



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Jan 2023

December Meeting Round-up

On Saturday, December, 17th Ring 96 met for its December Holiday meeting. We pulled out all the stops for this meeting. There was an amazing desert potluck spread as well as magical gifts for all the Ring members.

We began the meeting with our announcements. For the last announcement, Kevin Papke took the stage. He had one volunteer name a month. He had another name a date. A third volunteer was handed a calendar book, and asked to look up the chosen date. It turned out that ever date had as different card named on it. The chosen date called for the

Ten of Spades. Strangely, the was a pocket in the side of the calendar book, and there was a Ten of Spade in it and no other card. After taking his bow, Kevin announced a series of magical workshops to happen during the hour before the official meetings will begin. He will teach this effect next month.

After the announcements were done, we followed up by electing our new slate of officers for the 2023 year. They will be "sworn-in" and begin their work next month in January.

For our magic show portion of the night, Vinnie Marini came to the stage. He performed an admirable version of the shell game in which the pea could never be found by any volunteer, but only by he himself.

Our newest member Alan Hanson arrived in a "dragon" tunic and spoke of the medieval forces. He was going to demonstrate mastery over "water." First, he used a Harry Potter like spell to make water remain in a bottle even when held upside down. He took a small glass of water and poured it into a larger one. The water filled the larger glass too. Then a larger one, and a larger one, and eventually the water filled a pitcher. Not satisfied there, he poured form the pitcher back into the glasses and filled all of them up.

Jon Strum performed his take on the classic John Bannon effect B-Annihilation. Jon had a volunteer freely shuffle a deck of cards. Eventually she chose a card.

Next meeting:

Jan 21st... 7 pm

"Show & Tell"

North Senior Center

3333 Saint Cloud Drive.

Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Jan 21st



Feb 18th



March 18th

Jon had two cards left in the box and said they were a prediction. When the two cards failed to name the chosen card, he turned them both over to reveal notes that led to the correct chosen card.

David Fisher brought up a large wooden box labeled "ACME" that had shoes drawn on the outside. He borrowed a shoe from a volunteer and put it what he called his shoe cleaning box. He gave the volunteer a receipt which she signed. But the box malfunctioned. It made screeching noises and then fell apart. The shoe was nowhere to be found. The receipt suggested to look in the box. David had a bag at the side which ended up having three boxes in it. The final box had the shoe.

After that came the gift exchange grab bag. Most people were happy with the gift they got.

This was another excellent evening at Ring 96



Check out Our Website

Things you can find on our website www.ring96.com that you might want...

1. The landing page always has the next three future meeting events.
2. The schedule Page has the years list of events as far as they are scheduled.
3. The officer's page tells you who our current officers are, and the names are clickable to send them e-mails.
4. Current and past newsletters are available on the site.
5. The "How to Join" page has a link to join IBM, our parent organization.
6. You can direct friends to our website if they are interested in having the Ring perform a magic show for their organization..



January 21st Magic Workshop

Remember, starting in January we will be featuring a pre-meeting workshop. Come at 6 pm in January to learn how Kevin built his calendar book prediction. If you can bring an inexpensive calendar book that will be better still. Remember you can make these workshops a success by coming to them and supporting them. You might even learn an effect you can use. If you want to come to



the workshop, but cannot find a calendar book, E-mail Kevin (kevinjapapke@sbcglobal.net) and he can bring you one for \$10. The year does NOT need to be current, so an old one, or one found at goodwill might work too!

Do you have suggestions for future pre-meeting workshops? Would you be interested in hosting one?

Hope to see you there!

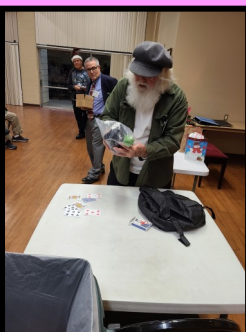


**Orange County
Magic Club
will be featuring
a lecture by our
own Joyce Basch,
Ms. Gician.
January 11th**



**Joyce Basch,
"Ms.gician"**

December 2022 Holiday Party



IBM Wants You!

Are you a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians?

Did you know that in order to be an official member of **any** Ring, you are supposed to be a member of the IBM as well?

Yes, we have let that go a bit lax in the last few years, but they do audit us from time to time.

If you are comfortable with the "online" version of the Linking Ring magazine, membership is not expensive. If you have not joined, why not do that today? Then let Jon Strum and Cliff Gerstman know what your membership number is. You can join at the address below!

<https://www.magician.org/join-the-ibm/join>



Quote of the month!

There is magic,

But you have to be the magician.

You have to make the magic happen.

- Sidney Sheldon

Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

Orange County Magic Club

<https://theocmc.com/>

The Hollywood Magic Castle



Happy Birthday!



January Birthday's

Larry "Zeezo" Campbell

Daniel Hurtt

Welcome new members...

Brett Bolich & Alan Hanson!

Classics of Magic

Get ready for our March meeting, "Classics of Magic." For this open to the public anything goes kind of meeting, be ready to perform a classic magic effect. What is a classic? Linking Rings, Professors Nightmare, Cups & Balls etc.

Contact Cliff to sign up. cliffg37@verizon.net and remember to bring your friends.

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Sessioning 96

Chapter 5!

Four of us, Kevin Pepke, Phil Ureno, Roy Ball and Cliff Gerstman met at Hof's Hut on December 26th.

The magical conversation started early with a discussion about standup and restaurant magic.

After the meal, the magic began.

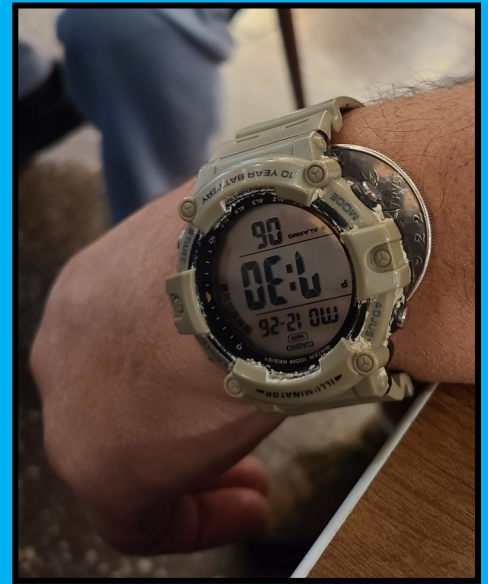
Kevin demonstrated some coin passing work that ended with a coin under Phil's watch. I had the best possible view and did not see him put the coin there.

Kevin also demonstrated some clever rubber band work that included a folded dollar bill jumping from one band to the next and Crazy Man's Handcuffs.

Phil showed us a Dice routine he had recently purchased and then some paddle work using "antique" paddles he got at an estate sale. The paddles were very simple, and we all had fun with them.

Cliff Gerstman did a self-working "Card at any number effect," that went very well. When the volunteer picks the required numbers, it is best to steer them toward lower numbers as counting gets tedious.

Given the holiday, it was nice to get four magicians together for a nice magic session. See you next month



Time to pay your 2023 dues

Ring 96 uses your dues money to pay for the wonderful lectures we offer!

\$35 for an individual years membership!

\$45 for a family years membership!

We held the price!

No raises in dues this year!

Bring a check made out to "Ring 96"

to our next meeting! Or, mail it to

Paul LaGreek, 5521 Kern Dr. HB 92649

or zelle to plml2k@verizon.net



join us for a Ring 96

Session of Sessioning

Monday, January, 29th at 7 pm.

Hof's Hut in Seal Beach

**Just buy dinner at Hof's,
and bring your cards,
coins, or other close up magic.**

**Last month we had 4 attendees,
and we had a great time!**

See you there!



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Show an effect, explain how it is done!



Show & Tell

January 21st 2023

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MISDIRECTION!



ROBERT IS A FISM WINNER
FOR COMEDY MAGIC. HIS
LECTURE IS ON COMEDY MAGIC
AND HOW TO ROUTINE IT

THE LECTURE HAS NO CARD
TRICKS, OR DIFFICULT MOVES
BUT PLENTY OF LAUGHS!

FIRST PART OF THE LECTURE
WILL BE A COMPLETE SHOW,
FROM BEGINNING TO END!

SECOND HALF IS THE
EXPLANATIONS.

MAGICIANS PRAISE HIM:

• 110 REVIEWS FOR HIS PENGUIN LIVE LECTURE!

- GOOGLE: "WIZARD PRODUCT REVIEW: "BAXT, A BOY, & A BUCKET"
- SEE [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/AOANRV9PHcA](https://youtu.be/aoANRv9PHcA) FOR WHAT JOSEPH GABRIEL SAYS!

"I DO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK ROBERT BAXT FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A FINE
PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON! FOR THOSE THAT BOUGHT HIS LECTURE NOTES
TODAY, I PARTICULARLY WANT TO POINT OUT A BRILLIANT TECHNIQUE (ON THE
VERY LAST PAGE), A TIP HE NEVER DISCUSSED IN HIS TALK. FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T
PURCHASE THE NOTES: [CLEARING MY THROAT] "NEENER, NEENER!"

-RICH COWLEY, ON THE MAGIC CASTLE MEMBERS ONLY FORUM

"ALL MAGICIANS COULD USE SOME HELP FROM YOUR INVENTIVE (AND TWISTED)
MIND. WITHOUT YOU, THEY ARE NOTHING!"

-GABE ABELSON, COMEDY WRITER FOR NBC'S
"TONIGHT SHOW" WITH JAY LENO AND FORMER
MONOLOGUE WRITER FOR DAVID LETTERMAN

THE LECTURE BY ROBERT BAXT

Saturday.

Feb. 18th, 2023 @

7pm.

**Seal Beach North
Community
Center**