



THE SPIRIT TRUMPET

IBM Ring 96' Newsletter



Dec 2023

November Meeting Round-up

The November meeting of Ring 96 started out with a magic workshop for teachers. We had eight teachers come to visit and learn some simple magic. The ultimate goal was to gain some new members now, and new members later as teachers tell their students about their experience.

As the meeting proper began, President John Piercy introduced Secretary Cliff Gerstman who was the emcee for the evening. We had many guests in the

room that night and Cliff began by reminding the audience to be respectful and polite.

The first act was Bill Kornhauser who did a 100-foot rope escape. Bill was tied to a chair by five volunteers. This took just over a minute and a half. The rules stated that Bill had to beat that time in his escape. Bill was out in 20 seconds winning the challenge.

Kevin Papke came to the stage and used several small children guests in a demonstration of vanishing and jumping silks. One silk would appear in another, or

vanish altogether.

Joyce Basch, the international performer showed us an original effect in which a little girl volunteer got to choose a card from among seven that were face down on a rack. As the choices became fewer, eventually only one card was left. The card was a Jack of Hearts. A prediction that had been sitting there untouched stated, "You will pick the red card." All the other cards were shown to be clubs and spades.

Jim Greene showed us a ring on a rope effect in which three rings magically loaded themselves onto a string that was tied off, and formed a freestyle Mickey Mouse.

Next meeting:

Dec 16th... 7 pm

"Holiday Party Night"

North Senior Center

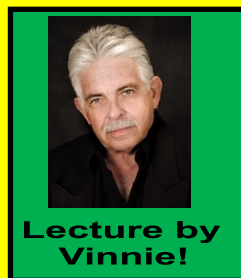
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Seal Beach, CA

Coming Soon to Ring 96



Dec 16th



Jan 20th



Feb 17th

Chris Fleming called for a little girl volunteer to choose one from a set of ESP cards and correctly predicted not only the shape but the color as well.

Former President Kim Hallinger brought up a child as a volunteer, and had a rubber egg placed into an "Incubator." The volunteer waved a red feather vigorously. This caused the egg to hatch and when the incubator was opened, there was a rubber duck inside.

Bill Pearce performed a card trick that involved piles and adding up numbers. After all that it turned out the card, he guessed was wrong. He turned to his Magician's Insurance Policy which helped him get the right card.

President John Piercy came to the stage with a long card that showed several cards that were black and a red queen. He led the audience as he turned the card around and tried to put a clip on the queen. At first, it was easy, but then it got harder and harder, and soon became impossible. This trick ended with one success as the rack of cards had turned into one large queen.

Brad Erickson had a spectator

cut the deck and then called random numbers on his phone until he got one to answer. The stranger was confused by this but played along and guessed a card. The guess matched the card that had been randomly cut to.

Michael Van Horn performed a \$100 card trick, where a volunteer could have won a \$100 prize for picking the right card. Instead, Micheal kept his money.

Finally, Dane came to the stage to do a trick with a long rope. First, it was tied into loops and then they came off leaving the once long rope in a series of rings.

Another exciting night at Ring 96



Can we improve the gift exchange?

How can we improve the grab bag gift exchange?

Well, I don't know, but I do have some ideas.

Why not donate a gift that most people would probably want and be willing to steal for. There is nothing wrong with cleaning out your drawers for old junk you once thought you would use, but never got around to. Just make sure it is junk that someone else might want.

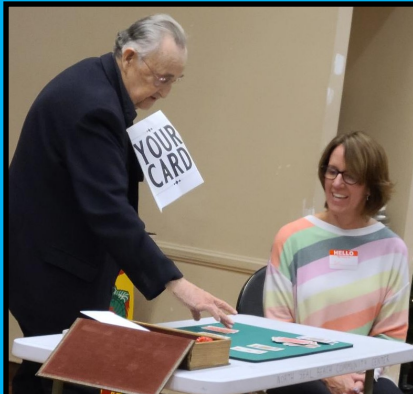
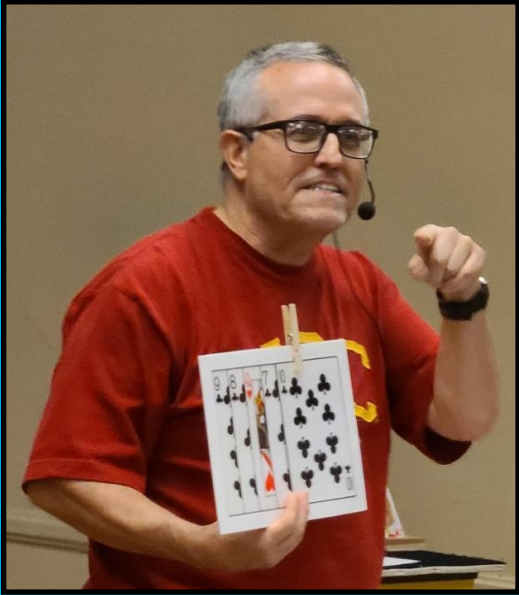
Make sure the donated gift has value. If you don't have the original box and wrapping of the gift, make a new one... just make it look good and inviting.

Make sure the gift is of a magical nature. Personally I was disappointed to once end up with a book that had nothing to do with magic. This is a magic club after all!

The bottom line is that last few years there has been very little stealing and exchanging. Let's improve that!

Welcome new members Mike Stave & family: Carmen, Ben, John, Suzy and William!

Member favorite effect night



Willmore Elementary School Fundraiser

Brad Erickson, Brett Bolich, Cliff Gerstman, John Piercy, Kim Hallinger and Paul Case all went to Willmore Elementary school to do a fundraising magic show to help send some young students to summer camp. Judy case took photos and the show was hosted by Andrew Wheeler, the Gorillagian.

With the Gorilla hosting and doing shtick between the magicians, the rest of us got to work. Brad sang an original song which the kids loved and participated in. He also did some sucker magic. Cliff escaped getting cut by a razor blade, he picked a lock and got out of a straitjacket. Paul changed the color of a silk, did a version of clippo, and ended with a rope routine. John did a star based mentalism effect, made a pencil appear and performed color changing rings. Brett took knots off a silk, used a balloon puppet to find a chosen card and closed with a growing orange tree. Kim ended the show with a square circle bit, a candy production and made a live black bunny turn white. It was a sold out crowd!



Teachers' Night!

Imagine you are in school starting a new year, and your teacher starts doing magic. Doesn't that sound like a great way to gain new members and inspire new magicians? Teaching teachers magic? Well we did.

Kevin Papke and Cliff Gerstman started our November meeting by inviting local teachers into our room and teaching them each some magic. The obvious goal was to bring in new members and have teachers go share magic with their students to bring in new potential members later. Kevin taught the Vanishing silk, and the Professor's Nightmare. Cliff taught washers in a can, and a simple mentalism math square.

The eight teachers in attendance, may not have seemed like a large number, but it sure is a start. What other "bring in the public" ideas do we have? What are some innovative ways to potentially build our membership?



**December - 6:00 pm
pre-meeting workshop!**

Sponge Balls & Vanishes!



**bring your own sponge
balls if you can.**

Ring member John Engman commended



On Monday, November 20th 2023, Duarte City Council member Sam Kang came to SAM 22 specifically to present our own John Engman with a certificate recognition. The certificate was signed by the mayor of Duarte, as well as the city manager. Apparently John has used his magical skills in charitable situations and this was noticed by someone at the municipal level. Congratulations John, You deserved this.



From the wand of the President...



Members and attenders of Ring 96 it has been a pleasure serving you as we build our knowledge, skill and club membership.

Our theme for 2024 is "Next Level Magic", in other words we want to grow in our technique, skill, presentation and knowledge. Each month we will strive to offer our club members ways to do just that. Lectures, opportunities to perform, finding a mentor or "guide", etc..

We are also letting you know that it's time to pay your dues for 2024, As a requirement from the national headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, each local member is to also be a member of the national organization. So please make sure you are up to date in this regard. For those who are not a member of the national organization we will be offering a one-time lecture fee for the year which will be the same as local dues but will exclude those people from club benefits.

Next month is our annual Holiday party and everyone is invited to bring a magic related gift in the \$20 - \$25 dollar range for the white elephant gift exchange, a dessert to share and you want to perform one holiday related trick for our show come prepared.... better yet email our president John Piercy at thinkonthis@msn.com and let him know you want to be in the show with the trick you will be performing. REMEMBER AS ALWAYS THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY SHOW.

Happy holiday season to you all.

The new year is coming, pay your dues early.



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

Mailing a check to Jon at 4951 Castana Ave Apt 40, Lakewood, CA 90712

Paying Jon via Venmo -- jonstrum@gmail.com

Paying Jon via Zelle -- jonstrum@gmail.com

Paying Jon via PayPal -- jon@jonstrum.com

**Remember: you are not a Ring 96
member in good standing
until you have paid your
dues and joined I.B.M.**



Christmas is coming!

The annual holiday meeting is coming up this December!

There is a very simple 3-step process to follow to attend this meeting.

Purchase or dig up a magical present worth about \$20. Make it something that you might enjoy winning so it will be a treasured gift to whomever wins it. Wrap it nicely and bring it to the meeting.

Bring a nice dessert to share with the attendees. Please remember if your dessert needs plates or forks to bring those too. Be aware we must not leave a mess in the room. Be ready to bring home or throw out what does not get eaten.

Bring a magic trick to perform for the attendees if you like. You can bring friends (please do) if you want to, but be aware that they may not enjoy the gift exchange.

See you and your friends there!



Want More Magic?

Ring 313 — Hybrid meeting

<https://www.ring313.org>

Orange County Magic Club

<https://theocmc.com/>

The Hollywood Magic Castle



Happy Birthday!



December Birthday's

Bill Kornhauser

Paul LaGreek

George Reis

Quote of the month!

The market for nonsense, is infinite!

- James Randi

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November Session of Sessioning

There were six of us gathered at Hof's Hut for the November Session of Sessioning.

Over dinner we had a fine conversation regarding the psychology and workings of the smash and stab effects. It was brought out that even done successfully, the effect tends to make audience members uncomfortable.

After dinner Jheff showed us an eight blue and red card effect that he had used to audition for the magic castle.

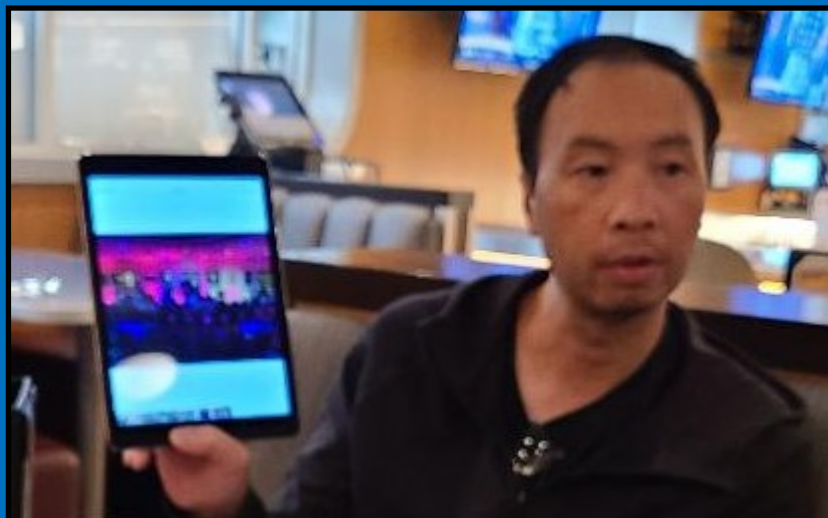
Cliff showed a sucker gag that followed a well known force.

David showed us a packet trick using some antique style cards.

Joe Ken showed us photos from his trip to the London Magic Circle.

Brett showed us a cool trick using a wand made of single size Lego blocks of different colors. When a color was chosen, all the blocks in the box turned that color.

Next sessioning meeting
December 18th?



join us for a Ring 96

Session of Sessioning

Monday, Dec, 18th 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!



<http://hofshut.com/locations/seal-beach>

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Ring 96



The Seal Beach Magic Club

Annual Winter Holiday Party!

December 16th at 7 pm

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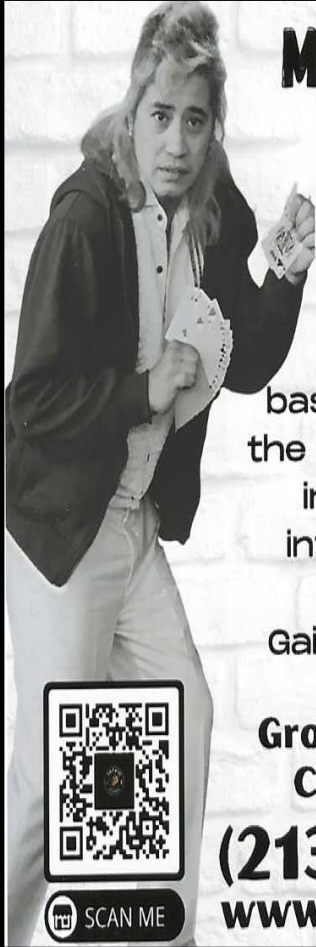
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Magic Thursdays

6 - 8 pm



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