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The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the So Called President

"Shelves are shelves and drawers are drawers, but they're just a temporary place for your stuff."

If you came to the swap meet, then you saw a lot of great effects for sale or trade. Is it your intention to put them on the shelf? Do you just want to "add" to your collection? Are you going to admire your new toy and place it on the drawer next month? I challenge you to take time now to practice your new effect. You can perform the effect at "**A**," the PICNIC and at "**B**"

October's Bizarre and Mentalism meeting. Then, for extra credit, you can perform it again at "**C**," the December member performance night. See it is as easy as **A-B-C**!



This reminds me of a story. I once went into the Hollywood magic store in Costa Mesa (Before I took over) and asked the proprietor, "what's old?" What do you have around here that been sitting forever and no one wants it? They brought me a blue frame that was used for a penetration effect. The clerk told me, "We don't have the instructions and don't know how it works, but we'll give you a good price." That was enough for me, I bought the blue frame. I made a table to hold it. I found a piece of music for it. Two weeks later, I went back to the magic store and gave them a performance that mesmerized. They said "had we known what a magician could do with this apparatus, then we would have charged you triple."

I added the no-name blue frame effect to my illusion show. The intro I used for this effect was this, "Ladies and gentlemen. This next effect came off the top shelf of an old magic shop. It was covered with dust. No one knew what it did and there weren't any directions. I hope you enjoy this effect as much as I enjoy performing it for you". The routine always resulted in a huge round of applause. And the truth is , that I enjoyed the trick even more than the audience did.

Therefore, my message this month is simply this, "if you bought something that another person didn't want, then it is your duty, your pleasure, and your obligation to bring it back to life. Perform this effect so everyone can appreciate it. Your best reaction will be when the former owner tells you that he should have sold it to you for triple the price! Let's get out those items from the drawer and dust-off all those treasures on the shelf. Bring out the old to an to an upcoming event.

Jay (Show us what you got) Leslie President, The John Fedko Ring

Coming Events at Ring 313

Jun 10, 2012	<i>PICNIC with OCMC</i> at Dan McKerren's home
June 26, 2012	<i>Joycee Beck, the Duchess of Deception</i> to lecture
July 28, 2012	<i>A day of Magic at the Orange County Fair</i>
July 31, 2012	<i>Sylvester the Jester, Dan Sylvester</i> to lecture
August 28, 2012	<i>Jon Armstrong</i> to lecture
September 25, 2012	To be determined

Welcome NEW Members



New 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.

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DAY of MAGIC at the 2012 Orange County Fair the morning of July 28th 2012.



Will you be part of a DAY OF MAGIC at the 2012 Orange County Fair? On Saturday, July 28th the Ring's Junior Magicians, working with folks from OCMC, will host a "DAY OF MAGIC" at the Orange County Fair. Ring 313 and OCMC sponsors a young magician's contest at the Fair. Winners receive OC Fair Ribbons and a special fun bag filled with magic tricks. After the contest we will host a magician's workshop to teach Fair visitors simple magic tricks.

We need volunteers to help with this annual event. You will receive **free admission** tickets and **free parking** if you sign up now!

Please contact Annie Young for more details. (Annie Young at aykwan@gmail.com) We also are looking for donations of prizes for the contest winners. This is a great opportunity to introduce children into magic as a hobby or profession. We will be recruiting youth for our Junior's program at our Ring and for OCMC. When you volunteer you will be asked to teach simple magic tricks that can be done with everyday items such as coins, paper currency, salt, safety pins, newspaper folds, etc. Who will be the first to sign up this year? We have plenty of room for six volunteers!

ORDER of MERLIN members see Secretary Philip Henderson



Several of you have been members for IBM for more than 25 continuous years. Such members are referred to as belonging to the **Order of Merlin**. I know some of you who are Merlin's (and above) however, I don't know everyone in our Ring who has attained that rank. If you belong to the Order of Merlin, please let me know. We like to recognize our long term supporters of IBM International. Don't be shy! Send me an email message or just let me know your status when you see me at the next meeting.

In addition, if you have joined IBM in the last twelve months, look for an announcement for our new members induction ceremony. You are not officially a member of IBM until you complete that process. This is a solemn ceremony that will give meaning to your membership in the Brotherhood.

Swamp Meat with Dealers Dreamy Demonstrations

On Tuesday, May 29, 2012, Dealers and members gathered to trade and purchase magical apparatus that is seeking a new home. Some members brought only a few items however, they were able to sell or trade them to dealers or members who saw surplus apparatus as something new and valuable. Our meeting usually starts promptly at 7:00 pm, however, dealers were permitted to begin setting up their tables at 6:00 pm. When this writer arrived at 5:45 pm to begin rearranging chairs, four dealers had already begun to display their wares. This was the beginning of an exciting evening. I counted more than fifty members and guests who were eager shoppers. Many members and guests walked out with huge smiles on their faces, happy with their sales of “old lamps” and prideful of the “new lamps” they were taking home to master.

Shoot Ogawa was one of the dealers present for the evening. Jay Leslie was able to secure him for a January 2013 lecture at Ring 313, for his second time teaching and entertaining our members. **John Cannon** of Aladdin Books brought vintage posters and classic books. **Bill Pearce** brought the brand new “The FFFF Book” which was purchased early in the night; at only \$50, I image this book will find its way into the library of many of our members. Edited by Obie Obrien, this book is a compendium of effects from more than fifty participants of the annual “FFFF” gathering. (***Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic is an invitation only meeting of close up magicians.***) **Michael van Horn** brought items bequeathed to our Ring and OCMC by Rita Glenn in memory of her late husband magician Richard Glenn. Richard Glenn hailed from Irvine and was an accomplished musician as well as magician. He performed magic just to bring smiles to the faces of his audiences. Some of the items donated by Rita Glenn will be used during our raffle program and other items will be used in the Junior's Program. We are grateful for this gift from the Glenn family.

Please consider seriously the comments by **President Jay Leslie** about “making magic using something that is old.” You are a magician not because you collect items to admire on your shelf or drawer, you are a magician because the art lives only in its performance. I am taking Jay's remarks to heart and today began working on a Cups and Balls routine that Aldo Colombini made famous decades ago. If you want to learn something new you can get more mileage perfecting an illusion that entertained folks in the 1940's than a brand new effect that has no history. The new effect might be dazzling, but that is just because it is new; the older effect has a proven track record.

A funny thing happened on the way to the MAGIC CASTLE



Ken and Dave, two magicians, wanted to develop a new act that would amaze ordinary people and make other performers wonder aloud, “how did they do it.” They chose to combine two ancient magic tricks. First, they performed the famous Indian Rope trick and then they made an elephant disappear. The problem with the act is that when the magician got to the top of the rope and disappeared, when he returned, he was covered in elephant manure. They had to cancel this act because their dry cleaning bill was too high.

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

June 26, 2012 features a lecture by **Joycee Beck, the Duchess of Deception**. Joycee Beck will return to IBM Ring 313 to



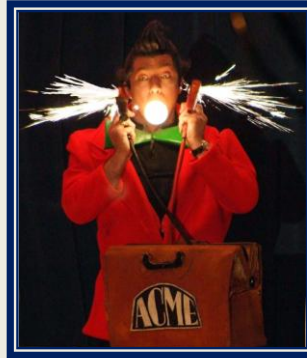
show you how a female magician can magically entertain an audience. Joycee was mentored and encouraged to make

magic a full time career by none other than the Professor himself, Dai Vernon. Joycee is also a favorite with the US Armed Forces in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kosovo, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Macedonia, and Iceland. She frequently travels overseas to entertain our troops.

Joycee uses practical methods to engage her audiences bringing them to laughter and amazement. A regular performer at the Magic Castle for decades, come see how she uses her personality to direct audiences to use their minds to create magical memories of a lifetime. Joycee will be appearing without her Marine bodyguards; they will be waiting for her in the Abrams tank in the parking lot.

PICNIC NEWS! Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls . . . **The Orange County Magic Club** invited us to join them on **Sunday, June 10, 2012** as they celebrate their annual picnic. The picnic

was fun for one and all. Thanks for bringing "homemade" desserts this time. Very yummy. **Joe** and **Yami** the origami guys were on hand for their special magic paper bending illusions. **Todd Reis** escaped from the picnic and dove into the pool, but did not perform the Houdini underwater escape; the pool was too warm for the effect. **V.P. Roy Ball** won the 50/50 raffle; and many other visitors won other raffle prizes as drawings were held periodically during the picnic. **Sweet Daisy** was the hit of the party. Daisy is the McKerren's German Shepard housemate; she welcomed everyone and took good care of the youngest children. Daisy's herding instinct kicked in upon seeing the little ones scurrying around the party.



July 31, 2012 features a lecture by **Dan Sylvester**, known to most of y'all as **Sylvester the Jester**, the human

cartoon. Dan will present some of his new ideas. This is Dan's third visit to Ring 313. Danny has been traveling a lot since his last visit, spending a lot of time in Japan and Europe. You will be surprised to see the ideas that have crossed the oceans with him. He always has new ideas about how to create a magic show using ordinary objects that take on a magical quality.

August 28, 2012 features a lecture by **Jon Armstrong**. Jon will be making his second visit to our Ring bringing some new effects for performing magic for fun and profit.

Magically Fun Facts

Here are four True-False statements!

What's the matter, are our quizzes too hard for you? Only a few of you have responded for the free raffle ticket. This time I will help you win. All you have to do is visit the David Zirbel website to discover the answer to this month's quiz. He is a fascinating person! www.davidzirbel.com

1. David takes magic to new heights. David Zirbel is 6 feet 9 inches tall. He is the tallest magician in the world. True or **False**? Remember that Phil van Tye stood on a platform.
2. David has been performing magic since he was nine years old. David was the youngest magician invited to join the International Guild of Prestidigitators? **True** or False.
3. David has played in so many countries that the U.S. Customs has installed a revolving door at the airport. True or **False**?
4. David has worked for the past year on a quick-change routine for his dog. True or False?

Please send your answer to Barry Matas at MerlinWestCoast@netscape.net. The first ten correct answers will receive **one free raffle** ticket for the July 31 meeting featuring '*Sylvester the Jester*'.

What makes you a Magician?

Why are you a magician? When did you begin to learn the art of performance magic? Are you in it for the **money**? Do you perform because you give enjoyment to your audience? Do you love to be center stage; are you the guy/gal who gets the party started? Who inspired you to become a magician? Was it a family member, a friend, or the chance meeting of a magician? Do you enjoy magic for the joy it brings to you even without performing? In order to be a magician, you must perform for someone, who is your favorite audience?

How has being a magician made your life more wonderful? Do you use your artistic ability in your work? Many physicians and dentists use magic tricks to relax their patients. Many people in sales use magic to attract the attention of a potential customer. Do you sell your services to help others make money? (Restaurant walk around, sales parties, cruise ships, conventions, etc.)

Which name best applies to you? The names noted below are in one way or another a kind of magicians? Do people introduce you as "**Doc**?"

Are you a wizard, juggler, mime artist, clown, *magus*, sorcerer, jester, entertainer, *artiste*, performer, humorist, joker, conjurer, prestidigitator, actor, thespian, trickster, Houdini, variety arts performer, mentalist, or perhaps a confidence man/woman?

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Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine. Directions and map at www.Ring313.org.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012	7pm	Regular meeting of RING 313 with Joycee Beck , <i>the Duchess of Deception</i> lecture
Saturday, July 28, 2012	10 am until 12 am	A Day of Magic at the Orange County Fair. Junior Magicians Contest. Magic Performance by the Juniors.
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	7pm	Regular meeting of RING 313 with Dan <i>"Sylvester the Jester"</i> lecture
Tuesday, August 28, 2012	7 pm	Regular meeting of RING 313 with Jon Armstrong lecture
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2012	7 pm	To be determined. What would you like to do?

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Tuesday, June 26, 2012

7:00 PM at the Irvine Ranch Water District

15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618



Joycee Beck



The
Duchess
of
Deception



*Gentlemen and Ladies of IBM Ring 313, may I present to you **The Duchess of Deception**, Ms. Joycee Beck. Joycee last lectured at our Ring in 1997. Since then she has traveled around the world magically entertaining American fighting forces in some very dangerous locations. Well, she is back and ready to show you her stuff.*

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