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Noland Does It Again #1



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April Meeting Highlights

Before the meeting started, Vice President **Kevin McGuire** gave an excellent teach-in on the fundamentals of card technique.



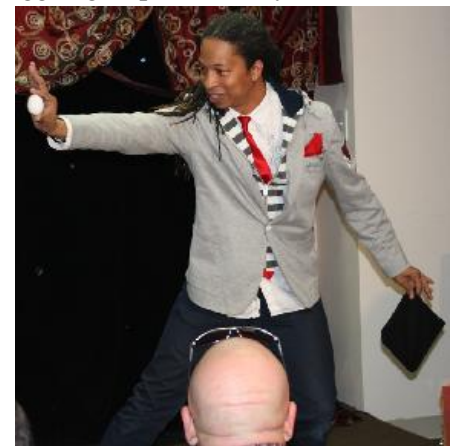
Kevin McGuire

President **Danny Selnick** opened the meeting with There were 53 members and guests attending the meeting. Magi-Whirl Chairman **Theo Rushin** updated the members on the latest news of our two-day convention, Apr 13 & 14. Kudos goes to **Wayne Spillner** for stepping up and running for the office of Secretary. Danny kicked off the annual Dan Lacey "DC Magician of the Year" contest and **Cecelia Ritchie**-Dan Lacey's sister spoke about the fond memories she has of her brother Dan and offered a photo and book from Dan Lacey's collection to be added to the winner's trophy.

Dan Lacey Contest

By Arnold Fuoco

With Danny hosting the emcee task, first up was **Theo Rushin** who performed a superlative egg bag routine. "TEO's" outfit was quite dapper and he moved smoothly to an uplifting sound track of music. He did this while magically vanishing and producing the egg. **Natalie Iseli** was brought up and she was cued to duplicate TEO's actions. This portion of the routine engendered many laughs with the volunteer magically producing an egg. Quite a novel and refreshing version of the egg bag as presented by TEO.



Theo Rushin (TEO)

Next up was **Andrew Lindgren** who amazed the audience with the production of a large glass of grape soda. Then suddenly multiple grapes kept appearing at his mouth. He ended with a miser's dream production of a large amount of candy. A very clever and well performed routine by Andrew.

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Dan Lacey Contest

By Arnold Fuoco
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Andrew Lindgren

Bryan McDaniel was up next and had the audience in stitches with a number of sight gags using a giant lighter, a formal dress up, and a coin with smart phone. Then he brought

Danny Selnick on stage to participate in a “construct a magicians” course run on a laptop. The laughs continued as Danny made choices from the course options list only to wind up with the



Bryan McDaniel

wrong playing card. A well constructed comedy routine by Bryan McDaniel.

Next up on the agenda was **Noland Montgomery** who instantly produced a deck of cards from nowhere. He then took 5 cards and set out to describe the famous 5 card trick. After removing 3 cards a total of five times, to everyone’s amazement, he was still left with 5 cards. With Cecelia Ritchie assisting, Nolan performed an ambitious card routine the highlight of which had the selected card



Noland Montgomery

jumping from his knee to his mouth. Finally, the selected card wound up in Nolan’s wallet. Another superb professional routine from Noland.

The audience then prepared for comedy as **Reggie Rice** took control. Reggie didn’t disappoint as he started with an impressive crystal ball manipulation. With assistant Lois, he was able to magically extract a gold coin from her hand. He then shifted to a hilarious cards on chair routine where 3 cards appeared right where Lois was sitting. He completed the routine with a dazzling sponge ball routine where three inch sponge balls multiplied and jumped in and out of Lois’ hand. A prime magic comedy routine by Reggie.



Reggie Rice & Lois Hillard

Dr. Bob Carnathan followed by putting the audience into a hypnotic trance. He told us of his work as an MD in a psychiatric ward where they used a sanity test similar to a dicey dots board. The dots appeared and disappeared until the audience was convinced they were seeing things not there. A novel and clever framework for one of the classics of magic. Then Bob had Cecelia and Lois assist for his outstanding version of the egg bag. The audience was mesmerized as the eggs appeared and disappeared until Bob pulled out a shot glass of whiskey at the end. Two sterling versions of classic magic by Dr. Bob.



Cecelia Ritchie with Bob Carnathan

Avi Littky then moved into the spotlight and used the new film “Hunger Games” as his setup for a very magical routine. He blitzed the audience with a vanishing coke bottle, a card color change, a rope through body, a dove pan and a sponge ball sequence.



Avi Littky

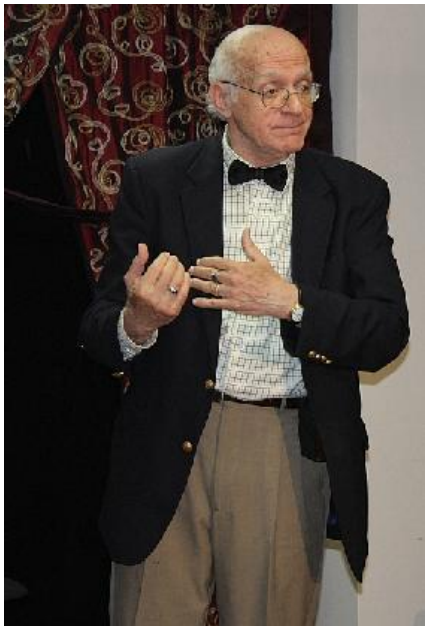
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Dan Lacey Contest

by Arnold Fuoco
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Next Avi brought out Rocky the raccoon and had the audience laughing as Rocky became animated ending with CPR saving Rocky from a near death. A very adept routine by Avi.

Arnold Fuoco offered a trip back in time to the days when Harry Houdini was a young man and had a career as a magician. Arnold performed each of Harry's favorite tricks for three different venues--the sideshow, the vaudeville stage and the occasional banquet. For the sideshow, he showed the color changing wand that turned into a glass of orange soda. On the vaudeville stage, cards and currency were pulled out of thin air and, at the banquet; a cloth table napkin was cut and restored. Finally a flower was magically produced from the napkin. A magical trip in time by Arnold



Arnold Fuoco

Arno Ziesnitz continued the magic by telling us he had just returned from India with a camera crew to document the famous Indian Rope Trick. They found a performer who showed them many facets of the effect and Arno reenacted what he had learned. In his hands, Arno

cut the rope many times with his fingers, and the rope wound up in one piece as well as in a continuous loop. He placed one end of the rope in his pocket and the ends changed places. He then demonstrated how he incorporated this knowledge into his rope act by performing a similar amazing routine to music. Quite a mysterious show by Arno.



Arno Ziesnitz

The last act was the team of **Natalie and Wes Iseli**. Wes was supposed to be the magician and Natalie the assistant. But they switched roles when Wes had to run off to find his deck of cards. Given



Natalie Iseli

free reign, Natalie dazzled us with an amazing production of silks, followed by a silk fountain, and then a live dove. Beautiful! Wes returned to show the audience his cards-across routine where three cards magically transported from one volunteer to another. And the three transported cards were shown to be the missing cards. A great team

production from the minds of Natalie and Wes.



Stan Hillard with Wes Iseli (r.)

The votes were tallied and the winner of the "DC Magician of the Year" was announced to be **Noland Montgomery**. Nolan won for the seventh time. **Second place** went to **Arnold Fuoco** and **Dr Bob Carnathan** placed third.



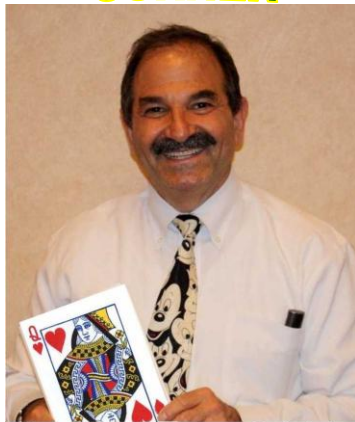
Cecelia Ritchie, Noland Montgomery and Danny Selnick.



All the contestants vying for "Magician of the Year"

Finally, applause was appropriate for **Danny Selnick** who as emcee filled in ten breaks of four minutes each with entertaining jokes, show and tell comedy, and humorous magical (?) effects.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Danny Selnick

Hi everyone -- several notes from my corner this month.

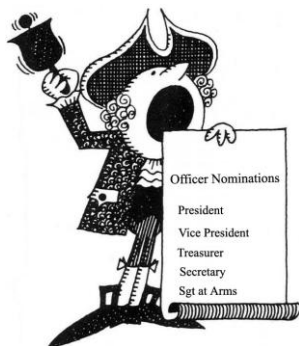
For those of you who made it to the Dan Lacey Contest last week, I'm sure you'll agree it was a fantastic assembly of Ring 50 magicians. Congratulations again to Noland Montgomery who won DC Magician of the Year. At the same time, I hope everyone had fun ... and the good news is that I haven't given up my day job to become a full-time emcee (you had to be there to see what I mean). Thanks to the performers and judges at the Dan Lacey Memorial contest. I could tell from reactions of the Lacey family members and friends that it was very successful.

Coming right up is Magi-Whirl 2012 and it's shaping up to be the best convention yet! And the Dealers' Room is going to be awesome this year with some wonderful newcomers. Please come out and support Magi-Whirl!

Right after Magi-Whirl is over; I plan on focusing my attention on the Ring 50 extracurricular outing to NYC to pay homage to Harry Houdini.

On May 2nd be sure to come to Ring 50 for the Geoff Williams lecture and vote for the Officers that you want to run the Ring.

See you all at Magi-Whirl!
Magically yours, **Danny**



Ring 50 Officers Nominated

Nominees to date are: President, **Danny Selnick**; Vice President, **Kevin McGuire**; Treasurer, **Bob Patterson**; Secretary, **Wayne Spillner**; Sgt at Arms, **Scott McDonald**. Board of Directors: Senior Director **Louis Meyer**; Former Ring President, **Arnie Fuoco**; Director at Large: **Arnold Levin**.

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the positions, see the nominating chairman Arnie Levin.

Members of Ring 50 will vote on the Magic Slate for the 2012-2013 session on May 2nd.

The new officers will be inducted into office by the Territorial Vice President, Dwight Redman, at the June 1st meeting.

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.



You are delinquent if you have not paid your dues. **Only 81%** of the members have paid their dues for 2012. Ring 50 annual dues of \$15 for 2012 are **due by February**. 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.

Founder of Famed Magic Show Le Grand David Dies

Cesareo Pelaez, the charismatic Cuban who escaped his native country and created the world's longest-running stage magic show in Beverly Massachusetts Theater, died Saturday March 24 of congestive heart failure. He was 79. Pelaez suffered a stroke in 2005 and stopped performing his role of Marco the Magi in 2006. Since then, he would appear on stage at the end of each performance of Le Grand David and His Own Spectacular Company in his wheelchair, acknowledging the cheers with a wave of his hands. He made his last appearance Feb. 18 for the company's 35th anniversary show. Over the years, the show drew national and international attention. The troupe performed at the White House seven times. Pelaez was named Magician of the Year by the Academy of Magic Arts in Hollywood.



Ring 50 Magic Youth International "The Counts of Conjuring"

For May the Counts of Conjuring will resume meeting. The agenda is: Illusions You Can Make Part II. Introducing a few "Do It Yourself *One Man* Illusions". Students select the illusion they wish to build and class proceeds to build their illusion and then Stage presence.

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.

See you at the meeting! **Theo**

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.

One of the many benefits of belonging to a magic club like Ring 50 is learning from each other. So come, enjoy, and perhaps learn. See you at the meeting.



Geoff Williams to Lecture at Ring 50



Geoff Williams will present a lecture on May 2nd for Ring 50. Geoff is a 3 time "Magician of the year" winner awarded by the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He has won over two dozen comedy and magic awards over his 26 year career. He has performed in over 17 countries and throughout most of the U.S.; he has even written for "The Late Show with David Letterman" and frequently performs at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. Geoff is a full time comedy magic entertainer known for outrageous, family-friendly comedy mixed with a heavy dose of hard-hitting magic.

The lecture is **free to paid-up Ring 50 members**. All other magicians \$15 at the door.



Harry Levy the owner of **Hank Lee's Magic Factory** in Medford MA has agreed to plead guilty to making over \$500,000 in unauthorized transactions on a customer's credit card. The credit card charge carries up to a 15 year sentence and the false statements charge 5 years, but the plea agreement said prosecutors will be seeking the "low end" of sentencing guidelines. The agreement also calls for Levy to pay restitution. The case was assigned to Judge Nathan Gorton. "I will remove myself from the everyday activities at Hank Lee's Magic Factory." Since the plea bargain negotiated by Lee might carry time in prison, this may have been necessary at some point.

Ring 50 New Member Applications

The following applications for membership have been received by the Membership Chairman: **Alec Negri** (25218M) Ashburn VA. Alec began magic when he was 6 years old and again when he was 30. About 6 years ago he began performing in restaurants and private gigs on a regular basis. He prefers close-up but can do stand-up as well. He is also a member of S.A.M. Assembly 252. **George Galanos** (57882R) Woodbridge VA. George is a professional magician that has recently moved back to Virginia. He was inspired in magic when he performed a few tricks on the train for Doug Henning. **John Huggins** (70262R) Leesburg VA and **Steve Ralston** (48727R) Fairfax VA. These Magicians will be voted upon at the next meeting they attend.

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

2012

- 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

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 close-up shows, fantastic youth activities and events are in the works, and some great new activities for spouses, and the Order of Merlin.

The lectures and performers that have been line-up to date are: **Geoff Williams, John Bannon, Dani DaOrtiz, David Acer, Hannibal, Wayne Houchin, Paul Gertner, Master Payne, Chris Capehart, Rich Bloch, and George Saterial.** Also on the schedule is **Chip Romero.** He is taking a break from nearly three decades at sea to show us what he does. **Justin Flom** who once had the Imaginary Theatre in Branson and most recently released Card Artistry will be sharing his newest and most popular material, along with **Vlad Kryvonogov** from the Ukraine and FISM award winner **Arthur Trace.**

The Gold Medal and Gold Cups Contests - often regarded as the best-run contest in magic are always a favorite. The 40+ dealers have uncontested time to show you their latest and greatest and they have even designed a 24 hr hangout area to jam. Yes, there was a bar just feet away too. We have lots more talent



Bob Patterson with a Norfolk Mermaid.

to announce and some very special extras.

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.**



This year's Kapital Kidvention was reportedly one of the best children entertainers' convention in the last three years. Oscar Munoz, award winning illusionist and humorist, was so surprised at all the events that he is returning next year with a big new lecture and show. If you are a children's entertainer, and didn't attend the Kapital Kidvention, you missed a good one! Keep February 2013 open for the Kapital Kidvention.

Ring 50 members seen at Kapital Kidvention February 10-12, 2012 running the convention was Louis Meyer with Bob Patterson at the Registration Desk. Also seen were: Greg Clements, Laurie Curry, Arnie Fuoco, Eric Henning, Silvia Lett, and Geoff Weber. All of them have expanded their expertise and knowledge at being a children's entertainer.



April 13 & 14, 2012

**If you have not registered,
you may do so at the door.**

In the past year you have read all the information about Magi-Whirl so now it's time to:

**COME
ON
DOWN**

to

MAGI-WHIRL

Magi-Whirl is held at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria VA. Come and join the fun, meet new friends.

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

**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.

S.A.M. 252 Events

S.A.M 252 Fairfax VA will present a **Night of Magic** to benefit the St. Leo's Knights of Columbus. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th at St Leo's Church. A dinner will be served before the show. **3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.**

Doors open at 6:00PM. Magicians will perform tableside tricks prior to the main show at 7:00 PM.

Adults \$10, children \$5. Price includes admission, 2-slices of pizza, and a drink. Please RSVP to Mike Purtil by email at mvpurtill@gmail.com or phone at 202-251-8424

Also S.A.M. 252 has scheduled a lecture by Fielding West on Thursday May 17th. Information about Fielding's lecture is located at: www.johnlukamagic.com/flyer/fieldingwestflyer.pdf

S.A.M. 23 Bring Back the Magic in Your Life

A family magic show for National Press Club members, their families and their friends will be held Wednesday, April 18, in the Club's conference rooms. And it's free! Some of the Washington area's top performers from the Society of American Magicians will make you believe in magic. The entertainment begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call NPC and SAM member James Flanigan at 202-554-3775 or 202-494-7302. You won't want to miss this special event!



Don't Miss May 4th Lecture with Geoff Williams



Mysteries of Sleight of Hand
A performance of close up magi.
Saturday, April 28 @ 8:00 pm. Proceeds benefit **The Wounded Warrior Project.** A unique performance of up-close magic, shared by some of our area's top performers, to benefit those who have been wounded in service to our country. Come enjoy an exciting evening of magic, sleight-of-hand and mind reading at Barry's Magic Theater! Featured performers include: Nick DeCiutiis, Mike Kaminskas, Jolly the Magician, James Marshall, & George Woo and your master of ceremonies for the evening: Barry Taylor! Tickets are just \$15 per seat, and seating is *very* limited. Click here to get your spot for *Mysteries of Sleight of Hand!*

Most Humorous Magician Contest Scheduled for June 6th

Sharpen up your comedy skills for the annual Winton Carroll Most Humorous Magician contest on June 6th. More details next month.



WANTED:

Doves

Avon Lee – a Chinese magician – is interested in entering the contest at the I.B.M. convention in Norfolk. However, he cannot travel from China with doves and has asked if we can help find 6 doves that he could rent or borrow.

If you have doves and are going to the convention in Norfolk or not, but would be willing to loan them to Avon Lee contact Oscar Munoz, the Contest Director, at OMunoz@Aol.Com. Thanks.

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

Al Cohen says:

Here is an act from the 1960s that is still working the big time. I first saw a film of Jorgen Samson do his act in the ring of a circus in about 1963. They used a large floor covering to pick up all the tables at the end.

A year later, at the Magic Castle, he allowed a friend to show a few bits of his entire act and how the tables were made and folded. I am so happy that he is still performing and has greatly improved his act.

A must see: (click on URL) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQIr9XGb5Bw> **AL**

For Sale

Wayne Alan has the following illusions for sale. If you are interested contact Wayne at: 410-956-8132 or wayne@waynealanmagic.com

Illusions for Sale

1.	Balloons thru Child-----	\$600.00
2.	Chaplin Puzzle Illusion-----one of a kind-Chalet----	3300.00
3.	Zig Zag-Chalet-----	2300.00
4.	Twister-----Chalet-----	2800.00
6.	Coin Ladder-----	1000.00
	Custom ATA case-----	300.00
7.	Jumbo Side Kick-Collector's Workshop-----	1200.00
8.	Sawing a Lady in Half--Have 2- red and white -each--	1400.00
9.	Light Bulb's Thru Girl-Jim Sommers-----	1200.00
10.	Giant Trash Can-Square Circle/Table-----	
	one of a kind-----Chalet-----	1700.00
11.	Plexiglas Tube Girl Production--one of a kind-----	1400.00
12.	Laser Cannon-----Chalet-----	1700.00
13.	Head In TV Cabinet--one of a kind-----	1000.00
14.	Blaney 2100 Suspension with hoop-----	2400.00
15.	Sword Box a la Lance Burton-----	2100.00
16.	Cane Cabinet-----	880.00
17.	Ashrah Levitation - one man---Chalet-----	2350.00
18.	Hippity Hop w cartoon characters-Jumbo stage size---	395.00
19.	Chair Suspension-Abbott's-----	495.00
20.	German Tube Illusion-Chalet-----	2200.00
21.	Hindu Basket-----	475.00
22.	Chu's Sword Suspension-----	875.00
23.	Temple of Benares Chalet-----	1835.00
24.	Gamola Levitation----New \$3,195.00-----	2300.00
25.	Zig Zag-custom made-----	795.00
26.	Pole Suspension-----	1125.00

