



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Feb 2024

January Meeting Round-up

On January 20th Ring 96 began our new year with a pre-meeting workshop on the use of Thumb-Tips. Keven Papke showed the use of the device in manipulating cards, dollar bills, silks, and other magical items using the versatile and fairly simple device. We had about ten members come early to attend Kevin's workshop.

President John Piercy opened the meeting and introduced our speaker for the night, The Godfather of Magic Vinny Marini. Vinny is well known in the area for his work at The Magic Castle as well as his strong -selling lecture for Penguin

Magic.

Vinny opened with rubber bands. He touted #19 rubber bands and recommended using high-quality #19. In his routine, he linked and then separated two rubber bands. He threaded a borrowed ring around a rubber band linking it in place and then pulled it off leaving the rubber band intact. He put a rubber band around a girl's wrist and pulled it off right through her wrist. The rubber band remained unbroken.

Vinny showed us how to drop a wooden match into a glass bottle filled with water, and then make the match go up and down in the bottle on command.

How to open your act? Use an effect that will startle the audience, don't use patter, just a

very visual magic trick.

Vinny performed and taught us what he calls the Houdini Card Trick. A card that says "Houdini Card" on it, is placed in a deck by a spectator wherever they wish. The box is rubber-banded shut, instead of chains, and when the box is hit, the Houdini card pops right out. Vinny said he would repeat the trick, but instead, he did a similar effect with the Houdini Card now being the only one inside the card box.

A volunteer chose a card, looked at it, and put it back in the deck. Make three piles, Vinny commanded. One face up and two face down. After a bit of byplay, a new card was chosen from the upside-down ones and it matched the first card!

Next meeting:

Feb 17th... 7 pm

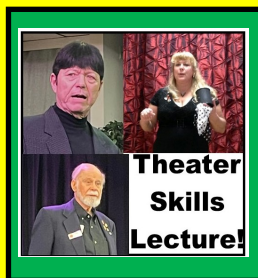
"Theater Skills Lecture"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Feb 17th



March 16th



April 20th

Vinny had a spectator make four piles of cards from one deck. He turned over the top cards and showed one was a queen. He turned the cards back over to hide them and then scrambled the piles in three-card monte style. Could we find the queen? Easy at first, then harder. Then she was back where she belonged all the time.

"Somebody call out the name of a card!" Vinny ordered. "Five of clubs!" yelled a spectator. Vinny shuffled the deck and pulled out the five of clubs and his brother spades as well.

Vinny has a version of the "Ambitious Card" that he calls "Ambitious Aces." A card is selected signed and placed back in the deck. Every time the card rises to the top, it brings an ace up with it, until all four are found.

Vinny did the Harry Loraine trick. A spectator chooses a random card. It is shown and put back in the deck. Vinny spread the deck out on the table face up and talked of having memorized the deck. He turned his back and told the spectator to move his card in the deck. When Vinny turned back around, he named the card instantly.

Vinny spoke of the importance of peek and force.

He showed us some creative ways to cut cards.

He showed us some forces and

spent some time talking about the importance of outs.

He showed us an easy way to fold a card.

Vinny had three volunteers each take a card and sign it. There were two gentlemen and one lady. The signed cards were stacked and cut in half with scissors. They were stacked again and cut in half with scissors again. Vinnie threw all the pieces into a paper bag that he had shown was empty. The bag was shaken. Vinny pulled out four of the cut pieces and they formed the lady's card.

Two cards are selected and signed. One is signed on the face, and the other on the back. After they are returned to the deck, they are found with both signatures on one card.

Vinny showed us "The Shell Game." He warned us never to play it as you can not win. The game is a cheat. He showed us a few moves, including some of his design.

Vinny ended with some rapid-fire magic. A cork from a wine bottle is laid down on the table. When covered with a cup, the cork was shown to have stood up.

We saw ring on a string and ring on a rope with Vinny's handling.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.



Want to help out your Ring?

Paul Case our past president has found a quick and easy way for you to help out your Ring on a monthly basis. Sign up for the Ring meeting with the City of Seal Beach. You see, Seal Beach gives us the room to teach magic. The more people that sign up, the less likely the city is to use the room for something else in our time slot.



Seal Beach web site
<https://www.sealbeachca.gov/>

Click on the Departments tab... From the drop down pick Community Services/ Recreation

Click on Online Registration
Click on Search All Programs

From this page you have to find the search icon, when the search field pops up type in "Magic" in the search bar and enter, and the page comes up describing the club and letting you register.

Thanks for helping us out!



Lecture from
The Godfather of Magic
Vinny Marini!

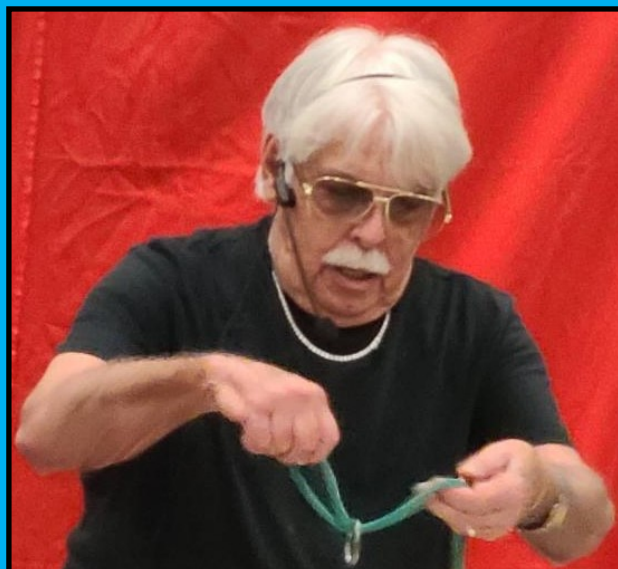
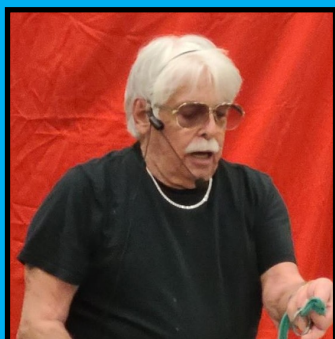
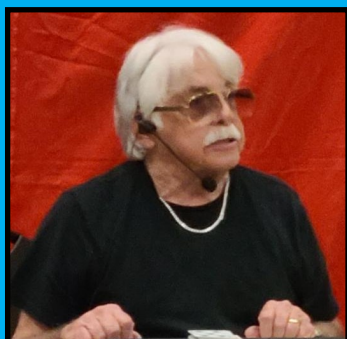
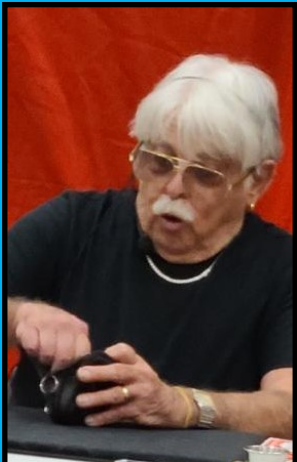
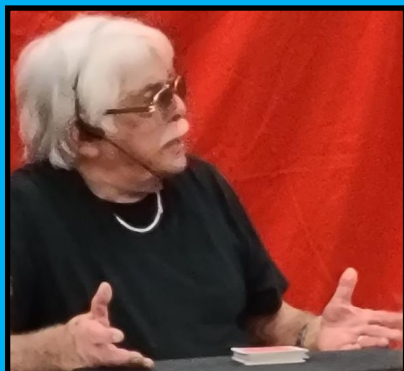
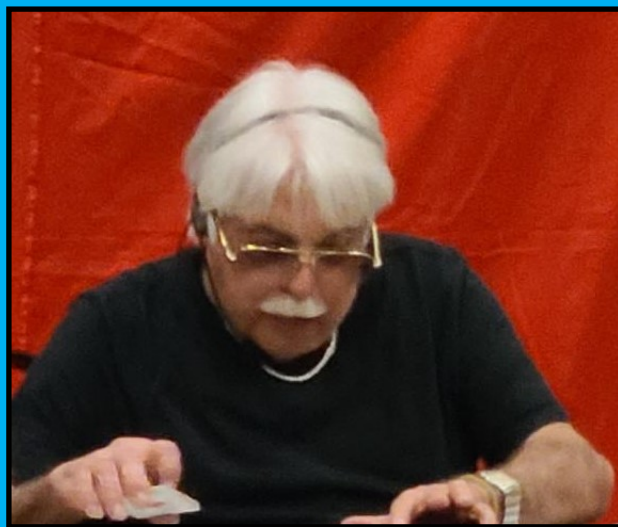
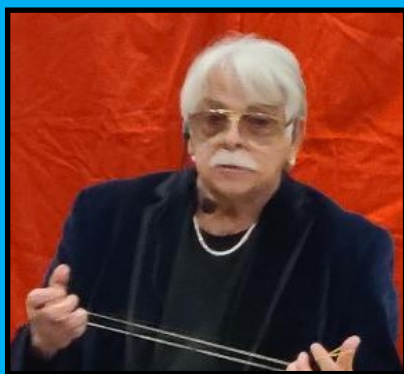
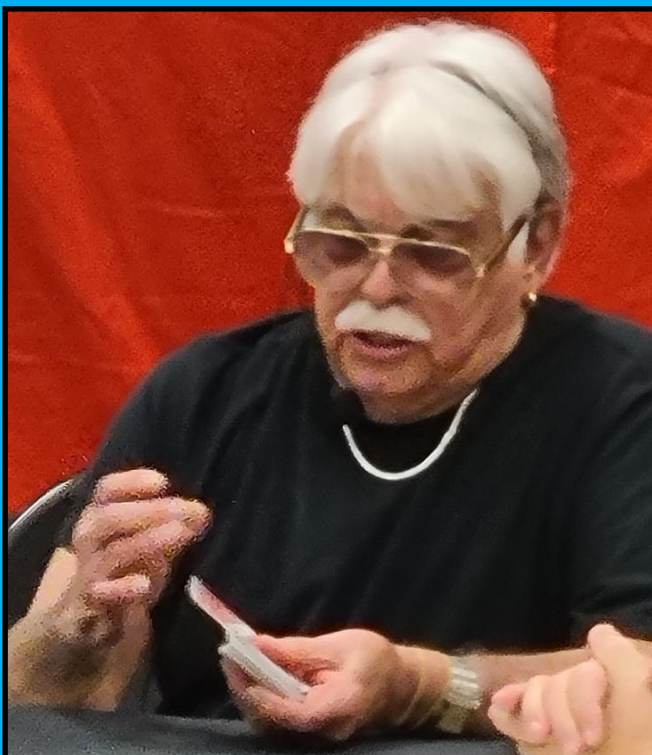
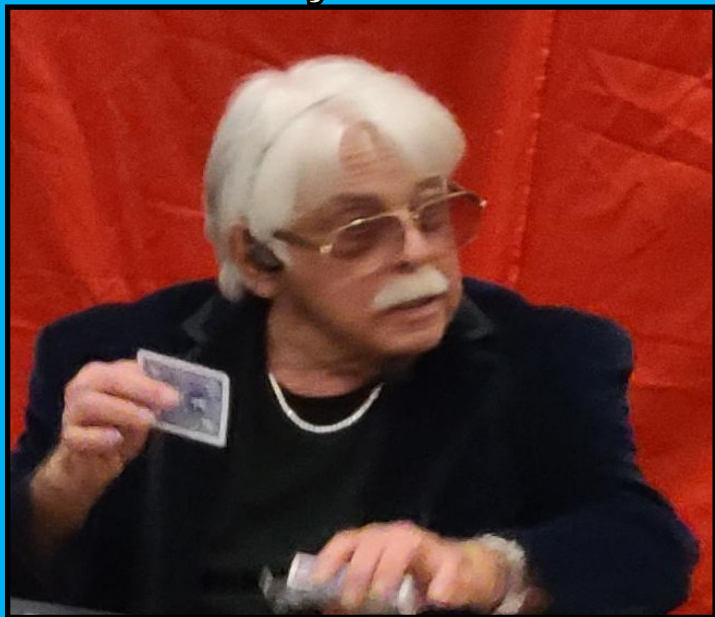


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**Welcome new
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Liam Ferris &
Chris Mabli!**

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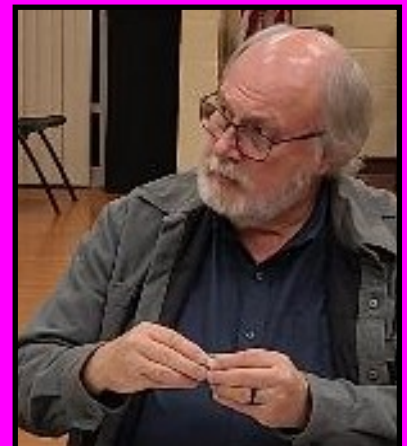
Thumb Tip Workshop

Kevin taught us a fine workshop on the use of Thumb-tips at our January meeting. We used the thumb-tips that the Ring had invested in for the November Teachers' workshop and repurposed them. This worked well.

Kevin showed us how to use a thumb-tip with money, then with silks and with other things as well.

The best part about the pre-meeting workshops has to be that we help hobbyists and magic fans get ready to get on stage themselves.

Come and join us next month, to learn a self working card effect. You will be glad you did!



January Sessioning

Eight of us gathered at Hof's Hut , Brett Bolich, Liam Ferris, Cliff Gerstman, Bill Kornhauser, Roger Manderscheid, Kevin Papke, George Reis, and Jon Strum.

Cliff went first with a Tony Clark effect that involved brightly colored over sized cards featuring Houdini and the cops trying to lock him up. Houdini got away.

Intentionally or not Cliff gathered an audience to watch him work, including a large group celebrating a birthday. The onlookers enjoyed the effect and applauded.

Bill Kornhauser brought out an "Andy" deck and did two effects with it. Then he went over to our new birthday friends and did it for them. He too got applause.

Roger did an effect that involved him traveling to the future to see what card was selected. Kevin pointed to a card on a plastic strip of cards and made his selection. Roger asked if Kevin's card appeared on certain other cards and then named it correctly.



Will your photo be here next month?

George performed a cute bit with a pen that seemed to form points on each end and caps on each end too. This part magic trick and part sight gag was very funny to watch.

Liam had a deck containing the major arcana of a tarot card pack. He let Bill shuffle and every one else got to pick a card of their choice by looking through the deck. He collected the cards randomly, shuffled the pack and then named which card each of us had picked.

Jon had Kevin shuffle a deck of cards in parts, and then make piles. The four aces were on the top of each pile.

Brett performed a find a card routine by spelling out the name of a card to find the one we sought.

Kevin performed a very funny routine where large size nuts and bolts changed in a spectators hand.

Bill Kornhauser closed the night with a light/heavy box demonstration.

The best part of the night was the strong and useful critique we all gave and got to improve our magic.

See you next month!



The new year is here, pay your dues now please.



Great News!

**No raise in dues this year!
\$35 for an individual member
\$45 for a family membership!**

How to pay your dues...

Hand Jon Strum cash or a check at a Ring meeting

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Paying Jon via Venmo -- jonstrum@gmail.com

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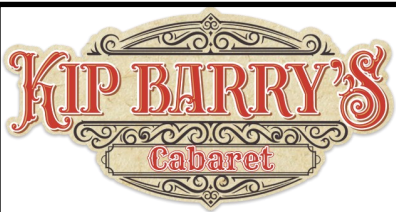


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February's Birthdays

Cliff Gerstman

Marty Gorman



Quote of the month!

"The creative process is not controlled by a switch you can simply turn on or off—it's with you all the time."

- Alvin Ailey

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Session of Sessioning

Monday, Feb, 26th at 7 pm.

Hof's Hut in Seal Beach

**Just buy dinner at Hof's,
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**Note: This is not meant to be
a social gathering, it is
meant to be a magical gathering.
Showing a magic effect is required.**

See you there!



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**On March 16th at 7 PM
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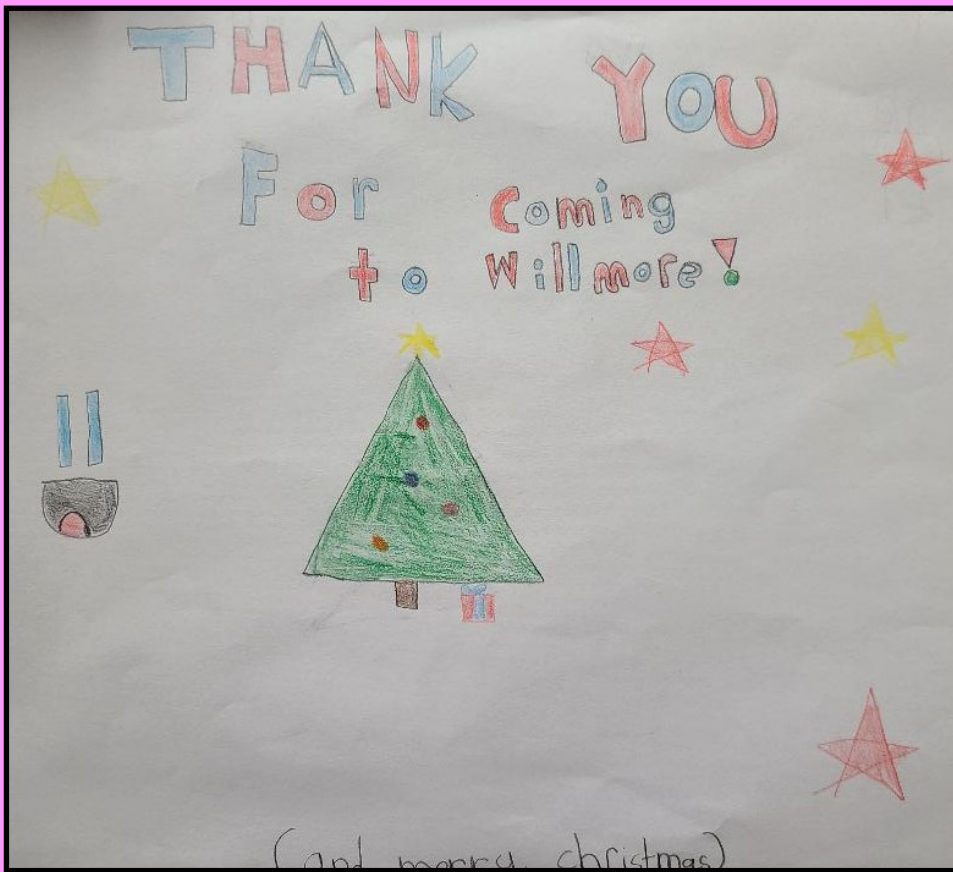
**The North Senior Center
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Admission is free: all are welcome!




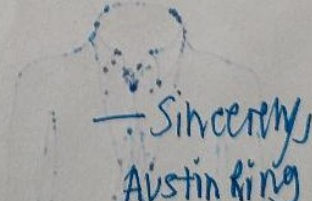
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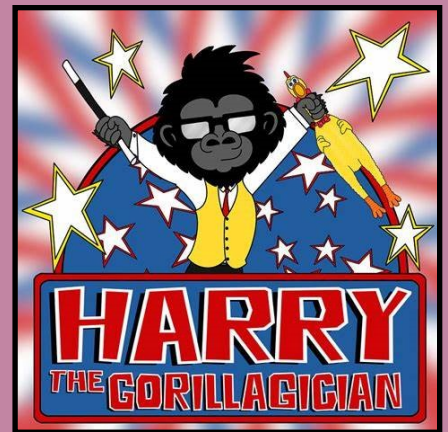
Dear Magicians,

This is Austin Willmore's student council president. You guys can sure put on a show! I really loved the way each of you performed. Whether it was Brett so the great with his hilarious comedy magic, or Lisa (I'm not sure if that's her name) with the ability to awe a crowd... without even talking. Now gotta go jabracadabra 


— Sincerely,
Austin Ring

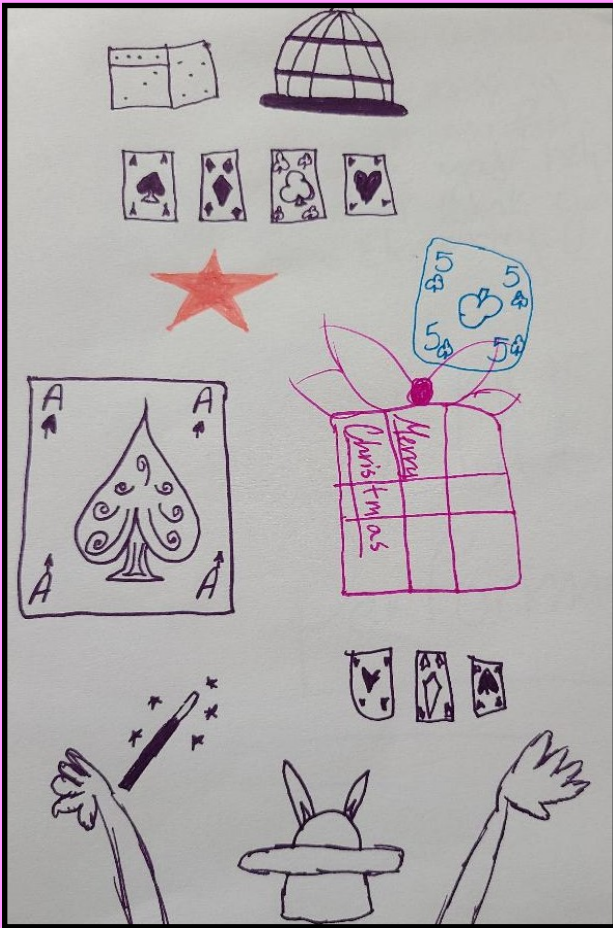
Thank You Ring 96!

We should all remember that Ring 96 performed a benefit show for Willmore Elementary School in November 2023. The show was quite a success, and was hosted by Andrew Wheeler, The Gorillagician.



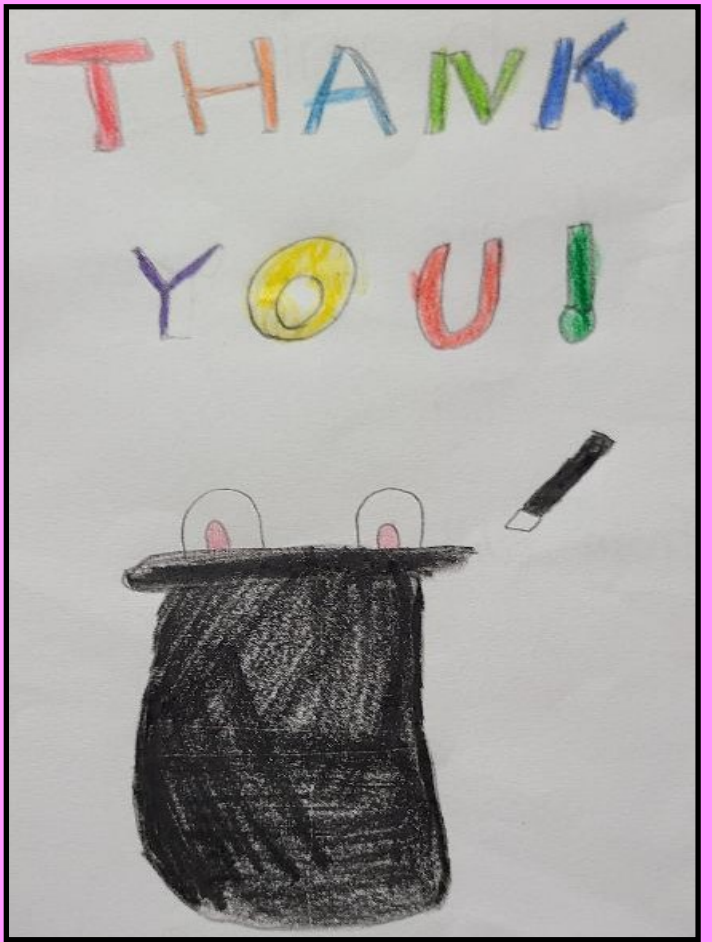
Well, Andrew came to our January Ring 96 meeting specifically to video-tape Vinny's lecture. However, he had a hidden agenda. Some of his elementary school students enjoyed our show so much that they wrote us thanks you cards. What a lovely gesture! Here are some of the cards they wrote for us.



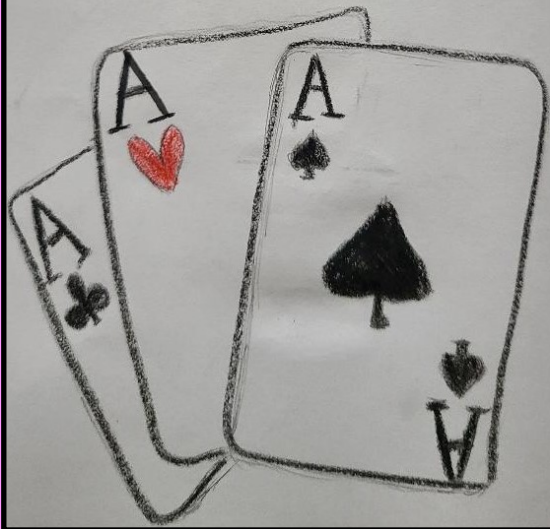


Dear; Magicians we wanted to thank you for helping us donate or raise money for Camp we appreciate your help We really needed it thank you love Willmore Elementary.

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Your Performance



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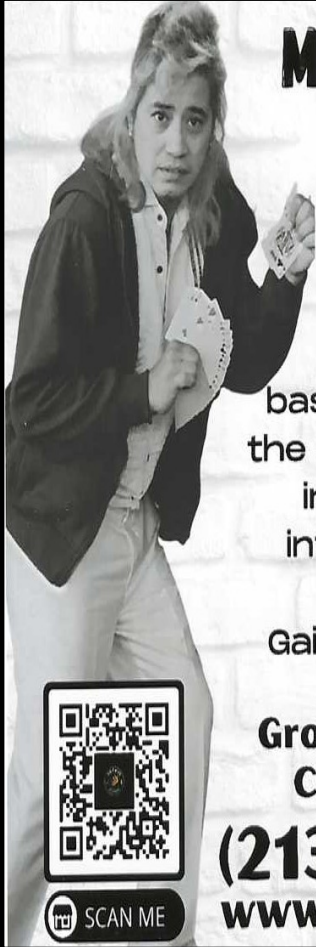
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