



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



January 2021

## December Meeting Round-up

On Saturday December 18th Ring 96 held our annual Holiday meeting. Usually this includes a potluck dessert, but due to pandemic restrictions that part was left out this year.

Vice-President John Piercy opened the member performance section with a cute Christmas story, a color changing rope and a touch of a sucker gag.

President Paul case was the first performer. He arrived to the front of the room with a small colorful wooden frame. The frame had a door and when he opened the door, we all

saw a bright shiny drawing of a white rabbit. Paul turned the frame around, and opened an opposite door to show a black rabbit! After a few passes and cute patter, and after some begging by the audience, Paul showed the backside of the rabbit and it was surprisingly a back side of a rabbit.

Paul used his cell phone to have Siri talk him through how to do a card trick. A spectator shuffled a deck. Paul put the deck in his pocket and Siri told him how to pull out the four aces, which he did.

Kim placed a black silk and a white silk into a polka-dotted can. After some humorous by play, she

placed both silks into the can. The polka-dots on the can vanished, and the silks came out dotted instead. Next she mixed ingredients together in a cake pan and make instant peppermint candy!

Dave Fisher came to the stage with four upside-down bags on a lazy-Susan. After telling a story about a sadistic drunken uncle who came to dinner, he placed a meat thermometer, point side up, into one of the bags. He spun the lazy-Susan around, and then had one bag selected by a spectator. He moved that bag to a second table, and after building up suspense, he squashed the bag leaving his hand un-injured. The bag was empty.

**Next meeting:**

**Jan 15th... 7 pm**

**"Whit Haydn Lecture"**

**North Community Center**

**3333 Saint Cloud Drive,**

**Seal Beach CA, 90740**

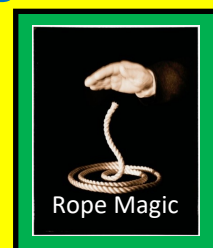
## Coming Soon to Ring 96



**Jan 15th**



**Feb 19th**



**March 19th**

Good thing that bag was chosen too. The three other bags were each shown to have a sharp knife inside sticking up.

Bill Pearce brought up two volunteers from the audience, he and each volunteer had a triangle made of stiff paper and with perforated cut out lines pre stamped in. Bill asked the two ladies to cut out the perforations while he did the same. After the tearing and cutting was done, Bill had the ladies unfold the paper. One lady had two connected paper rings. The other had two separate paper rings. Bill had two linked paper rings.

John Piercy came out with a large red sponge ball he claimed was Rudolph the Reindeer's nose. He vanished it, but you could see it was still sticking out of his hand. When the audience called him on it, he said we were wrong, and revealed it to be a large sponge ball hand.

Next, John brought out a large number of colored elastic fabric rings. He told a nice story while he loaded

the rings into a metal can.

After a magic word, he pulled them back out all linked in a long chain!

Our final performer was Joyce. First, she put five brightly colored golf balls into a paper bag, gave the bag a shake, and they all came out white. She crumpled up the bag to prove it was empty.

Next, she showed us a frame with a large white card in it. The card was blank on both sides. She had a volunteer choose a card from a deck of "Animal cards," and the chosen card was a bear. She removed the blank card and showed the back now had the matching "bear" drawing.

Joyce closed her set with her signature Square-circle. She produced figurines that were cues to various Christmas songs and had the audience sing along to each one.

This ended the performance section of the meeting. We gave the guests the option of staying or leaving while the members held the elections for the next year's officers and had our gift exchange.

Another exciting night a Ring 96.

## The Value of An Audience.

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We have experienced an interesting phenomena at Ring 96 Lately. It is the value of an audience. What is the value of an audience? Well there are a few. First having an audience forces us to step up our game. We certainly want to look and perform our best rather than screw up an under-practiced effect.

Second, an audience brings in word of mouth. The more people are talking about us, the more people know about us. The more people know we exist, the more new members we may get.

Lastly, I think it is better to bring in outside guests rather than performing the same routines for the same people over and over, most of whom know how your effect is done.

The other side of the coin is that when we have a lay audience, we must obviously avoid exposure. We would not invite our guests to a lecture, but I think that is a small price to pay. So, lets get ourselves polished, break out the Sunday best, and perform with all our hearts. We got shows to do... Get ready!



“Lizards can’t pass through walls, but if we replace the L with a W, the goal might be attained.”  
— Michael Bassey

## Ring 96 Rope Event!

Will you be participating in the Ring 96 Evening of “Rope Magic?” It will be open to the public so we want a good show. Come show off your rope skills. Let’s not repeat effects, that gets boring. Spoken for so far are...

*Professors nightmare*

*Cut and Restored*

*Jumping knot*

*Cords of Fantasia*

*Sand’s Sandsational Routine w/  
Shoelace!*

*3 Nightmare DX*

*Dan Harlan’s Awakening*

Contact Cliff to Sign up  
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Let’s all pitch in big-time and make Ring 96 the best Ring ever! Let’s all be proud of ourselves!



<b>R</b>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
<b>a</b>	DVD—Jay Sanky “Amazing mentalism anyone can do”	Marty Gorman	Tim
<b>f</b>	Blackstone—Modern card tricks and secrets.	Sud’s estate	Paul Case
<b>i</b>	Bag of trix!	Bill Pearce and Anonymous	Brad Erickson
<b>e</b>	Everything Magic book and knowing the ropes	Sud’s Estate	Cliff Gerstman
<b>W</b>	Reel Magic & Genii Magazine	Marty Gorman & Bill Pearce	Joseph Ken
<b>i</b>	Linking Ring Magazines 1965	Sud’s Estate	Dave Fisher
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## Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — January 25th

Johnny Ace Palmer

Orange County Magic Club

January 12th— Magic Event

Joe Derry’s Magic Night

1st Tuesday of each month

See flyer on page 5.

## Happy Birthday!



January Birthday’s

Larry “Zeezo” Campbell

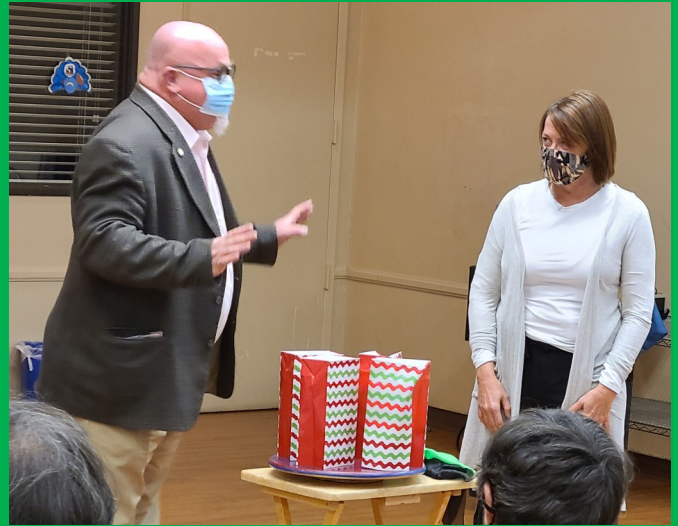
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# December Holiday Magic Show!



Gallagher's  
Proudly Presents

# Magic Night

Join us for our monthly Magic Showcase

Enjoy an evening of magic, comedy and variety acts

1st Tuesday of every month.

Free Admission

Close-up magic 6:30—7:30

Main show 7:30—9:00

Gallagher's Pub & Grill

2751 E. Broadway

Long Beach, CA 90803



**\$\$ Time to Pay your dues \$\$**

**\$35 per person or  
\$45 per family**

**Bring cash to  
the next meeting or,  
Zelle to: [plml2k@verizon.net](mailto:plml2k@verizon.net)**

**Or mail a check made out  
to "Ring 96" to  
Paul LaGreek  
5521 Kern Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649**

**Big things are  
coming for the  
Ring. Make sure  
you are part of it!**



# **A Whit Haydn Lecture - Jan 15th**



**"Creating the magic Routine!"**



**Members' Favorite  
Effect Night**

**Feb 19th**

**An evening  
of rope magic**



**March 19th**