

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



June 2022

May Meeting Round-up

On Saturday May 21st Ring 96 met to hold our most recent meeting. We threw tradition to the winds with this meeting and left our Senior Community Center behind, holding our meeting instead in the banquet room of "Me 'n Ed's" Pizza. We had advertised both online and through the pizza shop itself and we had a very nice audience of about 20 children and 15 adults.

Member Brad Erickson started entertaining the kids even before the show officially opened by moving coins in and out of his hand, out of kid's ears and everywhere else. Brad did a

great job warming up the audience.

The theme of the meeting was based on a series of videos put out by Dan Harlan called "Packs Small Plays Big." Our goal was to perform in a room that sat up to 60 people, using nothing that would not fit in an easy to carry small bag or case. The night was a major success.

President Paul Case opened the meeting with a few announcements, He presented Zeezo with a long overdue trophy that had been earned months ago for wining a competition. Paul told a story about a dragon that threatened a kingdom. The story was accompanied by a performance of "The Chinese sticks." That went over very well. The children in the audience

were more than happy to shout out how the trick worked, only to be shown that their answer could not be true. None of them seemed to come up with the real answer, and that too was just fine.

Brad Erickson was next and while he did not specifically "Kid" magic, his patter and style suited the young ones very well. He performed an elaborate mindreading gag, in which he divined the word, "no." This was followed with a McCombical deck routine, and a jumping stool gag for an exit.

David Fisher arrived on the stage and performed a mystery involving a single card that was printed with five cards and his repeatedly foiled efforts to pick the correct card, this amazed the

Next meeting:

June 18th... 7 pm
"Jon Armstrong Lecture"
North Senior Center
3333 Saint Cloud Drive.
Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



June 18th



July 16th



Aug 20th

the entire all age audience.

Zeezo who is not known for his card work performed a fine effect using cards in which a selected card was found by a jack in the box in a rather unusual way. After trying to get the jack in the box to jump a couple of times, the clown exited from the bottom of the box, holding a sign that named the selected card. Zeezo also turned a string of plastic "pearls" into a "dog" to give to his volunteer. As always, this former clown played very well to the young people in the room.

Dan Habel performed "It must be mind reading" from Garcia and Schindler's "Magic with Cards." He had a spectator cut the deck of cards repeatedly, and then had the volunteer split the deck to with a mini sword to make a selection. Three cards were selected and distributed to three audience members. The audience was amazed when he named all three.

George Reis performed a vanishing and reappearing coin effect, and then had a young girl pick a card from a

pretend deck of cards. She named her chosen card and it was found reversed in a real deck.

Cliff Gerstman our resident escape artist closed the show with a straitjacket escape He had the assistance of a mom from the audience. After a stern warning for the kids not to try anything like this at home, the escape was played mostly for laughs as Cliff recited silly poetry. The audience enjoyed it thoroughly.

The real kicker was that the show was such a success that "Me 'n Ed's" pizza is considering Ring 96 for a "mainstage" performance at a future date.

Another exciting night at Ring 96



People don't want to be fooled, they want to be entertained.

- Aldo Columbini

The Close-up Competition is Coming!

Are you ready to do your close-up act in this year's competition? If not, now is the time to get ready! Prepare a Ten minute close up presentation and please do not start a new effect after eight minutes. If you win, what will you get? Well, first you get a trophy. Then you get bragging rights. What more could anyone ask? Come to the Senior center ready to do two presentations of your set. We keep the audiences small and split up to keep the idea of "close-up" as pure as can be.

What if you don't do closeup magic? No worries, the Stage magic competition will be along soon enough too! See you there. Get ready, get set, go!



We missed you!

We all had a great time at Me 'n Ed's Pizza. The only thing missing was you. We had close to 20 youngsters and their families. That was fine and we certainly entertained them well. However the turn out of Ring members was a bit light. How can we entice our members to come support us more often? Tell us what you want and we can work on it, but not unless we know what you want.

Local Member Hits the big time!



Ring 96 is proud to announce that our member Philip

Henderson has achieved the rank of "Order of Merlin!"
This is a rank of membership given to those magicians who have been a member of the IBM for 25 consecutive years or more. Be sure to congratulate Philip when you see him!

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Winner

No Raffle This Month



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting May 31st John Sturk

Check website for details

Orange County Magic Club

June 8th 7:315 pm

Anaheim Community Center

250 E. Center Street

Joe Derry's Magic Night

1st Tuesday of each month

Gallagher's in Long Beach

The Magic Castle

Nappy Birthday



June Birthday's

Judy Case

David Fisher

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Ring 96 Magic Night at Me 'n Ed's Pizzal











Magic Show

Wednesday, June 8 at 7:15 pm Doors open at 7:00 pm

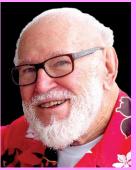


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Jon Armstrong



June 18th



Please join for the memorial for

Walter Richard Shafer

1/9/1929 - 3/21/2020

Celebration of Life

June 23rd, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Pavilion Room, Freedom Village

23442 El Toro Rd., Lake Forest, CA

Interment with Full Military Honors

June 24th, 2022, 2:30 p.m.

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery

1700 Cabrillo Memorial Dr., San Diego, CA

Please R.S.V.P. to WRS.Memorial@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.



Close-up Competition August 20th