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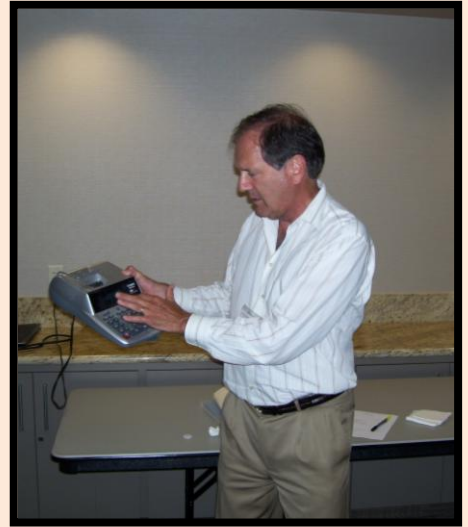


Message from the *Fire-Eating* President

It is with great pleasure we look forward to the mathematical wizard Arthur Benjamin's lecture on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7 pm. Being a numbers man, I am in awe of him. The club thanks Philip Henderson for arranging this lecture.

The Ring313 Board meets Tuesday, January 14, to start our plans for this year. Please pay your dues on time so that we can know how much capital we have to work with. We will plan lectures, workshops, and the picnic in an attempt to continue to have one of the largest and most successful magic Rings in the country.

Your input is always appreciated. Contact me (949)929-0829 with your suggestions.



Visit our new and improved web site, www.ring313.org. Cornelius Wilson is responsible for giving us an up to date appearance. Longtime member Don Hill has been very instrumental in the change also. Be sure to thank them, Philip Henderson and Victor Cohn when you see them.

I hope that at the January meeting we will have a John Fedko update from someone who really knows. So be there for the surprise.

I received, as a gift from a client, a brochure from the 1956 IBM conference. What a relic! I will bring it to share. You'll recognize many of the names.

With thanks for the honor of serving you,

Chris Wynkoop, President, The John Fedko Ring

MAGIC CASTLE ANYONE?

If you require a guest pass to visit the Magic Castle, please remember that I am a member of the Magic Castle. Any member desiring a guest pass, need only to give me a call or drop me an e-mail request and I will help you get your reservation to the Magic Castle.

Contact me at (949) 929-0829 or email at Chris@WynkoopCPA.com

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS for 2014

Your officers and directors for 2014 are:

President Chris Wynkoop
Vice-President Victor Cohn
Secretary Philip Henderson
Treasurer Chris Wynkoop
Sergeant At Arms **Jim "Cardman" Greene**
Raffle Chair James Hjorth
Junior's Program Annie Young/Kent Kwan
Webmaster Cornelius Wilson
Past President Jay Leslie
Director's At Large Todd Reis, **Kevin Brown**, and John Fedko

Please offer your congratulations and thanks to the folks who have stepped forward to lead the Ring to another successful year in 2014. Without members stepping up to plan the programs and activities of the Ring we would not have the great lecture program we enjoyed this year. Seven outstanding magicians visited us in 2013, I think that is a record. Examine not merely the number of lectures but their standing in the magical community. We experienced a year that will be challenging to duplicate. Nonetheless, we begin 2014 with Arthur Benjamin, a name synonymous with mathematical magic.

Thanks again to everyone who agree to serve the magical community in Orange County as a member of Ring 313 leadership team!

Welcome NEW Members

New Members to the Ring have a **red arrow** on their name badges. When you see that red arrow, please introduce yourself; that applies if you have a red arrow too! The name badges help to break the ice, please get to know the Ring members by name.

Please complete the Member Survey Form Below

This is your magic club. Please take a moment to complete the Member Survey form below so the leadership team will know what you desire from the Ring. Give us an idea what is hot for you. Do you like the annual picnic? Would you participate in a contest? Which lecturers would you like to meet? For our member performance nights, please give us ideas of activities that will excite you and make you want to get to the meeting early. Also, tell us a little bit about your life in magic.

The more we know about you and what you want to more likely we will bring you events and activities that keep you excited about being a member of Ring 313. This is your club. Give us ideas how to use the club's resources to produce the best magic club. You can mail your survey to Philip Henderson at 329 Las Palmas Drive, Irvine, California 92602 or bring the survey to the meeting. Blank forms will also be available at the January 28, 2014 meeting.

Member Survey . . .

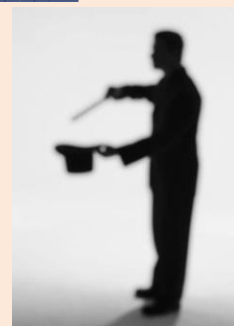
Folks it is your club, let us know . . .

Help us to make Ring 313 a Quality Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Print out this page and fill in your answers. If you like what you get and want more of the same let us know. If we have missed the mark on something and you have another idea, let us know. This is an easy survey to complete, please take the time to let us know what you are thinking. If we had a real mentalist on our leadership team we would not have to ask we would just . . . well, you know, we would just know.

Member Survey . . . Folks it is your club, let us know . . .

What do you want from Ring 313 in 2014?

1. What is your name _____
2. Would you like a picnic this year? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
3. What month is the best month for a picnic. Please mark each month that works for you.
 - a. June 2014
 - b. July 2014
 - c. August 2014
4. Who would you like to invite to lecture at the Ring?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Would you participate in a Ring 313 magician's contest? Yes _____ No _____
6. Will you sign up to help set up the room? Yes _____ No _____
7. Will you sign up to help put everything back in place? Yes _____ No _____
8. What is your favorite activity at the Ring. Circle your favorite.
 - a. Lectures
 - b. Raffles
 - c. Member performance night
 - d. Special workshops outside of meetings
 - e. Getting to know other magicians
 - f. Other _____
9. Who was your favorite lecturer in 2013? _____
10. At what age did you begin to learn performance magic _____
11. How many years have you performed magic _____
12. What was your favorite activity that was not a lecture in 2013? _____
13. Why are you active in Ring 313? Check all that apply.
 - a. Fellowship with magicians _____
 - b. Lectures _____
 - c. Opportunity to perform _____
 - d. Love learn new magic effectgs _____
 - e. Love to teach magic _____
 - f. Other _____



Tell us what you think about Ring 313.

Dues Increase for 2014

For the first time since 1999, Ring 313 is increasing member dues to accommodate rising costs of operation of the Ring. Please note the following dues schedule.

You may pay your dues for 2014 anytime this year.

	<u>2014 Schedule</u>	<u>2013 Schedule</u>
Regular members	\$40.00	\$30
Members and spouse	\$60.00	\$50
Junior members	\$25.00	\$15
Junior and Parent	\$45.00	\$35

Why are you a magician?

Is it because you love to entertain family and friends? Is it because you earn your living making magic for strangers? Many performers feel powerful because they can perform effects that mystify those who do not possess the knowledge. Nonetheless, to attain the status of magician requires hard work. However, that begs the question, what is a magician? While Some laymen will see your work and might be tempted to believe that you accomplished your feats because you possess powers not given to ordinary people. You know that your magic is the result of years of practice not supernatural ability. You are “playing the role of a real magician.” You have practiced sufficiently that your effects appear to be real magic.

The performance art of magic is earned with hours of practice. The magician’s aim is to entertain his/her audience. Performers who merely wish to fool an audience are not magicians. Anyone can make a fool out of someone else. Only a magician can make you believe that the impossible has occurred and make you smile while it is happening. When an audience is astonished and thrilled, the magician has succeeded. When the audience is trying to figure out how did he do it, the magician has only fooled them.

Listening to Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is pleasing to the soul. One does not attempt to figure out why the music is pleasing. No one has to analyze how the music is written to enjoy the artistic creation. Likewise, when the best magicians perform, audiences leave with smiles on their faces and peaceful hearts. They remember the event of being happy with friends and family. They may not recall the effects the performer showed them. They merely remember having a good time with the magician. That is real magic!

The hard work to perfect the performance is rewarded by the smiles and laughter of the audience. Your job is done when they walk away pleased to have met you. You succeed as a magician when you make certain that your job is to entertain is fulfilled. Let the magic continue!



Why do you study and perform magic?

I started learning how to perform magic in 1994 at age 46. I wanted to improve the way I gave public presentations and thought adding magic would help me. In 1994, I was an Assistant Dean at UC Irvine. Part of my work required that I give public presentations to various groups of people sometimes to the general public but more frequently to leaders at UC Irvine. I noticed that often my audience was distracted while I was doing my presentation. I thought it was my fault that they were not paying attention. I took a course in public presentation. That course helped me become more comfortable because I had new skills. However, the audiences still were not getting my story. I was certain that I could still improve myself.

One day, while visiting the Huntington Beach Library, I noticed a flyer on a bulletin board that advertised a course in magic at Cal State Fullerton taught by David Thorsen. I thought that when magicians performed their audiences watched them very closely, paying attention to every word and action of the performer. The audience wants to catch the magician making a mistake that would reveal his secrets. The audience is highly motivated to pay attention to every detail. I knew that because that is how I watched magicians.

When I arrived at the first class meeting there were twenty students in the room. Several students were my age or older. I felt as though I fit in this group. David Thorsen was an excellent teacher. Thorsen had recently retired as the head of the music department at Cal State Fullerton. He patiently showed us how to perform simple tricks with a ring and rope, coins, playing cards, and various other items. The course was in three parts lasting an entire 12 months. When I completed the course, I earned a Certificate from Cal State Fullerton recognizing my

skill as a magician. My confidence was rising. Thorsen encouraged me to continue the study of magic with private lessons at his home. After eight months of one on one study with Thorsen, I presented myself to the Magic Castle committee and was offered an opportunity to join the Academy of Magical Arts as a magician member. I enjoyed fourteen years of membership at the AMA.

Now I have the confidence, courage, and the skills to capture the full attention of any audience I face in my work as a public speaker or college instructor. When I make presentations to civic groups on the subject of ethical behavior, I use the knowledge I have of the magical arts to become an excellent presenter. Now, audiences pay attention to everything I say or do.

When I speak about ethics I use the same presentation methods that I would use if I were doing a magical effect. For example, I heard the magician known as Jonathan Pendragon tell an audience at the Palace of Mystery that *"I am going to show you something that you have never seen before that you will remember forever."* He then performed an effect I had never seen that I still remember. Today, when I present to an audience about ethics, you might hear me use the same language that Pendragon used that night. Magic occurs in the mind of the audience. I use magic theory and language that engages the minds of my audiences.

I became a magician in order to influence or instruct the audiences whenever I give presentations. When I teach courses in leadership or communication, I use magic theory to help my students learn some of the difficult concepts in these important subjects. I use magic to teach ethics!

By Philip Henderson, Ethical Magician



LECTURERS at IBM RING 313 in 2013 *Thank YOU!*



Clockwise

Shoot Ogawa (January)

Johnny Ace Palmer (September)

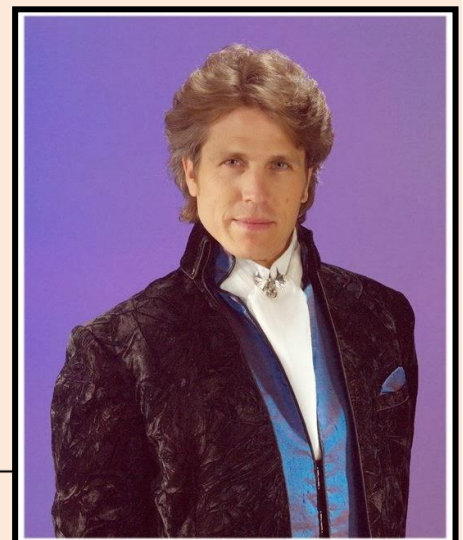
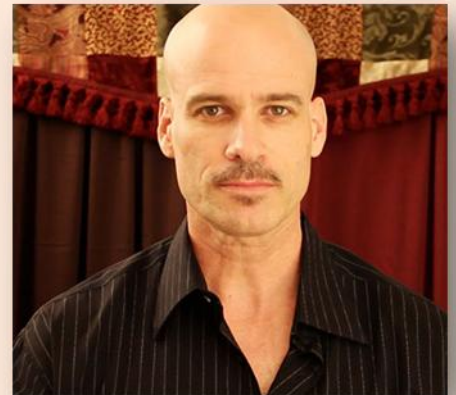
Chris "MagicSmith" Smith (March)

Jay Scott Berry (June)

Howard Hamburg (August)

Richard Turner (April)

Rich Cowley (November)



Tuesday, January 28, 2014
IBM Ring 313, The John Fedko Ring
presents

Arthur Benjamin



You may have seen him perform in the Parlour of Prestidigitation at the Magic Castle or maybe on his presentations on TED Talks. Nonetheless, you know Professor Arthur Benjamin, Harvey Mudd has made a career out of using numbers and their relationships to create magic in the minds of magicians and laymen. Known as the Mathemagician, Arthur Benjamin will show you how to use your own powerful brain to create magic with mathematical principles.

Our meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. We meet at the Community Meeting room at 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine next door to the IRWD offices. *See map below.* We are near the highway 5 Sand Canyon off ramp. **This meeting is open free to all magicians. Please bring friends and family.**

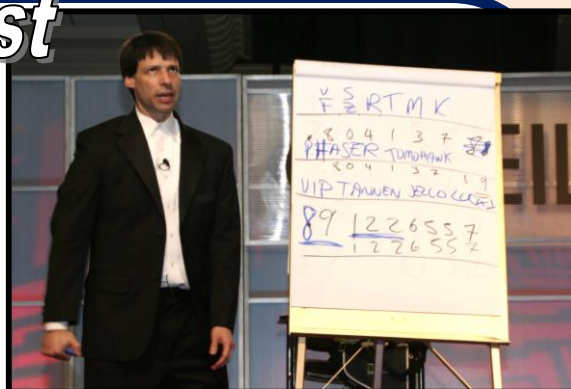
"IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT NEITHER SUPPORTS OR ENDORSES THE CAUSE NOR ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH USE THE DISTRICT'S MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE."



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Arthur Benjamin is coming to Ring 313 on January 28, 2014

Be ready to learn how you can use your mathematical abilities to make magic effects for your friends, family, and audiences who pay you to entertain them. Benjamin is the real deal! Many of you have seen him at the Magic Castle, in January he will be here for your benefit.

Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the **Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine**. Coastal Fertility building in the Community Room. Directions and map at www.Ring313.org.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014	7pm	Arthur Benjamin, a Math Magician
Tuesday, February 25, 2014	7 pm	Lecturer to be announced later
Tuesday, March 25, 2014	7 pm	Lecturer to be announced later

Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

Come join us at The Lunch Bunch. We meet every Friday, rain or shine, at Carrows Restaurant. Come have some fun with your favorite Orange County Magicians. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. You love magic. Make this a regular Friday activity. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top magicians in Orange County.

**Carrows Restaurant, 16931 Magnolia St,
Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (714) 848-1995**

Cartoon of location of new meeting room for **IBM Ring 313**. We meet in the Community Room of the Coastal Fertility building at **15500 Sand Canyon Avenue**. Entrance is from the northbound side of Sand Canyon Avenue only. If you arrive from highway 5 and are headed south on Sand Canyon make a U-turn at Waterworks Way and turn into the parking lot serving both locations. New meeting room is about 50 yards from former meeting room. Cartoon is not to scale.

