



The Spirit - The Official Newsletter of Ring One - Sept. 2023

Ring Report - by Sandy Weis et al.

Steve Zuehlke shared the following--"August 2nd marked the return of our regularly scheduled meetings after a one-month break. This month was our annual Ice Cream Social and Swap Meet Night. Although sparsely attended (approximately 30 members were on hand), a good time was had by all. On hand selling their wares were Trudy Monteith with her new book, Tom Reilly selling some vintage apparatus, and Steve Zuehlke selling books. Special thanks to Mike McClure and Paul Gregor for supplying refreshments and ICE CREAM. A good time was had by all)." Every year the ice cream has been purchased from an ice cream store in South St. Louis. This year Paul offered to purchase the ice cream (frozen custard) from a different store, Andy's Frozen Custard which is located in Maryland Heights. The members thoroughly enjoyed it and will, more than likely, return there in future years.



Dan Todd's mix and match prop

Dan Todd shared the following--"Project Magic, on August 7th, was loads of fun! I performed alone again. You are missing out on a great chance to entertain patients that have short to long term stays at Rankin Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. Contact me

at Magic@TheGreatTodd.com and represent I.B.M. Ring 1 with me. Remember: NO animals, fire, or threatening props like a gun or anything representing one, or knife including chopper or guillotine, etc. This month I used one of my versions of Five Card Opener, EMPTY, ESP Jumbo, and premiered my latest creation, a Jumbo Mix and Match prediction. I also performed ABC You R Stung, How to Solve a Puzzle Cube, a Dog Puppet routine (Cheryl and Jeremy Le Poidevin), Gypsy Balloon (Tony Clark), Ketchup Fries and More (Jeff Eaton's routine). Last month I started performing at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital on the 19th and chess magic at the Chess Club of St. Louis' 15th Anniversary in my Zoltar booth. This month I performed at Children's Hospital on August 4th and will be performing at Shriners Hospital on August 8th and on the 22nd)." Dan is now the "Project Magic Coordinator" for Ring 1; therefore, he will be the contact person for this wonderful project. Members should contact him directly with the date(s) they are available to perform at Rankin Jordan. Thank you Dan for your monthly visits to Rankin Jordan and all the other facilities you visit. The Ring knows the patients, their families, and the staff look forward to your visits.



Silly Jilly and the Axtell Mic

Lately, Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt has been opening her magic show by using her Axtell Mic-Mouth fake microphone as she asks the audience to "Clap your hand if you're ready for Silly Jilly's Show." She sometimes holds the silly microphone in front of her helper, and the helper's mouth looks huge as they answer Silly Jilly's questions. Her Mic-Mouth gets attention and usually a few laughs. Also, Silly Jilly's Fiat finally "died." Everyone knew Silly Jilly by the car she was driving. It was red with stickers on it. Some referred to it as her "clown" car. So Silly Jilly wanted another one. However, Fiat quit making the Fiat 500 in 2019. She searched and searched and finally found a white one with only 15,000 miles on it. Yes, it does have stickers on it. You can find a picture of her old car and also her new car on her Facebook page. You can tell she is so excited with her new "clown" car. The members can't wait to see it at the next meeting. Good luck with your new car, Silly Jilly!

Christian Misner shared the following—"Amid the enchanting backdrop of the Chicago Magic Lounge, where classic allure meets modern mystique, IBM Ring 1's very own Gary S. Chan recently illuminated the stage and captivated the audience from July 27th through the 30th. The Chicago Magic Lounge, established in 2015 as a testament to the art of magic, has long been a platform for both established magicians and eager audiences, embodying a perfect blend of nostalgia and innovation. At the heart of this renowned establishment's charm lies its commitment to celebrating the legacy of magic while showcasing the contemporary marvels that continue to shape the craft. With an ambiance that invokes the grandeur of the Golden Age of



Magic, patrons are transported to a bygone era while still relishing a touch of contemporary panache. As Gary took center stage at the Chicago Magic Lounge, he left an indelible mark on all those who witnessed his performance. Through his artful display of mentalism, Gary masterfully engaged and enthralled the audience, each twist and turn of his act a testament to his skill and stage presence. His original routines, meticulously crafted and executed, were accompanied by a magnetic charm that resonated deeply with the crowd, earning him, and by proxy, the St. Louis magic scene, admiration and applause. In the mosaic of enchanting acts that grace the prestigious Chicago Magic Lounge, Gary's performance shone brightly, a beacon of artistry and entertainment. As he shared his magical prowess, he left an enduring impression, weaving his own chapter into the lounge's storied history. As the Chicago Magic Lounge continues to be a stage where magic comes to life, magicians like Gary ensure that the timeless allure of the craft remains as vibrant and compelling as ever."

Magicians are always welcome to attend The Magic Roundtable St. Louis which meets on Saturdays at the Dierbergs Food Market, 1080 Lindemann Road, Des Peres, MO. Further information can be found on Facebook. The Ring has events lined up for the rest of the year. Following are the activities planned-- September 6th the annual Close-up Contest, September 24th the annual President's Banquet at Rosalita's Cantina in Des Peres, October 4th Matt Garrett lecture, on October 21st the "Magic & Mystery" Show at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre, on November 1st member Steve Finkelstein will lecture "Math Magic" and on December 6th the Holiday Party/White Elephant Gift Exchange.

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

-Sandy Weis

The Midwest Magic Jubilee Officers Election

A joint collaboration between I.B.M. Ring 1 and S.A.M. Assembly 8 will hold an **election** for officers on September 14th (time and location to be determined).

Following are the candidates who have accepted a nomination:

General Chairman:

- Trudy Monti-Monteith
 - Terry Richison
 - Scott Smith

Vice Chairman:

- John Apperson
- Ted Schnarre
- Joshua Weidner

Treasurer:

- Sandy Weis
- Al Zibits

Nominees for contested positions were requested to submit a platform.

Members who belong to both the national and local organizations of either or both clubs are encouraged to vote.

Those who are members of both clubs get one vote total.

Jubilee election: candidate's platform submissions

From Scott Smith:

1. We know of people that pre-registered in 2019 but have never been repaid. We should do that first.
2. We could do another Jubilee or a festival. Given the past experience of the cash losses which has dropped the balance - exact amount unknown because we can't get an answer from the current Officers, it seems likely that another Jubilee, in its current format, would be a one and the cash is done event. If you do not attend, you've lost any benefit of that cash. We do not have the money to even attempt an event, according to estimates that we have received from Alan Zibits.

Instead, let's use the cash for lectures for both clubs. We could allocate \$450 a lecture - \$250 for the speaker, \$200 for the hotel, and have 4 lectures a year for the next 3 to 4 years. We may have more or less depending on who is lecturing on tour.

This approach helps the clubs to stop hemorrhaging cash and brings both clubs to working together. The cost of the room - not included above, could be free at a library, \$20 at the Senior Center, or \$75 at the Creve Coeur Rec Center. This is easily achievable and could be a lot of fun! I have always said that the magic clubs should be about Magic, Performing, hanging with like-minded people, and just having fun! NO POLITICS! I am always available for questions.

Thank you,

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From Trudy Monti:

To The Members of I.B.M. Ring 1 and S.A.M. Assembly 8:

I am pleased to have been nominated as Chair of the Midwest Magic Jubilee Committee and, in that regard, I would like to present my plan for the Committee.

Historically, the Midwest Magic Jubilee was one of the highest rated and most popular magic conventions in the country. However, I don't believe it holds the same stature today, and the proof of that is apparent in its current financial status. Though a report of finances has not been provided so I have not been able to review the current Jubilee financial status, having discussed finances with those involved in the Jubilee previously, I have been told that the previous planning committee transferred to the current committee somewhere around \$40,000, the balance of which today, after pre-registrations are refunded, is in the neighborhood of \$6,000. (Please note that these figures are provided via "hearsay".) That would lead one to believe that the Midwest Magic Jubilee has sustained a major loss almost every year since the transfer of responsibility. I do not believe it is financially wise or prudent to continue planning a convention which has proven in recent history to be a financial loss and, therefore, I believe we should cut the losses and realize that it is time for the Midwest Magic Jubilee to become history. It is also time to realize that a new planning team is required.

As Chair of the Committee, I would recommend that the remaining funds be used to provide quarterly lectures, free of charge, to the current membership of both Ring 1 and Assembly 8, until the funds are exhausted. That would allow both organizations to benefit equally from the remaining funds. Also, to be completely transparent, a Committee comprised of a member from each organization would plan the lectures and provide a quarterly financial report of Jubilee funds to the membership of both organizations.

I would also like to suggest that if either Ring 1 or Assembly 8 does not agree with this and would like to continue to plan a future Midwest Magic Jubilee, that they do so independently thereby independently assuming any loss from their funds and not from the funds of the current Jubilee account.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Monti

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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
September 6, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Close-up Competition, hosted by Steve Queen stevenstrangeSTL@gmail.com or 314-651-9162
September 14, 2023	Midwest Magic Jubilee Officer Voting: Location and time TBD
September 24, 2023	President's Banquet
October 4, 2023	Matt Garrett Lecture www.professionalmagic.com
October 21, 2023	Fall Ring 1 Magic Show Florissant Civic Center
November 1, 2023	Ring 1 meeting: Math Magic with "Professor" Steve Finkelstein
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!

Calling all magicians!

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

November 22, 2023, 7-8 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!

Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke want to remind everyone to make reservations early for the Gateway Close-Up Convention being held April 11th-13th of 2024. Just added; Nick Lewin from Las Vegas and Robert Moreland, from Savannah, GA. Make reservations online at <http://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024>.



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Join us for the President's Banquet
September 24, 2023, 5-8 p.m. at Rosalita's Cantina
Des Peres 12796 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131
Guests are responsible for their own dinner bill.

RSVP with the number of guests by contacting Scott Smith.

A magic show is provided by Alan Fisher. He is Global Counselor for Territorial Vice Presidents of the I.B.M., an Officer with Ring 252, and Host of Ring 2100. He is also a member of FFFF and FISM.

Warren & Annabelle's Theater after the Lahaina fire.

Warren & Annabelle's burned to the ground during the Lahaina fire. One third of our employees lost their homes, their cars and their possessions. All of them now have no job or source of income and their lives have been shattered. It is heartbreaking.

I humbly ask for your donations to help our staff. We have created a GoFundMe campaign <https://gofund.me/2969eb9b> for our employees and every dollar raised will go to assist them in their struggle to put their lives back together. Please consider helping them in any way you are able. This link will direct you to the Warren & Annabelle's Employee Fire Relief Fund. <https://gofund.me/2969eb9b>

If you have already donated, we are exceedingly grateful. And please forgive me if you receive duplicate emails as we are challenged with rebuilding our database after the fire.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have been such gracious and loyal guests over the years. My wish came true of owning my own magic theater and that would have never been possible without your support. I have 24 years of memories that I will forever be grateful for, and no fire will ever be able to take those memories away. Please know that I feel so blessed to have met and entertained so many of you and that you all gave me so much more than I ever gave you. The song to the linking finger ring routine that I performed in my show was entitled, "One Man's Dream"... and Warren & Annabelle's was.

Words can't express the sorrow and loss that so many Lahaina residents and businesses have experienced in this tragedy. Please keep us all in your prayers.

Thank you so much for your support.

Aloha and a hui hou (until we meet again),

Warren

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Hope to see you all at the President's Banquet!