



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

March 2019

March 6 Meeting

6:30pm Magic 101: Rubber Bands

7:00pm Anniversary and Special Occasion Magic

Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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President's Message

Hello Ring 1 Members! I want to thank everyone who attended our February meeting with the new format! We had more folks perform than we've had in a long time, plus we all learned two new tricks! It looks like it was well received, and March will be the second meeting in this format, but with the edition of the "Trick of the Month". Here's how this works, the club will purchase a popular new magic trick, the trick will be performed at the meeting, and at the end of the meeting a member will take this new trick home. Only members can participate in the drawing. Each member will be given a "ticket" to be entered into a drawing. If you bring a guest, you'll receive an extra ticket and double your chances of taking home a new trick to add to your arsenal. Must be present to win!

(This month's trick was sold out at Blackpool and easy to perform!)

Also, we encourage you to bring a couple of tricks you might want to swap for the end of the meeting. (Please don't bring all your impulse buys at one time!)

I wanted to share with everyone that our Gene Schaefer let Terry Richison know that he no longer has room for his collection of magic and has graciously offered to let our members purchase his magic estate and donate half the money to Ring 1. For the next couple of meetings, Terry Richison will be bringing pieces from Jerry's collection to our meetings, so bring your extra cash and checkbooks to take home part of this collection! Thank you Gene!

Upcoming Lectures

Bernardo Sedlacek: the end of March (date tba)



Scott Alexander: April 10th / 7:00 PM @ the Dielmann Center
Lecture is free for members and \$20.00 for non-members
<https://youtu.be/XXVZWfHecNM>

Daemon: the end of June (date tba)

March 6th Membership Meeting / Magic 101

Steve Queen will be hosting Magic 101 and he'll be teaching you rubber band magic. March is Anniversary and Special Occasion Magic. We have performers lined up along with folks that will teach you new tricks with this theme as well. Though we have some members ready to perform, we'd love to see more, so if you want to perform a trick, just let us know at the meeting and we'll give you the stage!

April 3rd Membership Meeting / Magic 101

Henry Schaper will be hosting Magic 101 on April 3rd. We'll announce Henry's subject at the March meeting. The theme for April is Silk Magic.

(I'll be asking for folks who want to perform silk magic and/or teach a silk trick to the group at the March meeting.)

IBM Board Meeting / Midwest Jubilee Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is scheduled for March 20th. The IBM portion begins promptly at 6:30 and the Jubilee meeting begins at 7:30. The meeting is held at OsteoStrong in Creve Coeur at 12333 Olive Blvd.

Ring 1 Officer Nominations Being Taken Now

We have a nomination committee ready for your nomination(s) for next year's officers. Sandy Weis, Ted Schnarre, and Terry Richison are this year's committee. If you wish to run for an office, or wish to nominate someone else, please let one of these fine folks know. If you're a current officer and wish to run again, you too need to let this group know you wish to nominate yourself. The Deadline for Nominations is Friday, April 19th, and elections will be held during our May Membership meeting.

As always, thank you all for your support, involvement, and passion for the art of MAGIC!

Johnny Harper

February Meeting Recap

Johnny Harper, Chad Jacobs, and John Davit all volunteered to present and teach "Card Warp" effects during Magic 101. All effects were different and were easy to learn. Johnny even brought cards for the members to practice the various effects. Most, if not all, members learned new effects using just two cards.

Johnny Harper passed out an agenda for the evening's activities. The members seemed to like this. He also passed out a calendar that showed the upcoming meeting dates with topics that would be presented each night. He also encouraged the members to attend the Board Meetings so they could offer suggestions for meeting topics, activities, etc. They are held two weeks after the regular meeting and begin at 6:30 at Johnny's business, OsteoStrong in Creve Coeur. He informed the members that the Spring Show, which was scheduled for February, was cancelled. The consensus of the members was that the Spring Show

should take place in the Spring rather than in February. Also, the February date was too close to the Veterans' Show's date which was performed in December. The members want another show and are looking for a venue for this event. Johnny informed the members that Gary Chan has offered to be the new editor for the Ring's newsletter, The Spirit. The Ring appreciates the many issues Jenny Jones, the past editor, has produced. D. Jay Lenz is still looking for members to volunteer to perform at the monthly Shriner's Hospitals visits. Members always feel that this is a very rewarding experience. The children enjoy the performances but really like when the members teach them tricks. Chad Jacobs (Chef Bananas) shared information regarding his recent visit to Los Angeles. He was invited to perform at the KAX Convention (The Conference of Variety Family Performers). The convention consisted of individuals who perform for children using magic, puppets, storytelling, and balloons. He took a tour to Axtell Studios, visited the Magic Castle, and attended the convention lectures and shows. He was thoroughly impressed with Steve Axtell's artificial intelligence puppets. He enjoyed the Lamb Chop Show performed by Mallory Lewis (Sherry Lewis' daughter). Chad performed as Chef Bananas at one of the shows and felt fortunate to be able to meet and see all the attendees.

The topic for the night was mentalism. Ted Schnarre performed an effect called "Mental Epic." He asked audience members to tell him a color, a number, and a playing card. He was able to predict, by writing in the squares on the board, what the members were thinking of. Johnny Harper borrowed a quarter from a member and asked the member to write his initials on it. He then rubbed the coin and, amazingly, the same coin with the initials was now bent. Johnny also performed an effect using two magazines. A member chose one of the magazines and Johnny was able to tell the member the word he was thinking of which was on a selected page. He also performed two other effects—one involving matching a license plate and the other a coin effect. Keith Smith performed a mentalist effect by telling a story. He explained that there was a murder. He had 5 numbers and he explained that one of the numbers was the suspect. A member chose a number. He then had other members choose a color on a cube, a card that represented the weapon, and money that represented the ransom. He was able to use mentalism to tell each of the members their selected choice. He also did a quick card effect entitled

“Will the cards match?” He even shared the instructions with the members. Henry Schaper performed “Cardology - or a card trick without cards.” He had the members each think of a playing card. He then told them to perform mathematical operations with the number and suite on the card. At the conclusion, he was able to tell each member the card they were thinking of. He found this effect in a book by John Scarne. He offered to teach this to the members during Magic 101 at the April meeting. Chris Carstens did a clever mentalist effect where a member found a word in a Wikipedia article and then Chris guessed the word. Gary Chan performed an effect using free lottery sheets. He had a member make pencil dots on a sheet. He then wrote down the number that corresponded with the dots. The number matched Gary’s prediction. Terry Richison used a deck of cards to perform the “Future Foretold Card Trick.” He asked a member to deal the cards face up on the table. He then told him to stop whenever he wanted. The card he stopped on matched the card he had in his prediction envelope. He also performed another effect using only nine cards. The members always enjoy learning new mentalist effects.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis

A Little History

We officially became Ring 1 in 1926 although the club did exist prior to that. The official name is "The Spirit of St Louis", and the official logo is the Lindbergh airplane flying over the city with the Arch. (You can see the logo on the front of this newsletter.)

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The Wizard of Consulting

Steve Finkelstein is known as the Wizard of Consulting. He is a business consultant, executive coach, speaker, and co-author. Steve uses magic in this business to illustrate concepts, engage the group and promote creativity. He is a members of three international magic clubs (IBM, SAM, and IMS) and earned his Doctorate in Magic. Below are links to examples of how magic can be used effectively in business:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5_EqsjtfZc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZXQZW_LCjU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IaEN3eDoh8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoQQL2LMq-M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3hLTDI-C58>

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Find a Theater for a Spring Show

Please let Johnny Harper know if you know any theaters that meet the following criteria:

- Located within driving distance of St. Louis
- Seats 200-300 audience members
- Stadium-style seating
- Availability on a Sat or Sun in the Apr - Jun timeframe

We have looked at the Kirkwood Community Theater, UMSL, SLU, Lindenwood, Logan University, Shrewsbury Community Theater, Stages St. Louis, and Central VPA High School.

The Kirkwood Community Theater was roughly \$650 for the day, but send whatever information you have so that we can collect and compare.

Volunteer for Project Magic

Volunteer to place a smile on a child's face at the Shriner's hospital on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm and finish by 7:15pm. We are looking for two magicians for each month.

Contact Darryl "D. Jay" to sign-up!

Date	Magician 1	Magician 2
Mar 19	Dan Todd	Christian Misner
Apr 16	John Davit	Chad Jacobs
May 21	D. Jay	Volunteer!
Jun 18	This could be you!	Volunteer!
July 16	This could be you!	Volunteer!

Directions to Shriner's, 4400 Clayton Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110: If coming from downtown or IL, take 64 and exit north on Boyle St. and turn left onto Clayton St. If coming from West County, head east on 64 and go North on Boyle and then left on Clayton St.

To check-in, go to the front desk and show a photo ID. The room we will be going to is on the 3rd floor. Take a left after getting off the elevator, and go towards the area where there is a sitting area with a large flat screen TV. It will be a small room (smaller than our Dielmann Recreation Complex meeting room).



Calendar

Date	Event
Mar 6	101: Rubber Bands; Anniversary and Special Occasion Magic
TBA	Bernardo Sedlacek Lecture
Apr 3	101: TBA; Silk Magic
Apr 10	Scott Alexander Lecture
Apr 19	Deadline for Ring 1 Officer Nominations
May 1	Close-up Magic Competition
Jun 5	TBA
TBA	Daemon Lecture
Jul	No meeting. Enjoy the summer!
Aug 7	TBA
Aug 30 - Sep 1	Midwest Magic Jubilee
Sep 11	TBA
Oct 2	TBA
Oct 18	President's Banquet
Nov 6	TBA
Dec 4	Christmas Party; White Elephant Gift Swap

Board Meeting Dates:

Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19,
Aug 21, Sep 25, Oct 15, Nov 20,
Dec 18

6:30pm IBM
7:30pm Jubilee

OsteoStrong, 12333 Olive Blvd, Creve
Coeur, MO 63141

All members are welcome to join.
Contribute and enjoy good company.
This organization exists because of you!
Contact Johnny Harper with questions.



Other Magic Conferences and Events

Science of Magic Conference

Chicago, IL; July 14 - 16, 2019

Jill Schmidt, Amanda Lindsey, Josh Weidner, and Zi Wang are planning on attending. If you are interested in carpooling or sharing their two-bedroom hotel suite located two blocks from the conference, contact Jill at 314-968-8597 or jill@sillyjilly.com.

2019 I.B.M. Convention

Scottsdale, AZ; July 10 - 13, 2019

<https://www.magician.org/convention/online-registration>

Magician's Roundtable

Schnuck's balcony lounge, 12332 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131
Saturdays at 1:00pm

- All magicians are welcome. (Would someone who attends the roundtable please contact Gary Chan at gschan2000@outlook.com so that he can include more details in the next SPIRIT?)
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