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TLR Reviewers Perform at February Meeting

February Meeting Highlights

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Before the meeting, **Wayne Alan** gave an outstanding teach-in on coin sleights. He demonstrated many methods of coin vanishes, appearances, and card and coin switching. He finished with his amazing version of coins across with a glass.



President **Danny Selnick** opened the meeting with 46 attendees and told a few magic jokes. "Keep your day job Danny." He then announced that he was working on a spring field trip for the members to Harry Houdini's gravesite at Machpelah Cemetery in Queens NY. While there the group could also attend Tannen's Magic shop. After a few other announcements about coming local events, **Theo Rushin**, Magi-Whirl Chairman, gave an update on Magi Whirl 2012, see page 6. President Danny stated our goal is to sell out the Bishop Ireton Theater for the Gala show by the middle of March.

Our newest member to be voted into the Ring was **Bryan McDaniel** of Woodbridge VA (more on page 4).

This month instead of the usual 50/50 drawing we had a raffle with two magic DVDs worth over \$118. Lucky winners were **Sam Brothers** who chose "Double Back" by Jon Allen and **Wayne Alan** winning "The Process" by Andrew Gerard.

The theme of this month's meeting was "The Linking Ring (TLR) Reviewers Perform". **Jason Goldberg**, associate editor of The Linking Ring, was the emcee for the "Reviewers Program". He explained the review process and how difficult it is to review a product that is mediocre and/or overpriced. Ring 50 has a preponderance of the "Hocus

in Focus" reviewers and tonight six of them prepared to demonstrate products that they previously reviewed. As each reviewer took the stage Jason gave a little synopsis



Jason Goldberg

about the reviewer. The reviewers performed several effects and told how they rated the item for the Linking Ring.

However, before the reviewers performed Jason introduced **David**



David Watson

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Watson, Ring 50's newest youth member, who presented his routine for multiplying balls. He held a ball between his fingertips. In the blink of an eye, there were 2 balls! Then 3! Then 4!

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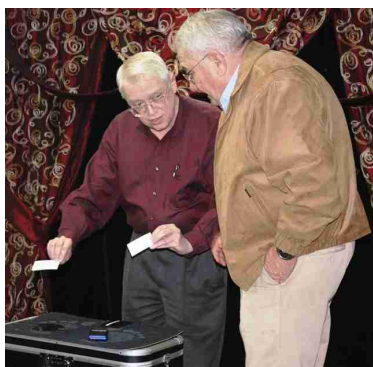
And just as quickly, he made the balls vanish! He ended with an ambidextrous juggling act that the audience enjoyed.



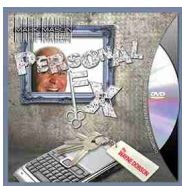
Danny Selnick did a strong prediction effect, “*Three Six Five*” by Chris Congrave. Technically, it was a card at any number routine using a person's birthday, to make the effect far more compelling. The spectator was handed a pocket diary and asked to turn to their birthday. There was a lucky number by their selected date (this lucky number was worked out via the use of numerology). A deck of cards which have been sitting on the table since the beginning is now removed from its case. The cards are shown to be different and then he dealt to the spectator's lucky number. This is done fairly and the card he lands on is the very same card as the prediction which was in an envelope given to a spectator to hold. (TLR 11/2011)



Bob Carnathan began with Wayne Dobson's “*Personal FX*” and removed three business cards from a small wallet. The cards were laid out in a row. He had a spectator put their phone on any of the one of the three cards. Next spectator placed his keys on either of the two remaining cards.



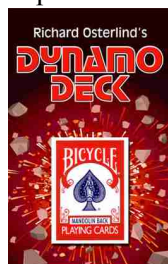
The last card went back inside the wallet. With no funny business of any kind, the phone was removed and written on the back of the card



was PHONE. The keys were removed on the back of that card was written KEYS. The card

in the wallet was removed and it said WALLET. Each item was in exactly the right place.

Later in the show Bob used Richard Osterlind's “*Dynamo Deck*” to perform an amazing mentalism feat. The deck was shuffled and a card was selected by a spectator and returned to the deck and placed in the box. The box was placed on the table. With Bob's power of concentration he was able to ultimately divine the spectator's card (TLR 9/2011)



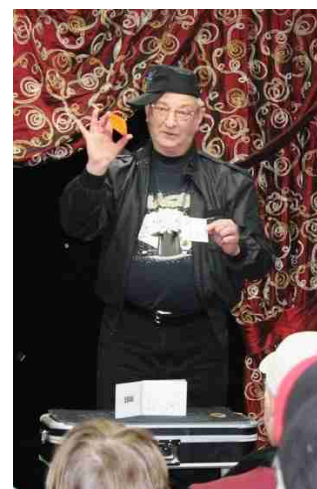
Dr. Arnold Levin told a joke that completely broke up the audience and the room was roaring with laughter (moans)...a standing



ovation was in order. The audience was screaming "more, more" or was it "door, door"? Then he went on to perform “*Spectre*” by Amir Latif & Spidey. He collected 7 items from the audience. The he and a spectator eliminated all the items until one was remaining



(keys). Then he began with the story about the Ghost of Vienna and how some of those that died in the early 1900s still had their ghost in the neighborhood. He then showed the ability to perform a visually astonishing effect using an ordinary bandana and some blank cards. He wrapped the cards along with a pen in the bandana. Then he summoned the Ghost of Vienna. Strange ghost like manifestations began to make the bandana rise and wiggle. A supernatural phenomenon was talking place. When all was quiet, he removed the pack of cards to reveal the ghost had written the chosen item (keys) on the top card. (TLR future issue)



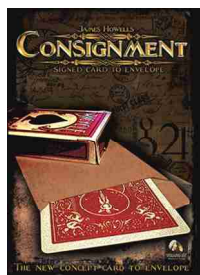
Bob Patterson dressed as a street magician, did James Howells “*Consignment*”. The magician introduced a small envelope that was left in full view on the table. Next, a card was selected and signed by the spectator. The card was then lost in the deck and the deck was slipped

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back into the box and placed in the magician's pocket. The magician then draws attention to the envelope on the table. The envelope was opened and the signed card was found inside! (TLR 6/2011)



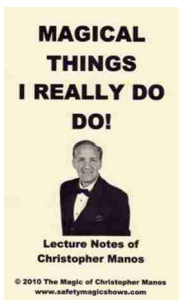
Rucj was turned around a person was ask to select a murderer and then move the pieces around several times. When Rucj turned around he was to identify the murder. However, the murder got away and he couldn't find him. (TLR 6/2011)

From Alan Chitty's "Behaviour Patterns" Bob had a prediction in a small envelope that was placed on the table. The he showed a book and turned the pages showing the different patterns on each page and the different pattern numbers. Each page had a picture of 4 different symbols on it and each page had a

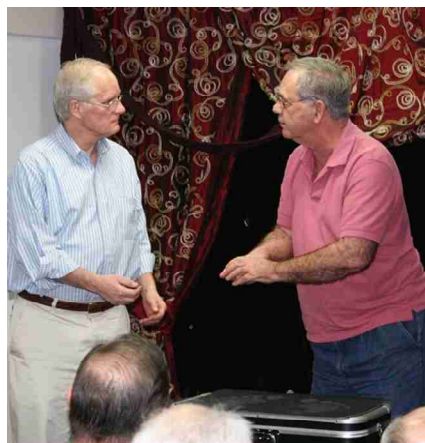
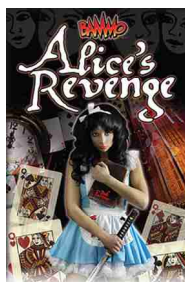


bold, black number printed on the back of it. Then a spectator was asked to say stop on ANY PAGE. He stopped on an odd number page. For the first time, the magician showed the back of the envelope. It read "Everyone says stop on an odd number". Next the envelope was opened and tipped out was a prediction. It matched exactly the patterns on the page they stopped on and the envelope was shown empty. (TLR future issue)

Rucj Uffelmann began with "The Choice is Mine: Dacey 1, 2, 3" from the book, "Magical Things I Really Do!" by Christopher Manos. Rucj had three audience members perform the *Blackheart Manor Murder Mystery* with Mr Mustard, Mr Purple, and Mr. Green. Each were in separate rooms; Library, Great Hall, and Bedroom. While

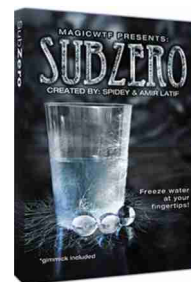


Then he performed "Alice's Revenge" by Bob Farmer by showing a small envelope that he placed it in front of a spectator. The spectator was asked to name any queen. Rucj removed four cards from the envelope and the named queen was the only one not in the envelope, a blank card was seen in its place. The blank card was handed out for examination. (TLR 6/2011)



Tom Bohacek performed "Trinity" from the DVD called "Subzero" by Spidey & Amir Latif. He placed a glass containing only of water on the table and collected six quarters and on one side of three of them he marked with numbers (1, 2, 3). The remaining three he marked

with symbols (circle, triangle, square). The spectator gathered the coins and shook them, dropped them on the table and the ones without marks were removed. This was repeated until only two coins remained, these were marked with a 3 and circle. Reaching into the ordinary glass of water he removed three spheres that were not seen in the water, but dictated by the coins. (TLR 8/2011)



Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current

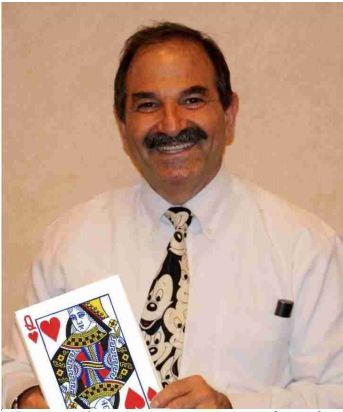
You must be an active member of I.B.M. to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301



IBM Ring 50 Schedule

2012	
Mar 7	..... Auction Night
Apr 4	..... Dan Lacey Contest
Apr 13-14	Magi-Whirl 2012
May 2	.... Geoff Williams Lecture
Jun 6	..... Humorous Magi Contest
July	..... No Ring 50 Meeting
Jul 3-7	... IBM Convention Norfolk
Aug 1	.... Joshua Jay Lecture
Sep 5	..... Teach-In by Members
Oct 3	..... ESP/Mentalism Night
Nov 7	.... Simon Lovell Lecture
Dec 5	.... Children's Magic Show

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Danny Selnick

Hi all -- with **Magi-Whirl 2012 coming up fast** -- remember-- it's not just our convention/lecture/gala show -- best, fun weekend -- it is also the opportunity for Ring 50 to raise funds for the club which helps us bring great lecturers and to do more. Therefore, I'm asking each of you to help spread the word-- to at least five people (or five families) who might not know about the Magi-Whirl Gala Show. Chances are, each of you lives in community with a news letter or one that sends out community emails -- ask them to include a note about the Gala Show (two of mine have already done so). Write up your own short message and include this link -- <http://magi-whirl.org/gala/>. Our goal for MW 2012 is to **sell out every seat** at the Gala Show one month before the event.

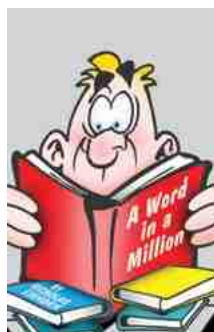
At January's Ring 50 meeting I spoke about a spring-time field trip to visit **Houdini's grave** in Queens, NY. Remembering that the greatest escape artist of our time is buried in a Jewish cemetery and it's closed Saturdays. With that in mind, I thought to make the homage a day and half trip -- out with friends and even bring family. The idea would be to leave on a Saturday morning-- arrive in Manhattan sometime in the afternoon -- check into the hotel and then go to the famous **Tannen's Magic Shop** for a visit or maybe to sit on a lecture (assuming they have one for that night) -- then go to

dinner and then we'll see afterward what to do. Next morning, after breakfast, we'll drive to Queens and to pay our respects to Houdini and then travel back to NoVA, MD or DC -- arriving early evening. That's the idea. In the meantime, I'll be checking out hotel prices, restaurants, etc. to keep the weekend very reasonable. I think driving makes the most economic sense, especially because the cemetery is not near any mass transportation. **Please let me know your interest and if you've got any ideas or if you're interested in helping me put this trip together.** One last note: I was warned by the cemetery's manager --no tricks, no séances. I'm told it's gotten crazy there-- especially on his birthday and on the date of his death, October 31 -- Halloween.

Magically yours, **Danny**
daniel.selnick@yahoo.com

RING 50 NEW LOCATION

I.B.M. Ring 50 meetings are held at "ChildTime Magic Party Place" located in Vienna VA. The address is **312 Dominion Rd. NE, Vienna, VA 22180**. If you need assistance in locating the meeting call: 703-765-1923. The meeting room will be in the 1,000 square foot Theater area. Over flow parking is available in the Church lot on the corner of Ayr Hill Rd and Dominion Rd. Meeting starts at 8:00 PM.



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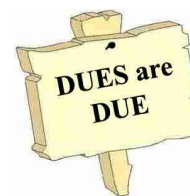
Ring 50 New Members & Applications

A new member, **Bryan McDaniel**, (51939R) of Woodbridge VA, was welcomed aboard at the February 1st meeting. He was a member of Ring 50 until 2006 when he moved to California. Bryan is a semi-professional magician doing close-up magic and manipulations. He is a member of S.A.M. and a former member of the Magic Castle.

No new applications were received at the February meeting.

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues for 2012

Only 52% of the members have



paid their dues for 2012. Ring 50 annual dues of \$15 for 2012 are **due by February**.

Anyone, wishing to stay current may pay their dues at the March 7th meeting. The Ring 50 Treasurer, Bob Patterson, requests that you pay by check, as this eases the record keeping. Make checks payable to **IBM Ring 50**. Cash will be accepted providing you have the correct change (\$15). If you are unable to make the meetings, you can send a check to his home address at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192-5362. Enjoy your Ring activities throughout 2012 by paying your dues now.

Have you registered for Magi-Whirl 2012? Time is running out, price goes up to \$65 after March 23.

Register online at:
www.Magi-Whirl.Org Do it today!



Ring 50 Magic Youth International "The Counts of Conjuring"

By Kevin McGuire

The Counts of Conjuring meeting started off with a demonstration of a rather unique and portable close-up table. Thanks to our host, Louis Meyer, this table was used during the meeting. TEO, the Counts of Conjuring "Prince of Conjuring", demonstrated and taught a couple of relatively easy to learn close-up effects. He started by performing one his favorites, The Die of Destiny. This was an effect that he learned from an old Marc DeSouza VHS tape/book. It involved a free selection from a deck of cards and a series of random rolls of a supposed blank die (or was it really blank??). One of the older Counts then demonstrated his manual dexterity by performing a muscle pass - a slight that takes lots of practice and patience. TEO concluded by demonstrating an effect using rubber bands, a dollar bill, and a clip. He referred to it as "more of an optical illusion than a magic trick."

Don't forget to encourage a youth to attend the Ring 50 MYI. The youth meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the ChildTime Magic Party Place Vienna VA. The Youth Ring is open for children ages 7-17. Please let **Theo Rushin**, Chief Instructor for the youth group, know if you are bringing any youths so that we can be better prepared for them.



MARCH MEETING IS AUCTION NIGHT

March 7th is Auction Night. Gather up those great effects that you no longer need and put them in the Auction (include the instructions too, if you can find them). There will be a **Silent Auction** for small items. For the bigger items with a retail value over \$25 we will have a **Live Auction**. There is a **limit** of no more than **7 items** per person in the **Live Auction**. Please keep ALL BIDS in even dollars.

Silent Auction will be from 7:00 to 8:00. Live Auction begins at 8:30.

Volunteers Needed

We are putting out a call to the membership for volunteers to help with the Auction on March 7th. There has been a small core group of members helping run the auction for many years now. It's time for some new blood to step up and lend a hand during this annual event. Helpers need with collecting fees, bagging the winning items, tabulating the results of each winning bid, etc.

If you would like to help make this auction the best auction to date, please contact a board member or Danny Selnick and volunteer some of your time this coming March.



Dan Lacey Competition to Pick Title Holder "Magician of the Year" May 2nd

Sharpen up your skills and compete at the May 2nd meeting for the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy and the title "Magician of the Year".

The winner will receive a rotating trophy and a spot to perform at the 2013 Ring 50 Magi-Whirl Gala show. All paid-up Ring 50 members both new and veteran members can seek the title. A panel of judges will declare the winner. The late Dan Lacey was a president of Ring 50 (1999-2000) who inspired others—especially newcomers to magic—to hone their skills. The contest provides an opportunity to recognize the exceptional magic skills of our members. The contest was started in 2003 to honor the deceased magician. Contact Danny Selnick, Ph 703-347-5540 or daniel.selnick@yahoo.com if you are interested in being in the competition.



Membership

Have YOU brought a prospective member to the meeting?

They must be interested in magic and be a member of the International



Brotherhood of Magicians. Applications are available from the Treasurer, Bob Patterson.

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Coming Events



Marriott Hotel – Norfolk VA
July 3 thru July 7, 2012

The 2012 I.B.M. Convention will be held in Norfolk Virginia, July 3-7, 2012 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel.

There will be three big evening stage shows in the Chrysler Theater! Lectures galore! Optional is a banquet with an exciting cabaret show. Learn from the best in the business with a stellar line-up of lectures and great closeup shows, fantastic youth activities and events are in the works, and some great new activities for spouses, and the Order of Merlin.

The outrageously funny **Geoff Williams** will entice audiences with his mind-blowing sleight-of-hand illusions. You won't want to miss the amazing card magic of magician and author, **John Bannon**. From Spain, the incomparable **Dani DaOrtiz** will entertain you with his superb technique and crazy humor. Joining us from Canada is comedian and magician, **David Acer** (aka Doubting Dave on Mystery Hunters), who only has to look at you to make you laugh. The fact that he is also an accomplished magician is just icing on the cake. More than just an entertainer – **Hannibal** – captivates his audience with his combination of magic and storytelling. You won't want to miss **Wayne Houchin** – exclaimed "One of the hottest magicians on the planet" by Genii Magazine. Finally, I.B.M. attendees will be treated to **Paul Gertner's TEN FINGERS – A Play of Magic**. Enough said. Of course experience 'dealer's room' with expected 40 or more vendors.

And you'll see the Gold Medal and Gold Cups Contests - often regarded as the best-run contest in magic!



Bob & Norfolk Mermaid

Register early to get close-in seats and before the price goes up, at www.Magician.Org or see the I.B.M. International **Registration Chairman**, Bob Patterson.



Kidvention has everything for the Children's Entertainer. Whether you are a magician, clown, face painter, balloon artist or ventriloquist! The Kidvention will have 3 days of classes for everyone. Including tons of business classes to get more gigs! There will be 20 different presenters this year!

Out with the old and in with the new. There will be a Kidvention Auction, so bring items from home that you want to get rid of and pick up some new items in the Dealer Room. Saturday night is the Magic Performance evening with Oscar Munoz.

Kapital Kidvention will be held at the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

The Registration fee is \$225. Sign up at: <http://kapitalkidvention.com>.



April 13 & 14, 2012

January Update

Magi-Whirl Chairman, **Theo Rushin** has updated the Magi-Whirl website to reflect our 2012 convention. Here is the convention line-up so far: Lectures: Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and George Saterial. We have just added to the Magi-Whirl 2012 Line-Up - The Aldo and Rachel Colombini Farewell Tour. For those who may have seen Aldo and Rachel in a previous lecture in 2011, they have promised to present some new material for the Magi-Whirl 2012 convention attendees. Close-Up Performers: Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and the Colombini's.

Gala Show Performers: Noland Montgomery, Gustavo Raley, Ken Scott, and headliner George Saterial. Watch for updates and other news at: www.Magi-Whirl.Org website

We plan on having several dealers scheduled for the dealer room. You can see and talk to professional magicians and look at new magic items for sale, touch them and see them in action before making a purchase.

Magi-Whirl is held at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria VA. For details go to: www.Magi-Whirl.Org. Come and join the fun and meet new magical friends.

Registration forms will be available at the Ring 50 meetings and online. Registration for members signing up at the meeting until March 23rd is \$45, non-members \$50. **After March 23rd the price will be \$65 for everyone.**

Magi-Whirl is a Ring 50 production supported by the help of its members. Volunteers, contact Theo Rushin at rushint@yahoo.com.

Henning to Open for Music Legend



Eric Henning

Ring 50 Past President **Eric Henning** will open for music legend **Leon Redbone** at *The Birchmere* in Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at:

<http://www.birchmere.com/events/leon-redbone/>

The Birchmere is a legendary music hall in its own right, with a long history of hosting the best in acoustic, blues, folk, bluegrass and progressive rock bands. The list of acts that got their start at *The Birchmere*, some even before they had records, includes Vince Gill, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Alison Kraus and The Seldom Scene, which was the house band for more than twenty years.

"Elephant Room" at Arena Stage

Eric Henning has reviewed this item of special interest to magicians, as the show is about hapless, clueless magicians wannabes and contains many inside jokes. January 20- February 26, 2012. Reserved seats are \$40. The review is here: <http://t.co/zo53x0S8>



S.A.M. 2012 Convention, Las Vegas, NV July 23-26, 2012

The 2012 S.A.M. Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, Monday, July 23 - Thursday July 26, 2012 at the Golden Nugget! Go to <http://www.magicsam.com> for more information. Featuring **David Copperfield** and **Mac King**. Comedy magician **Johnny Thompson** will be one of the six lecturers. **Katalin**, the young Hungarian magician, adds her stylish magic and comedy to the roster of great acts. Others are: Jason Baney, Mathieu Bich, Nathan Burton, John Cassidy, Funtasio, Joseph Gabriel, Christian & Katalina, The Great Tomsoni & Co, Boris Wild Ali Shelly, and More!

Schedule for Auction Night

- 6:00 - Set up Silent Auction Items
- 7:00 - Silent Auction Begins
- 8:00 - Silent Auction ends and winners pay by check or cash for all items won.
- 8:20 - Ring 50 Meeting
- 8:30 - Live Auction Begins
- 10:00 - Live Auctions ends and winners pay by check or cash for all items won.



Found in the March 1987 Magi-Gram (Past Presidents Night)

Stan Rosenthal (1968-69) made some remarks about manipulation verses magic. Seemed all the same to me as Stan's cards reversed themselves in a packet whose backs changed from red to blue.

Paul "Augie" Arnstein (1979-80) set aside a prediction card from his deck before having a card selected and signed. After some manipulation, Augie showed five cards: four Aces and a stray card because the chosen card had changed places with the prediction.

Jack Nance (1982-83) called upon Mort Rumberg to shuffle a loaf of bread! Mort's chosen slice matched the Ace of Diamonds. MAGI-WHIRL was a day with Terry Seabrook.



I HOPE YOU ARE NOT THINKING OF DOING
THAT STUPID TRICK WHERE YOU REMOVE A SLIP!
I HATE TO LOOK RIDICULOUS IN FRONT OF MY FRIENDS!