

NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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FOR RING MEMBERS ONLY

MEETING FORMAT

At our last business meeting on October 7th, several suggestions were made to improve the Ring meetings to better meet the needs of the members.

We'll continue to have themes that will "spotlight" just the few who would like to perform to the theme.

After a short break, we'll break into "teaching table" groups. We'll also have time for huddling together in groups in which you can try out new routines.

Our theme for the meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, 2009, is "sleight of hand."

Watt Hyer will conduct a teaching table on the Chop Cup. **Joe Duck** will conduct a teaching table on Gadabout Coins.

We will also have critique sessions, but *only if you wish!* Perhaps you're working on a new trick and you'd like suggestions on its presentation. The critique is completely voluntary.

We will also have a sale table and a swap table at each meeting, so bring things you no longer use. Those things might be just what someone is looking for!

If you have ideas for meeting themes for next year, please bring them to the coming meeting or e-mail them to the Secretary at the address listed to the left.

The next Ring meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 7 p.m. We meet at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad Street.

The Classroom is on the west side of the IMAX lobby of the Museum.

GROUP NICKNAME

Our goal is to market our Ring better. To do that we'd like to have a catchy nickname for our members.

Some names which have been submitted are:

The Illusionists

Mysteriosos

Masters of Magic

Maestros of Magic

Hocus Pocus

Enchanters

Prospero

Mages

Wuxia

Merlins

Do you have a suggestion for a lecturer? Mention it at our club meeting this week. If you can't attend, e-mail your thoughts and ideas to:

Secretary@ibmring180.org

by Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

NOMINATIONS DUE

Your nominations for officers for the 2010 year are due in November. It's not too early to think of your choices.

Watt Hyer has indicated he'd like some respite from being president so he can devote more time to building his house.

There has been a call for the Secretary, who publishes this newsletter, to pass the secretarial duties to someone else.

So it *does matter* who you nominate and for whom you vote.

Your nominations are vital to having a club that answers your needs. Think about it now and make your nominations in November.

REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The theme for September was “gimmicks,” a follow-up to the previous month’s theme of “props.”

Bill Baber performed a version of the cut and restored rope using a Jack Miller hold-out. Bill also mentioned Chazpro’s “Bat” which is never seen but aids in many effects.



Dave MacMillan assists Bill Baber

Ron Occhiuto showed a Miser’s Dream routine using a \$6 chrome utensil bucket and two Mikame coin droppers, one glued in the bucket and the other pinned under his jacket.



Watt Hyer demonstrated how he uses the common thumb tip to produce a ribbon from a dollar.



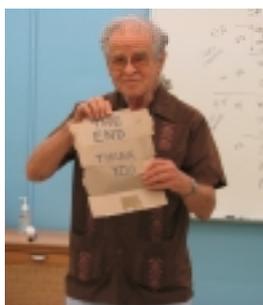
Donovan Phillips had an elaborate smoke-producing gimmick making use of two chemicals.



John Smallie’s gimmick was a deck of cards which changed into a card case.



Dave Macmillan joined the Ring and performed an intriguing card effect.



Harry Gallant showed a Pop-Tart box gimmicked in the manner of Tommy Windsor’s pop-corn dye box. Harry also had a Rubik’s cube which solved itself. Harry’s version did not use the gimmicked version currently on the market.



A DISCUSSION OF LECTURES

There was a lively discussion of lectures at the October 7th business meeting. Topics were: what can be done to remedy low attendance, and lecturers the Ring would like to see.

Low attendance means the Ring loses money on a lecture. Better publicity and better promotion might lead to better attendance. Ring member **Linda Barrett** is an expert on both and volunteered to help. Price was discussed as was the day of the week lectures are held.

The date of a lecture is more up to each lecturer than it is to the Ring. Lecturers have a certain route and come to Richmond between other dates.

There was no move to change the current price structure.

Lecturers on the “desired” list include:

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| Bill Abbott | Paul Green | David Roth |
| Michael Ammar | Denny Haney | Richard Sanders |
| Lee Asher | Duane Laflin | Jay Sankey |
| Eugene Berger | Mark Mason | Bob Sheets |
| Bev Bergeron | Jay Mattioli | David Stone |
| Chris Capehart | Max Maven | Garrett Thomas |
| Al Cohen | Justin Miller | Scotty York |
| Mark DeSouza | David Regal | |

Your recommendations for lecturers you’d like to see are welcome. Contact the Secretary.