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# December 7th: Ring 1 Holiday Party

The I.B.M. Ring 1 Holiday meeting is coming up on December 7th. This is a meeting where members are encouraged to bring their immediate family members to take part in the festivities. Yes we will again be having a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Everyone who brings a gift will be eligible to participate. There will be lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Ring 1 will be taking care of the meats and condiments but we need our members to bring Salads, Soda, Ice, Side Dishes and Desserts. If you don't want to bring a side dish you can donate \$5 per adult in your party.

**We need two things.** Please notify Larry Skorepa of your answers to the questions below even if you are not able to come.

- 1) Please let us know if you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing.
- 2) What food would you like to bring from the list above.

**Call or email Larry with your answers at [toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 675-6470 by Friday so Larry has time to get it all ordered.**

**Please let us know as soon as possible so we can make this a great Cheerful Event!**

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

- 6:30pm Magic 101 – No Experience Necessary
- 7 pm Break
- 7:15pm Regular meeting begins / Announcements
- 7:25 White Elephant Exchange and Food

## White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules

The Ring 1 Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange hosted by Terry Richison.

Traditionally, a "White Elephant" is something lying around the house that you don't want (some horridly ugly item that someone gave you as a gift.) For our meeting we are asking you to bring a magic item for our white elephant get together.

### Here are the rules:

If you would like to come to the meeting and just enjoy the evening, there is no requirement that you have to participate in the White Elephant exchange. Each person wanting to participate in the Gift exchange must bring a WRAPPED, COMPLETE magic effect, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS if needed. The effect does not have to be new, but it must be in presentable and working shape and no less than \$5 in value if new.

Participants will sit in a circle with the packages in a pile in the middle. Each person participating will draw a number out of a hat. The lowest number goes first and selects a present from the pile. Once a present is selected from the pile of gifts, the trick is unwrapped for all to see. The next person may choose from the wrapped pile of gift or may "take" the present from one that has been selected by another. The person that lost the gift may choose to select a gift from the unopened pile, or may take a present from another person. A single gift can only be stolen a total of 3 times. This is continued until all of the presents are exhausted or everyone has a gift. As an added bonus, it is a known fact that there will be at least one gift that will be worth over \$50 and New to boot! You might be the lucky one!

The meeting will be open to immediate family members. Anyone who brings a gift is allowed to participate in the White Elephant. **We would like to get a rough number of people that are coming we will have people call or email Larry Skorepa at [toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 675-6470.**

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## President's Message: Happy Holidays

By Terry Richison [magictwr@charter.net](mailto:magictwr@charter.net)

With all the stress and turmoil in our lives and in the world around us, we as magicians need to take it upon ourselves to bring a little joy into everyone's life that watches us perform. There is nothing more rewarding that to see the smile, hear the laughter of those that we entertain.

During this season of giving, we must not forget those who support us in our endeavors, everyday of our lives. We need to be sure to give a little joy and gratitude to those people. They might be your spouse, your children or even just a friend. They give up much more that we know. Make sure you let them know how much you appreciate them and all they do. Thanks to them, we can spread our magical joy to millions throughout the world. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

## Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@att.net](mailto:magicbymike@att.net)

November's Featured Magician's were Ken Trokey and Tom Westerheide.

Thanks again for volunteering a little of your time to help out with this great program.

There are three more months that need performers, I would love to have those spots filled before the end of the year. Take a look at the schedule below, check your

calendar and let me know which month works for you.

### 2012 Performers Schedule

Dec. 21 Mike Hindrichs,  
John Skarin  
Jan. Dan Todd  
Feb. Alan Zibits

Mar. Larry Lucy,  
Steve Barcellona  
Apr. Hal Schaeff  
May Dan Todd,  
Gene Schaefer  
June OPEN  
July Don Rataj  
Aug. OPEN  
Sept. Gene Schaefer  
Oct. OPEN  
NOV. Ken Trokey  
Dec. Mike Hindrichs

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

## Magic 101 December: No Experience Necessary

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@att.net](mailto:magicbymike@att.net)

Our theme for December is *No Experience Necessary*. We will be working on a few of my favorite tricks from one of my favorite beginner magic books, *Mark Wilson's Complete Course in Magic*.

Also I would like to thank everyone who helped make Magic101 a success this year. I had a great time teaching and learning some really good magic. Next year will be the start of my third year as your humble 101 professor, and I am very excited about some of the material I plan on sharing with you. In addition to just

teaching tricks I would like to add a bit of theory and group discussion to support the magic we are working on. If anyone has something they would like to teach the class, please contact me and I can work you into the curriculum.

Below you will find next year's class topics. If there is a particular trick or topic you are interested in learning let me know and we can add it to the list.

### 2012 Class Schedule:

Jan. May the Force be with you  
Feb. Heads or Tails  
Mar. The Royal Road Less Taken  
Apr. Brain Freeze  
May Shuffle, Cut, Repeat  
June Scam School  
July No Meeting  
Aug. Slightly Easier  
Sept. String Theory  
Oct. Monsters of Magic  
Nov. Pick a Packet  
Dec. Tarbell's Treasures

## 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](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com)

# Spotlight on Membership: Meet Terry Richison

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

My first memory of a magician that made an major impression on me, was an adult cast member of a musical I was in when I was twelve. His name was Lewis Bolton. He would perform magic for us during breaks and in between scenes at our rehearsals. I probably kept asking him to perform so much that I had seen every trick he had by the end of the run of the show. Of course it was all close up, but to see those coins disappear and reappear was something that stuck in my mind forever.

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

I have been interested since twelve years old but didn't really start performing until I was in high school. I must be truthful, the main reason I started performing in public was because it was a good way to meet girls. I had been involved in a lot of plays and musicals by the time I got to high school and it finally dawned on me that if I put my own show together, I wouldn't have to audition for the part! So that is when I started doing parlor shows, instead of just a few tricks that I always had with me.

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

I started as an engineer at Boeing and one of the things I got to do was to design a new system involving the work orders that the shop workers used to build the planes. After development, I was asked to teach the, some 17,000 workers that we had in St. Louis at the time. Since the system involved using computers, and at that time not a lot of people had computers, the shop workers were not too receptive of the idea of changing from the old paper method that they had used for years. For the first two weeks it was like pulling teeth to get the students to come to class. But after the first two weeks worth of students got back on the floor and were telling everyone else what a great class it was the classes started filling up. They were telling everyone that I performed magic for them during their breaks and sprinkled it throughout the class also. Things were levitating and vanishing before there eyes. I made learning fun. In a short period of time I had a backlog of students wanting in the class that stretched for several months. The managers couldn't believe the enthusiasm about the class. The word spread quickly and soon I even had vice presidents wanting to take the class, even though they would never need it.

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

When I started college, I was a music major. Because of that, I auditioned and got to perform with Barry Manilow as a back up singer during his "If I should love again" tour.

**Editor: Tell us about the magic you perform or would like to perform, where?**

**How often? What kind?**

For many years I mainly performed stage and parlor magic. Being an engineer, I was able to build a lot of my own illusions and props for the grand illusion show. As I got busier, I had to resort to having them made. The grand illusion stage show is probably what I like the best. It molds together the theatrical aspects of staging, dance, music and of course magic. Since it is a two hour show, I have enough time to take the audience through every one of their emotions. Of course having a great crew behind you makes a world of difference too. And I have just that. From a Tech Director with a master in theatre to a lovely assistant that is more talented than what shows on stage, to my first assistant whom I rely on the most to make sure things work and look correctly. It wasn't until some of my Ring 1 friends were teasing me about not knowing anything about close up that I decide to enter some close up contests which I was lucky enough to win. What they didn't know was that I was already doing a lot of close up for corporate parties and such. You have to be well rounded so when the call comes in, no matter what kind of magic the client may want, I will be able to provide them good magical entertainment.

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

That's a hard question. I would guess that I would like to be a grand illusion of some sort. Maybe a sub-trunk. Which is quiet and unsuspecting on the outside, yet very cleverly put together on the inside and able to confound when done correctly. On the close up side, possibly a scotch and soda. A trick that no one has ever caught me on yet.



# IBM Ring 1: November 2011 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis      [sweis@psdr3.org](mailto:sweis@psdr3.org)

Mike Hindrichs led Magic 101. He first shared a paper puzzle with the group which his son taught him. It fooled everyone. Once he showed us how it was done, we couldn't believe it was so simple. Then he showed the group two card tricks. The first one was called "Crazy Eights", in which a prediction card is proven correct over and over again. Then he showed us a trick called "Impromptu ACAAN". With this trick, a chosen card is found at the spectator's chosen number. He posts directions to the magic he shares on Ring 1's website.

Ring Announcements were brief. Several new members were introduced. A Reminder that the December meeting is always one everyone looks forward to—lots of food and the White Elephant gift exchange. Mike Hindrichs then explained Project Magic and passed a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer. Each month, magicians volunteer and perform magic for patients at Shriner's Hospital. This partnership has occurred for over 25 years now.

Terry Richison, the President, announced that on November 10th, Tom Craven will give a lecture for IBM and SAM members. Terry also thanked this year's performers at the Purina Haunted Hayloft who were Terry Richison, Tom Westerheide, Alan Zibits, Harry Monti, Larry Skorepa, Don Rataj, Ron Perez, Larry Minth, and George Van Dyke.

Then, members shared their Magical Turkeys (items they purchased which ended up being turkeys). First, Al Zibits shared a trick he purchased in 1982 for \$25. He read about the "Wizard Water" in a magazine and couldn't wait for it to arrive. When he opened the box, it contained a jar of water, glitter, and a magnetic quarter. He never could figure out how the glitter magically turns into a quarter. Next, Steve Barcellona based his magic on the premise "is it a turkey or a treasure?" He shared a routine using cards in which the audience participated. Terry Richison once bought magic advertised as a stage illusion. When it arrived, it was actually a Sprit Slate from Royal that was really tiny and cost him \$40. Dan Todd then shared the Vanishing Elephant he once purchased. When he received it, it was a little tiny cardboard elephant. Larry Lucy shared a turkey (but it really was a treasure). It was a DVD entitled "Spotlight on Carey" which he highly recommended. Tom Westerheide then shared an experience he had which was rather humorous. He had a gig scheduled for a bank, and he sent a prediction to the lady in the bank beforehand. However, the woman did not work that day, and before you know it—a sheriff and policemen were involved. They eventually believed Tom and gave the box to the lady in the bank who it was originally sent to. He was then prepared to perform for the bank.

After the Magical Turkey stories were finished, attendance prizes were given away (donated by Sister Michael Therese). She is moving and needed to downsize a bit so decided to donate some of her collection with the club.

After the meeting adjourned, members remained and shared magic with each other.

## 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  
**Jan 16th** – Chris Randall Lecture  
**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

## It Is Time To Pay Your Dues

It's that time of year again to pay dues for the upcoming calendar year. Local dues remain at only \$15 per year!!! You have several options to pay:

1) Log on to <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues.html> and click the "buy now" button. That will take you to Paypal, but you DO NOT need a paypal account to pay this way. Click the "Don't have a paypal account?" button and enter your credit card info.

2) You can mail a check to our new treasurer, Sandy Weis at:

Sandy Weis

1755 Elkins, St Louis, MO 63136

Phone: (314) 524-7859 (314) 213-8293 (314) 378-4403

3) Or, bring a check or cash to the December Holiday meeting on the 7th and give it to Sandy.

# Ring 1 Celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> Year Performing at the JDRF Walk for a Cure in Forest Park

By Steve Finkelstein

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What a magical day for a great cause. About 20,000 people participated in the JDRF walkathon on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Forest Park in the upper Muni parking lot. IBM Ring 1 has adopted the Juvenile Research Diabetes Foundation (JDRF) as one of our top charities. WOW. It is a wonderful feeling to make kids smile and adults act like kids. The event was organized by myself and there were twelve magicians who performed and taught magic non-stop for 3 hours. They included: Terry Richison, Jeff Lefton, Mike Hindrichs, John Reider (and his bubble bus), Dan Todd, Don Rataj, Larry Skorepa, Steve Barcelona, Ray Belz, Steve and Audrey Levitt (the magic teachers) and Steve Finkelstein.

Everyone had a great time not just performing or teaching but working together as a team, sharing ideas and enjoying the magic. We want to encourage other Ring 1 members to join us next year.



Terry Richison



The Bubble Bus was happening!!!



The Amazing Mike Hindrichs



Don Rataj



Jeff Lefton



Terry Richison, Steve Barcellona

## Where History Repeats

By Don Rataj, Ring 1 Historian      donrataj@rkai.net

I was recently contacted by the grandson of past IBM ring one president Charles W Zesch who saw we had a book about the presidents. He remembered his grandfather doing tricks and telling funny stories. Here is a copy of the poster of his Grandfather know as El Carlos that he has in his house.



# Upcoming Lecture:

January 12, 2012 Airport Hilton @ 7pm



## CHRIS RANDALL

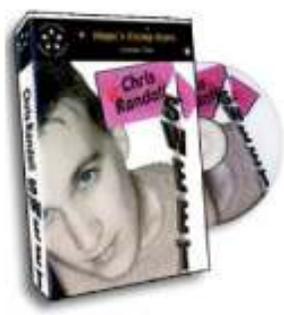
Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Chris Randall is considered one of the top sleight of hand artists in the world. He has appeared on television's *Masters of Illusion* as well as performing as a regular at the famed Magic Castle in Hollywood. He has been working up and down the Las Vegas Strip for 15 years. The last few years Chris has been focusing on traveling the world with his award winning act. Chris has also been hitting the streets becoming one of the finest street magicians in the world being hailed by the best in the business as the *future of street magic*. His original material has been featured in *MAGIC Magazine*, *Genii*, *MUM*, *The Penumbra* and his DVDs *Live at the Castle*, *Sugar High*, *Magic at the Bar*, and *Sweet*.

### THE LECTURE

- Bill in Lemon** – Chris gives the real work on his big money maker this is worth the price of the lecture
- Desert Rose** – over a dozen effects with the paper napkin rose
- Scandal Switch** – the ultimate linking ring routine it's has fooled the best minds in magic
- Swoosh** – the deck switch
- Coaster Card** – a new approach to card under drink
- Sugar High** – a sugar packet is held by a spectator then a color is named, the sugar packet is opened, the sugar is poured out and it is the named color.
- Red Rising** – a very visual ambitious card
- 7 digits** – the ultimate "pick up" trick
- Martini** – produce all the needs for a martini



Plus Chris will be speaking on restaurant magic, street magic and how to successfully travel the world with a commercial, marketable magic act.



# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

## 2011 – 2012 Officers

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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Is This Your Card?

