



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

Meeting Update: November 6th, 2013

Roy Zaltsman Lecture

Our next meeting is a lecture at the Maryland Heights Community Center. Israeli mentalist Roy Zaltsman will be lecturing. Magic 101 will occur at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture will start at 7:15 p.m.

NEW MEETING AGENDA

6:30 Magic 101
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.

7:15 Lecture

Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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President's Message

By Mike Niehaus, President and Exalted Grand Poobah mrniehaus@sbcglobal.net

October was a very busy month for Ring 1. I want to thank everyone that helped with the JDRF, and the Haunted Hayloft at Purina Farms. It is great to see how Ring 1 members actively participate in our ring activities. Ring 1 is very fortunate to have so many great performers, and members willing to help our club and the community. DJ told me Saturday that he performed for over 20 people at Shriners Hospital this month. DJ said the children and parents were very thankful for the time he spent with them. It is an honor and privilege to be the President of Ring 1. Because our members give back to the community, and make magic a real healing art.

Our December meeting will be on Wednesday December 4, 2013 at the Maryland Heights Community Center. This is our annual "Holiday Party", so Magic 101 will be cancelled. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with plenty of food. Start going thru your pantry and find something delicious to bring. If you would like to bring something let me know. If you prefer, you can avoid bringing food, and pay \$5 at the meeting.

Back by popular demand, we will be having the IBM Ring 1 Famous White Elephant Gift Exchange. So start going thru all your magic you purchased this summer at the conventions, lectures, and flea market. Find something you haven't touched, probably never will, and offer it as a gift to some poor soul.

Our January meeting has to change. We are unable to have the community center the first Wednesday of the month (New Year's Day). So Sandy has spoken with the center and the only date available is Monday January 6, 2014. This will be a regular meeting with Magic 101 starting at 6:30 p.m. The theme for the meeting is "Members Perform". So start going thru that box of magic tricks you purchased over the last year, and find something fun to perform. Please let me know if you're interested in performing.



One of these guys is the President of Ring 1



Roy Zaltsman

Just What You Were Thinking

Roy Zaltsman is a well known professional Israeli mentalist, who has extensive experience in both corporate and private events in Israel and over seas. He is one of the most fascinating mind readers in Israel, well known for his performing abilities and stage presence. Roy also appeared in the Israeli TV program "The Successor" with Uri Geller. He appears in various TV shows, demonstrating his knowledge about mentalism and mnemonics.

About Roy's lecture:

In his lecture, Roy teaches some of his own mind-reading effects using billets, index cards, ordinary books and every day objects, to perform mind boggling effects in a casual, yet creative manner.

The lecture combines Mentalism and close-up effects, with mind mapping and creativity techniques that lead to the effects demonstrated, in order to upgrade and transform simple effects into masterpieces. Truly inspirational! Roy strongly believes in knowledge sharing and presents the tools, which he uses openly, with no holding back.

Testimonials from the lecture tour include:

"...The lecture at Bolton was very well received. The pace and content were just right for our members....there was something for everyone in his lecture.... I found Roy genuinely engaging with bags of charisma..... Many of our members would be delighted to see him again!...." - Steve Owen, Bolton Magicians Club,

"We were all very impressed with your standard of effects show, your very easy presentation and your brilliant sense of humor. I have personally made up a couple of your effects for my next show. Thank you for a fantastic night." - Don George, President of the Manchester Circle of Magicians

"... Roy really showed us that there is a lot more this art that initially meets the eye. Roy gave us an idea of the different theories involved ... and how these theories can be used to get the effect required...All this was done in a very friendly, understandable, informative and entertaining way and I can honestly say that the Nottingham Guild of Magicians appreciated and enjoyed Roy's lecture. He is welcome back anytime as I am sure that there is a lot more he can teach us...." - Marcel Burn, President of the Nottingham Guild of Magicians,

"...I thoroughly enjoyed his lecture as did all those present. It was great to see someone who lectured on mind reading effects which were both practical and entertaining. For me it was such a change from what I call 'Finger Flingers' ... I have ...additional material to add to my armory ... I have also now had time to look at the 'Roy' DVD and thoroughly enjoyed all the effects. I will certainly be using 2 or 3 of them in future... for those who missed him this time I would say - 'Go see enjoy and learn'..." - Alan Coventry, President [and Treasurer], Blackpool Magicians Club,

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Ring Report: October 2013

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The President's Banquet was held on September 27, 2013 at the newly remodeled Orlando Gardens Banquet Center in Maryland Heights, Mo. The food was superb! Mike Niehaus, the newly elected President, presented two awards to two longtime IBM members—Dave Snetsinger (Lifetime Achievement Award) and Roger Linden (Presidential Citation for his many years serving as IBM Ring 1 Historian). Both members were thrilled with being recognized. The featured performer for the evening was Shawn Farquhar. Everyone really enjoyed his presentation and his magic. What a great performer!

The next day Shawn lectured at the St. Louis Hilton Airport hotel. His lecture was free for IBM members. Several of the members remembered when he performed at the Midwest Magic Jubilee several years ago. Approximately thirty-five members attended the lecture. He performed and taught several magic tricks. He demonstrated that he is a great lecturer as well as a great performer. He shared his ideas regarding magic performed by other magicians, which improved their effects. The members were mesmerized by his stories. Ring 1 members are in consensus that his lecture and performance is one that every magician needs to experience.

Mike Hindrichs volunteers each meeting to lead Magic 101, which is held before the regular monthly meeting. Each month the number of participants seems to increase. Approximately 25 members participated. The members' skills ranged from beginner to advanced; however, everyone learned techniques and magic from Mike. This month he taught three card tricks. The first trick, "TNT", involved two cards selected by the spectator that the magician was able to find magically. The second trick, which he entitled "Intuition", involved the spectator being able to find all the cards of one color even though they were all face down. The third trick, "Hat Trick," was a self-working show of the magician's skill. The members appreciate the time and effort Mike devotes to making Magic 101 a worthwhile event for all who attend.

The business meeting, led by President Mike Niehaus, was very brief. The members were reminded to volunteer for two upcoming events--the JDRF walk and the Haunted Hayloft. A financial report was shared with the members. Members shared highlights of the President's Banquet & the Shawn Faquhar lecture with those members who were not able to attend. All comments were highly positive regarding the banquet and lecture. In fact, members felt this banquet and lecture were one of the best the ring has offered. Mike talked briefly about the Spring Parade of Magic, which will be held in February and May of 2014. Mike welcomes any input members have regarding these shows. Mike reminded members that the November meeting would host a lecture by Roy Zaltsman, a well-known Israeli mentalist who is known for his fascinating mind-reading shows and highly entertaining performances.

Steve Levit organized the program for the night. Steve brought film clips involving the theme "The History of Magic." The members thoroughly enjoyed watching performances by Jim Steinmeyer, Mike Caveney, Charles Joseph Carter, and others. He even showed a film clip featuring Neil Patrick Harris and Jonathan Levit in Jim Steinmeyer's Palingenesia. Usually, the theme for the October meeting is Halloween; however, the members thoroughly enjoyed watching these film clips instead. Thanks to Steve for sharing these clips with the members.

Schedule of Events 2013 - 2014

August 7

Ice Cream Social at
Abra-Kid-Dabra

August 15 thru 17

Midwest Magic Jubilee at the
Airport Hylton

September 4

Magic Flea Market

September 27

Presidents Banquet at Orlando
Gardens (Maryland Heights)

October 2

Surprise Meeting by Steve Levit

October 6

JDRF in Forest Park

October 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft

November 6

Roy Zaltsman Lecture Maryland
Heights Community Center

December 4

Holiday Party

January 6, 2014

Members Perform

February 5, 2014

Ray Belz Chemical Magic Lecture

March 5, 2014

Close Up Contest

April 2, 2014

Poker Run

May 7, 2014

Election of Officers

Remembering John Calvert

By Joe M. Turner

Last Friday the world became a little less magical.

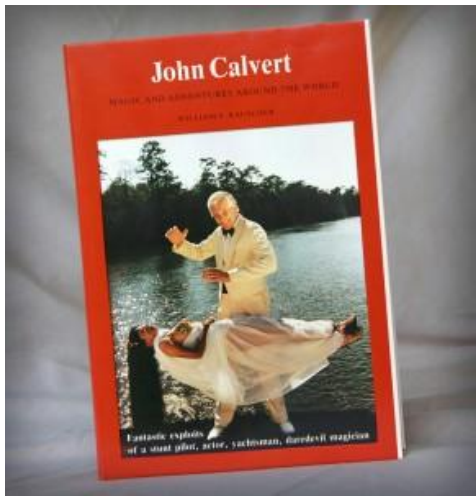
[John Calvert](#), a man who was regarded in many entertainment industry circles as “a real-life Indiana Jones,” [died on September 27](#) at the age of 102.

[Mr. Calvert](#) – despite our friendship, I could never bring myself remotely close to calling him “John” – was legendary in the magic community. He had an enormous illusion show that toured the world repeatedly in the 1940s and 50s. Mr. Calvert would fly the show on his own plane, transport it on his own yacht, and perform it for thousands of people in venues literally spanning the globe.

In addition to magic, he was a Hollywood film star. He played “The Falcon” in a number of films, later producing and directing his own movie, “Dark Venture,” set in Africa.

His biography, [John Calvert – Magic and Adventures Around the World](#), is the true story of his life and career. If you track down a copy and read it, you’ll realize why I considered him the closest thing to a real-world superhero I ever knew.

In July 2002, I booked the then 90-year-old John Calvert to lecture for [IBM Ring 9 – The Georgia Magic Club](#). The lecture venue was the fellowship hall of [First Baptist Church of Tucker](#), a suburb of Atlanta. He and his wife Tammy would arrive at the venue several hours early to load in and set up. I planned to meet them there to assist. As they traveled in a large RV, the plan was for them to simply stay in the parking lot that night before driving off to their next engagement.



John Calvert – Magic and Adventures Around the World

As was Mr. Calvert’s nature, he arrived a bit early. By the time I got to the venue, he was already in the church office charming the staff with coin tricks and his captivating personality. Nearly 91, Mr. Calvert had driven and parked that giant RV perfectly, and together we unloaded the show and loaded it into the hall.

He was a racehorse of a man – tall, broad, muscular, statuesque. He seemed to lift and move heavy loads not just easily but in fact gracefully, doing it without a bit of strain, never getting a hair out of place or wrinkling his clothing. It was almost as if his mere touch caused the curtains and tables and cases and carts and boxes to get out of the RV and move themselves inside by themselves.

Once inside, he and Tammy set up the curtains and other pieces of the show. Mr. Calvert took me aside and showed me a case containing about two dozen cassette tapes, each of which was cued to the next piece of music in his show. He explained how I was to play the cue, eject the tape, insert the next one, and play it on the next cue as indicated in his script. He was admittedly not an early adopter of new technology in his later years.

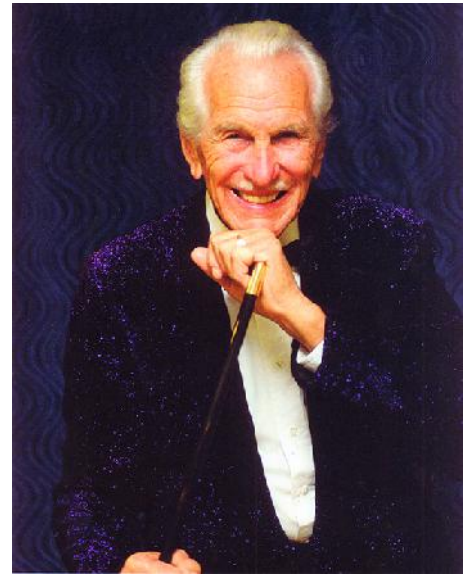
After the show and the lecture – during which he mesmerized laymen and magicians alike – he broke down the show and we loaded out. With everything replaced in the RV, we began to settle them in for the night.

Except that the power to that outlet wasn’t working.

Whether it was a blown fuse or some other problem, I don’t know. But there was no way to power their air conditioner in that parking lot. In July in Atlanta, that’s a significant problem.

No worries. I suggested they drive to my home and we’d plug them in there.

He drove the RV into my neighborhood, parked it in front of my house, and... that wasn’t working either. The extension cords I had weren’t rated high enough to power what he needed, apparently. It powered some of the things in the RV, but not the air conditioner. So I invited them inside while I worked on a solution.



John Calvert
Magician, Actor, Adventurer
Aug 5, 1911 – Sept 27, 2013

It was rather late, but it was not so late that Mr. Calvert didn't want to talk about magic. We went down into the basement where my books and props were stored. We talked about performing and traveling. We talked about the business and the art of magic. We talked about relating to audiences and interacting with people. He gifted me with notes and pictures and wisdom from his rich career.

By now it was late enough that the idea of driving to a hotel was not appealing to anyone. My wife was out of town, so I suggested that the Calverts take the master suite. I would be honored to have them stay there. We had no guest room furniture at the time, so I planned to take the hide-a-bed in the sofa in our family room.

Mr. Calvert, the Hollywood star and globetrotting magic legend, looked me in the eye and flatly refused. I was afraid I had offended him, but that wasn't the case. To my amazement, he said that he and Tammy would sleep on that couch and I would sleep in my own bed.



Mr. Calvert and me, in the magic room of my basement in July 2002.



With John and Tammy Calvert in 2002

This was not an acceptable solution to me. John and Tammy Calvert... on our hide-a-bed? It seemed insulting and beneath the level of hospitality that I was determined to show them. I strenuously argued my case, but it was like arguing with a mountain. The decision was made and the subsequent conversation was nothing more than Mr. Calvert's exercise in seeing how long it would take for me to accept it. Tammy and I made the bed in that fold-out sofa, and there they slept until morning.

The next day, I resolved to overcome the previous night's travesty and take them out to breakfast somewhere nice to give them a great send-off. It was not to be. Tammy had risen before me and had plugged in the extension cord. The power was now working, including the RV's air conditioner. Who knows why, but everything was now in order. I came downstairs and Tammy was entering the house. She asked me if she could use some of the eggs in our refrigerator. I objected, saying I was taking them to breakfast, but it was too late. She had already begun cooking breakfast out in her kitchen in the RV. and all she needed was a few eggs to complete the meal.

So Mr. Calvert and Tammy and I sat in the RV and ate breakfast together in front of my house that morning. The conversations and stories continued, and it became clear that Mr. Calvert and I had many things in common in terms of faith, world view, and so on. When breakfast was done and dishes were put away, that 90-year-old man and his beautiful wife drove away in a giant RV, winding out of my little neighborhood and off to their next adventure.

Mr. Calvert returned to Atlanta twice more, and remembered our time together fondly each time I saw him. My last interactions with him were when he was 100 years old and we were both at the [London Palladium](#). I was a close-up performer in the cast of a giant show in which he was, of course, a headliner. He had been booked at the Palladium decades before but couldn't do the engagement because of a schedule interruption at the beginning of World War II. Somehow his subsequent travels always landed at other London theatres. He ultimately fulfilled his goal of performing at the Palladium on that night in 2011. It was a happy circumstance that I was able to be present and part of that wonderful evening.

Mr. Calvert, thank you for your impact on the art of magic. Thank you for being one of the world's great performers, but more than that, thank you for being one of the world's greatest gentlemen.

Rest well.



Calvert on his yacht, Thespian



Vintage Calvert

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes

By Steve Finkelstein

IBM Ring 1 was a big hit again at the JDRF Walk-a-thon on October 6th at Forest Part. We had 12 magicians performing non-stop for 18,000 people as they walked by our booth.

I want to thank our members for stepping up and donating their time for this wonderful cause. It was great to see some of the old as well as new faces. Below is a list of the Ring 1 performers and teachers.

Steve Finkelstein

Steve Barcellona

Steve Levit

Audrey Levit

Andrew Leonard

Jason Stack

Larry Minth

Darryl Lenz

Tom Westerheide

Dana Scott

Mike Capps

John Reider (Bubble Bus)

Great job!! We are looking forward to the JDRF Family Day in a few months plus next year's walk.



Tom Westerheide



Larry Minth



Jason Stack



The Gang!



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Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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...



Magic Sale

Large sale of new and used magic items and a few collector's items

Saturday, November 16, 2013
 10:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m.

Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
 625 East Saint Joseph Street
 Springfield, IL

Methods of Payment: CASH, Check, Debit or Credit Cards

For more information call John Brownback (217) 725-5763

Items include the latest Magic props, books and DVD's
 Items in photos may not be available at the sale