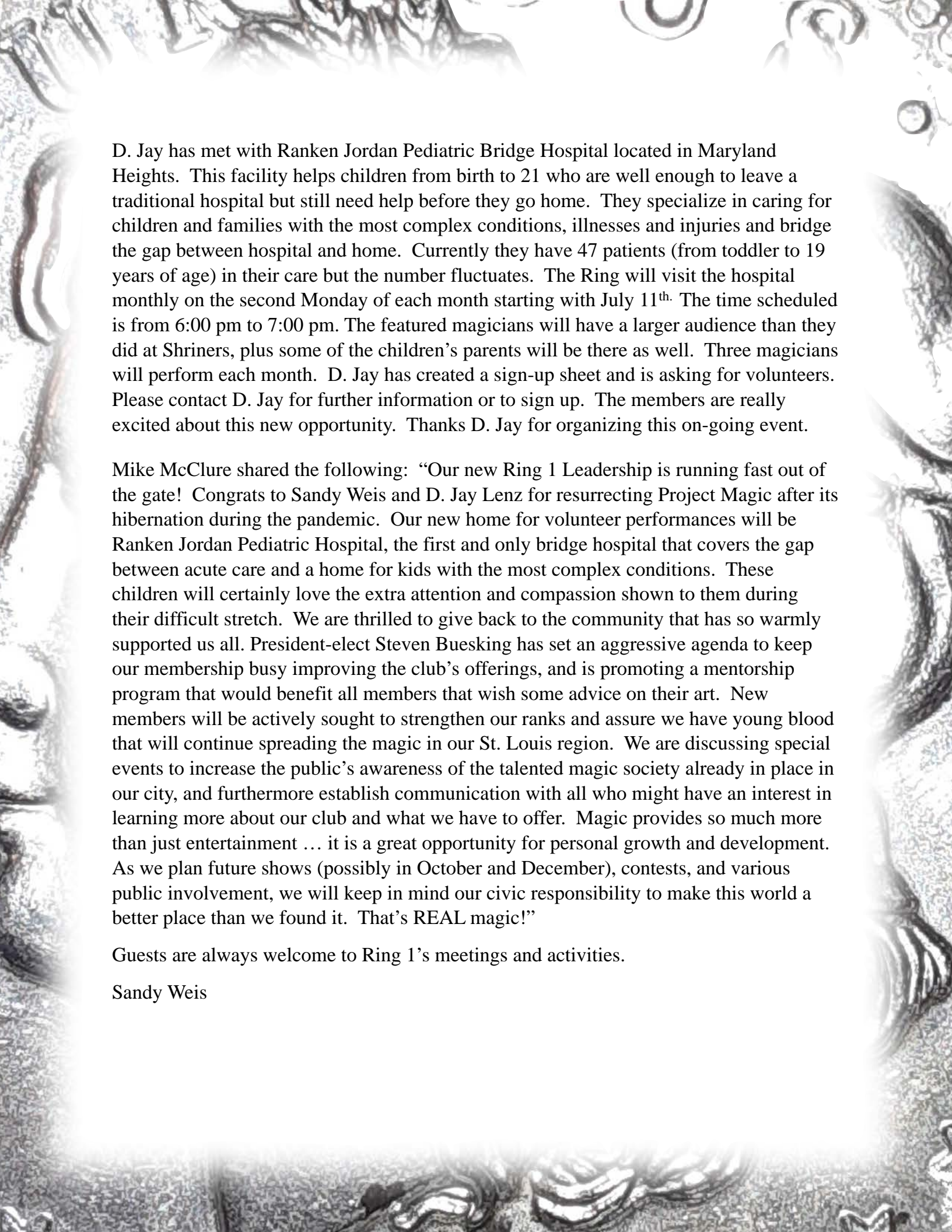
On June 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Finkelstein, one of Ring 1's members, presented a gambling magic lecture. What an amazing lecture! Approximately twenty-five members attended and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Originally, this lecture was scheduled for January but it was postponed. Steve had a handout for each participant which included directions, further references, and detailed pictures regarding the various effects he presented. The topics covered included the following regarding cards: Poker Deal Stories, Bets, Cut to the Aces, Poker Deals/Stack, 3 Card Monte, and Black Jack. He also discussed Shells, Disks and Chains. Steve demonstrated all these effects and also taught the members how to perform them. He is a great teacher—he explains the effects clearly and always answers questions from the members so they understand the concepts. Ring 1 is very fortunate to have such a talented magician who is willing to share his wealth of knowledge.

Dan Todd has been busy teaching chess at summer camps and also for performing magic at St. Louis Children's Hospital. After three months of magic on Children's Hospital CCTV this year, they have asked Dan to perform live for them on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They also asked him to teach chess every week as he did prior to the pandemic. Jeff Lefton and Dan performed magic for a fundraiser sponsored by a group that helps seniors from four churches in Dan's area. The strolling magic was well received. Dan made a personalized version of *Chinese Secret* by Wiz Spencer just for this group with words used to describe their group on their website. He will of course be performing chess themed magic for the children at the summer camps! Dan added the following—"I am now officially a senior myself."

Jeff Lefton is seeking magicians who would like to perform at the Blue Strawberry, which is a showroom and lounge located in the Central West End of St. Louis.

Terry Richison performed at this venue on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Jeff has already booked magicians for the July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> show. Contact Jeff for more information, at [jlefton@q4solutions.com](mailto:jlefton@q4solutions.com).





D. Jay has met with Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital located in Maryland Heights. This facility helps children from birth to 21 who are well enough to leave a traditional hospital but still need help before they go home. They specialize in caring for children and families with the most complex conditions, illnesses and injuries and bridge the gap between hospital and home. Currently they have 47 patients (from toddler to 19 years of age) in their care but the number fluctuates. The Ring will visit the hospital monthly on the second Monday of each month starting with July 11<sup>th</sup>. The time scheduled is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The featured magicians will have a larger audience than they did at Shriners, plus some of the children's parents will be there as well. Three magicians will perform each month. D. Jay has created a sign-up sheet and is asking for volunteers. Please contact D. Jay for further information or to sign up. The members are really excited about this new opportunity. Thanks D. Jay for organizing this on-going event.

Mike McClure shared the following: "Our new Ring 1 Leadership is running fast out of the gate! Congrats to Sandy Weis and D. Jay Lenz for resurrecting Project Magic after its hibernation during the pandemic. Our new home for volunteer performances will be Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital, the first and only bridge hospital that covers the gap between acute care and a home for kids with the most complex conditions. These children will certainly love the extra attention and compassion shown to them during their difficult stretch. We are thrilled to give back to the community that has so warmly supported us all. President-elect Steven Buesking has set an aggressive agenda to keep our membership busy improving the club's offerings, and is promoting a mentorship program that would benefit all members that wish some advice on their art. New members will be actively sought to strengthen our ranks and assure we have young blood that will continue spreading the magic in our St. Louis region. We are discussing special events to increase the public's awareness of the talented magic society already in place in our city, and furthermore establish communication with all who might have an interest in learning more about our club and what we have to offer. Magic provides so much more than just entertainment ... it is a great opportunity for personal growth and development. As we plan future shows (possibly in October and December), contests, and various public involvement, we will keep in mind our civic responsibility to make this world a better place than we found it. That's REAL magic!"

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

Sandy Weis

*from the vice-president . . .*

Greetings fellow club members. It is with great joy to announce that the club has another children's hospital to perform for on a monthly schedule.

Ranken Jordan has about 47 patients in their care. some of these children are there from a month to six months. Therefore we will have a larger audience to entertain, plus some of the kids parents will be thee as well. Childrens' ages will be from toddler (3 to 4 Years) to 19 years of age.

The address is 11365 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

We are scheduled to perform the 2nd Monday of each month starting with July 11th, 2022. Time is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m Please arrive early if you have to set up before performing.

A map will be provided in a future e-mail from the hospital for parking info and where to enter the building. Masks will be required to enter the building. Recommend stand-up or platform effects.

Would like to have two other performers for July. I will be there for the first performance. We are allowed to have three performers each month to perform for the children and their families.

Following request from the hospital: No fire effects, no latex balloons or other products, no live animals and no effects using strobe lights or other pros that could cause someone to have a seizures.

Dates volunteers are needed: July 11, Aug 8, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 12.

Please either e-mail me at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com) or text me at either 618-806-3603 or 618-462-3675.

Please join in for this wonderful opportunity to entertain those that are less fortunate than the others.

Looking forward to this great opportunity to helping those who are in need.

Thank you,  
Darryl "D. Jay" Lenz





Performers,

I read this today regarding performance at a hospital. Obviously this won't work for all effects, but something to keep in mind as we start Ranken Jordan next month.

"...I spent 30+ years as a hospital chaplain and chaplain educator. If you can help it at all do NOT stand. Do not assume you will have to stand. Pull up a chair, or even a bedside commode--yes, you read that right. If nothing else, kneel or squat down beside the bed or patient's chair. Get to eye level. The studies I have read demonstrate that if a healthcare worker sits rather than stands during a visit, the patients and their other visitors perceive the worker stayed longer and devoted more attention to the patient and/or family members. Getting down to their level is better than any trick or routine you might come up with."

Obviously we will be in a Parlor setting, but afterward it may be worth knowing.

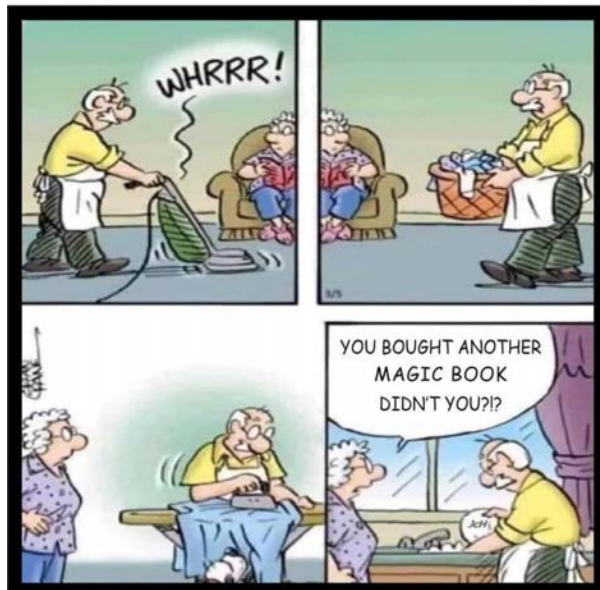
-Steve Buesking

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**Please fill out the Ring 1  
survey at:  
[Survey Monkey I.B.M. 2022](#)**

Hang out with magicians  
on Saturday afternoons.  
Click to join  
[Magic Roundtable St. Louis](#)  
on Facebook and see when and  
where the events are happening.

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## Silly Jilly the Clown Events

All are free, except the St. Francois Fair has an entrance fee. More information can be found by going to the Facebook page, then clicking "Events."

<https://www.facebook.com/SillyJillyTheBalloonArtistAndClown>

St. Francois County Fair, MO  
June 25, Magic Show at 1:30, Balloons After Show

Brussels Festival, IL  
July 3, Magic Show at 5:30, Balloons After Show

New Baden City Park, IL  
July 15, Magic Show at 7:00

Columbia City Saloon, IL  
August 27, Magic Show at 1:40, Balloons After Show

Eckert's Farm, Belleville, IL  
September 11, 17, & 24

October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30  
Noon - 5:00  
Three Shows, Strolling Silliness Between Shows, Balloons Last Hour

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### Free Convention in Peoria, Illinois

The Peoria Fall Magic Gathering at Expo Gardens Opera House is on October 22, 2022, noon till . . .

This is a FREE day of fun magic for all, featuring a flea market (anyone can buy or sell), lectures and close-up show!!

The evening public show is free, with a suggested \$10 donation for adults and \$5 for kids under 12 year.

Volunteers are needed to lecture, or perform in a close-up show or evening stage show. Those interested should contact Steve Buesking at [svbuesking@gmail.com](mailto:svbuesking@gmail.com) or (314) 732-5678 to let him know how you want to be nominated.

## Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

**All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.**

Date	Event
Jul 6, 2022	No meeting
Jul 11, 2022, 6-7 p.m.	Ranken Jordon performance
Aug 3, 2022, at 7pm	Ice cream social and flea market (TBC)
Sep 7, 2022, at 7pm	Close-up competition
Oct 7, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Oct 22, 2022	Stage shows at Florissant Civic Center Theatre
Nov 2, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Nov 2022	Midwest Magic Jubilee (TBA)
Dec 7, 2022, at 7pm	White elephant gift exchange
Dec 17, 2022	Veteran's Show at Kirkwood Theatre

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 below).

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