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Alain Nu Lectures at Ring 50 February Meeting

March 6th Carl Andrews to Lecture at Ring 50

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February 6th Meeting Highlights



Craig Fifer

Vice President Craig Fifer opened the meeting and reminded everyone to pay their \$20 Ring 50 dues by the end of February.

Coming up next few months: March 6th Carl Andrews Lecture. April 12 & 13 will be Magi-Whirl 2019, and May 1 Dan Lacey Contest. Be sure to register for Magi-Whirl 2019. The earlier you register the more choices of assigned seating. See page 4 for additional Magi-Whirl 2019 information.

Tommy Meeker won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to Ring 50. Thanks Tommy!!

New members were voted upon: **Thomas Kozlowski, Brendan Mulvaney, and Jeffrey Grobman.** Welcome aboard Ring 50.

Denny Haney Passes

The infamous **Denny Haney** of Baltimore passed peacefully in his sleep after a brief battle with cancer on January 22, 2019. **Chuck Jones** reviewed the events of Denny Haney's Broken Wand ceremony performed by Scott Alexander at the Bruzdziński Funeral Home in Essex, Maryland. The ceremony is



a tradition that when a magician dies, the wand is void of all power, so we break it as symbolism to free the magic that the magician had shared throughout his life. The completion of the ceremony was followed by one final standing ovation, which lasted nearly 5 minutes, to encourage others to applaud as he performs on stages in Heaven.

Count of Conjuring Performs



Sean Mulvaney

At the finish of the Ring 50 business meeting and before the lecture began, Counts of Conjuring member **Sean Mulvaney** performed an amazing card trick for the 62 attendees.

Alain Nu Lecture

(photos by Mike Wolfson & Bob Patterson)



Alain Nu

VP **Craig Fifer** introduced the lecture for the evening, Alain Nu, “The Man Who Knows”. Alain’s bizarre demonstrations combined with his own power to amaze created a riveting performance of clairvoyance, psychokinetic movement & thought control. Unlike the usual “magician,” Alain was truly different. His presentations were conducted in a fun, off-beat style which included oracular thinking, synchronicity, and self-fulfilling prophecies. Being a full-time working mentalist, speaker, and author, Alain shared some of his most cleverly guarded secrets and ideas. Alain says “My presentations revolve around mysterious topics that blur the line between fiction and reality; between magic and the most cutting-edge of life-sciences. Here, I try to merge art with science, and science with the ‘modern mystic.’ It’s playful, but as real as anyone can imagine!”



He performed a newspaper effect called “Party’s Over”. He
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picked out several words from the current newspaper. Words like: Currency, School, Discussed, Substitute, Crazy, Mysterious, and Party. He had a spectator put these on a white board as he read them off. Then the spectator was to circle one of the words without Alain seeing it. The spectator concentrated on the word. With just one or two questions, Alain was able to identify the selected word that was randomly selected from the newspaper.



Next he had a large paperback book. He has the spectator call stop as he flipped thru the pages and to remember the large word in the first line on the page. Then he went to another spectator and flipped thru the pages and to remember the large word in the first line on the page. With a little pause he was able to identify both of the selected words. In this effect he explained that spectators can literally approach you with their own book. More can be learn from his book “Word Work II”.

Astrology is considered to be both an art and a science. He demonstrated his version of “Impromptu Test” from his book “Astrologic”. Using the spectator’s birthdate he instructed him to think of his Astrology-zodiac-sign. Then Alain asked two questions. Then he asked him to concentrate on his birthday date. Again with very few questions he hit the spectator’s birthdate on the money!!

From his “Any Card Book”, Alain went on with “Easy ACAAN”, a signature piece of his. Spectator named any card, 3 of Hearts was named. Another spectator was asked for any

number, 7 was named. All the questions were asked and answered before the deck was even in play. Another spectator dealt down showing the cards face up to number 6. Next card turned over was the 3 of Hearts. This made ACAAN look ultra-real.



Finding the ESP selection.

Alain advises “Do the classics of magic and the classics will teach you great magic.”



Watch closely

Like all powerful mystery demonstrations, the material learned in this lecture will take some practice and rehearsal in order to do well.

It was a very entertaining and educational lecture!



Following the lecture Alain had several of his books for sale.



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.

Now is the time to register for Magi-Whirl 2019 on April 12-13, the best and longest-running magic convention in the region! Our 2019 event will feature lectures by illusionist **Gustavo Raley**, children's entertainer **Christopher T. Magician**, coin master **David Roth**, and I.B.M. international president **Michael Finney**.

Each convention registration includes admission to all lectures, the dealer hall, close-up shows, and one Gala Show ticket. You can purchase additional Gala Show tickets for friends and family. In addition to master of ceremonies **Michael Finney** and performances by **Gustavo Raley** and **Christopher T. Magician**, our show this year will feature performances by magical entertainer **Jessica Jane**, comedy juggler **Niels Duinker**, and D.C.'s magician of the year **Christophe Jelinski!**

Registration is just \$85 for Ring 50 members and \$100 for non-members in advance. Prices go up \$10 at the door, so be sure to register **NOW** at www.Magi-Whirl.org.

We have topnotch entertainers, lecturers, and magic vendors for Ring 50's premier event of the year. Magi-Whirl Co-Chairmen
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Danny Selnick and Craig Fifer are anticipating a huge turn-out for this event.

Please tell your magician friends about the convention and everyone you know about the Gala Show -- all the details are available at www.Magi-Whirl.org!

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. Registration is online only. Do it TODAY!

Lecture Coming to Ring 50

March 6, 2019



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.

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



Other Conventions & Shows

March 7-9, 2019

Winter Carnival of Magic

Country Tonite Theatre
Pigeon Forge, TN
Registration \$159

<http://wintercarnivalofmagic.com>

Mar 9, 2019

NEMCON 38

New England Magicians Conf.

Red Lion Hotel Cromwell
Cromwell, Connecticut,
www.ctnemcon.com



Dr. Stanley Hillard -28-Feb
Tommy Halladay - 7-Feb
A.F. Scotty Scafidi - -Mar
Arnold Levin - 4-Mar
Thomas Beutner - 8-Mar
Alan Anderson - 14-Mar
Dan Miller - 15-Mar
Drew Owen - 15-Mar

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Excellence in Your Magic

Well this month I find myself in one of the Meccas of magic. Yes that's right, Lois and I have spent the last two weeks in Orlando Florida, spending time with Mickey and Minnie, Donald and Daisy, and all the other wonderful characters that have come out of the Walt Disney magic mill over the past 90 years. I have been an avid fan of Disney for over 70 of those years and at one point considered pursuing a career as an animation artist. Then I found out just how good you have to be to succeed in that field and knew it was probably out of reach for a Sunday afternoon dabber like me. But my love and passion for what Walt and his colleagues have given the world goes on.

As I sat on a bench in Epcot the other day - people watching - I realized that what Disney does so completely and convincingly is take us to places both mentally and physically that we are seldom able to go otherwise. Disney fuses everything they do with all the right things that make it come to life in an extraordinary way: the right music, colors, movements, images, and language that turn it all into magic.

One of the things I noticed is that nothing is left to chance. Attention to detail is complete and we don't even realize that our old world (the real world) with all its issues and problems has been left behind and in

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its place is this new fantasy world which we enjoy completely for a day or so. I would suggest that this is exactly what we should be hoping to achieve when we design a trick to do as magicians. We want to completely sweep the spectator away to a new place and dazzle him with all the rights words, images, colors, music, and thoughts.

Okay, no more philosophizing. I just reentered the real world. What a bummer. At any rate Ring 50 has the event of the year in just a little over 6 weeks away which can be a wonderful and magical experience for magicians and muggles alike - Magi-Whirl 2019. It is time to get serious about selling tickets to friends, family, neighbors, or even strangers on the street so that this year is a tremendous success. Please do your share and help me and the other Board members fill the auditorium with an enthusiastic audience. I need each Ring member to sell tickets or buy them and give them as gifts - they make an excellent gift and one that recipients won't forget for a long time. Also stand by to help in any way you can as the date for Magi-Whirl approaches. When I say the Ring needs your help, I mean the Ring NEEDS your help. Danny Selnick and Craig Fifer are this year's Co-Chairs for the Convention, but able as they are, they can't do it all by themselves.

Also please put on your calendar the March Ring meeting which will feature Carl Andrews from North Carolina, a magician who specializes in walk around and close-up magic and is tagged as one of the best by the best in the business. I will be back for that meeting and can hardly wait to see Carl. See you all then,

Magically yours,
Stan Hillard,
President, I.B.M. Ring 50

RING 50 MAGIC FOR SALE

Ring 50 has great magic items and DVDs from the Paul White collection for sale. The proceeds go to I.B.M. Ring 50. Price is HALF of the current retail price (retail price marked on package).

Some are new, some are nearly new, and some are slightly used. Most have been reviewed and all pieces have been assembled and sealed in the packaging. Be sure to review the URL listed at the right side of the spreadsheet for explanations of the items.

Send the Ring 50 Curator Bob Patterson an email at: [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net] and we can work out delivery. **The magic and DVD listing for sale 10 is attached to Magi-Gram email.**



"Have you registered for Magi-Whirl?"

Register online at:

www.Magi-Whirl.Org

Do it today!



IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

- Mar 6 ... Carl Andrews Lecture
- Apr 12 & 13 **MAGI-WHIRL**
- May 1 ... Dan Lacy Contest
- Jun 5 TBA, Officer Election
- July No meeting in July
See you at the I.B.M.
Convention Scottsdale AZ.
July 10-13, 2019.

Counts of Conjuring Meets March 6, 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.

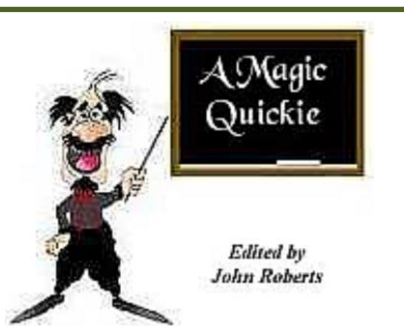
**Second meeting of the new year:
March 6, 2019, 6:00pm**

Magic Quickies Needed

Send John Roberts a short trick you would like to share with newsletter readers. He will pick the best one (in his judgement), one for each edition of the Magi-Gram. There are no guidelines other than the entry should be brief, simple, doable and fun; the offbeat and quirky are encouraged. Send to John:

Barjorobts@comcast.net

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February Quickie Switch Pitch*

Obtain three small cups and arrange them face down 1, 2, 3 in a row. You also need a ball (or coin or token – your call) that will fit under the cup. Ask a spectator to choose any cup and turn it right side up. You must remember the location of this cup because that spot is where the cup with the ball under it is going to end up.

Now you can turn your back for the rest of the trick. Ask the spectator to place the ball under either one of the upside down cups. Then have him switch the other two (one up, one down). Next, have him switch the inverted cups. The cup with the ball underneath will be in the original location of the right side up cup *which you have remembered?*

You can now ask the spectator to turn over the odd cup so all three will match. Direct the spectator to switch the cups in any order you like, keeping track in your head of the one that is loaded.

Turn around and do your best mental hocus pocus to reveal where the ball is hiding. (After you turn around, you can have the spectator make a couple of switches "to prove the fairness" of the trick while you track the loaded cup).

* *Thanks to Marc Carrion who provided the template for this effect in teaching a different version of it to the Counts of Conjuring.*

Ring 50 Treasurer Collecting Dues in January for 2019

The Ring 50 annual dues of \$20 for 2019 are due by 28 February. To stay current you may mail or pay your dues now or at the **March 6th** 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: [\[payments@ibmring50.org\]](mailto:payments@ibmring50.org). Be sure to indicate that the money is for 2019 dues.

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

Thanks.

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Meeting

**Have you
paid your Ring
50 dues for
2019?**



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,

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.

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.

SCOTTSDALE
JULY 10-13, 2019

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

Registration \$299.00 (until April 1, 2019)

Spouse \$210.00

See you there!

Reserve your Talking Stick Resort room early!!!



More photos from February 6, 2019 Alain Nu lecture



Sam Brothers selling 50/50 raffle tickets.



Jason Goldberg holds the selected card to his forehead.



Counts of Conjuring Ryan Mulvaney selects the cards for Alain Nu.



Michael Finney



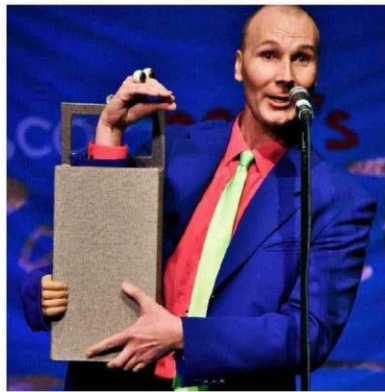
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Saturday, April 13, 2019

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center
4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria Virginia

Close-Up Magic starts at 6:00 pm

Stage show starts at 7:00 pm

Tickets start at just \$20 in advance for adults and \$15 for children
Tickets at the door for an additional \$5

Purchase your tickets today at www.magi-whirl.com