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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOW DECEMBER 5

JANUARY 2ND RING 50 MEMEBERS TO PERFORM

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Children's Holiday Show Highlights

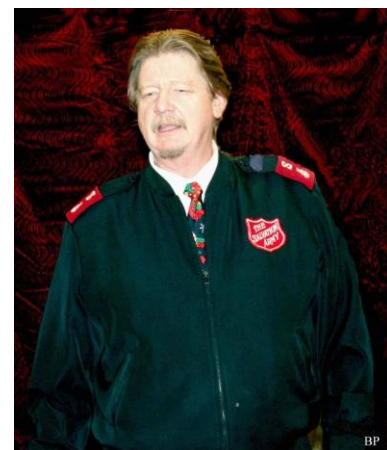
Santa was on hand to greet the children and parents as they arrive at the Holiday Inn and the Ring 50 Children's Holiday Show. (AKA Richie Klein)



Happy children with Santa while waiting to see the magic.



Larry Lipman the MC for the Holiday Children's Show began with telling the 80 children and 60 adults that his name was Lorenzo the Great. Then he asked them what their name was. A resounding roar came from the children.



Jim Shiels of the Alexandria Citadel, Salvation Army.

The admission was FREE for a donation of a new unwrapped toy or non-perishable food items to be donated to needy families of the area during this holiday time by the Alexandria Citadel, Salvation Army. Jim Shiels of the Alexandria Citadel expressed his appreciation for all the items and money donated.

Louis Meyer, instructor for the Ring 50 youths "Counts of Conjuring" ages 8 to 17, was introduced and he spoke about the "Counts" and how to join them. He performed a Houdini escape that was taught in the "Counts" course throughout the year. A colored ball (Houdini) was seen threaded on a cord. Ball was placed in the spectators hand and the cord was tied around his closed fist. A pull of the cord and the cord penetrated his close fist and only the ball was in his hand. Houdini had escaped!

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Louis Meyer Counts of Conjuring Instructor.

Then Lorenzo the Great explained the rules for the children. Remain seated with legs criss-cross applesauce, sit straight, and be very quiet (sometimes).

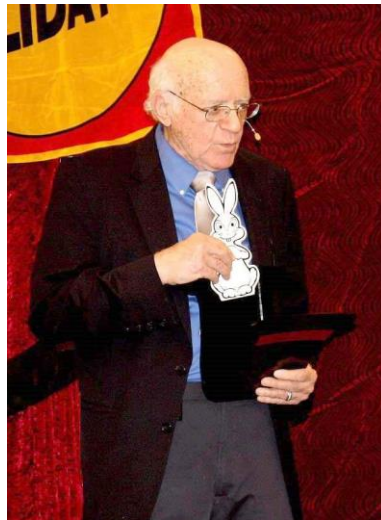
Noland the Magician (Noland Montgomery) was the first magician to perform. He produced a wand from his hand and it got lost only to be found as a banana. Then another banana and still more bananas, final a jelly bean can appeared. When it was opened a snake flew out. The snake was put back in the can and placed in full view of the audience.



Noland Montgomery and helpful assistant holds invisible ball.

Two youths were given different colored balls, which magically the colored balls changed places.

Then one youth was given both balls to hold in her closed fist, but when she opened her hand about 10 balls had fallen out. One child hand a large coin removed from his ear and more coins fell from his arms and nose into the Miser's bucket. Then Noland pick up the Jelly Bean can and the children all hallowed to him about the snake being in the can, but when it was opened the snake had vanished and left a large silk with "The End" on it.



Arnold Fuoco and the rabbit.

The **Magic of Arnold** (Arnold Fuoco) was the next performer. He was going to work with some balloons so he needed to file his nails. He had a large nail file and that vanished and reappeared several times and then completely vanished. He blew up a balloon and behind his back he twisted the balloon in to a snake (?). Then he put it behind his back again and twisted a cute poodle dog. Then with two balloons he asked the children what kind of dog is long. Then with the two balloons behind his back he twisted a "hot dog" in a bun.

His magic hat contained a rabbit that kept peeking out of the hat. Then he mysteriously vanished and Arnold could not find him. However the when he turned around to put the hat away the children all shouted at him because

the rabbit was on his back. Very hare raising! A raccoon tail fell from the bottom of the hat. Rocky the Raccoon made his appearance. The magician asked Jayden Bowers to think of any letter of the alphabet. Rocky will read Jayden's mind. Rocky adorned with a cape and place into a canon. He was shot out of the canon to across the room. When he landed the cape now had a letter on it, the same letter that Jayden had thought of!



JT the Unstoppable and volunteers.

JT the Unstoppable (Joe Mielnicki) magically produced 4 balls from his empty hat. These were thrown out into the audience. The 4 adult males catching the balls became volunteers. JT checked out each person's body reflexes in response to his command. Then he brought out 4 buckets and placed them in a square. Each man was directed to sit on a bucket and each faced a different direction. Then JT laid each one onto the legs of the person behind him. After all were lying backwards the buckets were removed, thus all the men were supporting each other for the awesome Four Man Chair Trick.



The Four Man Chair Trick

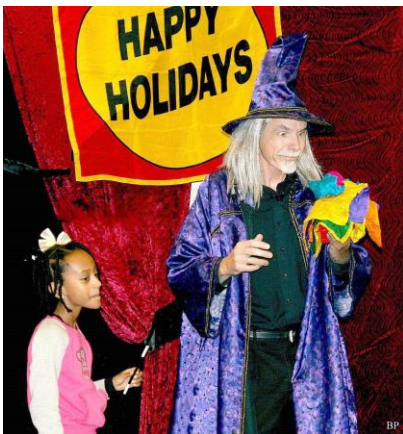
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Drew Owen came on stage and transformed into **Professor Fizzwiffle's** by donning a wizard robe, and a wig. He needed a hat, so he tried a floppy hat. No, not magical. Then he tried the Cat's Hat. No, not magical. Lastly was a wizard's hat, it was magical. He produced a branch from a rose bush, no rose. He added a little water and the flower began to bloom. He then inflated a balloon and as he was tying the end it burst and there was a three foot cane.

The wizard's magic wand turned into a banana. Each time he put the banana away there was another one and another one until the wand had magically appeared. He wiped the wand of the banana juice. As he held it in his hand the wand would rise from a handkerchief and jump out of his hand. This happened several times until it was placed into the protective bag and finally shooting out of the bag high into the air.



Professor Fizzwiffle with the help of a lovely assistant watching the silk flower fountain

The professor showed us his mother's red scarf in a glass box. He removed it and it changed to green. Then it became invisible. The professor placed the invisible scarf in the glass box and gave it a

shake and the red scarf appeared. It was removed and became a silk flower fountain changing colors with each blooming silk ending with a large silk with "Merry Christmas" on it.

The MC Larry Lipman made the final announcements and had a free magic gift for all the children. Not only did we bring the joy and fun of magic to area children, but we also gave 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.

Best wishes for a magical and prosperous New Year from the magicians of Ring 50.

MEMBERS PERFORM AT JANUARY 2ND RING 50 MEETING

The January 2nd meeting will showcase a variety of talents by members of Ring 50. This evening will be packed with effects ranging from the sublime to the miraculous. They will reach into the past and do something that has endured the years and become a "classic of magic".

Yes that's right; we will have a membership performance night with the theme being "classics of magic". Each performer will not only present their classic magic effect but give a minute or two of historical perspective. This is a chance as magicians to not only see some fine magic but also learn a little about the trick's history.

So get on your time machine and let's go back "to the day when"...

Ring 50 magicians that are interested in performing contact President Stan Hillard at: LDHSEH@verizon.net

You don't want to miss the January 2nd meeting.



April 12-13, 2019

Ring 50 has announced that Magi-Whirl 2019 convention will be held in a new venue, Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Dr, in Alexandria, Virginia which has ideal facilities including a 981-seat theater for the Gala Show. The line-up of talent so far, includes: The current president of I.B.M. **Michel Finney**, along with **Gustavo Raley, Jessica Jane, Niels Duinker, Christopher T. Magician**, and *Ring 50's Magician of the Year - Christophe Jelinski*. A Saturday lecturer features **David Roth**, King of Coins.

Negotiations continue for other topnotch entertainers, lecturers, and magic vendors for Ring 50's premier event of the year. Magi-Whirl Co-Chairmen Danny Selnick and Craig Fifer are seeking help in contacting and arranging for dealers to E-Mail them at Craig@fifer.net or Danny.Selnick@yahoo.com.

President Stan Hillard emphasized that we must make an all-out effort to publicize Magi-Whirl and for each member of Ring 50 to sell 10 Gala show tickets to ensure it is a financial success. See www.magi-whirl.org for current information

It was **Hanukkah** and the tiny village outside Budapest in Hungary was frightened that they may not have any latkes [pancakes] because they had run out of flour. Rudi, the Rabbi, was called upon to help solve the problem.

He said, 'Don't worry, you can substitute matzo meal for the flour, and the latkes will be just as delicious.'

Sarah looks to her husband and says, 'Samuel, you think it'll work?' 'Of course,' Samuel replies, 'Everybody knows Rudolph the Rab knows grain, dear.'

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



"That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all and yet you feel as if it costs you nothing"

Simone de Beauvoir

The December 5th Holiday Children's Show was an incredible evening that saw many of our Ring 50 members, and the organization as a whole, exceed all expectations as to what the night should be for a large number of the area's youth. Ring 50 generously provided about 80 kids and 60 adults with a spectacular Holiday Children's Magic Show.

This year's event saw the combined efforts of three organizations step forth and present a magical evening for all in attendance. The Salvation Army started the evening by giving about 50 kids and accompanying parents and family, a wonderful Holiday dinner in the adjoining room to the Ring 50 meeting area. Then it was show time. Other kids from the Community joined those hosted by the Salvation Army to create a record audience for the Ring 50 Holiday Children's Magic event.

Four of Ring 50's finest; Noland Montgomery, Arnie Fuoco, JT the Unstoppable, and Drew Owen gave wonderful performances tuned to the young audience. Larry Lipman provided continuity through his masterful emceeing of the event.

The Holiday Inn provided additional space for the evening at no cost to us as part of their Community outreach. To all involved in putting together this amazing evening I offer my personal and very sincere "well done".

Now it's back to the drawing board to make next year's event even better.

Looking forward - for those of you who make it through the Holidays - our next year should be a great one. In January, our meeting will feature "Classics of Magic" performed by members of IBM Ring 50. We still have a number of slots available and I would like to see some of our newer members step forth and join the ranks of the performers. This is a no risk opportunity to develop your presentational skills as well as learn new magic from the marvelously talented magicians within our ranks. Please send me an email and let me know that you want to perform.

Further down the line we have quality lectures scheduled for the February and March meetings and, of course, Magi-Whirl 2019 is coming together to be one our best ever in April 2019. While I say it is coming together I need your help. This year's Magi-Whirl convention is using a new wonderful facility within the community, the Schlesinger Concert Hall and Performing Arts Center. Oh, and did I say, it's expensive? And we have a lineup of lecturers and performers that are truly top shelf. Oh, and did I say, they're expensive? To enhance the product and experience at this year's Convention we are upping our game and we need your help to make this work. This year we cannot meet expenses by simply standing by and letting the advertisements and marketing of a few carry the day. It is necessary that each member take on the

responsibility to sell their family, neighbors, colleagues, and even strangers tickets to the wonderful gala show we have planned for Saturday night April 13th.

Today I will be purchasing a dozen or more primo tickets to give as gifts in this Holiday season. These are gifts that will not break the bank and will be well received by all I'm sure. Please participate to make your Ring 50 and all it does a success. Please take it on yourself to sell 6, 8, or 10 tickets to the Magi-Whirl 2019 gala event in April to the people around you on behalf of this organization that we all enjoy so very much.

Magically yours,
Stan Hillard, President

Lectures Coming to Ring 50

February 6

Alain Nu is truly different. His presentations are conducted in a fun, off-beat, highly interactive style which include weird communication, oracular thinking, self-fulfilling prophecies, & show casing the rarely seen act of effortlessly mutating keys, silverware, & other metal objects with the powers of his mind. Being a full-time working mentalist, speaker, & author, Alain will share some of his most cleverly guarded secrets & ideas.

March 6

Carl Andrews, Jr. is a consummate professional with snappy routines developed and tested under fire in real life performance. He calls his performance "Mental Comedy", a show that happens in your mind! Most important of all, there is some of the most straight-from-the-shoulder practical advice on making a living with close-up magic. His tips on booking and working restaurants are pure gold. His mental comedy show has made him a favorite after-dinner entertainer for many top Fortune 500 companies.

Counts of Conjuring
Meets January 2,
6:00 pm



The International Brotherhood of Magicians, National Capitol Ring 50, "Counts of Conjuring" meets first Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn at 2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA. at 6:00pm. The "Counts" is a way for youths to learn about magic and the performance of magic.

Louis the Magician teaches the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only will teach the youths magic but will also teach them important "life-skills". This class is normally taught in after-school programs and summer camps and costs \$275 per child but will be FREE for the Counts of Conjuring (only cost is \$40 for the actual magic tricks).

Each month the youths will learn one new magic trick and have a chance to perform it. The Counts of Conjuring is for youths 8 to 17 years.

**First meeting of the new year:
January 2, 2019, 6:00pm**

Ring 50 New Members & Applications

New members are always welcome at Ring 50. You must be interested in magic (full time or part time performer, hobbyist, collector, etc.)

You must join and be an active member of International Brotherhood of Magicians to belong to Ring 50.

Be sure to keep your membership active in the I.B.M. to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send your I.B.M. dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301

Ring 50's Counts of Conjuring



Prior to the Ring 50 Holiday Show the Chief Wizard of the Counts of Conjuring, Louis Meyer presented Certificates of Advancement after completing a year in the course to the youths. The Magic Aficionados were: Ryan Mulvaney, Sean Mulvaney, Jacob Miller, Anthony Jackson, Matthew Biegun, Jayden Bowers, Isaac Exline, and Daniel Carrion.

Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current

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Other Conventions & Shows

Jan 17-19, 2019

MagiFest

Columbus, Ohio
Registration \$200

<https://www.magifest.org/>

Jan 17-20, 2019

East Coast Spirit Sessions

Ocean Dunes Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC
Registration \$195

<http://eastcoastspiritsessions.com>

Jan 25-28, 2019

Kapital Kidvention

Hilton Mark Center
Alexandria, VA
Registration \$299

www.kapitalkidvention.com

March 7-9, 2019

Winter Carnival of Magic

Country Tonite Theatre
Pigeon Forge, TN
Registration \$159

<http://wintercarnivalofmagic.com>

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues in January for 2019

The Ring 50 annual dues of \$20 for 2019 are due by 28 February. You may begin paying your pay your dues on January 1st by mail or at the **January** meeting. The Ring 50 Treasurer, Mike Peckham, 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 (\$20).

If you are unable to make the meetings or want to pay NOW, you can send a check to his home address at 901 15th Street South, #1515, Arlington, VA 22202-5041. Or you may pay by PayPal to: [payments@ibmring50.org]. Be sure to indicate that the money is for dues.

Enjoy your Ring activities and the Magi-Gram throughout 2019 by paying your dues soon.

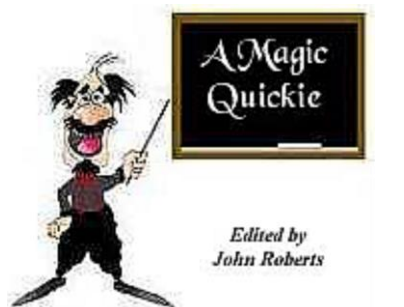
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IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Jan 2 Ring 50 Members
Perform
Feb 6 ... Alain Nu lecture
Mar 6 ... Carl Andrews Lecture
Apr 12 & 13 **MAGI-WHIRL**
May 1 ... Dan Lacy Contest

Merry
Christmas



December Quickie

(This month's trick is provided by my Australian friend and fellow magician Kevin Cassarato)

Give a spectator the choice of a red or blue deck and have him shuffle it thoroughly. You spread the cards to show they are well-mixed and note the top card. Restore and set his deck aside "To use in a minute". You shuffle your deck, show a spread and then thumb through with the faces toward you.

Remove the duplicate of his top card and place it face down in the face up deck. Turn the deck face down. This is your "magic card." You now take his face down deck and give it a couple of false cuts/shuffles, keeping the top card in place. It is his turn to select a magic card. Tilt the deck slightly upward so that the audience cannot see the top of the deck.

Slide the top card down a bit and begin second-dealing the cards face up. Tell the spectator to stop you whenever he likes. When he says stop, deal the top card face down on the table and then insert it into the restored face up deck. Turn the deck face down. Finish by spreading your deck and showing "your" card. Emphasize it was selected before his. Spread his deck to reveal that you both have chosen the same magic card!

Thanks Kevin.



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| Laurie Curry - | 15-Dec |
| Danny Selnick - | 16-Dec |
| Christopher Biegun | 17-Dec |
| Sam Brothers - | 17-Dec |
| Thomas C. Kee - | 20-Dec |
| Krishan Mathur - | 21-Dec |
| Addison Yeaman - | 22-Dec |
| Barney Sperling - | 1-Jan |
| Al Cohen - | 11-Jan |
| Joe Mielnicki - | 11-Jan |
| Thomas Bohacek - | 18-Jan |

Free Linking Rings

Ring 50 has the following Linking Ring magazines. If you would like one or all please let me know. These were donated to Ring 50. (Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net).

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KAPITAL KIDVENTION 2019

January 25th-28th, 2019

Hilton Mark Center

5000 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22311

Register at: <http://www.kapitalkidvention.com>

Kidvention has everything for the Children's Entertainer. Whether you are a magician, clown, face painter, or balloon artist! We will have 3 days of classes for everyone. Including tons of business classes to get more gigs!

We have over 20 different presenters this year! They are: Robbie Furman, Paty De Leon, Onalee Rivera, Shawna Del Real, Shonna Flanigan, Tal Thompson, Monique Lily, Mauricio Ramon, Mandy Gibson, Keith Tusing, Julian Franklin, Jun Gonzales, Holly George, Heather Green, Eve Wheeldon, **Duane Laflin, David Kaye (Silly Billy) , Christopher T Magician, Christopher Weed, Brian Daniel Smith,** Darci McHenry, Dale Campbell, Corinne "Sparkles" Smith, Christina Davison, Billy Damon, Ashley Pickin, Andrea O'Donnell, Bob & Teresa Gretton, and Elizabeth Starkey.

Magic Dealers are: Losander Inc, The Magic Dollar Store, Barry Mitchell Products, Mike's Magic, Showtime Magic Products, and Doc Haley's Gospel Magic Co.

Ring 50 Shirts for Sale



There seems to be an interest in doing the Ring 50 shirts again. If you are interested let Bob Patterson know [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net]. The anticipated cost is \$30 (2XL & 3XL add \$3). Sizes available are: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL. The shirts will be light blue made of easy care material with button-down collar. The sharp look is complete normally with a box back pleat and patch pocket. Minimum order is 8 shirts. If we get that many requests I'll order them.

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Meeting

ATTEND THE MEETING



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 Secretary Marc Carrion.



The 2019 I.B.M. convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ, July 10 – 13, 2019.

Registration \$299.00

(until Feb 28, 2019)

Spouse \$210.00

See you there!

Reserve your Talking Stick Resort room early!!!





Michael Finney



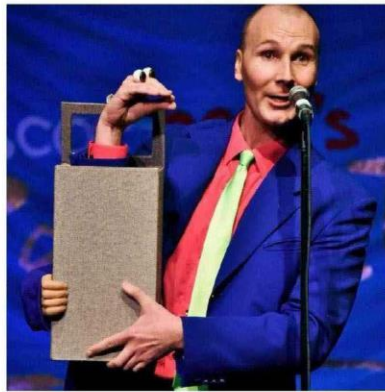
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