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October 5th: Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture

Author of "Pockets Full of Miracles" and the "Bamboozler" Jim Tyler will lecture at our October 5th at our regular meeting. Diamond Jim has toured and lectured all over the world having just completed a successful lecture tour of the Scandinavian countries. His book, "Pockets Full of Miracles" has just been picked up by Dover and should now be available in all popular bookstores under the title "Close-Up Magic".



Don't be fooled. This will be so much more than just a lecture on card magic. You can read a report of his lecture published in *Magicana* magazine at: <http://www.diamond-jim.com/magicana/> This will help give you an idea of his lecture. More material can be found at: <http://www.diamond-jim.com/lecture/> for even more testimonials and info. He is intentionally vague about the exact effects that he will cover because like a good magic show Diamond Jim wants the audience to be surprised. His focus is not just on cards or close-up. He discusses and performs tricks with bottles, cans, mirrors, fire, coins, etc. Attendees can expect to learn some close-up, parlor tricks, bar bets, mentalism and more!

The agenda for the Sept 7th meeting is as follows:

- 6:30pm Magic 101 – How Bizarre
- 7 pm Break
- 7:15pm Regular meeting begins
- Announcements
- 7:25 Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture

See you there and bring a friend.

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Broken Wand: Peter White of P and A Silks Passes

By Steve Zuehlke

Peter White passed recently from a long bout with cancer. Friend of the Midwest Jubilee, inventor, author, metal spinner, manufacturer, magic dealer and performer and host of other credits. Peter is survived by his wife Cynthia and his two children, Peter and Amanda. That is where the name P and A comes from. Peter loved to teach both magic and music. A few of his students included Lance Burton and Chris Angel!

Jim Holmes and I met Peter at a convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma over thirty years ago. Since then I have had the pleasure of staying a Peter's house numerous times with him staying at my home as well. I have enough "Peter" stories to fill a small book! Peter was unique to say the least and was always willing to share his knowledge especially with the younger, upcoming magicians. Peter was known for producing some of the finest silks the magical community has ever seen.

You will be missed my friend!

President's Message: A Spooky Time of Year

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

It is getting to that spooky time of year. The time of year for the Annual Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft. This is one of Ring One's largest fundraiser. The fundraisers that helps to bring in the top quality lectures that are free to Ring One members. As they say, "Membership has its privileges." We need to do all that we can do to support our club in its efforts to keep our club going strong. Volunteering for a committee, to perform at the Haunted Hayloft, Spring Show or helping to organize the events throughout the year.

I will be asking everyone what committees they would like to participate in the future. Give it some thought. I want to thank Larry Skorepa for organizing the Haunted Hayloft this year. There still might be an opening that you can jump in and perform if you would like. Next month our meeting will surround our "almost" National Bird, the Turkey. Al Zibits will be hosting the best of the worst Tricks, Gimmicks and ideas that you might have been suckered into buying. You can contact Al if you have something you want to "show off". Have a great Halloween and don't scare the kiddies too much. On second thought go ahead. I will!

Project Magic: Spreading Smiles With Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

I would like to recognize Larry Minth and Gene Schaefer for entertaining last month. Thanks again for everything you do for this club you are both real assets to the magic community.

Jackie Gallino is Ring One's featured performer for October. This is Jackie's third show this

year. If your name is not on the list below, I urge you to sign up. I will be passing around the official signup sheet at the next two meetings. I would like to completely

**"No man is so tall as when he
stoops to help a child"
Abraham Lincoln**

book our 2012 season at Shriners's Hospital before the end of the year.

Performers already booked:

Sept. 21 Larry Minth, Gene Schaeffer
Oct. 19 Jackie Gallino
Nov. 16 Ken Trokey
Dec. 21 Mike Hindrichs, John Skarin

Magic 101 June: How Bizarre!

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

I do not like Halloween...I love it.

As a child some of my early influences were Lon Cheney, Edgar Allen Poe, and Vincent Price. I still love haunted houses, creepy decorations, scary movies, and of course Halloween costumes. My enthusiasm for all things macabre spills over into my love of magic. Doing magic at a Halloween party can add an element of supernatural

power you can't capture any other time of the year.

Over the years I have adapted some of my tried and true effects into something a little more fitting for the Halloween season just by changing the patter or modifying a prop.

If you are not too scared, I would love to share a few of my

creations with you. Also I would love to see any scary effects you have created or perform.

Be sure to bring a deck of cards and I'll see you at 6:30.

Upcoming Class Topics:

Sept. Free Lecture Notes
Oct. How Bizarre
Nov. My Cups Runneth Over
Dec. No Experience Necessary

Do You Have Something To Sell Or Trade?

All members in good standing can advertise your item free. Just include a picture and description of your item along with your contact info to. steve@magiconthemenu.com

Spotlight on Membership: Meet Randy Kalin

Editor: What is your first memory of magic or a magician?

Although I had seen magic shows before a major memory for me was the First Doug Henning Special. It was a Thanksgiving Morning Special that I greatly looked forward to with Shimada and Bill Bixby "The Magician". I was so excited.. still love that show it was an awesome memory, The Magic was just so entertaining and well thought out.

Editor: How long have you been involved in magic and how did you get started?

I have been involved in Magic about 40 years now. At 11 years old my Birthday was coming and my Mom worked downtown and she found this Magic Shop called "Devoe's Magic Den" on 704 Chestnut. She went there and talked to Gene Devoe (Zimmerman) and he sold her a Magic kit of his for me. I loved it, my interest grew and I never looked back. I was hooked from then on. Gene told my Mom and I how to come to a Magic meeting, I met Harry and Trudy Monti, Mike O'Down, Ken Summers, the Freels Family and more. Back then you had to perform and be approved to get in. I practiced and did cigarette and coin manipulation and was voted in. At the time I was one of the youngest allowed. Over time I Befriended Shep Hyken, Glenn Tonsor, Greg Ginsburg, Dan Fleshman and learned from there.

Editor: Tell us about your job? Do you find ways to bring magic to your work? How?

My job is Magic and making people happy. I use some form of Magic everyday. Usually Mini linking rings, sponge balls, Chinese sticks, but also full shows to send messages using magic as a vehicle to send the message in a fun way. I have a 40 minute show on Reducing, Reusing and Recycling, one on Anti-Bullying, one on Self-Esteem, One on Character, the Library as well as a basic Magic Show. Sandy Weiss has seen many of my shows at her school over the years. I was involved with a team of people that wrote the newest one on Giving back to the community and others in need. The show is being used by McDonald's worldwide now. I am lucky that Magic is able to be used everyday with me.

Editor: Tell us something interesting about yourself that we might not know?

I have skydived 4 times, I have Scuba dived with Eric Bausworth and have a license that needs to be renewed. I have taken classes and Hang Glided in Georgia at Lookout Mountain a couple of weekends, I have bungy jumped out of a hot air balloon. If things work out I am looking forward to doing the free fall off of the Stratosphere in Las Vegas at a Magic Convention next year.

Editor: Tell us about the magic you perform or would like to perform, where? How often? What kind?

Mostly I do childrens and family style magic. I love to do strolling corporate shows for banquets, you get to meet a great bunch of people and I always enjoy the reaction of people who see Magic. There is nothing like making people smile because they have seen something that defies logic and yet they just enjoyed what you did. How lucky are we all to be able to do that.

Editor: If you were a magic prop, what prop would you be and why?

I think maybe the linking rings. I would like to think I am a product people enjoy seeing, classic in style, I normally do my stuff the same way with the same routine, but occasionally I modify what I need to in order to fit the occasion, whatever it may be.



IBM Ring 1: September 2011 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Mike Hindrichs led Magic 101 and taught the group two card tricks entitled "Royal Soulmate" and "Four More Prediction." Mike makes his card tricks so easy for all to learn, and he always writes up the directions and posts them on Ring 1's website. Larry Minth shared Bicycle Mandolin Back Cards with the group, which Richard Turner had given to him at the Midwest Jubilee. Terry Richson, the President, led the regular meeting. He announced that Diamond Jim Tyler will be presenting a lecture on October 5 at Ring 1's regular meeting. Terry also announced that Larry Skorepa is organizing the Haunted Hayloft at Purina Farm, which takes place the last two weekends in October. The club depends on the money it receives from this activity since it provides for 1/3 of the ring's budget. It allows the ring to bring in top-notch magicians for lectures during the year. David Snetsinger was recognized since he started this activity more than twenty years ago. Also, the ring will be performing for the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired on September 17th, and ring members were encouraged to volunteer. One of the members presented an excellent question; "How do you perform magic for the blind?" This led to an excellent discussion addressing this topic. Members were encouraged to attend the President's Banquet on September 17. Kevin King will be the performer. Don Ratja also announced that at the banquet, all members will be receiving the book, "The History of Magic in St. Louis". which he has spent numerous hours compiling. After the break, members were encouraged to perform anything they learned or purchased at a convention. Fred Quick, a fairly new member, performed a very clever and creative routine using a tape recorder which communicated with him. Larry Minth then did a routine which consisted of cards with pictures of spoons on them. He then used a real spoon instead of a wand to perform the magic. Several members performed card effects. First, Larry Lucy performed a card effect that Dan Harlan helped him perfect. Larry Levin then performed a version of "Sunked." Then Terry Richison used a Phoenix deck to find Barb Redmond's chosen card. Robert Campbell captured the audience's attention with stories that accompanied his magic effects. The members still had unanswered questions as to how his antique iron went with one of the magic effects. Maybe the members will find the answer to their questions at the next meeting. Don Ratja then shared techniques Richard Turner taught him using cards at the Midwest Jubilee. After the members performed, many stayed after the official meeting to share and discuss magic. Ring 1 always welcomes new members and visitors.

Schedule of Events 2011 – 2012

Aug 3th – Ice Cream Social
Sept 7th – What did you get at the Jubilee
Oct 5th – Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture
Nov 2rd – Turkey night headed by Al Zibits
Dec 7st – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic
Jan 4th – 4 Corner Poker Run
Feb 1st – Member Lecture
Feb 18th – Parade of Magic
Mar 7nd – Close Up Contest
Apr 4th – Kid Show Magic
May 2nd – Movie Night
June 6st – TBA
July – NO MEETING

SAM 8 Invites Ring 1 to Flea Market and Lecture

Sam assembly 8 will host its annual flea market and lecture on October 13. All Ring 1 members are invited to both the lecture and sale. The doors will open at 7pm and the lecture will start at 8:30pm. Tables for non members are only \$10 and set up will be at 6:30pm. Steve Daly will be presenting his lecture "Welcome to Las Vegas, Now Go Home" Steve lectures are always information packed and entertaining.

SAM meets at Mount Tabor church 6520 Arsenal. For more information check out their website at <http://www.assembly8.com/>

IBM Ring 1 Members Support the 100th Anniversary for the St Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

By Steve Finklestein

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Saturday, September 17 2011

Client Quote: "You guys were absolutely terrific, and contributed mightily."

Client Quote: "Muchas gracias, mi amigo. Muy bueno!"

Client Quote: "Thanks for the great performances by your troupe."

The St. Louis Society for the Blind & Visually Impaired this year is celebrating our 100th Anniversary of serving children and adults who are blind or visually impaired in greater St. Louis and southwestern Illinois. This unique festival is for people of all ages, including children who sighted, blind and visually impaired, and will be the first of its kind in St. Louis. The event was covered by and was aired by Fox2 News and it also aired on KPLR Channel 11.

Steve Finklestein coordinated the magicians, performers and met several times with the Society's social workers to prepare for the event. In addition he did research on other blind magicians and potential magic effects. What we did may be the first of it's kind. We developed mental magic effects in brail that a blind or vision impaired person could perform for another blind or vision impaired person, performed for a sighted person or we could perform for the blind or vision impaired person. In addition, we taught the jumping rubber band effect wearing white gloves with black rubber bands making it easier for the visual impaired to see and learn. We also used brail Bicycle playing cards. Many of the visually impaired or blind adults and kids never experienced magic of the mind or magic in their hands. We did sponge ball magic, rubber band magic and mental magic. The smiles, laughs and facial impressions were priceless. The list of magic performers were terrific and included: Marty Kopp, Larry Minth, Steve Barcellona, Steve Finklestein.

In addition to the magic we also had the fantastic Bubble Bus with John Reider, The bubbles were a big hit which included music and scented bubbles. The kids and adults were dancing and singing in a storm of bubbles. Also, we had amazing juggling by Joe Fingerhut . Our juggling station was filled with a variety of objects with different shapes, textures, and colors. Standard juggling bean bags were next to tennis balls with bells inside, and a big box of various objects, from scarves and squishy balls to little rubber globes also with bells in them.

With every kid that approached, the first attempt was to see if they knew any juggling. Most didn't, so we explained the basic tosses involving first one, then two balls, and had them practice. A handful of kids got up to tossing three balls for a couple of throws. Several parents also joined the fun, not being able to simply stand there and watch their children enjoy the good stuff.

We would focus on the simple actions of getting a feel for some of the spongy, illuminated balls and have them do simple tosses with one hand, and a few we tried to go hand to hand. They were very happy and excited to be actively involved. We also made sure every participant got to walk away with one of the juggling object

I want to personally thank each one of the performers for their support for this special event. We made a big difference.



Would You Like Pictures From The Jubilee

By David Matrisch

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My name is David Matrisch and I have had the privilege of photographing the Midwest Magic Jubilee and other conventions for the last several years. I enjoy doing this very much. I get great pleasure from catching both performers and laypeople alike enjoying themselves sharing the art we call Magic. I also love to share the images I capture with others. It's great to reminisce however, until now I could not find an easy, cost effective way to share these moments captured in photographs. I recently came across that technology, so I created a WEB site that makes this possible.

The site is <http://MagicPics.Webs.com>

To view the photos from the convention, select "Photo Gallery" in the menu area at the top of the home page. I needed to save space and decrease load time, so, all of the photos in the Gallery have a maximum resolution of 400x400. If you would like to see the photos in a higher resolution you can purchase a CD containing medium resolution (max 1920x1080) photos for just \$9.95 plus around \$4.50 for shipping depending on your location.

If you want "as shot" resolution photos (max 3888x2592) for printing or use in promos, the DVD sells for \$15.95 plus shipping. To make a purchase go to the Buy Convention CD/DVDs page

<http://magicpics.webs.com/midwestmagicjubilee.htm>

If you purchase CD or DVDs please don't copy them to share with others. I have set the prices low so everyone can afford to buy their own and I would like to recover some of my cost in producing the CD/DVDs. If members of a club wish to save costs you can order multiple copies at one time and save on the shipping fee.

If I get a good response from this I plan on attending more conventions and photo-documenting them in this way. I also am working on a method for other attendees at a convention to share their photos with others on my site. Please take a look, enjoy, and reminisce. If you have any comments, ideas, or would like me to produce CDs or set-up a site similar to this for you. Please e-mail to DavidMatrisch@Ring239.com or call 217-553-4040



Ring 1 President's Banquet, A Huge Hit

By Steve Zuehlke

Friday, September 16th was the date of this year's IBM Ring 1 President's Banquet. Once again the club returned to Orlando Gardens for a wonderful dinner and night of camaraderie and magic. We were treated to a wonderful buffet dinner which was kicked off by a nice invocation by Sister Michael Terese. After dinner, outgoing President Steve Barcellona presented the awards for our contests, Best Stage Magician and Best Close-up Magician. In Stage Larry Minth won first place and Tom Westerheide took second place. In the Close-up contest Steve Finkelstein walked away with First place and Tom Westedrheide came in second. Steve also presented several "special thanks" awards to those who went above and beyond the call of duty. Included were Mike Hindrichs for teaching Magic 101 and Don Rataj for authoring the History of Ring 1.

This year attendees were the first to be presented with a BEAUTIFUL book authored by Don Rataj and edited by Roger Linden. This softbound was filled with photos and bios from past and present presidents as well as outstanding members and officers. Kudos to Don for an outstanding job! Incoming President Terry Richison presented Steve Barcellona with a nice plaque for his outstanding work over the past year. Next was the installation of officers which was once again presided over by TVP Doug Clark. This is Doug's third trip to the Ring to install the officers. We are fortunate to have Doug living so close to St. Louis in Columbia Mo.

With the new officers installed we were ready to see some magic. This year the Ring was treated to the magic of Kevin King from Nashville, TN. Kevin kept the audience mesmerized with his double talk act then amazed us with his magic, mentalism and memory feats. Carol Mueller had the best expression on her face as Kevin recited 39 different items, in order that Carol had read off to him in a mixed up order, more than 30 minutes earlier. He His finale included calling from memory all the FIFTY plus people in the audience by name! Quite an impressive feat!

Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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International Brotherhood Of Magicians

St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme

9pm Workshop / Social Time

Board Meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

Directions

From the St Louis Airport:

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Right onto Dorsett, Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

From I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north.

Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Left onto Dorsett

Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)

Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

Copperfield's Award Vanishes

The New York Post Page Six reports:

"An award given to magician David Copperfield disappeared into thin air, the old-fashioned way, from his Midtown penthouse. Copperfield recently received a "King of Magic" honor, bestowed by the Society of American Magicians, at a reception at his apartment. After an evening of toasts, cake and champagne to celebrate -- with guests including Roberto Cavalli, Owen Wilson, Robert Verdi, Michael Michele, Blaine Trump, Peter Brant and Michael Stipe -- Copperfield followed the crowd out the door and enjoyed a late dinner on the town. But when he got back home -- presto chango! -- he discovered his front door was wide open, and the cherished plaque was nowhere to be found. The magic man is now offering a \$50,000 reward for its safe return. (We're not pointing any fingers, but REM did break up a few days later ... Maybe Stipe's going underground?) The shindig at Copperfield's home was also to celebrate his cover shoot for Fantastic Man magazine."



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