



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



August 2019

## July Meeting Round-up



The July meeting started on a sad note as Jim Callen performed a

broken wand ceremony for former Ring 96 President, Bill Hunter. Known for his gospel magic character Sherriff Will Praisum, Bill had given years of service to the Ring. He performed in several fundraising shows as well as serving two years as President. His wife Jacque was in attendance and brought memorial cards for the members. Rest in Peace Bill.



President Kim Hallenger officially opened the meeting and introduced the lecture by Paul Green.

Paul presented an incredible lecture. First he was very respectful of the level of magician in attendance, forgoing the fancy moves that most would not have been able to do or willing to learn. Instead he taught us magic that we all could do with just a bit of practice.

Paul introduced himself as the first person to perform at the magic castle while still under 21 years old. In those days he used to perform every four to six weeks.

Paul had two rules, first we must open ourselves up to different possibilities, and second, he said he would

answer ALL magical questions.

He began the lecture by discussing how to make magic more compelling. He specifically warned us not to be "Uncle Barry" who pulls scarves out of his nose.

Paul's first effect was to bring Dan Sherer up on stage and have him choose, count and deal cards to the table. When that was done, the top card matched Paul's prediction in his wallet. The method for this was diabolically simple, and dressed up in brilliant misdirection. Paul pointed out that there is a big difference between performing at an audience vs performing for an audience.

Paul brought Phillip up



Next meeting

August 17th

"Lecture from Tony Clark"

North Community Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive,

Seal Beach CA, 90740



Lecture From Tony Clark

Aug 17th

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Sept 21st



Oct 19th

And had him choose several cards. The now two decks were equalized by flipping some cards upside down and shuffling them into the deck.. A series of predictions on a page in a “Jeopardy” motif showed that the right number of cards were right side up and upside down, and all of the right suits too!

While there was some technical work to be done, this mind blower was easy to set up and perform.

Paul performed the sucker gag that a volunteer cannot cut a rope equally in half, and then used that to go into his own handling of the three ropes changing size from small medium and large to all equal.

Paul shared with us his experience of trade shows including responsibilities and fees.

Our youngest member “Elijah” asked if Paul had green jumbo cards. Paul responded by having Elijah pick a card and then doing some comedy work with his jumbo green colored cards.

Paul did an interesting bit where he found a “thought of” card reversed in a deck of cards. He did this twice as he said it is just that strong an effect, and doing it twice really does not give it away .

Paul showed us a tic-tac-toe effect where all the chosen icons are cut out and the rest remain untouched.

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|   | Keep Calm and Carry On        | Marty Gorman                  | Bill Kornhauser  |
|   | 8 issues of Linking Rings     | Dick Shafer                   | Chris Flemming   |
|   | Bag O’ Tricks                 | Cliff Gerstman                | Dan Habel        |
|   | IBM Convention Poster and Bag | Dick Shafer & Bill Pearce     | Kim Hallenger    |
|   | 3 Booklets                    | Tom Constable and Bill Pearce | Bill Kornhauser  |
|   | Pocket Production Wallet      | David Gray estate             | Chris Flemming   |
|   | Bag o’ tricks                 | Cliff Gerstman                | Elijah Livingood |
|   | Deck Holder & Genii           | Bill Pearce                   | Raj Tovar        |

Paul found a chosen card sited in a fortune telling book that provided both insight and mis direction.

Paul ended his lecture with a small white paddle that ended up signed by a spectator. The name vanished or returned at Paul’s command. He said that this paddle trick goes over well at trade shows, and people walk around with them remembering the magician and the product both.

Paul gave a great lecture, we highly recommend it. Another great night at Ring 96!



### Stage Competition

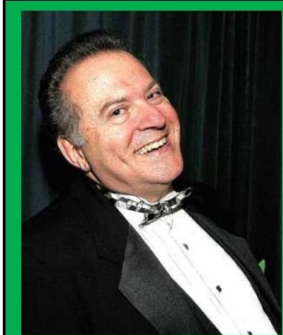
The September meeting is coming sooner than you might think. Did you want to perform? Sign up with Kim if you do. Remember we need timers, greeters, setter-uppers , put awayers, hand-outers, publicizers and performers to make our biggest event of the year work. If you are reading this, at least one of those jobs is yours. Make sure you sign up early.

See you next month!



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Lecture by  
Paul Green





## Focus on Members

In 1998, Joyce Basch was the first female magician featured in the section of the "Linking Ring: One-Man Parade." The editor changed the title to the "Joyce Basch Parade." The introductory sentence of the feature can't be improved upon - "Joyce Basch was (you should pardon the expression - middle-aged) when she decided she would like to learn some tricks. "She often played cards with friends, and thought it would be fun to show them some card tricks. Thus began her magic career.



Joyce was born in Scranton, PA and graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Speech and Hearing. She soon found herself heading the Audiology Department at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She later earned Master of Arts degrees in Psychology and Arts Administration. Although Joyce has held the title of "Mrs. Oklahoma" in the Mrs. America Pageant, the joys and pride of her life are her 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Joyce has had a long and exciting career in magic. As a woman in a male dominated profession, Joyce has had to face numerous challenges. Diana Zimmerman advised her to get an "identity", so Joyce became "Ms.gician", portraying herself as a "retired household executive," and creating effects and original patter that housewives can connect with. Her domestic effects always involve a delightful story with which the audience can connect. Her first classes were at a magic shop in Long Beach where she also became involved with the Long Beach Mystics. Her first trick was with the "Invisible Deck." The Hollywood based Magic Castle is known worldwide for its high quality

performances. Joyce is not only a long time Magic Castle member but, importantly, a Magic Castle performer. She has taught magic, and has entertained at resorts in Phoenix, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, San Lucia, Antigua, Cancun and Ixtapa, Mexico, Bali, Indonesia, the Fiji Islands, the Grenadines, Barbados, Palm Springs, and even for penguins at the South Pole. Performing for Scientists (and a penguin audience) in Antarctica, Joyce is the first magician in the world to perform magic on all 7 continents.

For Joyce, the most fun in magic is seeing people enjoy her special magical effects. Joyce admires magicians such as David Copperfield who opened up the world of magic as well as magician Tony Clark. Her favorite magic book is The Royal Road to Card Magic. Her favorite trick is the "Pinochle Trick", which she often uses as an opener. Joyce has developed and marketed a trick with a baseball theme called "Basch's Baseball Pitch." All sports fans can enjoy this captivating magic effect. For new magicians, Joyce offers some specific advice. She believes that being courteous and treating assistant volunteers respectfully is very important, as well as creating a professional stage presence by dressing the part. She also advises novices to make sure not to turn their backs on the audience when performing.

Joyce has many interests in addition to magic. She spent a year in Guatemala studying Mayan archeology and is a world traveler. Joyce loves ballroom dancing and has taught tap dancing to seniors. She has won many magic awards and has served as an officer in several magic clubs, including Ring 96 and Orange County Magic. Ring 96, also known as the Seal Beach Magic Club, is extremely proud and honored to have such a distinguished member of the magic community as a member.





# Free Magic Show!



**The Ring 96  
(Seal Beach Magic Club)  
Stage Competition**

**Saturday, September 21st at 7 pm**

**North Community Center  
3333 Saint Cloud Drive  
Seal Beach, California**

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**November 16th 7 PM**

**North Community Center  
3333 Saint Cloud Drive  
Seal Beach California**

Magicians Welcome (Audience is over 21)

The poster features a vibrant yellow and black background with white stars. Two large, silver, vintage-style microphones are positioned on the left and right sides. The text 'OPEN MIC' is written in large, bold, blue letters across the top. Below it, '3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH' and '7PM - 9PM' are written in black. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of people with their arms raised. The logo for 'BOOMERS COCKTAIL LOUNGE' is in the bottom right corner, featuring a microphone icon. The text 'Karaoke starts at 9pm on Open Mic Nights' is in the bottom left corner.

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