

# Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

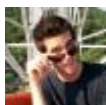
On Tuesday, August 31, 2010, IBM members will compete for the John Fedko Ring Championship of Magic Award. So be there at 7:00 PM at the Irvine Ranch Water District to support your fellow magicians. Eight members have registered to participate for bragging rights, trophies, and prize money. Please come early to get a good seat. Bring your family and friends to cheer on the contestants. The contestants are: Sammy Ruiz, Michael "the Hat" van Horn, Kevin Brown, Steven Longacre and Greg Koppel, Ruben Garza, Nathan Kvetny,



Daniel McKerren, and Gary Meier. Our contest is bursting at the seams with talent! Come one, come all! Our meeting on September 28 will feature a Magician from Australia. He has entertained audiences around the world for over 25 years. He composes his own music and uses his theatrical background to constantly create and expand his horizons. He is none other than Jay Scott Berry. More information to come.

### POSTED ON OUR IBM RING 313 JUNIOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE:

Lance Rich: The International Brotherhood of Magicians 83rd Annual Convention will be in Dallas next year...and BIG changes are in the works! It promises to be a new kind of I.B.M. Convention Experience. Right now we're trying to get the word out, and I want to invite all of the Ring 313 members to become a Fan of the Facebook page and to help spread the news! There are plans to have new activities and events for all of the Junior members.



You can upload your pics from past conventions, get updates on who will be booked, interact with others who will be there, and more...the page is brand new right now! But evolving!

<http://www.facebook.com/ibmconvention>



The IBM Convention will be held June 28-July 2, 2011 in Dallas, TX. The headquarters hotel will be the Sheraton Dallas in downtown Dallas, Texas. Our evening stage shows will be held at the beautiful historic Majestic Theater. Be at this convention, as it promises to... be an exciting reimagining of the I.B.M. Convention Experience! David Sandy and John DeStefano will be serving as Co-Chairmen of this convention. Questions? Comments? Thoughts? Drop us a line... [dallas2011@magician.org](mailto:dallas2011@magician.org)

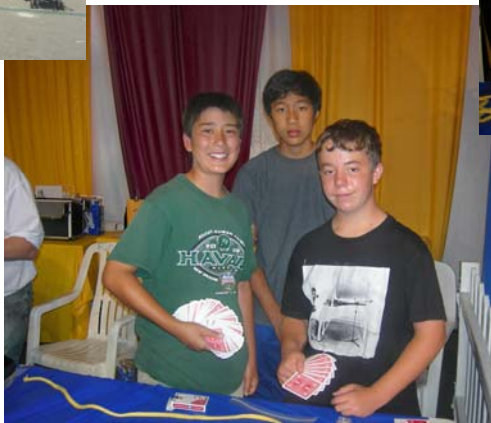
## PAST EVENTS

Photos by: Dan McKerren and Diane Tarr



Ring 313 members getting excited about working the crowd at the OC Fair on July 31st.

We had a wonderful turnout! I'm guessing we drew in hundreds. Oooh, let me exaggerate...we drew in thousands!!



The magical contestants of the Future Magician's Contest: Domenic, David, Steve and Ryan. Congratulations to our winner Domenic DeSantis!!!



A special and big THANK YOU goes out to our members and juniors who volunteered to help at our booth for Magic Day! We could not have done it without Kevin Brown, Aaron Ko, Todd Reis, Ron Porter, Jason Porter, Ryan Porter, Domenic DeSantis, Chris Tarr, Dan McKerren, and and ( I know I am missing someone else. I was busy trying to keep a toddler from doing a disappearing act—let me know who you are so I may acknowledge you!)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JAY LESLIE

### Is Jay Leslie a Magician? This writer says NO!

By Philip Henderson



Most of you know our long-term member Jay Leslie. You have seen him perform a variety of effects and routines and has served countless times as Master of Ceremonies. He has won Magician of the Year, the President's Award and first place for Stage Performance. *Abracadabra*, Leslie manufactures magical effects used by headline performers worldwide. With all these awards and accolades, how can this writer conclude that Jay Leslie is not a magician? This must be just a weird joke. No says the author, "if you continue reading, you will see the mounting evidence that leads me to this inevitable conclusion. Jay Leslie is not a magician!"

Jay's father was a song and dance man. Therefore being on the stage just came naturally to Leslie. In addition to inventing magical illusions, performing regularly for businesses and private parties, Jay is also a musician. He writes lyrics and melodies to accompany his routines. His favorite composition is "[\*I'm the Wizard\*](#)." If you ask nicely, Jay might sing it for you. Leslie also wrote and arranged the music for an hour-long magic show, which featured him as the headline performer that he performed more than 5,400 audiences on stage. Jay does not sing or play music as often as he used to, however his years of experience as a musician, molded a good part of Jay Leslie's current performance style.

Jay grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in a show business atmosphere. Visitors to his home included vaudeville performers, singers, magicians, and dancers. These performers had honed their art on the boards in front of live audiences. As a young entertainer, Jay regularly performed on a television program with Bozo the Clown. Leslie's character was "[\*Aladdin the Wonder Boy\*](#)," he was Bozo's sidekick. This duo frequently entertained as headliner performers at grand openings of malls and shopping centers on the east coast. Jay performed magical illusions on stage for an hour, while Bozo the Clown signed autographs and distributed door prizes to children. Despite working with him hundreds of events and television shows, Jay never saw Bozo without his characteristic makeup.

In addition to his father, several other entertainers mentored Leslie, gently guiding him into the world of magic. Magician Del Ray ([\*Delbert Raymond Petrosky 1925-2003\*](#)) was a frequent visitor to the Leslie household. As a boy, Jay observed and learned secrets of this master performer as Del Ray prepared for his next new performance. Watching this master artist prepare for performing taught Leslie timing, tempo, and pacing. Leslie picked up the essentials that allow an artist to make a living as a live performer. Del Ray was clear about what he was doing; no tricks—he was an artist on the stage. He was an entertainer first. Del Ray amazed and pleased his audiences using magical illusions, but also with his timing, pacing, and ability to engage the audience.

Magician [\*James \("Jim"\) Swoger \(1918-2006\)\*](#) had the most significant influence on the show business career of Jay Leslie. Swoger had a way about him that captivated his audiences. This writer met Jim Swoger on several occasions over the last fifteen years. He always greeted me warmly with a free and happy smile. Without invitation, Swoger would perform impromptu magic for me, always with a smile. Swoger was always ready to perform. He habitually carried gimmicks with him all day long, waiting for just the right opportunity to show you a miracle of magic. Just as often, Swoger would take advantage of an ordinary object, which he would magically transform for my entertainment. I see a lot of Jim Swoger in the style of performance of Jay Leslie.

Preparation was absolute to Jim Swoger—he was always prepared; and so is Jay Leslie. James Swoger was Jay Leslie's mentor. However, later in their relationship, Jim Swoger became Jay's friend and business partner. I met Jim Swoger, in the later stages of their relationship. Jay Leslie always showed Swoger the utmost of respect, introducing him to guests as an honored mentor.



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Newsletter Editor



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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, Aug 31, 2010</b>	7PM	Ring 313 <b>Gen Mtg</b> —MAGIC Member Contest
<b>Saturday, Sept 11, 2010</b>	2-4pm	Ring 313 Junior's Meeting @ Annie&Kent's house
<b>Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010</b>	7PM	Ring 313 <b>LITE Mtg</b> —Knowlwood's, Irvine
<b>Tuesday, Sept 28, 2010</b>	7PM	Ring 313 <b>Gen Mtg</b> —LECTURE—Jay Scott Berry, Irvine
<b>Saturday, Oct 9, 2010</b>	2-4pm	Ring 313 Junior's Meeting @ Annie&Kent's house
<b>Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010</b>	7PM	Ring 313 <b>LITE Mtg</b> —Knowlwood's, Irvine

*Prepare for some spooky magic in October! ( along with a contest for the Juniors )*

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