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Message from the So Called President

Well kids it's almost time to get out of the pool. Remember, when the lifeguard blows that whistle, it's time to move the chairs and tables back to their exact locations or there are no gold stars for your forehead.

Do you feel like you're back in grade school again? You are and you are not.

The reason you are not is because when the class is in session, the subject is one that we all like. When a lecturer is talking, you're not looking out the window daydreaming. You're not jingling change in

your pocket. Instead, the coins are in your hand because you a following the lecturer's moves. You have cards in your hands because the lecturer just showed a killer sleight you always wanted to master. You would never practice illusions during a ring and string lecture, you keep your focus on the work shown by the lecturer. You are not just learning new magic, you are having fun, that's the reason for attending Ring 313 meetings.

While we have a strict limit to the time we can use the room, let's get the most out of each moment. That also means arriving so we can begin the meeting promptly at 7 pm. Just pretend the meeting starts at four and you'll probably make it on time. In any event, now is the time to pull together as a brotherhood of magicians. Remember, the sole reason we do what we do is because we can't help ourselves. Even if we could it resist, it would feel like cutting off an arm without a gimmick.

November 27, is Dealer Demo Night. If I haven't called you up and you want in, just call and wake me up. **December 11**, is "anything goes." Bring a trick you want to trade as long as you perform it. Risk performing a new routine and get ideas from members. Perform your favorite show and tell. Just do something. We can always opt to break-up into small groups but let's have fun.

Jay Leslie, President, The John Fedko Ring

Post Script: I hope each member is asking himself/herself, "What can I do to volunteer some time to keep the club thriving. To paraphrase a famous American, "Ask not what Ring 313 can do for you; ask what can you do for Ring 313?" Who wants to be the next President?

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N.B. Video taping of lecturers is only allowed with the direct permission of the lecture. Please observe this rule.

Coming Events at Ring 313

October 30, 2012 November 27, 2012 December 11, 2012 An Evening of **Bizarre MAGIC** Dealers/Demonstration Night at the Ring Party Time

Welcome NEW Members

Austin Bennett a second-generation prestidigitator, enjoys magic using ropes, silks, coins and the cups and balls. **Robert Propper** is a skilled amateur. Remember amateur means it comes from the heart, he loves magic. Justin Simonds has been a Magic Castle member for 20 years. Michael Simonds, son of Justin, enjoys magic with the pasteboards and coins. Welcome to you all!

Now Members to the Ring will 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.

IBM Ring 313 Officers and Directors for 2012

President, **Jay Leslie** (714) 847-5311 Vice-President **Roy Ball** (310) 356-0018 Secretary, **Philip Henderson** . . . (949) 322-4329 Treasurer, **Chris Wynkoop** (949) 929-0829 Newsletter Editor, **Jim "Cardman" Greene** (714) 318-2309 Asst. Newsletter, **Philip Henderson** (949) 322-4329 Past President, **Kevin Brown** . . . (949) 347-0305 Raffles Chair, **Michael Van Horn** (714) 965-0101 Member at Large, **John Fedko** . . (714) 538-6044 Member at Large, **Todd Reis** . . . (714) 673-7320 Webmaster **Don Hill** (714) 345-1114 Junior's Program, **Kent Kwan** and **Annie Young** (714) 966-1652

How do you like our new meeting room? To open the restroom, follow the directions below: Press 3, release, then Open door. Or say, "Open Sesame"

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Ring 313 Presidential History

Tom Clifford	1995	Todd Reis	2005
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Tom Clifford	1997	Todd Reis	2007
Chris Smith	1998	Kevin Brown	2008
Paul Ruben	1999	Kevin Brown	2009
Dan McKinnon	2000	Kevin Brown	2010
Kyle Merck	2001	Jay Leslie	2011
Belinda Kaesler	2002	Jay Leslie	2012
Belinda Kaesler	2003	YOUR NAME HERE	<mark>2013</mark>
Todd Reis	2004		

JACK Medlevine was our mystery lecturer on September 25,

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2012. He replaced our invited lecturer, Angelo Stagnaro. Angelo was unable to join us for reasons we still have not discovered. Nonetheless, we were honored, no we were blessed, to enjoy getting to know the magical world of Mr. Jack Medlevine. Jack is a regular presence at the World Famous Magic Castle. He can be found most weekend nights in a nook or corner helping the members and guests have a great time.

This was Jack Medlevine's first North American lecture. Medlevine showed us a couple of dozen effects using playing cards, coins, and other simple devices you can easily carry in your pocket. Jack performs classic effects that entertains lay and magician audiences. Instead of new tricks, Jack reached into the recent past to bring alive Tricks from Ed Marlo, Doc Eason, John Bannon, Alex Elmsley, Dai Vernon, and others.

Jack's magic effects work because his timing, instructions to the audience, and practice make the difficult work he performs look easy. Medlevine controls what his audience sees, and what his audience is thinking. Misdirection helps him seem as though he is merely having a casual conversation with the audience when his real goal is to take the audience where he needs them for the magic to astound them later! The next time you visit the World Famous Magic Castle, keep a sharp eye and look for Jack Medlevine. When you find him, he will present you a magic show that will send chills up your spine.

Every Friday afternoon the **LUNCH BUNCH** meets at Carrows

Restaurant in Huntington Beach. More than twenty local magicians break bread and share new ideas about magic. If you haven't been to the lunch bunch recently, put it on your calendar. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. Come join us and have some fun with magic!

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

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Secretary's Notes . . . What's happening at the Ring?



October 30, 2012 is an evening when members demonstrate **Bizarre Magical Illusions**, magic that makes you say, "*OooooH*." Contact member **Kevin Brown** and sign up to get your place on the stage for this special evening. Kevin can be reached at <u>GLYPHMAN@COX.NET</u>, or at (949) 347-0305.

We want to see bizarre magic that will make your toes curl. Bring us Spooky magic that confounds the mind and awakens deep-seated feelings of ghostly spirits traveling in the darkness of the night. If you have a mentalism effect, that would be perfect for this evening.

November 27, 2012 is a Dealer/Demonstration night at the Ring. Dealers should bring a table's worth of items on this first come/first served set up. We cannot enter the facility until 6:00 pm. Set up will begin as soon as the doors are opened. Dealers will be asked to demonstrate some of their hot new items.

DECEMBER 11, 2012 the second Tuesday of this Month. We will celebrate the holidays, all of them, with light refreshments and time to share magical tricks and tips with each other. Please bring three or four of your favorite pocket tricks that you use to entertain family, co-workers and friends. We will have round-robin magic using coins, pasteboards, ropes, rings, sugar packets, straws, pencils, rubber bands, handkerchiefs, threads, magnets, topits, servants, newspapers, paper currency, and maybe even **tiny plungers**.

Election of Officers for Ring 313 for Calendar Year 2013

It is time to choose members to lead our Ring the THIRTEENTH year of the twenty-first century. This will be the start of our 18th year as a chartered Ring of IBM. We held our first meeting at the Paine Webber building on February 22, 1995. Shortly after that, our rapid growth required that we move the meetings to our present location, the Irvine Ranch Water District.

It is time for new leaders to step forward. We have candidates for Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Raffle Coordinator. We are eager to receive applications for President, and Vice-President. *Please contact John Fedko or Philip Henderson to register your nomination for President and Vice-President.* You may nominate yourself or any other member in good standing. Please call John Fedko at (714) 538-6044 or Philip Henderson at (949) 322-4329 to nominate your choices.

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Joint I.B.M. and S.A.M. **Ethics Statement** The International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians join in recommending that all magicians adhere to the following code of ethical conduct. Oppose the willful exposure to the pubic of any principles of the Art of Magic or the method employed in any magic effect or illusion. Display ethical behavior in the presentation of magic to the public and in our conduct as magicians, including not interfering with or jeopardizing the performance of another magician, either through personal intervention or the unauthorized use of another's creation. Recognize and respect the rights of the creators, inventors, authors, and owners of magic concepts, presentations, effects and literature, and their rights to have exclusive use of, or to grant permission for the use of by others of such creations. • Discourage false and misleading statements in the advertising of effects and literature, merchandise, or actions pertaining to the magical arts. • Discourage advertisement in magical publications for any magical apparatus, effect, literature or other materials for which the advertiser does not have commercial rights. Promote the humane treatment and care of livestock used in magical performances. .IBM Ring 313 expects members to adhere to the foregoing ethical principles and to educate non-members of the need to adhere to these ethical precepts. Mentors and Magicians (Who is your mentor?) I agree with the dictionary's definition of mentor - a wise or trusted adviser, teacher or guide. I have learned a great deal from my mentors. How about the magicians who have made a name for themselves, who are their mentors? Magician Mentor

A. Misty LeeB. Dan SperryC. KozmoD. David Copperfield

a. Dale Salwak b. Jim Cellini c. Jonathon Pendragon d. Doug Henning

Quiz prepared by Barry Matas you will find the answers below on page 6

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Wizard's Calendar

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

Tuesday, October 30, 2012	7 pm	A night of Bizarre Magic , you know like what you might do for Halloween!
Tuesday, November 27, 2012	7 pm	Dealer and Demonstration Night at Ring 313
Tuesday, December 11, 2012	7 pm	NOTE the special date for this Holiday Special Meeting.
Tuesday, January 29, 2013	7 pm	Special Guest lecturer, Mr. Shoot Ogawa.

"THE 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."

BARRY MATAS QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 5- A=c, B=a, C=b, D=d.

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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, then make a U-turn at Waterworks Way and turn into the parking lot serving both locations. Our new meeting room is about 50 yards from the former meeting room. *Cartoon is not to scale*.

