



## New Date for June Meeting **June 22, 2005**

**Monthly Meetings** are the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 7:30PM. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

**Monthly Ring 1 Board Meetings** are open to all members and are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meetings begin at 7PM.!

**May 26 – J-Team Lecture** (see pg 8 for details)

### **New Date**

**June 22** – Regular meeting “How to be an Emcee” and a Mini Lecture by Chuck Levy

**June 27** – Aldo Columbini Lecture (see pg 8 for details)

**June 28** – July 2, International Brotherhood of Magicians National Convention, Reno NV  
[www.Magician.org](http://www.Magician.org)

**No meeting in July**

**Aug 3** -Ice Cream Social

**Aug 11-13** Midwest Magic Jubilee  
[www.MMJubilee.com](http://www.MMJubilee.com)

**First 50 registrants get their spouses in for FREE!**

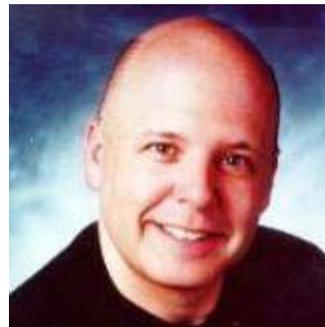
**Sept. 9** – President’s

**Banquet** – Friday evening at Orlando Gardens on 8352 Watson Road, St Louis 63119. Contact Larry Skorepa at (636)394-2968 for tickets.

**October Weekends** – Haunted Hayloft at Purina Farms

Our last meeting of the year will feature Shep Hyken and Chuck Levy and a Year End PARTY!!!!

### **Shep Shares Some Simple Secrets To Successfully Emcee Shows**



Say that five times fast! Seriously, **Shep Hyken** is a professional speaker and entertainer. Since 1983 he has been in the corporate world as a performer, speaker and emcee. He has been called on numerous times to emcee corporate meetings and events.

In this "session," Shep will share ideas and tips that have brought him success as an emcee. After a short presentation, he will entertain questions from the audience. Shep believes that simple is better. Emceeing is not rocket science, but it does take thought and preparation. Get ready to learn, laugh and enjoy the presentation.



The other half of the meeting we will have **Chuck Levy** give a sample of his lecture that he has presented all over the world. Chuck will focus on his "Lazy Magic" philosophy and "Performance Guidelines" which allow magicians to take the magic which they already know, and make it more entertaining. In this section the audience learns to apply his philosophy in choosing what new skills to learn. Also, by application of his Performance Guidelines

to make simple small changes in how they present the tricks they already know, they can magnify the entertainment value and increase the audiences response.

Not only will there be great lectures but great food and refreshments to close out the “end of the year” celebrate the fantastic job that Outgoing **President Keith Smith** has done for the past two years!

## Next Project Magic for June

Performing at 6:45 PM on **June 15th** for  
Project Magic are:

**Harry Monti, Don Rataj, Mike Sirota and George  
VanDyke**

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### UPCOMING

## PROJECT MAGIC

**July** – Brendan Belz, Ray Belz, Steve Bender & Don Burgan

**August** – John Reider, Terry Richison, George VanDyke & Tim Shegitz

**Sept.-** Larry Levin, Chuck Levy, Roger Linden & Larry Minth

**A Special Thanks to Henry Schaper Sr. Henry had been the head of Project Magic for a long time and has decided to hand the baton off to Steve Buesking. Thanks Henry for all the great work you have done.**

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## The Members Have Spoken!

The election results for 2005-2006 were announced at the Close up Contest last month. The New Officers and Board are:

**President: Terry Richison**

**Vice President: Ted Schnarre**

**Secretary: Steve Buesking**

**Treasurer: Larry Skorepa**

**Sgt. At Arms: Eugene Schafer**

### Board Members

**Ray Belz    Chuck Levy    Harry Monti**

**Keith Smith and Steve Zuehlke**

**Historian: Roger Linden & Steve Zuehlke**

**Scribe: Harry Machin Jr.**

**Congratulations to everyone! It was a very close race for the board with the margin of only one vote. Remember anyone can attend the board meetings. The more voices heard the better the club can be.**

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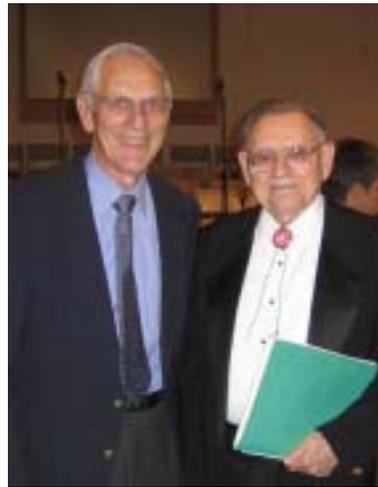
## JIM BUFFALOE

### Maestro Of Music – Master Of Magic

*By Dave Snetsinger*

Jim Buffaloe made the news in St. Louis recently not for his magical skills but for his musical talents. Jim stepped down after conducting the St. Louis County choir for 18 years. It all ended April 29

at his last concert at which he received a well



deserved very long standing ovation after leading the one hundred some choir members through a two hour program. Having attended five of the concerts that Jim has directed, I knew the music would be excellent and it would be diverse from sacred, to top musicals, to

classical and fun pieces which at one concert was *George of the Jungle*.

In addition to conducting the County Choir. Jim has helped other Choirs and Choral groups. He has also written a number of hymn anthems and was the music instructor and choral director at Afton High school for more than 25 years.

I first learned about Jim and magic some twenty-five years ago when I saw his contributions to Bobo's Coin Magic. Later he published two One Man Parades in *The Linking Ring*. On a bigger scale he published a book, *Buffaloe: the Magic of Jim Buffaloe*. Jim has lectured for Ring 1 and Assembly 8 and has performed on club shows and in all cases showing his originality as he performed mostly magic effects that he developed.

What is next for Jim? In the music area he wants to help local St. Louis church and secular choirs improve their musical presentations. On the magic front he is getting ready to publish his second book, *Buffaloe Again*. He also will be looking to take his magic act locally, particularly for children at hospitals. Finally, he wants to hit the lecture trail taking with him Lily, his wife of some fifty years, to see the country wherever Magic clubs want to have a great lecture with original ideas that will surely Buffaloe their audiences.

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## Who is Performing Where?

**Thursday Evenings, 6pm-8pm – FIRE**

**MOUNTAIN GRILL** located at 8925 Watson Road in Webster Groves, MO. **Chuck Levy**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Central Illinois Get-Together for another Great Convention!

## Presidential Farewell



The month of May is almost gone here and after the June meeting, the new board will take over. I am real excited about the new board as I feel it is made up of individuals that are hard working, energetic and passionate about everything they do. This is the last month of my two

consecutive years as president and I would like to first thank both boards for their hard work and dedication to long board meetings and endless planning. I would also like to thank all of the members of Ring One for their support and willingness to help out. Anytime I asked for help or heading up of a committee, I was never denied by a single member of our ring. I started out my first term with the saying, "Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow. Do not walk behind me, I may not lead. Instead, let's walk side by side and lead together. This first month, I met with many different individuals and groups within the club to evaluate what the club meant to its members and how I could improve it. I immediately found out that it was a club full of members who wanted to pitch in and make it great. I remember one night, however, being told that the club was the president's and that it was his job ultimately to do everything. I quickly disagreed and said that it should not be the president's responsibility but rather that the club belonged to the membership and that it is we as a group that will do the work and make the decisions. It became my goal to show that this system could work and would be possible. I saw the President's job as being there to oversee and ensure that all coordinating efforts were taking place and most important to keep a positive energy alive.

I had a strategic planning meeting with my first board and we broke up every activity and meeting into committees and suggested members that would lead these activities. As mentioned, no one denied our plea for help. This led to some real diversity in meetings and events. I found that our members simply wanted to be asked because all responded by giving 110% to their event. The job as president quickly transformed from this "do all attitude" to a "mediator and advisor" for all the subcommittees.

A second focus of our terms together for this board was to maintain a positive energy and attitude throughout the entire club. When controversies developed and they did, resolutions were always accomplished by maintaining a level of positive attitude and remembering that we are a social club of friends and colleagues. It is very easy to jump on band wagons and create groups of animosity and negative energy, but I think most have realized by now that life is more enjoyable when we stand for something while remembering to be positive at all times. I believe wholeheartedly that all should strive to be the one who

cleans the muddy river and then says it is clean, rather than pointing it out to others and do nothing about it. What I am getting at is that I have truly enjoyed and learned a lot from my time as president, and I encourage each and every member to strive to be a board member of this club and keep it fun. Thanks to all of the members of ring one for a great two years of support.

Keith M. Smith  
Ring 1 President

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## Call for Nomination of Candidates for Magical Heritage Award

Candidates for this prestigious award will soon be considered by the Magical Heritage Award Committee. In addition to the committee nominating candidates, members of Assembly 8 and Ring 1 can also nominate individuals. To aid in the latter process a brief review of the award and criteria for selection follow.

Note that submission of any individual's name for consideration should also include the basis of why that individual should be considered for the award. The more detail that can be supplied to corroborate the contributions, the easier it will be review the candidate's potential for the award so be as thorough as possible. Here are the criteria for selection

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The Heritage Award recognizes St. Louis magicians who have through their outstanding contributions to the magical arts brought significant recognition to the individual magician, St. Louis and its magic community. There are two groupings of the Award recipients, **Living** and **Posthumous**. Required contributions to the magical arts are the same for the two.

\* Recipients must have lived in the St. Louis metropolitan area for at least five years. The recipient does not have to be, or have been, a member of Ring 1 or Assembly No. 8.

\* Recipients must have made excellent contributions to the magical arts and brought significant recognition to the individual magician, St. Louis and its Magic Community. His or her contributions to magical arts should be clearly self evident outside, as well as within the St. Louis area.

\* The award recognizes that such contributions and recognition in the magical arts may be in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to: excellence in performance; originality of magical thought and

effects; historical collection and knowledge; teaching or lecturing; publication of magic related material, philanthropic contributions to magical arts and organizational and or administrative skills in enhancing and promoting magic. The total combination of all these facets of contributions to the magical arts of the candidates will be considered in selecting recipients.

A form to aid Ring and Assembly members in their nominations should be obtained from Dave Snetsinger. It is advised that it be used for basic information. Call Dave at 314 968-3442 or E-mail, snetsing@aol.com for a copy. The attached form should be used to assist Ring and Assembly members in their nominations. Please send nominations to Dave Snetsinger via E-mail (snetsing@aol.com) or mail (420 Algonquin Pl, Webster Groves, MO 63119) by June 15.

## **Midwest Magic Jubilee – Talent Assistant Opportunity!**

The Midwest Magic Jubilee is going to offer a personal touch to the performers coming to the Jubilee. Each performer will have his or her own personal assistant for the convention. The following are the minimum expectations for the assistant position:

- Meet the performer at the airport, assist with luggage, and take to hotel (probably Thursday, August 11).
- Handle hotel check-in for the performer; rooms are pre-assigned prior to arrival, and paid for by the Jubilee.
- Set a time to meet with the performer before their lecture, meet them at their room 1 hour before the lecture (or separate time arranged between the performer and you) to assist in moving props, lecture notes, etc., to the lecture room.
- Assist in setting up after-lecture sales, if asked. If you are uncomfortable handling money in the after-lecture sale, Chuck Levy will be available as a back up.
- Assist the performer in moving materials back to the room/storage facility.
- Ensure the performer is at the evening lecture or stage show in a timely fashion.
- Take the performer back to airport on Sunday, if flying out of St. Louis.

At this time, we do not know who is flying to St. Louis, and who is driving. We will know the transportation arrangements, as we get closer to the convention. In other words, some assistants will meet their assignment at the hotel.

To qualify for the position, you need to do the following:

- A) Be a paid registrant of the 2005 Midwest Magic Jubilee.
- B) Have a cell phone available to you and in working condition during the convention.
- C) Contact me ([svbuesking@yahoo.com](mailto:svbuesking@yahoo.com) or 314-921-8517) and tell me whom you want to assist. If you have a list of preferences, please list them in order. Assignments are on a first come, first served basis.
- D) Do not solicit any of the performers for “freebies”. You are volunteering because you wish to help, and the access that may provide. This is not an opportunity to cajole free lecture notes, or free tricks.

This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top entertainers at the Jubilee on a more personal level. The entertainers, and those assigned so far, are:

Performer	Local Contact
• <b>Johnny Thompson</b>	Steve Zuehlke
• <b>David Williamson</b>	Eric Grossman
• <b>Danny Archer</b>	
• <b>Tony Chapek</b>	Terry Richison
• <b>Howie Schwarzman</b>	
• <b>Joshua Jay</b>	Steve Buesking
• <b>Duane Laflin</b>	
• <b>Nate Kranzo</b>	
• <b>Phillip Kaiser</b>	
• <b>Jim Molanari</b>	Steve Buesking
• <b>Tony Miller</b>	
• <b>Chris Korn</b>	
• <b>Jessica Reed/Shayna Reed</b>	
• <b>Ken Garr</b>	
• <b>Michael Lair</b>	
• <b>Larry Taylor</b>	

**June 20**

### **Ring 1 Organizational Meeting.**

**An Organizational meeting for the 2005 -2006 Year** will be held on **June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at 825 Norwich Dr, St Charles, MO.** Items to be discussed will be topics for monthly meetings, lectures, Spring show, Haunted Hayloft, Spirit articles and any other topics that needs to be discussed for the upcoming year. Chairmanships will be discussed for all the various committees. Now is you time to become more involved if you would like. If you have any ideas or suggestions, call Terry Richison at 314-232-4183 so that they may be put on the agenda. Everyone is welcome to participate in the meeting. The more input the better.

# JAY MARSHALL PASSES

By Dave Snetsinger

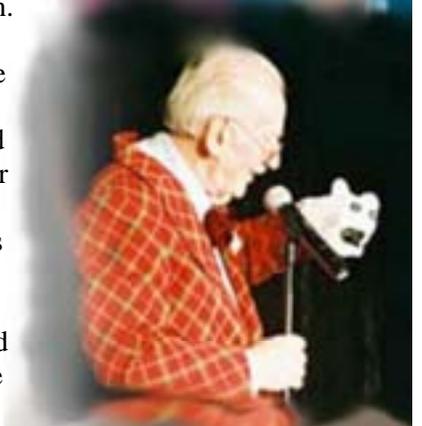
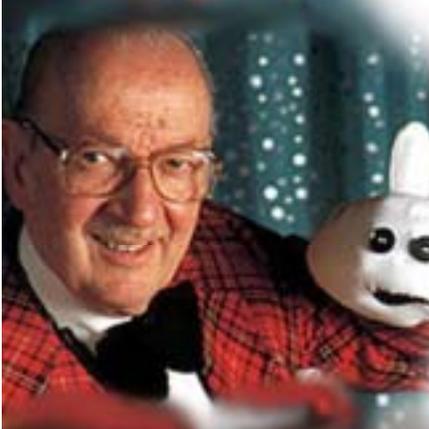
Jay Marshall's death May 10 marks the passing of one of magic's legends, well actually two as Lefty is gone also. Lefty for those who don't know was a left hand, white glove that Jay, as ventriloquist, converted into a very sassy rabbit with whom he sang a duet, *If I Had My Way*. They were frequent guests on the Ed Sullivan show and were the highlights of any magic convention including many Midwest Magic Jubilees and also last year's SAM National Convention in St. Louis where Jay received his usual standing ovation

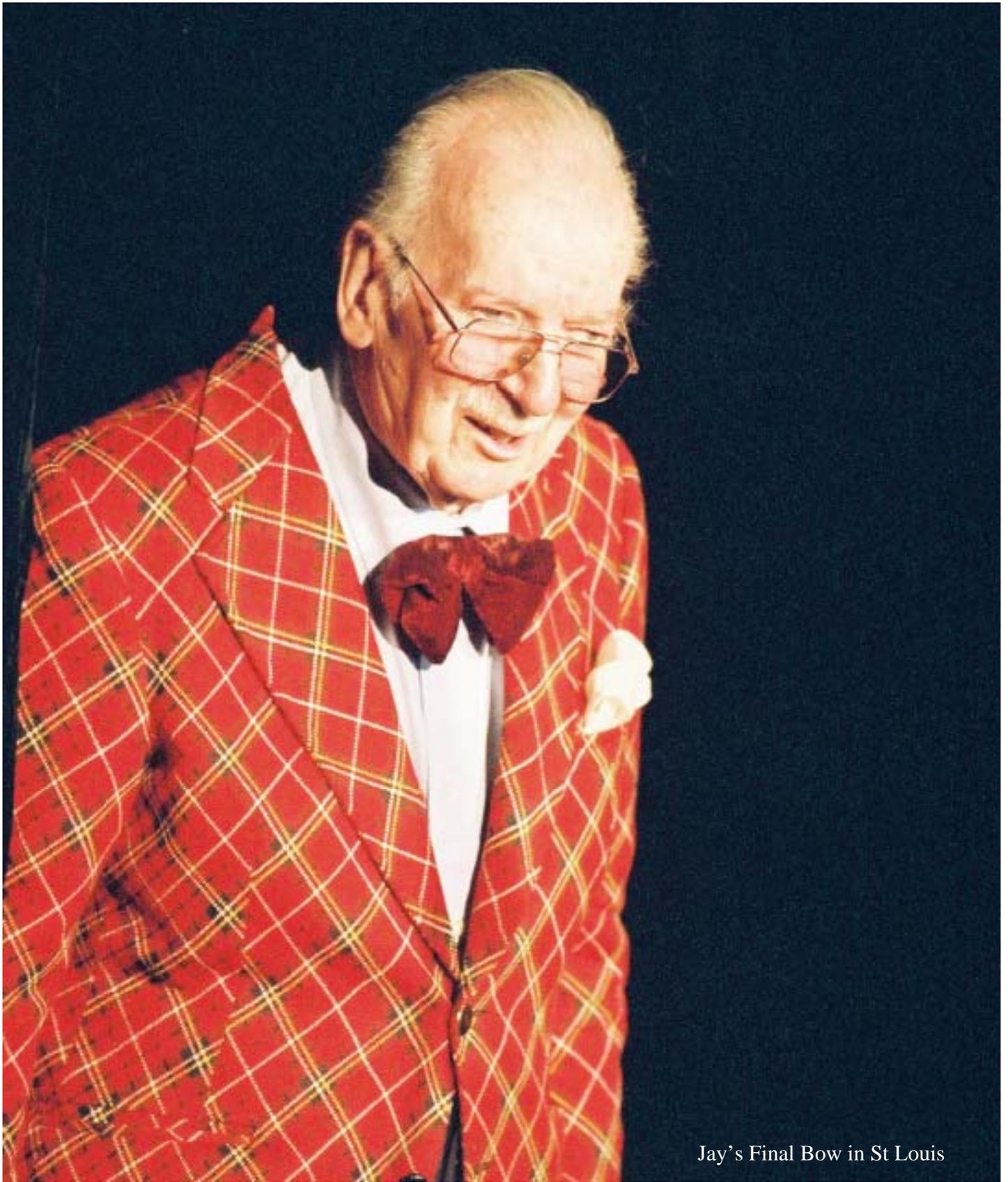
There are many Jay Marshall stories but there are at least two that concern Ring 1. Years ago we were holding a joint Ring 1 and Assembly 8 Christmas party and Jay and Lefty were the entertainment. I picked up Jay at the airport but Lefty stayed on the plane in Jay's luggage and both went on to Memphis. Scrambling we found substitute material for Jay's magic needs but what about Lefty? A desperate search found a brown ventriloquist's glove that would make do. So on this one night only, Jay with a few ad-libs, talked of Lefty's dark brown tan and carried on as if nothing were different. Next morning the real Lefty was back from Memphis waiting at the airport to the fly back with Jay to Chicago.

A number of years later Jay and Lefty were coming to St. Louis to entertain at the Midwest Magic Auction. We thought that it would be a brilliant idea to obtain from Jay all the **right** handed gloves that he must have to throw away since obviously he uses left ones for Lefty. He could autograph the Righty's and we would auction them off and make some significant money for the clubs. Wrong! Lefty, we learned was made of the left glove and two fingers from the right serving as his rabbit ears.

Jay stayed four times at my house in the "**Jay Marshall Slept Here Bedroom.**" It is sad that Jay and Lefty will not stay again in Webster Groves or that we will not again see this master entertainer perform or gain from his freely given wisdom. He truly was one of kind and will be missed by so many who called him friend.

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Jay's Final Bow in St Louis

# Jay Marshall

*1919 - 2005*

## 2005 Committee Leaders

**Linking the Rings** – Tom Westerheide, Ray Belz

**Mentoring** – Ram Suntha, Steve Finkelstein

**Lectures** – Keith Smith, Harry Monti

**Spring Show** – Terry Richison, Ted Schnarre

**Close Up Contest** – Ray Belz

**Presidents Banquet** – Henry Schaper, Sr., Dave Snetsinger, Larry Skorepa, Keith Smith

**Theper & Youthsayers**

**Award Review Committee** – Dave Snetsinger

**Meeting Chairpersons**

**Project Magic** – Jerry Novak, Henry Schaper, Sr.

**Emcee Night** – Shep Hyken, Keith Smith

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## ONLY 2 MONTHS LEFT!

### *The Midwest Magic Jubilee* Organizational Meeting

*Open to All IBM Members!!!*

**We want your help!!!**

If you would like to be a part of one of the Nations Finest Magic Conventions, Now is your chance! Get involved!

The next meeting will be

**June 8 at 7:00PM**

**At the Airport Hilton Hotel**

Call 314-514-0215 for directions.

[www.mmjubilee.com](http://www.mmjubilee.com)

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## Ring 1 Close Up Contest What a Hit!

The annual Ring 1 Close Up Contest was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This contest all the last several was a night of fantastic close up magic. Coming away with the top prize was Tim

Shegitz. Tim is new to Ring 1 but definitely not new to the IBM or Magic. Tim dazzled the audience with an ambitious card routine that ended with a signed card inside



Tim Shegitz

an ornate egg. He followed a reverse assembly coin routine that was set to music.



Mike Sheehan

Second place was given to Mike Sheehan who performed his rubber band miracles to much dismay. Third place was given to Robert Campbell. Robert with the help of a volunteer performed his mental magic ending

with a 5 part prediction!

Also in the line up was Ben Stuparits with a 4 king assembly with some very unique patter, Tom Westerheide with a variety of effects including a nice traveling hole routine, Steve Finklestein with some fantastic Die stacking and Jerry Collins, who did several nice card effects.



Robert Campbell



Tom Westerheide

Terry Richison, who won the 2004 Close Up Title, kept the audience entertained between performers and during the final



Steve Finklestein



Ben Stuparits

judging with some of his own quick tricks and quick wit. Ray Belz was the contest chairman and did a fine job organizing the

event. Everyone should start practicing for next year! Awards will be presented at the President's Banquet.

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\$110 until July 1st,  
\$125 July 1st and after.  
**Junior (16 and under):**  
\$70 until July 1st,  
\$80 July 1st and after.

**Magicians:** Johnny Thompson, Joshua Jay, Jimmy "Cards" Molinari, Duane Laffin, Michael Lair, Tony Miller, Danny Archer, David Williamson, Chris Korn, Jessica & Shayna Reed, Nate Kranzo, Ken Garr, Tony Chapek, Phillip Kaiser



**Channel**

**Ricky Kalmon** former St Louis Magician and Clown now World Renown Hypnotist will be appearing on The Tonight Show starring **Jay Leno on May 26th**. He will be promoting his show called **"Seeing Stars"** that will be airing on the TV Guide channel on **May 31<sup>st</sup>** at **7PM** and **10PM C.S.T.** It is a reality type show that will re-air again on June 1 at 5PM, June 2 at 9PM, June 4 at 2PM and June 5 at 3PM.

People are hypnotized to believe they are TV stars or TV show participants. Two men will treat a tree as "The Bachelorette". Another man will think he is Williams Shatner and a woman will believe she is an "American Idol" contestant. Congratulations Ricky!

## Lectures- Lectures- Lectures- Lectures- Lectures- Lectures- Lectures

### Upcoming Lectures

**May 26, 2005- 7:30PM "The J Team"** John Born and Jason Dean have teamed up to present an outstanding lecture. Their magic is fresh and original, and just a bit EXTREME! The lecture will be at the Best Western Hotel at the corner of Dorsett and I-270 in the Auditorium. Cost is \$15 unless you are an SAM member.

**June 27, 2005 – 7:30PM** Ring 1 and Assy 8 will be presenting a joint lecture by Aldo Columbini Aldo teaches high impact magic that is easy to do. If you are familiar with Aldo's magic you already know this; if not, you're in for a treat. His unique sense of humor is combined with a simple and direct approach to magic to give each group a very special experience. You can look forward to a magically entertaining evening.

The lecture is FREE to all IBM Ring 1 and SAM Assy 8 members. For all others the cost is \$15. The lecture will be at the Best Western Hotel at the corner of Dorsett Rd and I-270 in the Auditorium.