



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Dec 2022

November Meeting Round-up

Ring 96 Met on Saturday November 19th for their annual Stage Competition. This exciting event is open to the public and is publicized well in the local community. The members of the community area invited to vote on the people's choice award, while the magician of the Ring vote on the trophies for first, second and third place.

President Paul Case, last year's winner was the emcee for this year's event. In accordance with our rules, the emcee does not give any background, history or information about

the performers. The emcee simply introduces the performers by name. This is done intentionally to avoid biasing the voters in any way.

The first performer was John Piercy who came out dressed as a swami and declared himself to be "Can-Do the Seer." John had three bags on his table of three different colors. He brought two young people up to the stage and asked each to name one of the three colors. When he opened the named bag, there was a cup of soda waiting for them as a prize. When he opened the remaining bag, it contained a \$20 bill.

His next effect concerned an envelope covered with question

marks that was on an easel in plain sight, and a chart that held the numbers one through nine in a tic tac toe arrangement. A volunteer was brought up on stage and talked through using a marker to eliminate six of the nine numbers. She was told to add up the last three numbers, then divide by two. This left seven and a half. Luckily the prediction envelope had a 7 ½ card in it.

Brad Erickson came to the stage and showed a hollow vase that was open on both the top and bottom. He played with the audience while putting silks into the vase in all the colors of the rainbow. Brad sang a supportive song to the vase.

Next meeting:

Dec 17th... 7 pm

"Holiday Magic Party"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Dec 17th



Jan 21st



ROBERT BAXT

Feb 18th

Suddenly the previously empty and hollow vase had a tree of colored flowers grow out of it.

Brad showed us two pieces of bread and two jars that were covered by tubes. Of course, the tubes held jars of peanut butter and jelly, and every time Brad covered them, they switched places. Eventually he was down to two jars of peanut butter, and finally a glass and a can of tomato juice which he poured and drank.

He ended by throwing a pie at the audience, but it was not real, and it was on an elastic that pulled it back to him.

Phil Ureno took the stage as "Professor He-Is Mental." First, he levitated the ball of ice cream from an ice cream cone. He then had the audience stare at a spinning spiral to create the head shrinker effect. He continued through a 3-card monte routine using jumbo cards. His came of find the ace was well received. He even made it easier by putting one card to the side and playing with two cards, sadly the ace was not there but turned out to be the card on the side.

Michael Van Horn performed as his mentor Doc Wayne. He started with a domino that had six spots on one side and one on the other. But he kept flipping the domino over and the number of spots changed every time. Finally, he showed one side with eight spots. Next he performed

the classic linking rings routine, including a volunteer who could not separate her rings, but managed to catch up to magician every time much to the amusement of the audience.

Last was a cups and balls routine that was a real crowd pleaser.

Jim Greene performed a ring on the rope routine where the number of rings used increased as he went on, and the complexity increased as well.

While the ballots were counted, new member Vinnie "The Godfather" Marini entertained the audience with some card effects.

The ballots were counted and Michael Van Horn picked up first place as well as the people's choice award. Phil Ureno came in second and Jim Greene was in third place.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.



Ultimately, I don't care if people decide that what I'm doing is real or not...as long as they understand it isn't EASY.

Max Maven

Make Our Holiday Party Great!

To make for a truly exciting December meeting holiday party I need you to do three things. First get a magical gift worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15 or \$20 and wrap it nicely. Bring it to put into the gift exchange. What should you put in there? Not junk, not garbage, how about putting in a gift that you yourself might enjoy winning. No need for a gag gift, just something magical and nice. Remember, if you don't have a gift at hand, bring \$20 and the Ring will have a ready made gift for you to use!

Next bring a dessert to share with people. If cutlery or plates are required, please bring that too,

Third, bring a nice effect to perform for people I don't know if there will be guests there or not, but assume there will be and get ready to wow them with your magical skills.

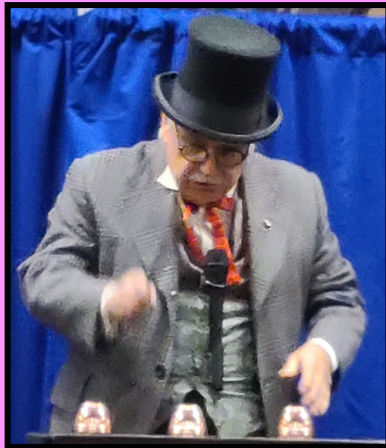
If you want to bring friends to watch the magic show, that is always welcome, though please prep them so they won't be too bored while we do the gift exchange.

Happy holidays everybody!





Michael Van Horn as Doc Wayne



2022

Stage

Competition!



Phil Ureno as Dr. He-is Mental



Jim Greene



IBM Wants You!

Are you a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians?

Did you know that in order to be an official member of any Ring, you are supposed to be a member of the IBM as well? Yes, we have let that go a bit lax in the last few years, but they do audit us from time to time.

If you are comfortable with the "online" version of the Linking Ring magazine, membership is not expensive. If you have not joined, why not do that today? Then let Paul LaGreek and I know what your membership number is. You can join at the address below!

<https://www.magician.org/join-the-ibm/join>



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

Orange County Magic Club

<https://theocmc.com/>

The Hollywood Magic Castle



Happy Birthday!



December Birthday's

Bill Kornhauser

Paul LaGreek

We don't have a lot of brick
and mortar magic shops
left in this area. Why
not visit one this month,
and support them!

Have you been to our website lately? Ring96.com. We have added a few photos from the stage competition. It is on the "photo & video" page with other photos too! Go check it out. (and forgive my mediocre camera work)

**e-mail John
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want to perform
at the December
holiday celebration
meeting**

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Time to pay your 2023 dues

Ring 96 uses your dues money to pay for the wonderful lectures we offer!

\$35 for an individual years membership!

\$45 for a family years membership!

We held the price!

No raises in dues this year!

Bring a check made out to "Ring 96"

to our next meeting! Or, mail it to

Paul LaGreek, 5521 Kern Dr. HB 92649

or zelle to plml2k@verizon.net



Sessioning 96

Chapter Four!

Wow! Six Ring 96 magicians met for dinner at Hof's Hut and had a very exciting session of sessioning. At one point during the evening, special guest star Ken Sands showed up to say hi; a little extra added bonus.

Roger Showed us a pair of jiggers that seemed to hold different amounts of water, but each one kept holding more! He presented an incredible tangram puzzle in which the square held more than it should, and a clever string trick that turned two pieces into one.

Jim Greene showed us how to tie a knot without letting go of either end of the rope and taught Daniel Hurtt to do it as well.

George Reis did some clever origami to make a water bomb, and produced a red ball from inside it,

Cliff Gerstman cut a deck of cards and then made four piles. There was a jack on the top of each pile. He got help from Kevin Papke as to the method to lead into the four burglar effect.

Daniel Hurtt performed a two-part routine using ESP cards. It wasn't mentalism, but just really good magic.

Kevin Papke came out with several celluloid like sheets covered in numbers. He asked someone to think of a number and then look through the sheets to find where the number was. Kevin Quickly named the chosen number.

Jim Green had a puzzle he had printed on a 3D printer and shaped like a box. It was interesting trying to open it.

There was more magic, of course, but also some fine magical conversations about styles of presentation and the superstars that presented them.

We all agreed that this was a wonderful evening.



Ring 96 Presents

A Holiday Meeting

A grab bag - A desert potluck - A magic show!



December 17th

3333 Saint Cloud Drive

7:00 pm

Seal Beach Ca

**Bring your friends and family
to our all ages magic show.**

**Bring a magical gift worth about \$15
or a bring \$15 and get a wrapped gift
to be used in the gift exchange!**

Show an effect, explain how it is done!



Show & Tell

January 21st 2023

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MISDIRECTION!



ROBERT IS A FISM WINNER
FOR COMEDY MAGIC. HIS
LECTURE IS ON COMEDY MAGIC
AND HOW TO ROUTINE IT

THE LECTURE HAS NO CARD
TRICKS, OR DIFFICULT MOVES
BUT PLENTY OF LAUGHS!

FIRST PART OF THE LECTURE
WILL BE A COMPLETE SHOW,
FROM BEGINNING TO END!

SECOND HALF IS THE
EXPLANATIONS.

MAGICIANS PRAISE HIM:

• 110 REVIEWS FOR HIS PENGUIN LIVE LECTURE!

- GOOGLE: "WIZARD PRODUCT REVIEW: "BAXT, A BOY, & A BUCKET"
- SEE [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/AOANRV9PHcA](https://youtu.be/aoANRv9PHcA) FOR WHAT JOSEPH GABRIEL SAYS!

"I DO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK ROBERT BAXT FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A FINE
PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON! FOR THOSE THAT BOUGHT HIS LECTURE NOTES
TODAY, I PARTICULARLY WANT TO POINT OUT A BRILLIANT TECHNIQUE (ON THE
VERY LAST PAGE), A TIP HE NEVER DISCUSSED IN HIS TALK. FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T
PURCHASE THE NOTES: [CLEARING MY THROAT] "NEENER, NEENER!"

-RICH COWLEY, ON THE MAGIC CASTLE MEMBERS ONLY FORUM

"ALL MAGICIANS COULD USE SOME HELP FROM YOUR INVENTIVE (AND TWISTED)
MIND. WITHOUT YOU, THEY ARE NOTHING!"

-GABE ABELSON, COMEDY WRITER FOR NBC'S
"TONIGHT SHOW" WITH JAY LENO AND FORMER
MONOLOGUE WRITER FOR DAVID LETTERMAN

THE LECTURE BY ROBERT BAXT

Saturday.

Feb. 18th, 2023 @

7pm.

**Seal Beach North
Community
Center**