

# Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### **Tuesday, July 26 @ 7PM**

Join us for this month's lecturer, Tim Mannix!



Whether performing a children's magic show at a kid's birthday party or strolling table-to-table at corporate cocktail receptions, Mannix's outstanding performances weave his distinctive energy, intellect, comedic timing and drama to ensure a personalized, unforgettable event.

Intense spectator involvement for stage, intimate parties, promotions or events, Tim Mannix delivers a captivating experience for one and all.

Tim's experience includes everything from adult performances with his stand-up com-

edy magic show to tickling the funny bones of children at birthday parties. Tim involves his audiences whether with expert close-up sleight of hand in more intimate settings or from the stage during full-length shows.

With over 17 years experience, Mannix performs a highly interactive show incorporating a spirit of enthusiasm, which animates his performances of illusion, comedy and ad-lib. Remarkably amusing, Tim's sense of fun and magical expertise will keep you baffled and amused! Parents are often delighted that he can retain the interest of even the youngest of audience members for extended periods of time.

<http://www.timmannix.com/>



### **Saturday, July 30 @ OC Fair**

If you are under 17 years old and entering the contest for the OC Fair on the 30th, you will get a goody bag full of magic tricks, and free admission to the OC Fair for that day for you and a parent. The contest begins at 11am in the Fun-Zone Tent, but you need to be there by 10:30am to get settled, set up and get familiar with the stage and directions. The rules are:

1. You must do a 7-10 minute routine. (note: routine does not mean 1 trick)
2. No fire or using any other materials that can cause harm or damage to people or property.
3. Practice practice practice.

You will be provided with a hand held microphone. You must provide your own equipment if needed (you can unload in the lot behind the tent).

Suggestion: Dress appropriately for your performance. Speak loudly, clearly and pace yourself. Engage your audience.

You will be judged on overall performance, creativity, skill, audience reaction, entertainment value.

You will be judged by members of Ring 313 who will also be helping with the magic booth from 12-3.

Good luck!

Annie

## Past Events

By: Philip Henderson

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011. 50 plus Ring members and guests assembled for our regular monthly meeting. President Leslie led the meeting with a coin transposition turning a coin into an oversized pocket watch. Tonight was reserved for showing and teaching effects that work best when standing or walking around. Members brought from their pockets magical ropes, rings, coins, and even "Instant impressions."

After President Leslie started the evening next up was **David Peltier** demonstrating the myriad possibilities with "linking ropes" instead of linking rings. Member **Nate Kvetny** advanced to the stage with an elaborate prop that looked all the world like a tiny house. When a spectator opened the front door to see what might be inside, the clever prop completely collapsed with wooden parts flying across the table. Kvetny followed up this piece with an illusion where he visibly tied the ends of three colored ropes (red, yellow, and green) to each other, yet when he completed his task instead of three colored rings he had only one ring all the ropes had been tied magically to each other.

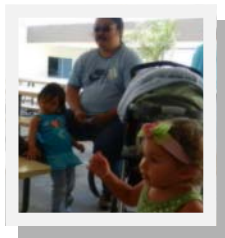
**SUDS** shyly approached the stage and announced that he didn't bring a rope or a ring but he wanted to perform some impressions that might make us laugh. SUDS has been studying how some famous people walk. He presented his outrageous parodies of way of striding or walking that were hilarious. **Bill Pearce** followed SUDS on the platform, showing some of the methods to entertain using a ring and string where knots appear from thin air to capture a ring that appears to have a mind of its own. Our Sergeant at Arms, **Jim Greene** took the center stage showing several illusions using ropes that became confused in knots that defied explanation before falling apart as if they had just found their way home. Past President **Kevin Brown** advanced to the stage demonstrating coin penetrations and vanishes.

**Jay Leslie** made an encore performance demonstrating the devilish use of the "Ellis Ring." In one demonstration the spectator and the audience were mystified when what was apparently a simple ring vanished and reappeared while everyone watched. Clearly, the ring disappeared cleanly before its own "encore" appearance.

Following the Ellis Ring encore piece, magician **Matt Arnold** claimed the stage to begin a series of demonstrations on how to tie a knot in the middle of a rope or merely by tossing a rope. First time visitor, **Patrick**, showed his skills with "threading a needle." Closing the evening's workshop, Treasurer **Chris Wynkoop** demonstrated the "knaughty knot" principle. You have to train your ropes if you want your performance to be truly magical.

### Saturday, July 9th MAGIC PICNIC

Pictures by: Rich Zucker and Dan McKerren





### Message from the president.

An interesting thing happens at the picnic. In the middle of Michael Van Horn's Cups And Balls routine, a ball dropped on the floor. Everyone has had that happen however two things occurred to me. First, he made a comment that it's not so easy to continue a routine when it's out of sequence yet figured out how to proceed, on the fly. This is because of the time spent practicing and saw something familiar, that looked like a point in the routine. He picked it up and carried on from there. As the saying goes "the show must go on" but it does not apply to the cups and balls unless you practice.

The second aspect was the audience's attention to the ball sitting on the ground and I thought this would be a great time to load and oversized object as you're bending over. Many times happenstance becomes the new method of choice.

Anyway. A big thanks to Steven Longacre for the use of the facility, Jeff Abbitt for the use of his backdrop, Philip Henderson for preparing the food, Dan McKerren who drove over to Chris Wyncoop's to borrow two grills,. Without their help there would have been no picnic.

I also want to thank SUDS for noticing people were looking at their watches, playing cards and sleeping so he declined to perform which deserves the biggest round of applause for knowing when to pull the plug.

### Coming up

July—Tim Mannix, routining and performing family shows

Aug—Pop Haydn, Do I need to say more?

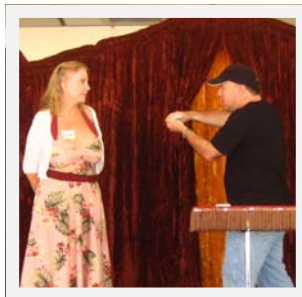
Sept—Swap Meet - Tables are free to members with a suggested donation for the raffle

Oct—member performances of the occult nature (and Junior's production —ed)

Nov—possibly Jimmy Talks A Lot, street magic

Dec- snacks, tricks and a performance by Ray Karch, comedy mentalism F.I.S.M. award winner

Jay Leslie





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## Magic Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.  
Directions and a map are available at [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

<b>Tuesday, July 26, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg Irv Water District - Lecture: Tim Mannix
<b>Saturday, July 30, 2011</b>	11, 12-3	OC Fair—Future Magician Contest and Workshop
<b>Tuesday, Aug 9, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 LITE Mtg—Knowlwood's Restaurant, Irvine
<b>Saturday, Aug 13, 2011</b>	2PM	Ring 313 Junior's Meeting @ Annie & Kent's
<b>Tuesday, Aug 30, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg Irv Water District - Lecture: Pop Haydn

*\*read president's message for future general meeting agenda*

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