



**IBM Ring 96' Newsletter** 



**December 2019** 

## **November Meeting Round-up**

The November meeting of Ring 96 was opened by President Kim Hallinger and then handed off to the emcee for the night Secretary Cliff Gerstman. Cliff explained that this was our awards night and we would be honoring people who had contributed to the Ring in various ways as well as enjoying some magic on the way.

The first performer was Paul Case, who brought a human face drawn on a tile background to life. He also performed a great version of the six card repeat.. Our first featured performer was

a guest from the Hollywood Magic Castle Mr. Dennis Forel. Dennis does Balloon twisting, but with such effective skill and pater, it seems like magic.

Cliff gave out certificates to members of the Ring who had performed in a series of fundraising school shows back in 2006 and 2007.

Former Ring Vice President Russell Parks took the stage and opened with a torn and restored newspaper bit. He continued with a mentalism piece where it seems that he got everyone answers wrong until the big reveal at the end.

Cliff gave out the first of the big awards of the night. A large trophy presented to the Seal Beach City Council for letting us use the meeting room to teach and perform magic. The trophy was accepted by Schelly Sustaric of the Seal Beach City Council.

Ms. Gician, Joyce Basch took the stage and performed a series of square circle effects in honor of the awards night.

Cliff Gave out awards for members who had performed various services for the Ring, including performing at a local street fair in an effort to drum up membership and build name recognition.

Brad Erickson performed a puzzling routine with four blocks numbered one through four. Blocks could be re ordered or even inverted and still came out right side up and in order.

Cliff gave out certificates

Next meeting

December 21st

"Holiday Potluck, Grab bag, and Magic show"

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive,

Seal Beach CA, 90740

#### **Coming Soon to Ring 96**



Dec 21st



Jan 18th



Feb 15th

for those members who had performed over the last five years at our annual Westminster Community Playhouse shows. These shows that were originally organized by Cliff were designed to raise awareness of the Ring and hopefully pull in new members.

John Piercy was next to perform and he pulled a series of stars out a bag that was previously shown to be empty.

Next was Bill Pearce and he showed us two mentalism effects. First he predicted a random quote chosen from a book of quotations, and then he did a long card trick with resulted in his predicting the outcome.

Cliff presented that last major award. Ken Sands, the owner and proprietor of the brick and mortar magic shop, "Magic Galore and More," was given a large trophy for his efforts in teaching young people to love magic. Ken ended the evening by presenting an effect in which four people drew on poster boards and Kenny predicted who had drawn which. He got three successfully, and for the last one he copied the artwork before seeing what it was.

In a bit of a surprise, before the meeting ended, Cliff Gerstman was presented with a trophy and testimonial recognizing him for all of his hard organizational work for the Ring.

An amazing and successful night at Ring 96.



#### **Raffle Winners**

<u>Prize</u> <u>Donner</u> <u>Winner</u>

Magic of Mark Gorman/Egbok Pierre Hathaway Leveridge

Linking Rings 1990 Dick Shafer Brad Erickson

Bag of Tricks Phil Flad & Bill Pearce Phillip Ureno

Booklets David Gray Est. & Bill Pearce Chris Fleming

Book of Quotes David Gray est. Chris Garcia

Genii & Reel Magic Pearce, Gorman & Egbok Barney Singleton

Trick: Bill Pearce Brad Erickson

Words of Wisdom

The magician and the politician have much in common: they both have to draw our attention away from what they are really doing.

-Ben Okri

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### What to do for next month's meeting

Next month (December) will be the Ring 96 Pot Luck, Grab Bag, and Magic Show!

There are a few things you should do to make this event a huge and complete success!

- Bring some desert to share with a few people. Not too many, or we all go into sugar comas.
- 2. Be sure to bring what ever accoutrements you need to go with what you bring... Plates forks, napkins etc.
- 3. Bring a wrapped magical grab bag gift. Best value is probably between \$10 and \$20.
- Plan to do a magical effect. Let John Piercy (emcee for the night) know that you will be performing and what you will perform.
- Lets all do a great job of cleaning up after ourselves. (This should include dropped food, gift wrappers and any other trash that might happen.)
- 6. Bring a friend or two so that they can enjoy the magic too!
- 7. Come back ready for another exciting year of Ring 96 meetings, with your new years resolution to make the Ring even better that it has been.

# What Joyce did last month!

Joyce Basch, 'Ms. Gician', after showing a "Square Circle" empty, produced a book titled, "Magic for Dummies, first edition." She continued to refer to the book as she dragged from the Square Circle a long piece of rope and a scissors, then cut the rope into three equal pieces Following the book's directions, she tied knots onto the rope, removed the knots and had three different length pieces. Continuing to produce items from the empty Square Circle, Joyce vanished a sponge ball in front of the audience, and magically unlinked two miniature-sized rings.



# Ring 96 at Open Mic!



Join Russell Parks and the magicians of Ring 96 at an open mic night.

7 pm December 15th at Boomers Cocktail Lounge!

5456 Del Amo Blvd. in Long Beach.

If you come and do magic, that is good. If you bring friends, that is better!
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See you there



#### **Elections**

Elections for the 2020 officers of Ring 96 are happening next month. Here is the proposed slate of officers. (Note: if you don't see your name here, you are allowed to self nominate!)

President — Kim Hallinger Vice-President — Paul Case

Treasurer—Paul LaGreek Secretary—Cliff Gerstman

Sgt At Arms—Judy Case Member at Large - John Piercy

Member at Large—Chris Fleming.



































Join Russell Parks for a fun evening of cocktails, magic, music and more!

Contact Russell to join in, magicone 76@verizon.net

Bring your friends! See you there!



