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Houdini Magic Slated for January 9th!

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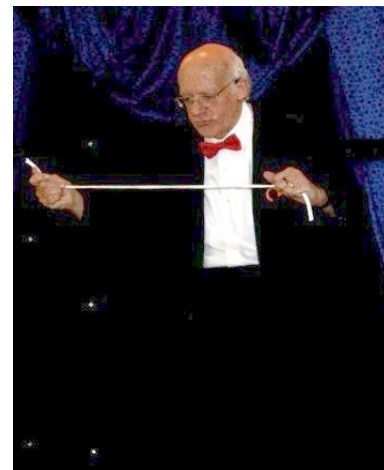
December Meeting Highlights

Due to the Children's Holiday Show, the Ring 50 business meeting was postponed until Wednesday January 9th meeting. Ring 50 members and officers arrived early and did a great job in converting the cafeteria into a theater for the Children's Holiday Show. Without further adieu, on with the show!

Children's Holiday Magic Show

By Arnold Fuoco & Bob Patterson

On Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM at the Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA members of I.B.M. Ring 50 performed a community magic show for nearly 200 children, their parents and Ring 50 members. The admittance was free with a donation of a new toy or can of food for the Alexandria Citadel of The Salvation Army.



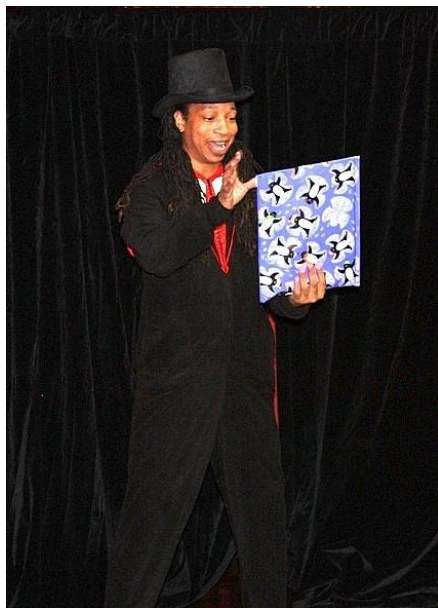
Emcee Arnold Fuoco

The evening's performance was conducted under the direction of **Arnold Fuoco** as the master of ceremonies. He did some great magic effects between the acts so the kids would stay energized and attentive. The evening featured four of Washington's finest children's magicians. Leading off the extravaganza was Theo Rushin followed by Kevin McGuire, Drew Owen and Louis Meyer.

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TEO Theo Rushin

Theo Rushin (TEO) performed an energy filled artistic routine to music where a boy awoke on Christmas morning to find presents that turned into wondrous magic gifts. He opened a box with a magic hat from which he pulled a long pole. The kids were riveted as he produced gifts that changed colors; a fan that generated a snowfall of confetti; a box with floating soap bubbles that magically turned into lots of crystal balls; and a mystery cup that streamed magic coils into the audience. This was a superlative and unique act created by TEO.



The Amazing Kevin (Kevin McGuire) and two young helpers.
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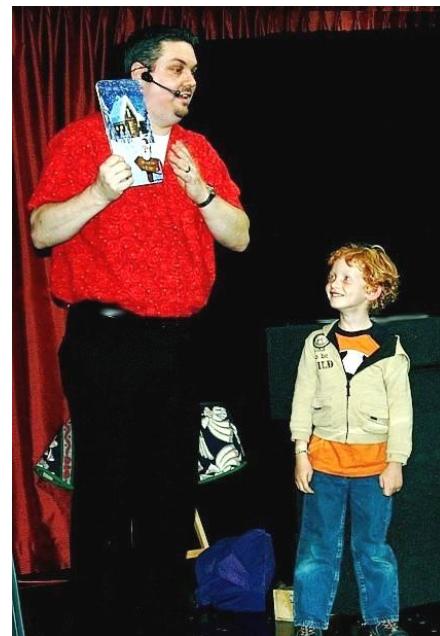
Kevin McGuire (The Amazing Kevin) did a Coloring book routine in which the kids were completely baffled. Then the comedy flowed with nesting candy cane wands and a cut a restored rope routine. The Amazing Kevin then did a tissue paper tear resulting in a paper hat that the little boy immediately tore from his head. This was followed by a "Where's Randolph" bit and led into a hilarious Santa's hat routine. Kevin's unique brand of children's humor had the kids jumping and laughing over his entire act.



Drew Owen as Professor Fizzwiffle and a young assistant

Drew Owen (Professor Fizzwiffle) performed in full wizard's attire as the wizard Professor. He used various magic wands such as the banana wand, a giant wand that came unsprung like the Popsy Topsy wand, a misbehaving wand, rising wand (similar to silver scepter) and the vanishing wand while it was held by a spectator. He had the kids wild with excitement with a squeeking sponge ball routine that used a magic gong—a clever and perfectly executed routine. Next he presented Alphonso, the psychic rubber chicken, a "mind reading" effect that found the chosen card. He ended with a child pulling a long string of

silks from Alphonso's mouth and nothing says "Happy Holidays" like a rubber chicken. The children thoroughly enjoyed Drew's act.



Louis the Magician (Louis Meyer) and assistant

Louis Meyer (Louis the Magician) opened with a silk to wand effect and followed with a miss-made smiley face and he finally got it right. Next, he presented a picture of a hat in which a rabbit appeared and changed to flowers then other items, finally appearing again. The kids were thrilled when Marty the Mongoose got loose from his cage and need to be brought under control—a very creative version of Rocky Raccoon. Louis' Christmas tree was bare no lights or decorations. After some byplay and help from the children the tree was found brightly decorated. Louis then brought out his English sheepdog "Woofier". Woofier performed his first trick by blowing up a balloon. He did this by blowing in Louis' ear and to everyone's delight he made the balloon disappear. Next was a hilarious routine where Woofier kept producing a red ball from his mouth. Woofier was a tour de force for this evening's show.

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Louis' busy schedule as a children's show entertainer was demonstrated as his presentation and execution were outstanding.

To help make this a benefit to the community, President Selnick worked with local media organizations who posted our announcements and one that even did a half-page story as a pre-event. He met with regional boy and girl scouts clubs, some local schools, and kept pushing the message out via social media and community groups.

Everyone had a great time; if you don't attend Ring meetings, you'll miss the fun and memories.

Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas from Ring 50; our best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

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Ring 50 New Members & Applications

The following application for membership has been received by the Membership Chairman: **Dan Krevere** (70660R) Vienna VA. Dan performed magic years ago inspired by his magician father and is now rekindling his interest. Dan is also a member of S.A.M. He will be voted upon at the next meeting he attends.

You must be an active member of International Brotherhood of Magicians to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the I.B.M. 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

Jan 9 Houdini Night
Feb 6 R. Alexander Lecture
Mar 6 Auction Night
Apr 3 Dan Lacey Contest
Apr 5-6 ... Magi-Whirl 2013
May 1 Lecture TBA
Jun 5 Winton Carroll Contest
Jul No Meeting in July

Houdini Night Slated for January 9th Meeting



Members of Ring 50 will be presenting magic from the Houdini era. Houdini had an amazing talent he also devoted himself to the magic. Harry Houdini was a master of escapes whose name still resonates today. One of the things that made Houdini stand out was his showmanship. Houdini wowed audiences with his deft escapes from handcuffs and other kinds of personal shackles and restraints

If you would like to perform effects that may be related to Houdini magic, please contact President Danny Selnick at his email (daniel.selnick@yahoo.com) to get on the list as a performer. You don't have to do only escapes...it could be with any theme dealing with Houdini ... cards, tricks, ropes etc... Get creative and have fun...

WANTED:

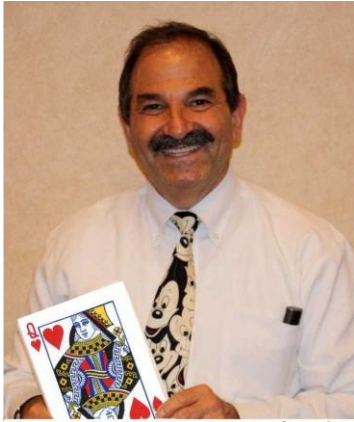
Houdini and other Ring 50 magicians to perform at the January 9th meeting. If interested in performing contact Danny Selnick, at daniel.selnick@yahoo.com or 703-347-5540. Do it NOW!



Who is this Ring 50 member doing a Houdini escape?



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Danny Selnick

December is a wonderful time of the year for most people and it's certainly that way for me. But what I like most about December is Ring 50's annual event: "The Children's Holiday Magic Show". Not only do we bring the joy and fun of magic to area children (and I'm told we had a larger crowd than last year), but that we also give back to the community by partnering with the Alexandria Citadel of the Salvation Army to accept donations of toys and other items that will be given to children and families less fortunate than us. I cannot tell you how happy and proud I am to be part of Ring 50. While this event always coincides with my company's annual meeting and cannot attend (and I'm really sad about that), I know that I've left the running of the evening to a great group of people.

This year, I'd like to thank our four fantastic magicians -- Drew Owens, Kevin McGuire, Theo Rushin and Louis Meyer and a special "shout out" to Arnie Fuoco, who I'm told was a superb emcee. I'd also like to thank Mike Taggart, David Watson, Avi Littky and Dr. Arnie Levin who helped set up the stage, as well as donations collectors John Cloninger and John Roberts. Louis Hofheimer ... thank you for providing entertainment, while the children were being seated and to Dan Krevere for distributing programs and Richie Klein for his behind the scenes work, also to

everyone else that stayed and helped put back the room. If I left anyone out, please forgive me. A special thanks goes to Bob Patterson, my dear friend, who always works so hard behind the scenes with me ... and to Bishop Ireton and Kevin Curry for their continued support of Ring 50 and our events.

I've said it before ... and will proudly say it again -- that Ring 50 is family and I'm happy to be part of it. Thank you all again ... and I wish everyone happy and magical holidays.

Danny



Ring 50 Magic Youth International "The Counts of Conjuring"

We would like to thank the Counts of Conjuring for coming to the IBM Ring 50 Holiday Show and helping with setup, stage organization, and after show clean-up. We will be ready to resume our regular meetings in January. The theme for our January 9th meeting will be, "What's New!?" It will be a new year and I'm sure you will have gotten many magical gifts. So bring one or more and share what you've received. You don't have to perform it. Just describe what it is, why you wanted it, and what plans you have for it. Thank you Counts and see you next year ... that is if the world doesn't end first - LOL

Don't forget to encourage a youth to attend the Ring 50 MYI. The youth meeting starts at 6:15 pm at Bishop Ireton High School 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria, VA on WEDNESDAYs. The Youth Ring is open for students 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.

A reminder that all Counts of Conjuring must become members of IBM and then apply for membership with Ring 50 -- within a few of your first meetings. Should you have any questions on membership, please see Theo or Bob Patterson, Ring 50's treasurer. **Theo**

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues for 2013

Ring 50 annual dues of \$15 for 2013 are due by February. Anyone, wishing to do so, can pay their dues at the 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 also send a check to his home address at 3450 Wainscott Place, Lake Ridge, VA 22192-5362. Enjoy your Ring activities and the Magi-Gram throughout 2013 by paying your dues now.



Magi-Whirl Promises to be Spectacular!

Register NOW! Jot down April 5 & 6, 2013 on your calendar for Magi-Whirl 2013. This convention is sponsored by Ring 50 will feature a super lineup of lecturers and performers. Be sure to register early and SAVE! Early Bird registration, including the Gala Public Show, will be \$55 for members, \$60 non-members through March 15, 2013. The convention cost after March 15 will be \$75. The general admission for the public show will be \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. (See page 10)

Coming Events



I.B.M. Convention Phoenix AZ

July 17 thru July 20, 2013

The 2013 I.B.M. Convention will be held in Phoenix Arizona, July 17-20, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

There will be three big evening stage shows in the Orpheum 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 are in the process of being confirmed. So far we have the "Mike Show", featuring **Michael Finney, Mikaël Szanyiel, Mike Chao, Michael Douglas, Mike Giles, and Mike Michaels.**

The Gold Medal and Gold Cups Contests - often regarded as the best-run contest in magic are always a favorite. The dealers have uncontested time to show you their latest and greatest and they have even designed a 24 hr hangout area to jam. We have lots more talent to announce and some very special extras.

Register NOW to get close-in seats and before the **price goes up \$25 on Feb 1**, register at www.Magician.Org or see the I.B.M. International **Registration Chairman, Bob Patterson.**



February 8th-10th, 2013

Kapital Kidvention has everything for the Children's Entertainer. Whether you are a magician, clown, face painter, balloon artist or ventriloquist! There will be 3 days of classes for everyone. Including tons of business classes to get more gigs! The following presenters are being scheduled this year: Oscar Munoz, Barry Mitchell, Louis Meyer, Tim Sonefelt, Lucie Brouillard, Heather Green, Bunky and Teresa Gretton, David Ginn, Brad Ross, Duane Laflin, John Reid, Lori Hurley, Michelle Heffner, Rebecca Kanar, Mark Reid, and Dave Hill.

Also, join us for the Kidvention Auction. Bring items from home that you want to get rid of and pick up some new stuff in our Dealer Room.

The Kapital Kidvention is reportedly one of the best children entertainers' conventions. If you are a children's entertainer, and don't attend the Kapital Kidvention, you will be missing a good one! Keep February 8-10, 2013 open for the Kapital Kidvention. Registration fee is just \$225 for this 3 day event. Go to: <http://kapitalkidvention.com>

RING 50 LOCATION & MEETING TIMES

I.B.M. Ring 50 meets on the first **Wednesday** of each month at the **Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria VA.**

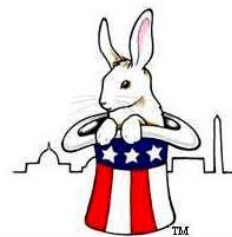
Meeting times: Wednesday

Counts of Conjuring: 6:15 pm

Teach-in (When Scheduled) 7:05

Regular meeting - 7:30 pm

Adjourn 9:30 PM



April 5 & 6, 2013

Magi-Whirl Chairman, **Mike Taggart**, reported that **Brad Ross, Juliana Chen, Master Payne, and John Carlson** have been booked as performers/lecturers for the April 5 & 6, 2013 Magi-Whirl Convention. Also announce was the person selling the most theater tickets over 20 will get a free registration for Magi-Whirl. (See page 10)



**JULY 3-6, 2013
Arlington VA**

The S.A.M. annual convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Arlington VA. The four-day event will feature performances by famous magicians from around the world, with lots of stage shows, close-up shows and magic lectures. There will be close-up and stage contests, exhibitors who offer information and sale of magic props, books, tapes, publications, collectibles and items related to magic and other variety arts. The convention features events for young magicians and alternative events for non-magicians. Gala stage shows will be held in nearby theatres for the conventioners and tickets to these exciting evening events are also sold to the public. Register online at: <http://magicsam.com>

**The Washington Symposium
on Magic History
April 25-27, 2013**



The Washington Symposium on Magic History is hoping to surpass what they did in 2006. This event will feature a huge dealer's room, an auction of vetted material, a number of top speakers on arcane topics of interest to magic history enthusiasts and collectors, the screening of a new documentary film about magic, *and* another exclusive exhibit for attendees only at the Library of Congress, consisting of highlights from the Houdini and McManus-Young collections.

Except for the Library of Congress exhibit, all events will take place at the modern and spacious Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, in Bethesda, MD, where a reduced room rate for attendees has been negotiated. For more information, or to register at the **early-bird rate** on-line go to http://www.magicposters.com/conference_2013/main/

Don't miss this unusual and special event. Of course, if you have any questions about the event don't hesitate to email or call Ken Trombly 202-607-3862 or kmtrombly@verizon.net.

Maryland Magician Tapped for National Christmas Tree Lighting



LAUREL, MD – For the second straight year, Laurel Maryland magician Eric Henning was selected to perform at the National Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6. Along with nine other acts, Henning, the only magician in the group, entertain the crowd of more than 6,000 families as they entered Presidential Park before the televised show.

Presidential events are becoming a habit for the Maryland magician. In 2001 and 2005, he performed at the Presidential Pre-Inaugural Candlelight Dinners for President George W. Bush. He performed at the White House Easter Egg Roll in 2002 and 2003 and at last year's National Christmas Tree Lighting. But by far, says Henning, his greatest honor was performing for President and Mrs. Obama and their family at the White House Halloween party in 2010. "The White House became a magical space with things floating in full light," says Henning, calling it "definitely the highlight" of his 40-year magical career.

Eric Henning is a full-time international magician and speaker working with corporate, government and non-profit groups. Find out more at www.HenningMagic.com

The National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is held annually on the Ellipse to kick off the holiday season in our Nation's Capitol, this year it was held Thursday, December 6, 2012. Tickets for the event were distributed through an online lottery. The National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was presented by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks.

Santa has 12 Reindeer! The Proof is in the Song!

A Quote from Al Lampkin, Ring 193

Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Of course there's Rudolph, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee."



Discovery Channel Magician Wayne Houchin Burned During Dominican Republic Television Appearance



Wayne Houchin was burned during an appearance in support of the *Curiosidades* show in the Dominican Republic. He released the above picture and the following statement on his Twitter and Facebook: Monday while appearing on a TV show in the Dominican Republic, the TV host took a handful of Aqua De Florida, ignited it and intentionally dropped it on my head, setting me on fire.

I was not aware he was going to do this. This was not a stunt or part of an act – this was a criminal attack. The fast actions of the rest of our *Curiosidades* team saved my life. The fire was put out and I was rushed to the emergency room. I have bad burns on my head, face, neck and right hand. I am in pain, but am recovering. I will update you on the situation when I can.

Houchin was most recently seen on Discovery Channel's *Breaking Magic*. Aqua de Florida or Florida Water is a flammable cologne popular in Latin Countries.

Monday 26th of November at 12:35 noon when Bolívar Bueno, Wayne and Fran Houchin ended recording their segment on the TV program "*Acércate a los Astros de la señora Adriana Azzi*" which was being hosted by Mr. Franklin Barazarte (Wayne's attacker), who also serves as the director of the TV show, who without notice and without any security measures, offered to "give them" a blessing using "Agua de Florida" (which is highly flammable due to its high alcohol content) proceeded to set fire to Wayne Houchin, resulting in serious burns to his face, neck, right ear, and his right hand.

We stress that this event was not part of our presentation, nor did we receive any notice that the host was going to carry out this **PREMEDITATED CRIMINAL ACT**.

Unfortunately the TV studio facilities did not have fire extinguishers, or first aid kits, anywhere on premises. Repeated requests for help to the staff of the studios were ignored. Only the rapid and efficient response by our team saved Wayne's life.

Right now he is stable, but sadly some so-called "journalists", lacking professionalism and sensitivity to human suffering, have taken a very unfortunate event and have used their airtime to ridicule Wayne for suffering this tragedy.

Misters Aridio Castillo and Domingo Bautista of the Dominican TV magazine "*Super Revista*", publicly have accused our team of practicing VooDoo and witchcraft and that the attack was divine justice for the evils of our cast members' practices. We ask you, our friends and family, for your prayers and positive thoughts for the speedy recovery of our friend and colleague Wayne Houchin.

Ring 50 wishes Wayne a speedy recovery. It is with sad news that I sent you this message about Wayne Houchin. As you know Wayne came to Ring 50 in August 2011 and gave us a wonderful lecture. While it appears he's not in danger of losing his life, we can only imagine what he will have to deal with. There were hundreds of notes on his Facebook page from magicians all over and I wrote a note on behalf of Ring 50. You can also find more on The Magic Cafe. I asked those in the know if there's anything we can do for him beyond sending our wishes for a very speedy recovery -- and I'll let you know. In the meantime, kindly take a moment and send your thoughts and prayers to Wayne either on The Magic Cafe or on his Facebook page. *Danny Selnick*, President I.B.M. Ring 50.

Children's Holiday Magic Show



Stage crew setting up.



Mike check, 1,2,3....



John Cloninger & John Roberts collecting donations.



Arnold Fuoco with Announcements.



Mike Taggart with Magi-Whirl 2013 Promotion.



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TEO pours the milk.



The Amazing Kevin and assistants.



Professor Fizzwiffle and sponge ball with gong.



Louis the Magician and Woofler



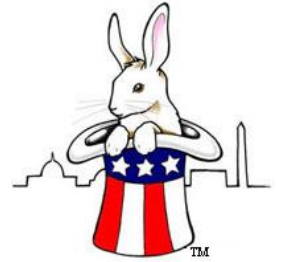


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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL RING

WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 5 & 6, 2013

Friday 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM
Bishop Ireton HS - 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria, VA



Includes:

- ◆ **Four Magic Lectures:**
Brad Ross, Juliana Chen, Master Payne, and John Carlson
- ◆ **Three Close-up Performances:**
Master Payne, Noland Montgomery, and TBA
- ◆ **Dealer Room:** 10 Dealer booths with loads of magic items.
- ◆ **Gala Evening Show 90 minutes of exciting stage magic**
with: Brad Ross, Juliana Chen, Master Payne, John Carlson and
Master of Ceremonies – TBA.



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