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The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

December 2023 Edition

White Elephant Exchange

December 6, 2023, at 7pm
Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Rd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Instructions:

- Bring a wrapped magic gift
- **RSVP to Sandy Weis** via sweis50@yahoo.com or 314-378-4403. Include:
 - the # of people attending
 - the side dish you are bringing or if you will be bringing \$5 to donate towards food

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Event
Dec 6	Ring 1 meeting: Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec 16	Magic Show at Kirkwood Community Theater (Cancelled)
Everything below is year 2024	
Jan 10	Ring 1 meeting: Viewing of 2015 Close-Up Contest - Advanced competition AND Workshop
Feb 7	Ring 1 meeting: Viewing of 2015 Close-Up Contest - Beginner competition (Tentative)
Mar 6	Ring 1 meeting: Kevin Kelly Lecture
Apr 3	Ring 1 meeting: Arts and Crafts Magic Lecture with Barb and Steve Zuehlke
Apr 11-13	Gateway Close-Up Convention https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024
May 1	Ring 1 meeting: Nathan Kranzo Lecture (and Ring 1 Elections)
Jun 5	Ring 1 meeting: Ring 1 Auction
Jul 3	No Ring 1 meeting

Board meetings are generally held on 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).

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm 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>

Magic Conventions

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

Volunteer for Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital

Put a smile on children's faces! Performances are on the first Monday of each month. Contact Dan Todd at Magic@TheGreatTodd.com to volunteer to perform.





Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

On October 21st, Ring 1 had their annual fundraiser, Magic and Mystery, which was held at the Florissant Performing Arts Center. A good crowd was on hand for both the afternoon and evening shows. Performers included Terry Richison, Laurence “Nothing Up My Sleeve” Levy, Steve Zuehlke, Josh Weidner, and Jeff Lefton. John Davit and D. Jay Lenz performed close-up magic in the lobby before the show. As a bonus, Ted Schnarre and Rita Long (two professional ushers from the Fabulous Fox Theatre) escorted people to their seats. Managing the sound and lights were Alan Zibets and Chuck Peterson. Taking care of the lobby were Mike and Susan McClure and Sandy Weis. Mike had an informational display featuring IBM Ring 1, including posters, giveaways, and much more. Mike also coordinated a massive marketing blitz that included numerous press releases, Facebook pages and ads, videos, and a spot on one of our local morning television shows (Tim Ezell, from Fox 2 News, interviewed Laurence Levy). We had a meet and greet in the lobby after the show and all the patrons enjoyed themselves. A free professional magic trick was given to each household with a link that told them how to perform this trick. Hats off to all of our members for making this event a huge success!

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: “For our November meeting, we were treated to a lecture by our own Steve Finkelstein. The topic of the lecture was Math Magic. Steve’s lectures always draw a good crowd, and this lecture was no exception. Twenty-six members were in attendance, and lots of faces we haven’t seen in a while attended. Steve also generously gave all in attendance TWO sets of lecture notes at no charge. Steve covered a variety of subjects including the 1089 force, extensive work on Magic Squares, The Grey Elephants in Denmark principle, Mental Logs/Sticks, binary solutions, The Faro Shuffle, the Palindrome Principle, Rules of Nines and a host of others. Very fascinating stuff! Some of it was easy and some will take some memory, but Steve’s explanations made it very easy to follow. Steve and his brother have a small line of mental effects they have created which were for sale after the lecture. To “sum” the evening up, FANTASTIC! Thanks, Steve Finkelstein, for sharing!”

Dan Todd shared the following: “We all should be so lucky in retirement to be performing magic and seeing all the smiles. Besides teaching chess in schools and hospitals, I perform chess magic for my students. On Thursday, October 26th, I performed magic for Children’s Hospital Volunteers’ Luncheon. Then on October 29th, I performed Parlor Magic at a local shelter. On October 31st, I performed Closeup Magic that was chess- and spooky-themed in my Zoltar booth at the World Chess Hall of Fame for Halloween. On November 6th, I performed a CCTV Magic Show at Children’s Hospital and performed the following: Countless Cookies, Backstage Elephant, Dr. Suess Book Test, I Know What You will Say, Find the Lady, Instant Magician - performing many comical effects ending with a rope effect and The End - Blendo rope silk. This month I performed by myself at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. I performed the following: Astro Cabinet (Basketball with hoop), Super Screen with plush bunny, Slydini Silks, Divining Rods with jumbo Brazen to find the hidden alien, Rocket Book, Mis-Made Queen, my version of Bucket Filler with water, Aerostatic Glass, Human Phone Number, Six Bill Repeat, Comedy Handcuffs Escape, Even Granny knows your card, and Down 2 1. On November 14th, I performed Closeup at Shriners Hospitals for Children. You probably noticed that I have been quite busy during retirement doing



what I enjoy -- bringing smiles to others. I encourage my fellow Ring 1 members to contact me at Magic@TheGreatTodd.com or call me at 314-409-7066 if they would like to volunteer. Also, I encourage any IBM magician to contact me if you would like further information regarding the magic I perform and/or create.”

One of our members, Chad Jacobs (Chef Bananas), is performing magic full-time. He is a well-known children’s entertainer in the area. Besides performing as Chef Bananas, he is now playing the role of Santa Claus. Check out his website to see how much Chad looks like the “real” Santa Claus. <https://gatewaystlsanta.com>

Ring 1 is busy planning their annual Holiday Party which includes food and the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Guests are always welcome to attend Ring 1’s meetings and activities.

Mental Log Effect

by Steve Finkelstein

For those who attended November’s Math Magic Lecture, the following is a link to a great routine for the Mental Log effect: <https://brianwatsonmagic.com/Store/product/mentallogs/>

For those members who did not attend the meeting, please see me at the next meeting if you are interested in learning this amazing effect.

Pay 2024 Membership Dues

To pay online: <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments>

To pay by mail: Write a check payable to “IBM, Ring 1” for \$20.
Write “2023 Dues” on the memo line.

Mail the check to:

Sandy Weis, 1755 Elkins Drive, St. Louis, MO 63136.

Cost: \$20 for the year is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities!

If any of your contact information has changed, please let Alan Zibits know by e-mailing him at alan.a.zibits@boeing.com .

Gateway Close-Up Convention

Steve Zuehlke and Steve Buesking announced they expanded the dealers’ room for the Gateway Close-Up Convention. Featured will be Don’s Magic and Books, Gerard Magic, and our own Old Time Magic. This will be Eric’s first convention, so show your support for one of our own. Please note that dealer passes are not available; you must register for the convention to attend. You can register here:

<http://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024>

RSVP for White Elephant Exchange

by Sandy Weis

When: Dec 6 at 7pm

What: I.B.M. Ring 1 Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Exchange

Where: Dielmann Recreation Center, 11400 Olde Cabin Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Instructions:

- Bring a wrapped magic gift (if you wish to participate in the fun NEW Exchange)
- RSVP to Sandy (sweis50@yahoo.com or 314-378-4403) with
 - the # of people attending
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IBM Ring 1 will hold its annual Holiday party on December 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Dielmann Recreation Center in Creve Coeur. The Ring will purchase a variety of small sandwiches and provide soda/water. We are asking members to either bring a side dish (examples: individual bags of chips, cookies, candy, etc.) or give a donation of \$5 to the Ring. Please RSVP and let me know that you will attend and what side dish you will bring. You are welcome to bring guests (all ages), but please let me know how many will be attending with you so we can purchase adequate food.

After the casual meal, we will host our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Everyone can participate—even guests. To participate in the Exchange, please wrap a gift pertaining to magic (worth at least \$10) that is in new OR used but good working condition (including directions). You are not obligated to participate in the Exchange, but you can still watch the exciting, active new way we will be playing the game. The rules are improved for this year, and we will explain the details that night. All who join in the fun will be actively involved until the last present swap, thanks to a random selection of cards that will guide our every move. Nobody will know what they've won until the very end of the Exchange.

Additional “non-mandatory” FREE activities will enhance the evening’s schedule, providing extra enjoyment for the entire group. Those who wish to participate in the extra challenges have a chance to WIN some magic PRIZES! We hope to have some of our members performing walk-around Christmas magic You can bring your own effects to share. Be ready to have some FUN!

Please RSVP to me either by email, messaging me, or calling my number listed below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. My information is as follows:

Sandy Weis

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We look forward to making this the BEST Ring 1 Holiday Party ever ... the only thing we need is YOU!



I.B.M. RING 1

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MAGIC GIFT EXCHANGE

ELEPHANT

DECEMBER 6 @ 7 PM



GATEWAY CLOSE-UP CONVENTION

APRIL 11-13,
2024

LECTURES, CLOSE-UP
SHOWS, WORKSHOPS,
DINNERS, BREAK OUT
SESSIONS, BOOK DEALER,
COCKTAIL PARTIES!

REGISTRATION
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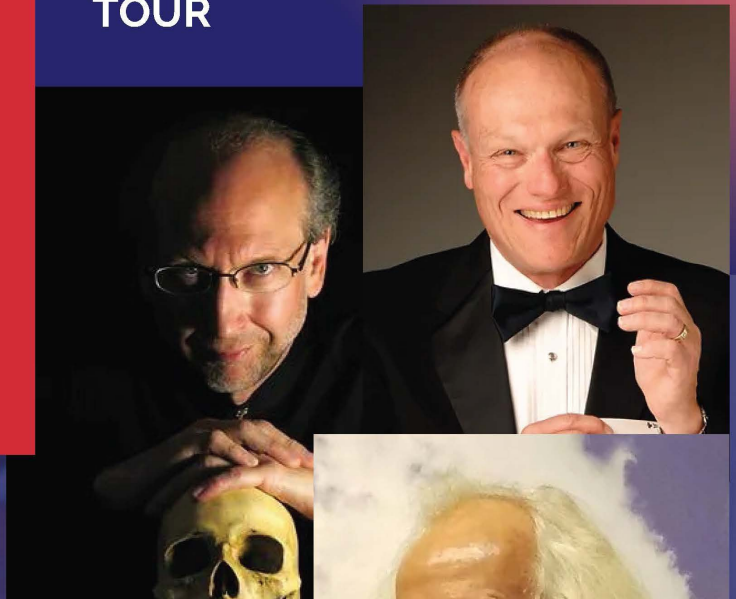
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