



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

November 2019

**Nov 6**

Ring 1 Meeting

6:30 PM Magic 101 "Craft Magic" with Steve Zuehlke

7:15 PM Ring 1 Meeting

7:30 PM Self-working card tricks with Alan Zibits

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Road

Creve Coeur, MO 63141



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## President's Message

Last month was a great month for magic in St. Louis. Our October Ring meeting was outstanding by starting off with a Magic 101, hosted by Steve Zuehlke. It wasn't just a teach a trick meeting, he taught some theory along with an entire list of tricks from all genres. He even gave everyone a packet with all the notes and several of the gimmicks needed to perform what he taught. Following this great Magic 101 we started the regular meeting featuring your "Go To" trick. We had 18 performances from members who showed off the tricks that they do when someone asked to see a trick. It was two and a half hours with a display of some extremely great magic! Members were heard as they left that this was one of the best if not the best meeting we had ever had. So be sure to thank Steve Zuehlke for a great Magic 101 and all the performers that performed their "Go To" Trick. It was good to see some members that we have not seen in a while, like Steve Bender and Keith Smith. Hope to see them again in November. On October 18th, we held the 2019 President's banquet. What a night! We had a great dinner. There was not an empty seat in the room. Johnny Harper opened up the banquet by giving out some presidential citations to those that he just wanted to say thanks to several I.B.M. Ring 1 members for all they do throughout his entire successful year as president. Receiving citations was Gary Chan for a great job publishing the Spirit, I.B.M. Ring 1 newsletter, Sandy Weis for her unwavering work as the Ring Scribe and Treasurer, Steve Finkelstein for his work on Magic 101 and other charitable projects, Alan Zibits for his help as Secretary and many other things he has done throughout the year and Terry Richison for supporting and helping in many aspects of running the Ring. The 2019 Close-up Winners were also announced. Steve Queen had the honor of presenting the trophies to all the winners. First Place in the Intermediate category went to Gary Chan. Second Place in the Advanced category went to Johnny Harper. And our First Place Winner in the Advanced Category went to Steve Finkelstein! Congratulations to all! I also presented Steve Finkelstein with his Order of Merlin Certificate and Pin. Congratulations to Steve for 25 Years of Service in the I.B.M. I.B.M. Territory Vice President Doug Clark, from Columbia, MO, was in attendance to install the new officers and board for Ring 1. After the swearing in ceremony, the fun continued with a performance of Dan Harlan. As always, Dan did a stellar job entertaining the standing room only crowd, ending with a standing ovation. What a night! Thanks to Johnny Harper and Sandy Weis for arranging the evening with Orlando Gardens.

Coming up at the November meeting, we will have a Magic 101 on steroids. It will have an extended length Magic 101 that will take up half of the meeting. This is going to be one of most exciting Magic 101 we have had in a long time. Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston will be showing how to make card gaffs, utility gimmicks and much more by using simple crafting and scrapbook tools. If you have not rsvp'd to be at Magic 101, please join us anyway although there may not be gimmicks available to you. Following Magic 101 will be our regular meeting with a theme of "Self-working Card Tricks". Alan Zibits has worked hard putting this evening together but unfortunately, he has to be out of town for work, so I will be handling the meeting for him. If you have a "Self-working Card Trick" and have not told Alan already, please send me an email at TerryRich@charter.net.

I hope to see everyone at our Nov 5th meeting.

Terry Richison

## Monthly Recap

Steve Zuehlke volunteered to lead Magic 101. The theme was “No Ropes, No Cards.” He prepared a packet for all the participants which included props and directions for several magic effects. The packet included a Hypercard that he made for everyone. He shared how to do the following effects—cup levitation trick, magnetic hand trick, two crayon ESP, wall paper gag, pocket full of change effect, etc. He also prepared written directions for a Simple Book Test. This Book Test could be used with any book. He recommended to use books that were less than 300 pages. Everyone really liked this effect since it was easy to learn and also mind-boggling. The members really enjoyed Steve’s presentation. Everyone had a pamphlet filled with easy magic effects that did not involve ropes or cards. Steve shared that he and his wife will be presenting a lecture during Magic 101 at Ring 1’s November meeting. He shared that his wife is a crafter and needs members to RSVP in order to have enough materials for everyone who attends.

Terry Richison, the President, reminded the members that the President’s Banquet is scheduled for October 18th. The winners of the Close-Up Contest will be announced at the banquet. Also, Dan Harlan will be the featured performer. The December meeting will again include the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. The gifts need to be wrapped and consist of a working magic trick or effect. He also reminded members that the annual Veterans and First Responder Magical Holiday Show will take place on December 8th . Terry requested that members contact him if they are willing to volunteer at the show. This year the cost will be \$5. D. Jay reminded the members that he still needs a few volunteers to perform at the monthly visits to Shriners Hospital.

Terry Richison led the “magic” part of the meeting which was titled “Go to Trick”. He recruited volunteers to share effects they always have available and are ready to perform when someone asks “show me a trick.” Dave Goldfarb performed two card tricks. Dave regularly attends meetings but this is the first time he has performed in front of the group. He did an excellent job! Kevin Smith performed a card trick; however, he explained, that it was more like an experiment. He called this effect the “Art of B’Wavery”. He was able to guess a volunteer’s card even though the card was imaginary. Hal Scharf also performed a card trick. Chuck Levy told a detective story using cards. He even dressed and talked like two famous detectives. He explained that he has used this effect in his lectures. The members felt his story was very entertaining. D. Jay performed an effect that Ray Belz had made for him. It consisted of a card cut a certain way. He told a story to go along with the movement of the card. Jeff Marcus, a magician from California, was in town and attended Ring 1’s meeting. He did several effects using rubber bands. He explained that rubber band effects can be performed anywhere. He also did several coin effects in which coins appeared and disappeared. The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings. Steve Bender (Ickle Pickle Products) performed an effect entitled “Perfect Match.” He gave a volunteer a stack of cards and he had a stack of cards. The volunteer shuffled her cards and then each of them turned over a card. Amazingly, each time, the cards matched. Steve Buesking also performed a card trick. He had a volunteer choose a card and put it back in the deck. He used the Kings in the deck to find the chosen card. Keith Smith performed an effect in which he used a dice he made which had different beer labels on the sides. He had a volunteer put her hand on the dice and he was able to tell which side was face up. Romero Nestor performed a coin trick in which the coin disappeared. Henry Schaper and John Davit both performed card tricks. Both of these longtime members really do a good job with cards. Steve Bender performed another effect which was in his “pickle case.” He had four cards and he was able to change them into different cards several times. Terry Richison asked a volunteer for a hundred-dollar bill. He amazingly changed it into a dollar bill. Kevin Smith performed a card trick entitled “Second Chance” by Wayne Dobson. He had two card decks—one red and one blue. He had someone pick a card in one deck

and he was able to find the same card in the other deck. Sister Michael Therese used a fifty-cent piece and was able to make it appear and disappear. Gary Chan also performed a card trick in which he was able to find a person's chosen card. Steve Zuehlke was the last performer. He told a story "Little Joe" that went with the cards he turned over in the card deck. It was very clever and entertaining.

At the meetings, each attendee is given a ticket. If they perform, then they are given additional tickets. At the end of the meeting, a prize is given. This month the prize was a DVD by Richard Osterlind entitled "Live. . . Without a Net!" Terry Richison was the lucky winner of the DVD!

Sandy Weis



## Walk to Fight Suicide Recap

Our Ring made a big difference in our community and people's lives by performing at the Eastern Missouri Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention annual Out of the Darkness WALK Fundraiser on September 29th at Creve Coeur Park. There were about 5,000 people attending this event. There was non-stop magic for the attendees. Everyone had a great time. A special thanks for the Ring 1 Members who volunteered their time and talent, including:

- Steve Beusking
- D. Jay Lenz
- Dan Todd
- Steve Epner
- Jeff Lefton
- John Davit
- Patrick Leonard

Steve Finkelstein

(Pics on next page)

# Walk to Fight Suicide Recap Pictures



## FHC Girls Basketball Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

We have another fun opportunity to make kids smile and adults act like kids. On Saturday, November 23rd, from 8 - 11am at Francis Howell Central's cafeteria, there will be 500 people for a fundraiser for a girls basketball event. You can do close-up at a table or walk around magic. What a great venue to perfect your best tricks and to work with other IBM members!

Location information:  
<https://fhc.fhdschools.org/activities>  
5199 Highway N, Cottleville, MO 63304  
636-851-4600 or 636-851-4111



Please contact Steve Finkelstein (info below) ASAP to sign up!

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## Media Coordinator

We need someone to help advertise the IBM Ring 1, both to bring in new members and to generate buzz for our events, like the Veteran's Show. Please contact Terry and Gary (contact info on last page) to volunteer.

Gary Chan



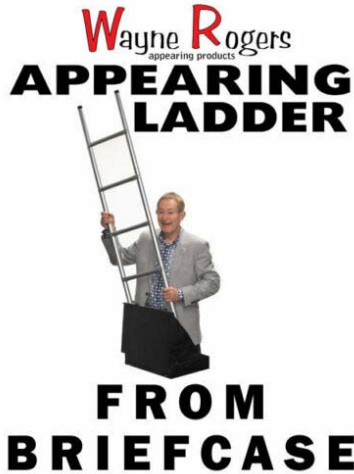
## Veteran's Show

The annual Veterans and First Responders Magical Holiday Show is scheduled for December 8th at 2:30pm. There are several volunteer roles open (ushering, ticketing, backstage support, close-up performing, stage performing, etc.). Please sign-up to help as a volunteer by reaching out to Terry (contact info on last page).

Gary Chan



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## November Ring 1 Magic 101 Meeting

“Make your own gimmicks. Tricks of the Craft Trade.”

Presented by Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston

November 6th's Magic 101 will be hosted by Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston. Barb is Steve's better half and a new member to Ring 1. Barb has years of experience in crafting and scrapbooking with lots of cool tools and gadgets to show! You will learn how to make a rounder card, a punch card, a COOL Torn and Restored Card effect, how to make your own roughing fluid, how to make your own stripper decks, how to make breather crimps, how to make your own stickers to customize your own trick cards, the use of all kinds of adhesives/tapes/guns for a wide variety of gimmicked cards and so much more.

Because Steve and Barb are generously donating their time and resources to handmake gimmicks for attendees, we asked members to RSVP by October 28th. If you are able to attend but didn't RSVP, please join us anyway although there may not be gimmicks available to you.

Also, Steve and Barb will have custom cut stripper decks available for purchase. Made from Bicycle Poker/Rider Back Design. As these are time consuming to make, please email Steve at [steve@sligosteel.com](mailto:steve@sligosteel.com) and let him if you would like a deck and what color. Choices are red or blue, and the cost is 15.00 per deck. This is a bargain for the time involved that it takes to make this deck.

## Magic Shops

Below are a list of magic shops that used to call St. Louis home:

- Magic World - three different locations
- Magic Gems
- DeVoe Magic Den
- Fabjance Studio
- Gibbols
- Rings and Things
- Monte's Magic
- O'dowd Conjuring
- Olde Towne Magic
- St. Louis Magic Studios
- BC Magic
- Star Creations
- Damien's Magic
- Towne House Magic
- Conrad's Magic
- Synders Magic



I am sure I am missing a few.

Support your local vendors here in town. Visit Josh at The Show Off Shop or give Mr. Ickle Pickle a call before you browse the internet. If they don't have what you are looking for, ask them if they can get it.

Steve Zuehlke

## Website

Our website <http://www.ibmring1.com/> could use a refresh as well as on-going maintenance. We need a tech-savvy volunteer to help keep the information relevant and up-to-date. Please reach out to Terry Richison (contact info on last page) to volunteer.

Gary Chan



## 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.

Date	Magician 1	Magician 2
Nov 19	John Davit	Terry Richison
Dec 17	D. Jay	Volunteer!

Contact Darryl "D. Jay" at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com) to sign-up!

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).

Darryl "D. Jay"  
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## Random Magical Things

The Magic Roadshow claims to be the largest free blog and newsletter in all of magic. You may find some interesting articles there: <https://magicroadshow.com/>

The Sacred Riana competed on America's Got Talent as a creepy magician. She will have her own movie: <https://talentrecap.com/watch-the-creepy-trailer-for-the-sacred-riana-movie/>

If you like Riana, you may like Elizabeth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHqbfkBthk4>

The following map shows magic-related businesses: <https://www.findacadabra.com/index.php?fn=home&f=show>

Gary Chan

## Submit Articles for the SPIRIT

I encourage everyone to submit at least one interesting article each year. Your article could be about a cool magic trick, your thoughts on a recent magic event, or a thoughtful diary entry about how magic has affected your life. It could be a notification of an upcoming magic conference that you'd like others to know about. Or a funny comic strip related to magic. This is your newsletter -- share your joy with others.

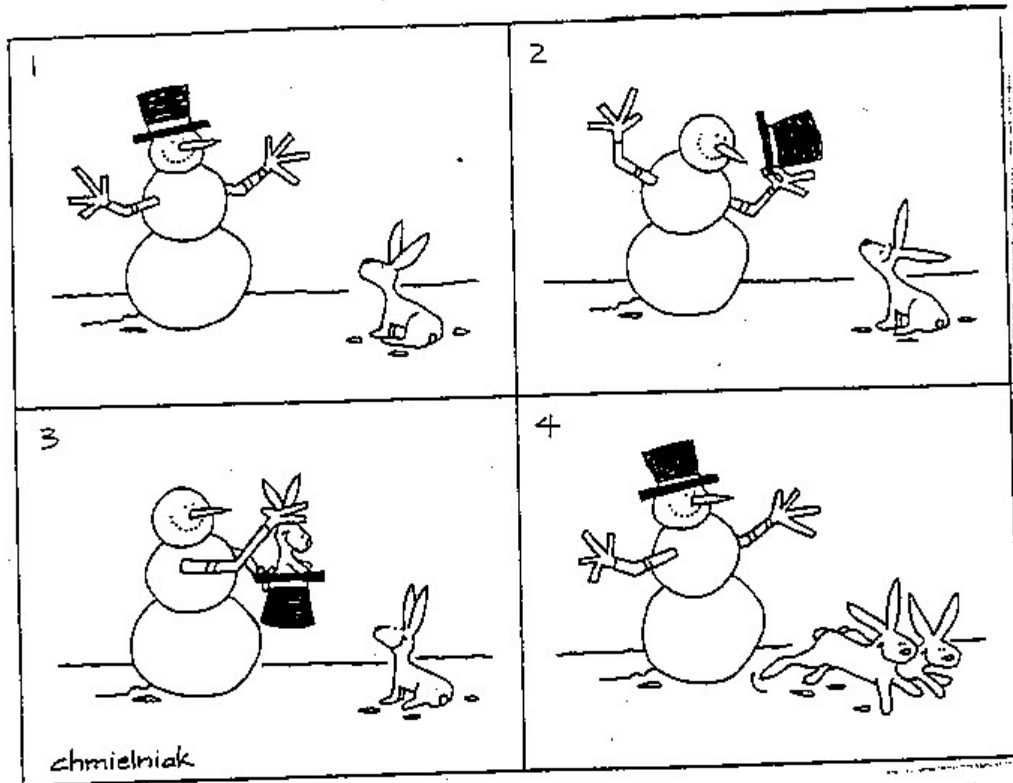
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Gary Chan

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Gary Chan



## Calendar

Date	Event
Nov 6 6:30pm	Magic 101: "Craft Magic" with Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston Self-working card tricks with Alan Zibits
Dec 4	Holiday Party White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec 8 2:30pm	Veterans and First Responder Magical Holiday Show

## Other Magic Conferences and Events

### Magifest 2020

Columbus, OH; January 16 - 18, 2020

<https://www.vanishingincmagic.com/magic-conventions/magifest/>

### Magic Roundtable

Schnuck's, 12332 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable has been meeting every Saturday for roughly 40 years. It currently meets on the mezzanine at Schnucks in Des Peres at 1:30 every Saturday. There is no cost involved, but any food consumed must be purchased in their store. Bring some magic or a book. Discuss, show others, practice. Or just visit and be social. Questions? Contact Harry Monti at 636-399-5391 or MontiMagic@aol.com .

### Board Meeting Dates:

Nov 20, Dec 18

6:30pm IBM

7:30pm Jubilee

Location: Experience on Demand, 16020 Swingley Ridge Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017. (Register with Terry Richison so that you get any last-minute location change notifications. His contact info is on the last page.)

Contribute and help shape the future of our organization. All members are welcome!



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