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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale. Magic 101 begins at 6:30pm and the regular meeting begins at 7:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Monthly Ring 1 Board Meeting is open to all members. February's board meeting will be Feb 19th at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meeting begins at 7pm!

March 31 – Spring show at West County YMCA, 16464 Burkhardt Place, Chesterfield, MO
2 pm & 7 pm

April 4 - Magic in Business
Steve Finkelstein

April 18 – Midwest Magic Jubilee meeting 7PM 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301

April 3- Max Howard Lecture
(See article)

May – Elections of Officers

May 2 – Close Up Contest - Nipher Middle School, 700 S Kirkwood Rd, Kirkwood, Mo 63122 – 7:00PM
Joe Thomas & Terry Richison

May 20 - Stage Contest – West County YMCA, 16464 Burkhardt Place, Chesterfield, MO – 2:00PM

2007 Spring Parade Of Magic! Encore Performance

On March 31st at the West County YMCA Community Theatre, 16464 Burkhardt Place Chesterfield, MO, I.B.M. Ring One will present the Encore Edition Spring Parade of Magic starring some of the Midwest's top Magicians. Show times are 2:00PM and 7:00PM.

This is one event that you will want to be sure to attend to show your support for the club! Volunteers are still needed to help in various positions. You may call Ted Schnarre for details. Bring your friends and family. We are expecting another sell out crowd so you may want to purchase your tickets early by calling 636-947-1517. If tickets remain, they will be available at the door. Scheduled to appear from Ring 1 Current President, Terry Richison, Josh McVicar, Josh Routh, Ted Schnarre, Larry Skorepa, The Great Reynaldo & The Amazing Alexa Richison. We will have performers in the lobby also performing for the audience as they arrive. Adults are \$8 and children tickets are \$6. Help spread the word and support Ring 1! (See the attached ad)

Magic in Business

Magic in Business will cover basic effects with a business theme. We will discuss which comes first – the magic effect and then the business message or the business message and then find/develop the effect. We will also teach some simple, yet effective, magic effects with business cards, entertaining at dinner, magic in meetings, etc. You won't want to miss this meeting. Also, you will get a list of great references (books, DVD's, etc.) Anyone interested in performing/discussing one of their favorite Magic in Business effects should contact Steve Finkelstein via Email or by phone. Tell him the effect so he can avoid duplication. - 314 409 6869, sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net

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Tom is the proud owner of a new heart valve and is recuperating. If you would like to give him a call, I am sure he would appreciate it. (314) 918-8457

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Who's Playing Where?

Jim Molinari –

April 7, 14, 21 at Gallagher's, 114 W. Mill Street, Waterloo, IL 5:30-9:30pm.

www.gallagherswaterloo.com

Tim Shegitz

April 4th - Rumble's Pub - St Charles

April 25 - Shriner's Hospital



Thanks to Larry Minth, Gene Schaefer and Bob Holscher for putting together another great show for the kids at the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Next Month's show is on April 18th at 6:45pm with Keith Smith, John Reider and Bob Blattel

Spring Show

March 31st 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the West County YMCA at 16464 Burkhardt Place. Show your club spirit and be there. Call Ted Schnarre 636-947-1517 to help out and BUY TICKETS.

Election Time is near and Ring 1 wants YOU!

Here is your chance to become involved with the club. We are looking for people who would like to help Ring 1 keep the momentum moving forward with ideas on how to always improve. Elections for all officers and board members is coming within the next few months and we would like to offer a slate of people who can keep the positive energy still moving. Offices are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms as well as Board members. You may say that you have no experience but this is how you get that experience. Don't let the club down. Step up and help it go forward. Please submit your name and your interest to Terry Richison at 314-232-4183 or Terry@magicofterryrich.com.



IBM Ring One Makes a Difference Community Involvement

IBM Ring One along with several other local performers sponsored by Abracadabra was a big hit at the Metro Saint Louis/Greater MO Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research (JDRF) Family Retreat Vendor Fair on February 24th held at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis. This is their annual event where the local families of children with diabetes get together for support, education and fun.

About six months ago, Steve Finkelstein met with the JDRF Director to discuss adding some magic to their organization. She thought it was a wonderful idea. As a follow-up, Steve along with Terry Richison met with Ally Klein, the event coordinator, to discuss our interest and the possible roles we could play. Larry Skorepa played a key role helping to coordinate our Ring's involvement. Below is a summary of the event along where we contributed to the event.

JDRF Family Retreat Agenda – Saturday, February 24th

1:30 – 3:00 Entertainment by I.B.M. Ring 1

4:00 – 7:30 Exhibits – Close Up Magic at the IBM Ring One booth

8:00 – 9:00 Terry Richison's Illusion show "It's Magic, Where Dreams Become Reality"

A great thanks to the following performers for their contribution in making a difference for the children and their families. We received outstanding feedback from the JDRF leadership, the families and children on our performers. Don Burgan, Larry Skorepa, Steve and Megan Zuehlke, Ted Schnarre and Steve Finkelstein. Bob May and Joe Fingerhut also helped out.

A few additional words on the day for some of the activities. Our IBM booth had magicians performing, advertised our Spring Show plus promoted new members for our club. In addition, we gave away several different magic effects to the kids when they came to our booth. Thanks to Larry Minth, Steve Finkelstein, Andy Leonard, Larry Skorepa and Steve Buesking for manning and performing at the booth.

Terry Richison and his team entertained the families after dinner with his illusion show that ended in a Standing Ovation. KETC, PBS Channel 9 was there to film Terry's show to be included in a show about Terry that should be aired in the next few weeks. Be on the look out for the date and time.

Below is a link to the pictures of the day. We had a great time and look forward to future opportunities to "Make a Difference" and create a little magic in our community.

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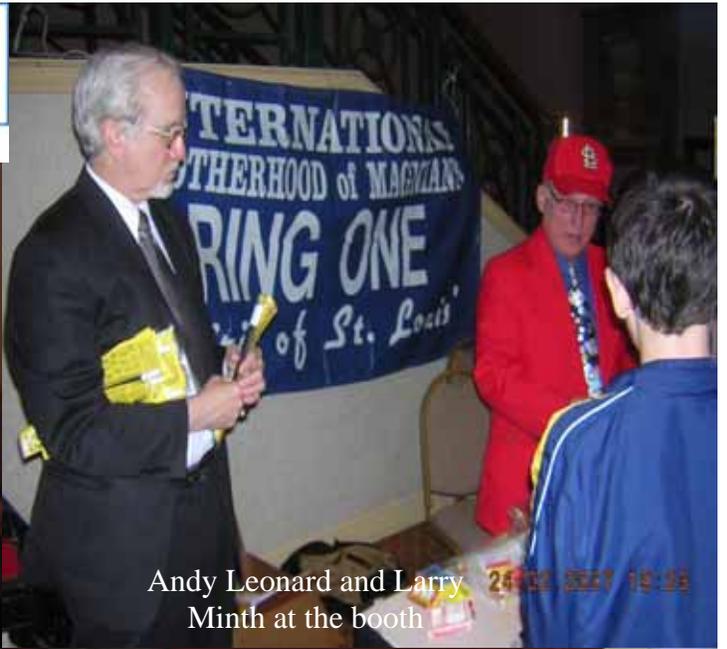
Some of the candid photos are below.

JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

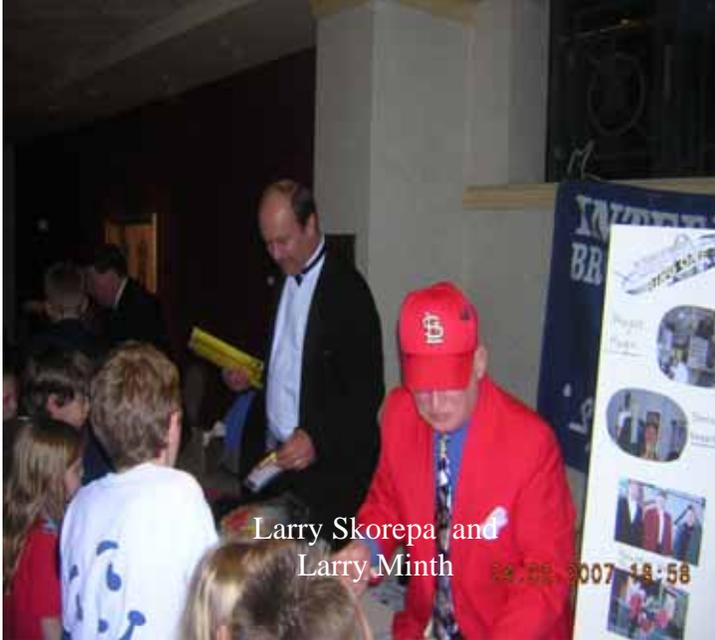
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Joe Fingerhut



Andy Leonard and Larry Minth at the booth



Larry Skorepa and Larry Minth



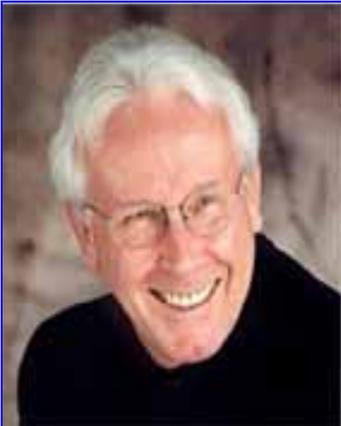
Steve Buesking wowing with some close up



Steve Finkelstein



Larry Skorepa



Lecture - April 30th

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April 30, 2007 at 7:00pm

Best Western Westport Park Hotel auditorium,
2434 Old Dorsett, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

Free for Ring 1 and Assy. 8 members. All others \$15.00.

Paper Magic Night

Review

By Steve Buesking

The evening's discussion topic was Paper Magic. The meeting was started by Henry Schaper, showing a business card presentation by Francis Carlyle. Tom Westerheide followed with some money magic and Al Baker's version of the torn and restored newspaper.

Don Burgan performed the milk pitcher and cone effect. To a group of magicians Don posed the question: "Does anybody have any idea what I'm about to do? The humor and effect were both well received."

Harold D Russell, also known as The Divine Mind, detoured from paper magic to production of a shot of fine malt whiskey from a silk handkerchief. The effect has nothing to do with paper magic, but the whiskey was refreshing (or so we were told).

John Davit explained how to fashion a ring from a dollar bill. John was great on instruction, but did not offer any free samples to the disappointment of the crowd.

Dave Snetsinger demonstrated various Gene Anderson inspired ideas from a newspaper, including creating of the Star of David, creating a 10 ft corn stalk (tree), creating a square circle, and a routine devoted to safe and positive signs including a final sign acknowledging "Ring One 80 Years of Magic Because of You."

As part of the 80th Year celebration Terry Richison had made up calendars for all the members depicting all of the events and shows of the past year. David Snetsinger, Gene Schaefer and Barb Redmond handed out calendars.

Terry Richison demonstrated "In the News" (a dealer item available from Ickle Pickle Magic), Fuse – from Visual Magic who will also be at the Midwest Magic Jubilee and a Banachek inspired sealed prediction of a newspaper headline. After a short break, Ted Schnarre taught how to vanish a silk with a newspaper, Steve Zuehlke taught Clippo - a cut and restored newspaper effect - and Terry Richison explained various uses of a center tear. Another great evening of magical learning and fun.

Lonnie Chevie

The Outlaw Magician- Outstanding Lecture

By Alan Zibits and Don Rataj

On Monday night, the Ring 1 members were treated to another outstanding lecture by working pro, Lonnie Chevie. Lonnie also works as an auctioneer and started the lecture by auctioning Vol. 1 & 2 of his "Outlaw Magic" DVD's, the proceeds of which he donated to the club. Thanks to Ken Domash for the high bid.



Lonnie's lecture centered around "walk around magic". He started the lecture with a simple "bare hands" silk vanish that he said he created in order to invoke the same sense of astonishment in his audience that he experienced before he got started in magic. He saved the explanation for this one until the very end where we all found the explanation to be as clever as the effect itself.

Next, he went into a gypsy thread routine using waxed dental floss which gave a logical reason for the ball of (supposedly) ripped strands of thread (floss) to stick to the individual strand for the final revelation. His explanation was detailed and thorough.

Next he presented some bill switch effects, one of which didn't require a thumb tip. In this effect, called "Grandpa's dollar", the bill literally "morphed" into a \$100 while held outstretched between his hands. His handling of the Kozlawski switch (with thumb tip) started with a blank bill sized piece of paper that transformed into a \$1 that he hands out for the spectator to keep. Even though most of us know and use this method, Lonnie was so smooth with his handling, you might not have even suspected the use of a tip. Lonnie followed with a couple of impromptu bill effects; a bill through bill penetration effect based off of Andrew Mayne's ghost bills effect and a finger through bill (then restored) effect that were well worth the price of admission.

Another commercial effect was the appearance of a penny on a wooden paddle (a la paddle move) that was slid off the paddle into a spectator's hand where the spectator then apparently bends the penny into a permanently altered state which the spectator is allowed to keep as a memorable souvenir.

Next was presented one of the most visual coin in bottle routines you have likely ever seen. What made this unique was the use of a small, pocket sized bottle and the extraction of the quarter via small tweezers. The completely visual extraction made the effect look like real magic. His idea of using the small bottle allows this effect to be carried in a pocket to fry any unwary observers anytime you desire. Excellent magic!

Next, Lonnie did his one and only card effect centered around a "Houdini Metamorphosis" patter, 2 selected cards, and a flashlight used as the "spotlight". This effect was accomplished through a very interesting gimmicked card called a Hofzinzer card. The principle allows the spectators to see the face of the Houdini card shining through the light of the flashlight up until the last minute.

It was obvious that everyone that attended took something away from this lecture. Lonnie's magic was not difficult, but very visual, effective and commercial. Information like this makes what we pay for yearly dues one of the best bargains in magic.

Why are eggs associated with Easter?

Resident Ring 1 Eggsper, Dave Snetsinger eggsplains that in Medieval times Christians were not allowed to eat eggs during Lent. A great many eggs were accumulated by Easter time and these extra eggs were often decorated creating the tradition we have today.

Ring 1/ S.A.M. Assembly 8 Flea Market

By Steve Zuehlke



Our February meeting was the IBM/SAM combined Flea Market. The evening started off with **Steve Finkelstein** teaching Magic 101. This month's meeting featured bar bets and "gotchas." Steve showed us many of these quickies drawn from years of experience. Steve also recommended several good sources for more of these types of bets. As Steve pointed out, "most of these reply on a play-of-words." Even after the spectators were warned, many people still thought they could beat Steve at his own game.

WRONG! A great piece of advice from Steve was "not to feel guilty" when taking someone's money. This is a lesson learned well and believe me the spectator will have learned a valuable lesson as well too. As Steve pointed out, it will only be a matter of time before the spectator goes out and tries to get his money back from another yet unsuspecting sucker.....ooops! I meant to say spectator!



After Magic 101, the dealers arranged some tables and the Flea Market officially started. While the conditions were cramped and table space was at a premium, we had a total of seventeen dealers in all. This event drew the likes of **John Mendoza** and **Jim Folkl** (who have not been seen in a while) to two visiting members, **Gordon Snow** and **Grant Golden** who came down from Springfield, IL, Ring No. 239 There were lots of good bargains to be had. From books and tricks to a wide assortment of video tapes. Even Ring One had an assortment of items that were donated by Mrs. Ginsberg, mother of Greg Ginsberg who was a long-time Ring member. Greg was a graduate of Chavez Magic College with a promising career in magic when he decided he wanted to make movies for a living. Probably a wise career choice!

Terry Richison to Appear on PBS



KETC Channel 9 in St Louis recently filmed **Terry Richison's** Illusions show, "It's Magic, Where Dreams Become Reality" as he did a benefit event for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. That show and interviews with Terry will air on **Monday, April 9 at 7pm** as part of a program titled "Living in St Louis". Don't miss it!

Enter the Contests

You still have time to enter the **Close up contest** to be held **May 2** and the **Stage contest** to be held **May 20**. Please contact Terry Richison to enter. This is your chance to build your confidence and get ready for the Midwest Magic Jubilee contests in August. You must be entered 1 week prior to each of the contests. Don't procrastinate!

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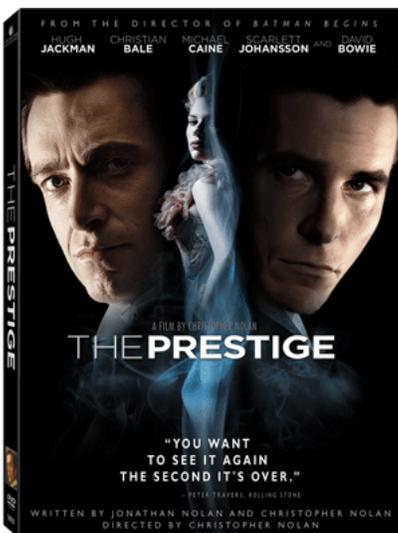
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Go to: <http://www.magician.org/prestige/index.htm> to register.

THE PRESTIGE

From acclaimed filmmaker Christopher Nolan (“Memento,” “Batman Begins”), comes a mysterious story of two magicians whose intense rivalry leads them on a life-long battle for supremacy full of obsession, deceit and jealousy with dangerous and deadly consequences.

From the time that they first met as young magicians on the rise, Robert Angier (HUGH JACKMAN) and Alfred Borden (CHRISTIAN BALE) were competitors. However, their friendly competition evolves into a bitter rivalry making them fierce enemies-for-life and consequently jeopardizing the lives of everyone around them. Full of twists and turns, THE PRESTIGE is set against the backdrop of

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