



# THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



June 2023

## May Meeting Round-up

On Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> Ring 96 met to hold its most recent monthly meeting. Lately we have been hosting pre-meeting ½ hour workshops to go over various moves and effects. This month we left that alone as the event was our Close-Up Competition and we did not want to risk exposing secrets to a lay audience.

The policy for our competitions is that last year's winner is the next years host. So, our treasurer Jon Strum hosted our exciting event.

John put the eight performers in order and then randomized them to make sure the event was fair to everyone. He also told the performers and audience from the beginning that he would flash a two-finger warning at the eight-minute mark, hold up one finger at the nine-minute mark and then verbally call "stop" at exactly ten minutes. This again, was done to keep the playing field level each performer had up to ten minutes to present their set.

The first performer was Marty Gorman. Marty opened strongly by melting a King of Hearts through a Ten of

Spades. Next, four normal playing cards turned blank one at a time. After that, the entire deck became blank. Marty showed us a deck with all the backs different and no two the same. After a little magic was added, this deck too became all blank. This time both the front and the backs were shown as being blank.

The second performer was Alan Hanson. He opened his set with a recording of the song "Tequila," but at the key moment produced a banana which he had everyone call out instead of the name of the alcoholic beverage. He continued to make bananas appear as he made puns about them. He brought out a deck of cards that had bold and

**Next meeting:**  
**June 17th... 7 pm**  
**"Belle Daily Lecture"**  
**North Senior Center**  
**3333 Saint Cloud Drive.**  
**Seal Beach, CA**

## Coming Soon to Ring 96



Belle Daily Lecture

June 17th



Lecture by Hubb

July 15th



Lecture by

Mark Cannon

Aug 19th

obvious numbers on the back one through fifty-two.

Volunteers chose both numbers and playing cards and found that their chosen number matched the chosen card. Alan ended his set by opening a banana and pulling out 1-dollar bills. Slowly the bills increased in value until they were million-dollar bills. He ended producing more bananas.

Jim Greene was the third performer. Jim performed his Ring-on-rope routine, in which he magically puts a borrowed ring onto a rope and takes it off again. He repeated this with two rings. A clever move was to have a volunteer hold the two ends in front of her chest while the ring tied in was hanging down her back. Jim removed the ring from behind her. He closed with a three-ring effect creating an interesting sculpture of ring and rope.

Cliff Gerstman was number four. This made some people wonder what a stage-based escape artist was doing in the close-up competition, but Cliff held his own. Cliff opened with an inspirational sight gag on how to deal with things that block your goals in life and followed that with a large square yellow card that showed an arrow. The card was flipped over and over while Cliff told a story to go with it. There were two short card-tricks, one presented mixing up the kings' queens and jacks only to

find them in proper order after all. The other was a predictive trick as Cliff always knew what card was coming up next. He closed by teleporting a signed quarter across a close-up pad.

Club President John Piercy was the next performer. John brought out a deck of cards that were boldly lettered on the backs A-Z. He brought out dice and poker chips. After various gambling adventures and clever patter, John finally turned over several cards that had been sitting at the front the whole time and they spelled "lucky!"

Roy Ball took ten cards off of the deck and he proceeded to count-spell "Will the cards match" and showed that cards had indeed found their mate. He began to deal poker hands to himself and a volunteer. Twice she beat his pair with two pair. This showed how exciting the game of poker can be.

Kevin Papke was next. Kevin started with two coins on the table and had a volunteer pick one. He took the chosen coin and vanished and had it reappeared multiple times in multiple places. Kevin borrowed the volunteer's ring and did a ring on a string effect. He managed to take the ring off the string by catching the string on her finger. Finally, he asked her three questions to see what card she would choose. She chose the three of hearts. He shoved it into the deck in a

random location, but when the cards were spread her three of hearts was right next to the three of diamonds.

In the last position was Brett Bollich. A volunteer selected a card and it proved to be a double backer. This brought a huge laugh. He had it replaced in the deck, shuffled the deck and found the selected card. Brett pulled a sponge ball smile from behind the volunteer's ear, and went into a cup and ball routine using a sharpie pen for a magic wand. His kicker load was a pair of donuts. This ending surprised nearly everyone.

Jon's rules kept the evening moving at a comfortable pace, and the audience that was full of guests and some kids all seemed to have fun. Jon did a few effects himself as the votes and ballots were counted.

Brett Bollich won the coveted people's choice award, which is voted on by the guests and lay audience in the room. The magicians in the room voted for the other winners. When all was said and done Cliff Gerstman came in third place. Brett Bollich came in second, and Kevin Papke was this year's first place winner.

Another exciting night at Ring 96.



**There was no pre-meeting workshop in May. This was to avoid exposure.**

# Close-Up Competition

## Saturday May 20th

Photo credit: George Reis



### The Winners!



Cliff Gerstman



Brett Bollich



Kevin Papke



# Sessioning 96 May 2023

It was an exciting day near the end of May when six of us got together that way.

Cliff Gerstman opened up with a four Ace production that Judy found hiding in the deck of cards. He also showed the prediction trick he had done at the Close-up Competition.

Bill Kornhauser took the prediction trick to the next level and also did a bent coin demonstration followed by "The Evil Card," which turned out not to be so evil after all.

George Reis showed a sandwich trick in which a chosen card is found sandwiched between two predictor cards.

Leven Papke brought it home with an effect using Zoltar the great and a deck of cards with a surprising ending. He also showed us his version of "Oil and Water."

Come join us next time for a really great magical session! See you there.



**Come, join us  
next month!**





# Boy Scout Meeting!

On June first, David Fisher, Cliff Gerstman, Kim Hallenger and John Piercy attended a local Boy Scout meeting in Long Beach. Cliff acted as emcee while David, John and Kim performed some exciting parlor sized magic for the young scouts. The show was well received and Cliff offered "magic Castle" guest passes for the parents and adults in the room. One scout approached us after and wanted to know where to get magic lessons. The scout was given an email address and we will see if anything comes from the encounter.

We also made approaches to the scout leaders as to how willing we were to perform a fundraising magic show for the troop. This was met with interest and several possible connections were made.



## June's Pre-Meeting Workshop

When you come to the Ring 96 meeting in June to see Belle Daily's lecture, come early. In fact come at 6:00 PM. Kevin Papke will be hosting a workshop on the classic trick "Oil and water."

Bring your cards, and bring you personal favorite version of the effect to show off.

Here we have a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other as some people may be learning the effect for the first time while others may learn some subtleties or specific moves they did not know before.

Come early on June 17th

See you there!



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On the first Saturday of the month, multiple Magicians from the Magic Castle will amaze sud-sippers from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM with their sleight of hand while the onlookers make their beer disappear!

# Belle Daily's Lecture

## June 17th

### Taking your kids show to the next level

#### **Make More Money**

Belle is an MBA who has negotiated multi-million-dollar contracts. She will teach you how to make more money for each show. What to charge. When to charge more. About add-ons & when to bring them up. She is a closer & can teach you what to say to book the show.

In this entertaining talk for Ring 96, Belle shares practical advice:

- A simple phrase that will make you more money on every single show.
- 10 Simple Marketing Tricks that will get you more bookings.
- How to stay organized so you can take on extra shows while decreasing stress.
- The top 5 things great kids show performers have in common.

#### **Finding, Adapting, inventing & Routining New Tricks**

Belle goes over how to come up with fun & amazing tricks for kids shows. She walks you through the process & shares with you tricks she has invented & adapted, great tricks to buy & which ones to skip over. She shares solid routines developed through hundreds of shows, including: Complete routine & work behind her kids show opener, the evolution of a musical kids' effect from "meh" to "amazing", and a simple effect that blows away everyone that's easy to customize for any occasion.

#### **Keeping Kids Engaged**

Belle teaches you how to zero in on what kids are interested in, at which age, & how to get them more engaged in the show. She also tells you how to deal with the unexpected, including how to respond when they say "I know how you did that!"

Belle Daily has done a lot of kids shows since she first got involved with magic in her teens. All those years in the trenches have given her a lot of insight into what it takes to be a great kids show performer. She has been a full-time pro, & now works as a part-time pro (she did 41 kids shows last year). Even if, like Belle, your major focus is on corporate & strolling magic, kid shows can be an important part of the mix.

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## An easy way to help the ring.

Are you looking for an easy way to help out Ring 96? There are certainly many, but here is a super easy way. Go to your local bookstore, or use Amazon if you like. Purchase a magic book that is maybe teen age level or adult beginner level. Take this book and put a label on the inside back cover. The label should have Ring 96 as the heading on it. Ask me for the Ring logo, I will certainly e-mail it to you if you like. You can also copy/paste it from the first page of this newsletter. Under the heading, add our web address [www.ring96.com](http://www.ring96.com). You can add our meeting time and place, and my e-mail if you like. Now take this new magic book and donate it to your local library. I am sure they will be glad to have it. Don't call attention to the label in there, just let it be. Anyone who takes out a magic book may now learn about Ring 96.

OK, who is willing to try this?



## Want More Magic?

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<https://www.ring313.org>

Orange County Magic Club

<https://theocmc.com/>

The Hollywood Magic Castle



## Happy Birthday!



June Birthday's

Judy Case

David Fisher

Phil Ureno

## Quote of the month!

**“Magic is the stunning art of surprising your audience, so that nothing else surprises them.”**

**- Amit Kalantri**

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**join us for a Ring 96**

# **Session of Sessioning**

**Monday, June, 26th 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 6 attendees,  
and we had a great time!**

**See you there!**



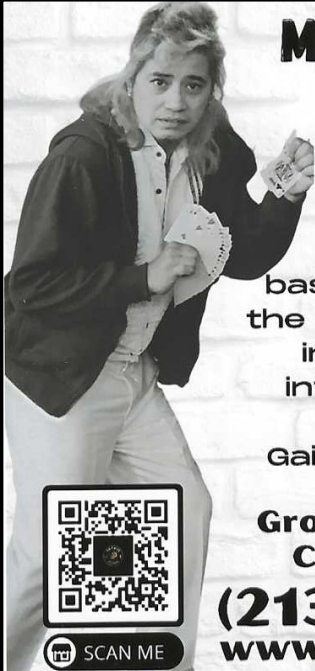
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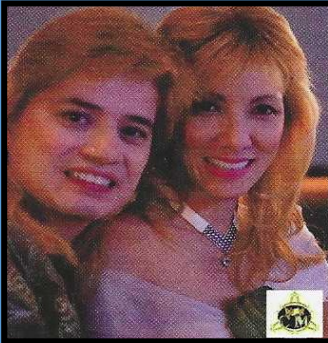


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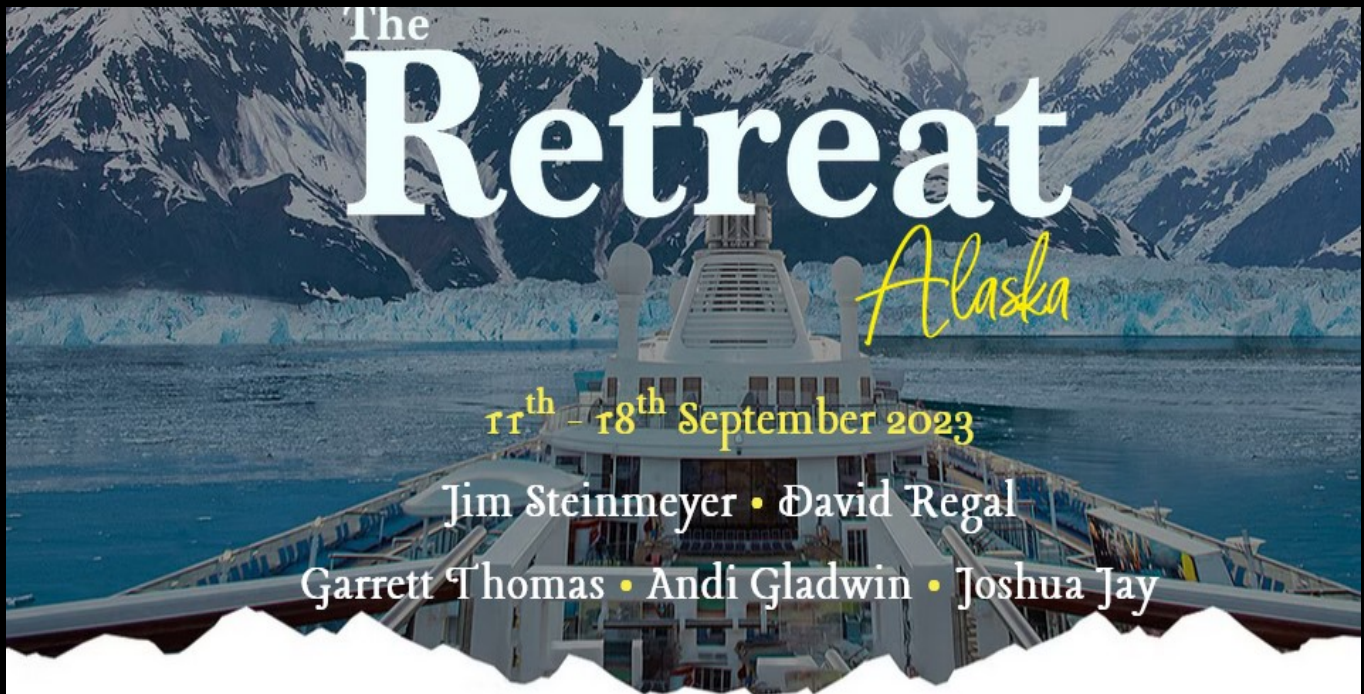
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