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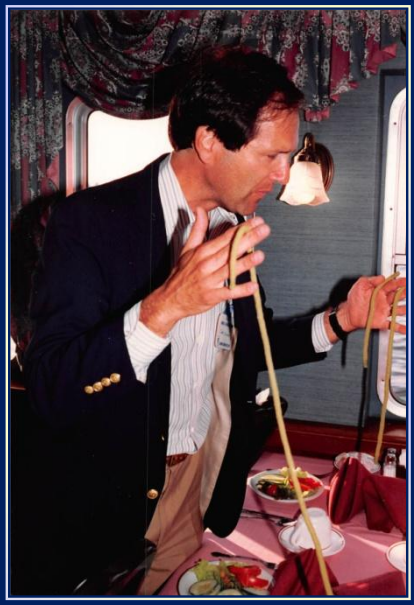
IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the "fire eating" President



Those who attended the March 31st meeting had a great time watching members perform works in progress and then to give them positive critiques. That is what the club is for. We would like to thank performers: **Richard Ribuffo**, **Clint Combs**, **Alberto Manetta**, **Gary Meier**, **Rabby Yang** and **Scott Boeger** for showing us their stuff. Not only are we one of the largest magic clubs in the country, but one of the most talented. Also, thanks to **Richard Ribuffo** for working in the JAM SESSION with the Juniors prior to our regular meeting.

April 28th will be a great meeting. I know this because the meeting will be led by president of VICE, Maestro Victor Cohn. I will be absent attending my university class reunion, in a place close to Philadelphia. You will get to

experience the magical, comical world of master performer **Nick Lewin**. Just back from New Zealand, Nick will bring his international flair to Ring 313. Please give Nick Lewin a warm and friendly welcome in my absence. Upcoming events include the following activities:

Card magician Allan Ackerman on Tuesday, May 26

Workshop for everyone on Tuesday, June 30

Orange County Magicians Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 11 at Taft Elementary school. A joint effort of Ring 313, OCMC, and Ring 96.

July 28: Dark (no meeting)

August 25: Pop Hayden

Richard Ribuffo lecturing on Tuesday, September 29

Chris Wynkoop,

Proud to be the RING 313 President

MAGIC CASTLE ANYONE?

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



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RING LITE is resurrected

We meet on the **2nd Tuesday** at **Knowlwood Restaurant in Irvine**

Thanks to members **Kevin Brown** and **David Peltier** RING LITE is back in business. RING LITE is an opportunity to show work in progress. This informal workshop gives magicians of every ability a platform to perform and eliminate problems in a new effect before you present it to the public. If you desire to learn a card sleight or teach a new method, this is the place for you.

RING LITE starts at 6:30 ish in the evening at Knowlwood Restaurant on Sand Canyon Avenue next to the 5 freeway. We continue until the restaurant closes at 9:00 pm. All you have to do is show up ready to workshop any effect you desire.

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Barry Matas Magical Tips

Discover Mysterious Mesmer's Mansion on Facebook



Mesmer's Mansion is an exclusive community of mentalists and bizarre magicians on Facebook. Nestled back among the dead pines, amidst gray skies is a decaying mansion. Paint peeling from the clapboard panels. Within these hallowed precincts, wizards gather. These trusty souls exchange valuable, and often dangerous of all things . . . IDEAS.

We are dedicated to share fellowship, friendship, and ideas about mentalism and bizarre magic/magick entertainment. No noses in the air, just down to earth fun and frolic, beer to cognac exchange in the foyer. Be careful of the steps to the mansion . . . there are some loose floorboards, outside. . . and in Mesmer's Mansion.

Mesmer's Mansion is a metaphor of a virtual space populated with many rooms. There is of course a library, archives, and a séance gallery. Our archives are secreted in dusty basements located deep within the bowels of the mansion. They are protected by Clive, our far-sighted archivist. Slate-switchers and finger-flinging mediums work their magick in our séance gallery.

Christopher Faria is the founder of Mesmer's Mansion. Faria possesses a Doctor of Divinity and PhD in Christian Intellectual Thought. Dr. Faria has performed internationally. Today he resides in Colorado Springs, CO, where he performs as a mentalist and comedy hypnotist.

Faria was introduced to mentalism when he was seventeen years old by Doc Monte. Doc Monte was a carnival worker who spent his entire life working county and state fairs. Monte learned his craft as a mentalist and hypnotist in the trenches of the backwaters of America. Faria met Monte in a little bookstore in Stockton, California. Doc tested young Faria's commitment to learn the art while observing him participating in charitable work. After a performance in Los Angeles for inner city children, Doc finally agreed to become young Faria's magic mentor. This training continued for several decades.



After a stint in the United States Army, Faria became a member of the Psychic Entertainer's Association under his stage name of Jonathan David. Faria began to publish some of his favorite effects including: The Dark Card, Walk of Fame, and two Linking Ring One Man-Parades. Faria maintains he is the great-unknown mentalist. *"My main career was as an Army Chaplain. Mentalism and magic paid for college and seminary. I performed my comedy hypnosis show in Iraq for the soldiers, and in the middle of one of them, we came under fire. That was an experience."*

"Mentalism takes one to dark presentations sometimes and that's fine. Most magicians that I have met in Mesmer's Mansion enjoy horror movies as I do. I'm constantly on the search for ideas and presentations that take my audiences to the edge of what I call the "what if?" My "Unusual Suspects," a tale about the Jack the Ripper Suspects, or my "Shadow Man," which was just published in the British Society of Mystery Entertainers journal,

Mentalists and bizarre magicians are invited to join Mesmer's Mansion on Facebook. There is an entrance exam. Prospective members of this Facebook group must correctly answer questions that will be reviewed by the group's moderator. Not everyone who asks will be permitted to join. Members must prove they possess basic knowledge of mentalism magic.

By Barry Matas

**The International Brotherhood of Magicians invites you to JAM
On Sunday, April 19, 2015 in Burbank, California**

A FREE DAY OF MAGIC FOR ALL IBM MEMBERS

If you are a member in good standing of the I.B.M., you are welcome to attend a FREE one-day magic event unlike anything before. It's a day where you get to share your magic, watch lectures, and see a show, all for FREE. Lectures by International IBM President Shawn Farquhar and Society of American Magicians President Kendrick "ICE" MacDonald.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

WWW.IBMJAM.COM



Shawn Farquhar and Ice McDonald



The Magnificent Seven

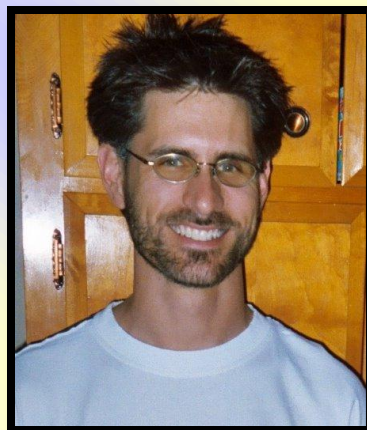
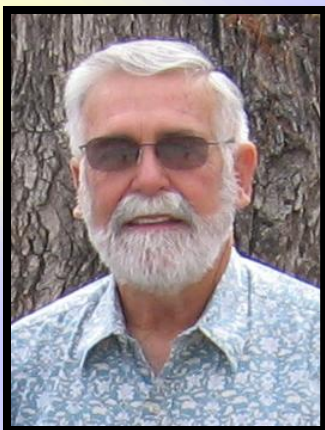
More than forty members and guests joined us on Tuesday, March 31st 2015. We are thankful for Richard Ribuffo who led the JAM Session for Junior members of the Ring on this day. After calling the meeting to (dis)order, President Chris Wynkoop conducted the Broken Wand Ceremony in honor of our member Liz Breach. She and her husband Ron Breach are long time members of Ring 313. Liz was a bright and happy member of the Ring a former student of our founder John Fedko. We are grateful for the hours, days, and years she practiced her magic among us.

Magician members of Ring 313 presented new material for our enjoyment and critique. Special thanks go to **Scott Boeger** who showed us a new way to play Scissors, Paper and Rock with a magical twist. We are grateful to **Alberto Manetta** who divines what you are thinking from his trusty datebook that seems to have a clue for just what you were merely thinking. **Gary Meier** was regal and bizarre with his "head-bag" coin routine and beautiful umbrellas. We hope they will bring us some rain, we need it.

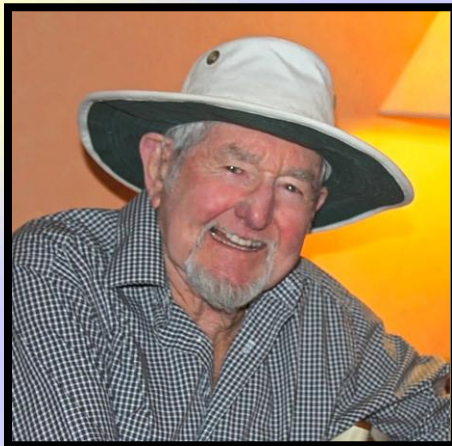
New member **Clint Combs** displayed his magical ability showing how photographs of people expressing emotion can transmit what a spectator sees to a magician who is a Seer. Thank you Clint, that was amazing. Junior member **Rabby Yang** "D'lighted" the audience with his **emerald glow** and put on a full program for our entertainment. Rabby is waiting to hear if he passed his audition for Junior Member of the Academy of Magical Arts. We are expecting to hear good news in two weeks. New member **Richard Ribuffo** created a magical *tour de force* with disappearing coins on a close up mat and then used a borrowed iPhone to make a numerical prediction. Good work Richard.

Following each member's performance the audience was invited to give constructive ideas for the magicians to consider as they continue to develop these works in progress. This was a terrific evening of fun for everyone. The honest critiques from our members are certain to help the performers to perfect their new magical shows. This was a great follow up from the suggestion last month by Maestro Eugene Burger. He suggested that we will be of great service to each other by observing work in progress and giving constructive suggestions to improve our work. Thank you Eugene Burger for your sage recommendation. You were with us in spirit on March 31st making you the Seventh man of the Magnificent Seven.

Thank you Scott Boeger, Alberto Manetta (right photo), Gary Meier (left, photo), Richard Ribuffo, Clint Combs (center photo), and junior member Rabby Yang!



Sadly, we note the passing of another member of the magic fraternity.



Donald Merritt Desfor

July 5, 1927 - March 29, 2015

Donald Merritt Desfor was born on July 5, 1927 to Jeanette and Irving Desfor of Queens, New York. His passion-filled life included a wide array of interests but none surpassed his love of magic, tennis, and photography. Each and every aspect of his life was infused with his sharp wit and unique sense of humor.

While in high school, Don worked with 'Doc' Abe Hurwitz for the city of New York performing at parks and hospitals throughout the five Burroughs of the city. He was inducted into the parent assembly number 1 with Howie Swartzman around 1944 but then left for the service where

he toured the Pacific Islands in an all navy show called "Anchor Antics".

One of his early innovations was handkerchief juggling. His doctorate PHD was in visual perception and the use of photographs in therapy. He and his father, Irving, performed the only father son act know as "The Desfor Brothers". Don was an official photographer with his father at conventions. Don was a lifetime member of the Magic Castle. Over the last twenty years he was known among his Malibu beach community as "The Magic Man". He continued to entertain them, his family, and more than a few strangers with his magic tricks.

FREE if your dues are paid to IBM International



Members of IBM International can download a FREE copy of Roberto Giobbi's **Introduction to Card Magic**. This book is an excellent resource for magicians at every level of ability.

Here's the link:

<http://www.magician.org/resources/roberto-giobbis-introduction-to-card-magic>

Some of the juniors asked Ron Porter about a good card book. Porter recommends this resource for them. This classic of magic will be of use of all Ring 313 members.



Tuesday, April 28, 2015
IBM Ring 313
The John Fedko Ring Presents



NICK LEWIN



LIVE, from London, England and Austin, Texas
Comedy, Magic and Mentalism.

We start magic promptly at 6:00 pm with a special Jam Session for Junior Magicians.
Our meeting will be called to (dis)order at 7:00 pm.

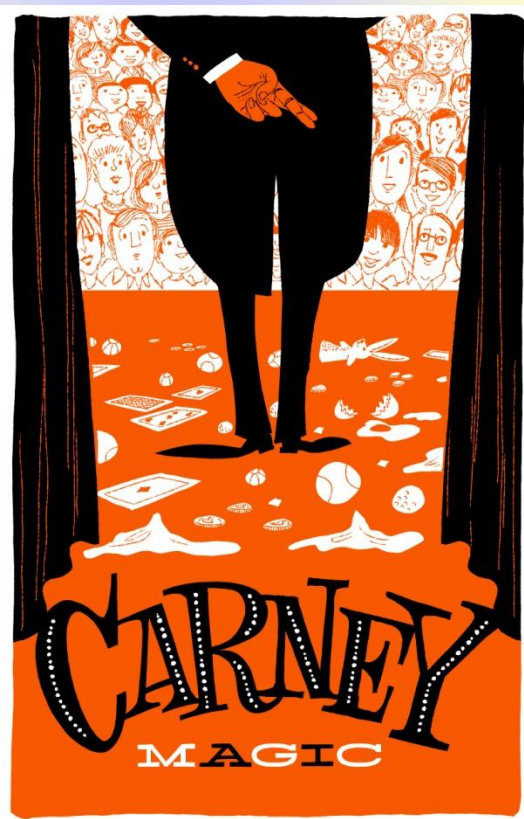
A unique and fresh performer who delights every kind of audience with his personalized comedy, magic and mentalism show. Clients and audiences alike are delighted with Lewin's highly individual blend of stand-up comedy sleight of hand and mind magic. The **Los Angeles Times** says, "Anyone who thinks you can't do two things well, should see Lewin seamlessly blend reality and fantasy, magic and comedy. Reality suddenly becomes one helluva concept!"

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."

Jay Leslie in January
Kevin Brown in February
and
Richard Ribuffo in March

Thank You!

JAM SESSION LEADERS for first quarter of 2015



Get Ready . . . Get Set . . . GO!

Go to see John Carney four weekends in April

CarneyMagic

GTC Burbank Theater

GTC Burbank (Grove Theater Center)
 1111-B West Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91506
 1/2 mile West of 5 Fwy
 Behind the Lockheed Fighter Jet & Olive
 Recreation Center

More info @

[CarneyMagic.com](http://carneymagic.com)

<http://carneymagic.com/theater-show/>

GTC.org

818 528 6622

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| Saturday, April 4 | 8 pm | Sunday, April 5 | 3 pm matinee |
| Saturday, April 11 | 8 pm | Sunday, April 12 | 3 pm matinee |
| Saturday, April 18 | 8 pm | Sunday, April 19 | 3 pm matinee |
| Saturday, April 25 | 8 pm | Sunday, April 26 | 3 pm matinee |

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. New Members include, **Jennifer West**, who specializes in drawing caricatures. **David Mains** returning to magic after more than a decade. Give David a warm welcome. He has visited us in the past for lectures and has chosen to become an active member in 2015.

IBM CONVENTION is set for July 15-18, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida
Sign up early for the best deal.

Register now for the Annual 2015 I.B.M. Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. The four-day magic spectacular will be held at the beautiful [Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel](#), July 15-18, 2015.

Talent coordinator Ken Scott has already booked outstanding acts from around the world. Watch for news releases and stories on www.magician.org and in *The Linking Ring*, the official publication of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

To register online, go [here](#) or download the PDF registration form [here](#) and submit it to the Headquarters Office. International Brotherhood of Magicians

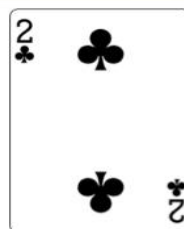
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Junior Magician's Jam Session!

Tuesday, April 28, starting promptly at 6:15 pm-ISH, we will host a Junior's Workshop to practice close up magic effects. Maestro **Ron Porter** will lead the Junior's in the JAM Session this Tuesday. Ron will teach an effect and help Junior's learn some performance tips to make their work look like real magic.

Come have some fun and learn to perform a new magic trick. Please contact Philip Henderson to register for this event. We merely need an accurate count to make certain we have enough materials for everyone. PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net



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Who is this young magician?

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.

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| Tuesday, April 28, 2015 | 7pm | Nick Lewin |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2015 | 7 pm | Allan Ackerman |
| Tuesday, June 30, 2015 | 7pm | Workshop, practice |
| Lots of events for JULY | | Magic day at the Fair Picnic at Taft Elementary |

Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

Join us at The Lunch Bunch. We meet every Friday whether rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine. We are at Sunny's Restaurant. A new location at 7148 Edinger Avenue in Huntington Beach. 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 magical performers residing in Orange County. The fun begins at 11:45 am and continues until at least 2:00 pm. Stay as long as you like.

Sunny's Restaurant 7148 Edinger Avenue

Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (714) 841-9934

NEW LOCATION ... NEW LOCATION ... NEW LOCATION



Monday May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

One time only Lecture & Workshop by
Mr. JEFF MCBRIDE

Jeff McBride will present a comprehensive lecture and workshop with 90 minutes devoted to tricks, history, philosophy and more magic. He will continue with a second 90 minutes session devoted to a workshop for everyone.

JEFF MCBRIDE SUPER SESSION IS LOADED WITH:

- 3 fun packed hours of exciting, magic for all levels of experience!
- **Close Up • Parlor • Street • Stage Magic & Mentalism** . . . each with a touch of *philosophy & stagecraft!*
- **1 night only** *never to be repeated!*

This program is limited to 50 guests . . . get your ticket now!

GENERAL ADMISSION is \$30

The 10 FRONT ROW VIP SEATS are \$50

How to reserve your seat.

PayPal \$30.00 (or \$50.00) to Jay Leslie to insure your seat.

Seating is limited. Please make your arrangements now.

PayPal to: jaylesliemagic@gmail.com

Send a check payable to Jay Leslie

If you require directions, information or Jay's mailing address- call Jay directly at (714) 847- 5311

When: Monday Night May 11, 2015 7: 00- 10:00 p.m.

3 hour Super Session, Lecture 7:00, Workshop 8:30 all in one evening.

Where: The Gary Meier's Magic House

17432 East Santa Clara

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 448-2717

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. 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.

