



The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

Meeting Update: October 3rd, 2012 Mystery, Magic, Mayhem, Mirth

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Prepare yourself for a haunting Ring One meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. For just a hint of what you can expect there might be ESP, Ghost Magic, Halloween Magic, Mentalism, Ghost Stories, Macabre Magic, and more (maybe even a poem) !

There are already 7 exciting performers scheduled. If anyone else has some Ghostly Halloween material, and would like to be added to the show, please call Chuck at 314-965-6249, or e mail him at majicfun@primary.net. Don't miss this fun evening !

NEW MEETING AGENDA

- 6:30 Magic 101
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.
- 7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions
- 7:30 Announcements/ Meeting – Mystery, Magic, Mayhem, Mirth
- Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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Haunted Hayloft October 19-21 and 26-28

Haunted Hayloft at Nestlé's Purina Farms in Gray Summit Oct 19-21 and 26-28

It is that time of year again when ghosts and goblins roam free at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. Make reservations for family-style tricks and treats in Gray Summit. Kids can paint pumpkins, watch cartoons, listen to storytellers, witness magic from Ring One, pet a barnyard full of farm creatures and, of course, crawl around in a creepy hayloft. Plus it is told that some of St. Louis' greatest magicians will be appearing and disappearing for 4 shows each night!

Located 45 miles southwest of St. Louis in Gray Summit, Mo., Purina Farms is handy to reach from Interstate 44. Simply turn north at the Gray Summit exit (Exit 253) on Interstate 44, and travel two blocks on Missouri Highway 100. Go left on County Road MM, and the entrance to Purina Farms is one mile on the left.

314-982-3232 – Reservations

Get Involved! Performers Needed

We are not that far away from our annual shows at the Nestlé's Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft.

This year's event will take place the two weekends prior to Halloween, October 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27, 28. For those who have never performed for this event, you are missing a fun and exciting experience. We have two to three magicians each of the six nights and we perform 4 – 25 minute shows. This is a family event and outside, unless there is inclement weather. Magic must be safe, good taste and most of all fun for all ages. This is Ring Ones big event of the year that pays for a lot of our activities. So, if you want to show your magic skills and have fun with other magicians call Larry Skorepa at (636) 675-6470 or email at toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net. There are only a few dates still available!!!!

Get Involved! JDRF Walk-a-thon Oct 7th



Save the Date : Walk to Cure Diabetes in Forest Park on Sunday, October 7, 2012

The JDRF walk-a-thon is coming up again on Oct 7th. Ring 1 will be hosting a booth to perform and teach magic to the kids and adults like. We will also be handing out our Ring 1 fliers to try to boost our membership. Steve Finkelstein is heading up this project again and will like to hear from all those who would like to volunteer to perform and or teach. The date and time details are noted below and so please email Steve and let him know that you are coming and what time. It is located in the upper Muny parking lot in Forest Park.

Magicians, jugglers, balloon guys, bubbles, etc. are needed again for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk on Oct 7th from 9AM to noon. We expect about 20,000 people to attend.

We need people to perform magic, teach magic or just come and help out. A fun time for all.

More details to follow. Thank you for your support. This will be our 5th year supporting this event.



Ring Report: September 2012

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Larry Lucy, who was filling in for Mike Hindrichs, led Magic 101. First, he taught the participants how to perform "Houdini." He had a spectator pick a card that would represent Houdini. Then another spectator picked two cards that would act as guards. Magically, Houdini ended up back in the middle of the deck and only the guards were left in his hand. The next trick he taught was called "Stop" where the magician is able to find a selected card. The last trick was called Acrobatic Family or sometimes the Elevator Trick. Magically, the cards used were able to change places. The members thoroughly enjoy Magic 101 at each meeting.

After Magic 101, the members socialized before the meeting began. Terry Richison, the President, welcomed a new member, Jim Edwards. Steve Barcelona explained the new IBM Ring 1 website that he has been working on. He assured the members that it would be easy to use. All information about the Ring would be immediately available on the website in an easy format, including the most recent "Spirit." Not all items are on this website yet but he is trying to update it as soon as possible. He even brought his laptop in order to show the members the new format. Terry congratulated Danni Garcia for coming in second place in the close-up contest at TAOM in Texas. Terry encouraged members to participate in the Haunted Hayloft at Purina Farms located in Gray Summit. This is one way the Ring earns money to pay for lectures throughout the year. The Ring is also recruiting members to

Schedule of Events 2012 – 2013

Sept 5 *Poker Run*

Sept 21

Jon Armstrong Lecture

Sept 28

President's Banquet

Oct 3 *TBA*

Nov 7 *TBA*

Dec 5 *Holiday Party*

White Elephant

Jan 2 *TBA*

Feb 6 *TBA*

March 6 *TBA*

April 3 *TBA*

May 1 *TBA*

June 5 *TBA*

August *No Meeting*

to perform at the annual JDRF walk on October 7. Chuck Levy is organizing the next ring meeting, which takes place on October 3. He is planning a Halloween theme, which may include mind reading and ghost stories. Terry announced that on September 21st there would be a lecture featuring John Armstrong. The President's Banquet will be on September 28th at the Orlando Gardens Banquet in Webster Groves. Fred Quick, one of the newer members, informed the Ring members that he was moving out of town. He thanked all the magicians who helped him perfect his magic

The theme for the night was a Poker Run. (Thanks to Larry Minth for planning the event) Five stations were set up and the members rotated to each station. At each station, the members were given a card and prizes from Ickle Pickle were given at the conclusion of the program to the members who had the best Poker hands. Tom Westerheide, Ted Schnare, Jeff Lefton, Mike Niehaus, and Marty Kopp hosted the five stations. The members learned from Mike how to put a nail through a balloon. However, they were very impressed with the compressor he bought on Craigslist for a bargain which he uses to inflate his balloons. Ted shared his rope trick with the group. Members learned to release themselves from a rope tightly tied around their wrists. Jeff shared very simple but clever ways a magician can read minds. As always Tom shared several of his tricks but was disappointed that the copy store lost his original copy. Therefore, he was unable to give the members written directions. Tom always provides the members with written directions as to how to perform the tricks. Marty shared some of his favorite card tricks with the group. The winners of the Poker Run were Sister Michael Therese and Marty.

Ring 1 meets the first Wednesday of the month and welcomes members from other rings.



I.B.M. Ring 1 Presidents Banquet

The Annual I.B.M. Ring 1 President's banquet was held September 28th at the Orlando Gardens Banquet Facility. Fifty four Ring 1 members and guests were in attendance. The evening started out as everyone arrived with some social time. Many took advantage of the open bar and munchies. Larry Minth and Don Rataj, had a treasure trove of old magic, Linking Rings and I.B.M. convention items from an magician who had passed away and his family was kind enough to donate it to Ring 1. Then we were entertained by the close up magic of Jeff Copeland, our first place close up winner for 2012. Shortly after Jeff was completed with his set which ended with lots of applause, Mike Niehaus, emcee for the evening, got the evenings events started. Sister Michael Therese gave us the blessing before digging in. Thanks to the folks at Orlando's, we had another great dinner.

After dinner Mike introduced Territorial Vice President and Ring 1 member, Doug Clark. Doug proceeded to swear in the Officer Board members for the 2012-2013 year. Terry Richison-President, Mike Niehaus- Vice President, Alan Zibits- Secretary, Sandy Weis – Treasurer, Board Members-Steve Levit, Marty Kopp, Larry Minth, and Harry Monti.

Terry Richison kept the evening rolling by presenting the awards for the Ring 1 Close up and Stage contest winners. This year we split the close up contest into the intermediate and advanced categories. In the Intermediate category, third place – Sr Michael Therese, second place – Fred Quick, first place was Larry Lucy. In the advanced category, third place- Dan Todd, second place – Dani Garcia, first place – Jeff Copland. In the stage contest, second place - Fred Quick and first place was Tom Westerheide.

Terry then spent a few minutes recognizing a few people that have done an outstanding job in the past year: Steve Finkelstein for putting together both JDRF events. Larry Skorepa for putting together the Haunted Hayloft. Steve Barcellona for reworking the website and putting out the Spirit every month. Sandy Weis for writing the Ring Reports and submitting them to the Linking Ring every month. She has kept up the tradition started by Harry Machin of never missing an issue of the Linking Ring for over 30 years now.

Mike Niehaus for all his help with our Facebook page and tonight's technical equipment and for helping to set up the spring shows.

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All the performers, front of house and back stage workers that helped with the spring shows.

But there was one person who had gone way out of his way to make Ring 1 and our meetings a success. He organized the Shriner's Hospital shows and also puts together a new Magic 101 every month. Terry had a special certificate of appreciation for all his hard work and that person was Mike Hindricks.



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

Next it was show time. Again Ring 1 had reached out to the Rings around the Midwest to participate in a Linking the Rings. Springfield Illinois, Ring 239 had sent two of their best to entertain our members, family and guests. The show started off with Jeremy Bartunek with his version of the professor's nightmare only with a very special twist at the end that you will just have to see. He brought Mike Niehaus up on stage to help with a death defying stapler trick. Then Jeremy brought his lovely wife and assistant on stage to help with a clever and humorous three card monty with jumbo cards. The second half of the show was mentalism at its best with Dr David Goldman. David started out with a little science instead of magic. He proved that there was electricity flowing through everyone's body as he had several people connect by holding hands, touching the person next to them to make the scientific device actually read the amount of energy flowing



David showed him several bingo cards and asked if Mike's number was on each card as it was held up. David said he would come back that later. Then he asked for a dollar bill. Alan Zibits provided the bill and promptly sealed it in an envelope which went inside another envelope which was sealed in a bigger envelope that was given to Jeff Copeland to hang onto. He then proceeded with about 7 different books, one being a dictionary. These books were randomly handed out and people were asked to look at any page and memorize a word on that page. Some of the pages were selected by different people that had no books. Even with the dictionary, Chuck Levy concentrated on a word. At end David brought the show to a climax as he used his mental powers to divine the serial number on the dollar bill, predict the words that the six different people were thinking of and also tell Mike Niehaus what his bingo number was that he was thinking about.

Terry thanked everyone for coming to conclude the evening.

More Photos From The Poker Run 2012



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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.

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This Just In...

FYI: Midwest Magic Jubilee 2013

Special Announcement!!!

It's not too early to register!

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The Midwest Magic Jubilee

August 15- 17, 2013

at the Airport Hilton Hotel

St. Louis, MO

11 Great Lectures 3 Outstanding Evening Shows
Close-up & Stage contests International Magicians

Pre-Registration Special

Thru Sept. 29, 2012

Adult - \$135.00 each

-Plus-

Free Spouse Registration

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The Midwest Magic Jubilee Organizational Meeting

Open to All IBM Members!!!

We want your help!!!

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

The next meeting will be September 17th at 6:30PM at The St Louis Airport Hilton Hotel

Call 314-791-9108 for more info

www.mmjubilee.com