



Legerdemain Digest

IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

Volume IX, Issue 10 October 2013



Message from the *Fire-Eating* President



We are nearing the end of the first year of Ring 313's new administration. We have had a lot on our plate and the Ring has enjoyed seven lectures so far with one more to go for 2013. Our website has been redone by a team led by **Cornelius Wilson**. Refreshments and video screens of the lectures have been comforting additions thanks to the initiative of our new **Veep Victor Cohn**.

Coming up this month is a member performance night. Be sure to contact **Kevin**

Brown to sign up for your opportunity to be a performer at Ring 313. After the November lecture by Rich Cowley, we will have my favorite meeting format, the Ring 313 Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10th. I enjoy this meeting because we have an opportunity to get to know each other. We usually sit in small groups and discuss our lives in magic and our lives outside of magic.

Please take a moment to thank **Jay Leslie** for providing necessary improvements in our audio equipment. He repaired the speaker and purchased a new wireless microphone for the Ring. Thanks are due to **Michael van Horn** for his creative ideas that have caused the monthly raffle to bring a steady income to support our activities. Michael has gotten your attention because he seems to sell out every meeting. And, of course, nothing in this Ring would run as smoothly as it has if it were not for **Philip Henderson** and the many hours he contributes. Send an "Atta boy" to these team members the next time you see them.

Magically yours,

Chris Wynkoop, President, The John Fedko Ring

If you require a guest pass to visit the Magic Castle, please remember that I am a member of the Magic Castle. 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.

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

Coming Events at Ring 313

October 29, 2013 An Evening of Bizarre Magic led by Kevin Brown
November 26, 2013 Rich Cowley, former Philly Street Magician now inside Magic Castle
December 10, 2013 HOLIDAY PARTY on Special Date
January 28, 2014 Arthur Benjamin, Mathematics Magician

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. Please welcome returning members **Craig and Quinton Fults**, and new members **Ripken and Noah Wellikson** of Irvine, Ripken participated in the Day of Magic at the OC Fair this year.

IBM Ring 313 Officers and Directors for 2013

President, **Chris Wynkoop**(949) 929-0829
Vice-President **Victor Cohn** (562) 252-2580
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, Jay Leslie(714) 847-5311
Member at Large, **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

Ring 313 OFFICERS for 2014

We are seeking nominations for Ring officers for 2014. You may nominate a friend or nominate yourself. Elections will be held on November 26, 2013 and officers will be installed at the December 10, 2013 Holiday Party. Officers must be dues paying members of International. Offices include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. Other positions include: Newsletter Editor, Junior's Leader, Raffle director, webmaster, and member at large of the Board of Directors. To keep your Ring a superior club, consider standing for office. Please send your nominations to Philip Henderson at PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net or call him 949.322.4329.

Dues Increase for 2014

For the first time since 1999, Ring 313 is increasing member dues to accommodate rising costs of operation of the Ring. Please note the following dues schedule.

You may pay your dues for 2014 anytime this year.

	<u>2014 Schedule</u>	<u>2013 Schedule</u>
Regular members	\$40.00	\$30
Members and spouse	\$60.00	\$50
Junior members	\$25.00	\$15
Junior and Parent	\$45.00	\$35

October 29, 2013, An Evening of Halloween and bizarre Magic.

This is a member performance night. We celebrate the Halloween holiday with a special evening devoted to magical illusions that are on the bizarre and crazy side of the art. Your responsibility is to bring tricks and effects that will confound and amaze. We are most grateful if you bring effects that you teach others to perform to entertain family, friends, and paid audiences. Please contact past president **Kevin Brown** to sign up for this fun evening. Don't make him call you to recruit your participation. Kevin can send remote messages that may keep you awake all night long.

November 26, 2013, Magic Castle favorite, Rich Crowley earned his chops as a street performer in the City of Brotherly Love (aka Philadelphia) is now a regular at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. Some folks call Rich the Marriage Magician because he often presides at weddings using his ability as a performer to add real magic to that special day.

December 10, 2013 An Evening of Celebration of the Holidays. Whether you are celebrating **Christmas**, **Hanukkah**, **Kwanza**, **New Year's** or **Magical Tuesday**, we will honor that day on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 for the annual magician's holiday party. The Ring will provide coffee and cold drinks; you bring a holiday favorite desert or nosh to share with magicians from all over Orange County. Members and friends are all invited!



January 28, 2014 Arthur Benjamin, the Math-Magician will be our guest lecturer. Be prepared to learn how to entertain your friends, family and professional audiences using the science of mathematics to leave them in awe.

An Evening of Halloween and bizarre Magic

Your magic tricks need not rise to the level of bizarre, however, the creepier the better.

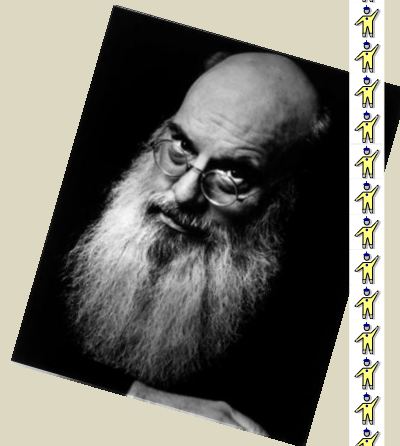
Call Kevin Brown at (949) 347-0305

Or send him an email at glyphman@cox.net

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

IBM Ring 313, The John Fedko Ring
presents

Tricks for Halloween



*You know the drill. Halloween is right around the corner. On that auspicious night, goblins, ghosts, ghouls, and all manner of strange folk will approach your threshold. Your job on that night is to Treat them or to be Tricked by them. As a magician, it is your privilege, and your right, to turn the tables on these monsters of the night. Prepare yourself to Trick the Tricksters before they do unto you. Therefore, bring forth your most devious magic tricks designed to entertain, delight and bedevil those who dare approach your doorstep on Halloween night. Share your magic with the Brotherhood of Magicians at our meeting on October 29, 2013. **Call Kevin Brown at (949) 347-0305** to get your name on the list of performers.*

Our meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. We meet at the Community Meeting room at 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine next door to the IRWD offices. See map below. We are close to the highway 5 Sand Canyon offramp.

"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."





Magic is my Life!

No, just kidding. Magic is big, but not everything.

By Jim Greene and Philip Henderson

Jim “Cardman James” Greene and **Philip Henderson** have been engaged in an ongoing discussion about ethics for magicians. During our conversation, Cardman recalled how he started his career as a magician. Cardman and Henderson began their magic career after age forty, unusual for most performers. Henderson was 46 years old, Cardman started at age 49. Cardman James tells his story below, pulling no punches. This is his story and he is sticking to it.

Jim Greene was working at a graduation night program with Barron Vaughn. At the time, Jim didn't know that Barron was a magician. Jim was intrigued when he noticed Barron performing a color changing knife effect for another entertainer at the graduation party. A few days later, Jim purchased a set of color changing knives at **Magic Galore and More**. Jim practiced the skills to produce the effect then invited Barron Vaughn to meet him for lunch. Barron was pleased to see Jim's presentation and offered to mentor him. The world of magic opened new doors for Jim including adopting the magical appellation, **Cardman James**.

Infected with the magic bug, Cardman James noticed a flyer in Ken Sands magic shop announcing a lecture by Whit “Pop” Haydn at the Orange County Magic Club. Jim was warmly welcomed at OCMC by Larry Campbell (Zeezo), CeCe Lane, and EGBOK (**Everything Going to Be Okay**). His conversation with Pop Hayden sealed the deal. Jim applied for membership in OCMC and soon found himself in a leadership role as Vice President. Every step forward connected Greene to more magicians. Soon, he was a regular attendee at IBM Ring 96 and Ring 313. Cardman James is Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Newsletter editor at Ring 313. He is the current President of OCMC. Cardman James aspires to be re-elected for a third presidential term for 2014.

Jim prefers to perform close up magic. Inspired by the style of Pop Haydn, he characterizes his work as gambler magic. His stage name is “Cardman James, the Honest Charlatan.” He advises his audience to avoid betting on what looks like a sure win. He tells them “don't bet on it.” His theory is that he may help audiences in their real lives to avoid being cheated by a scoundrel who desires to walk away with their money. A great con man will get you to hand him your money and to feel grateful for the opportunity. Cardman has learned that a good way to explain the risk of loss is by showing his audience how easy it is for a good confidence man to relieve you of the contents of your wallet. Cardman entertains his audience using classic effects including, “fast and loose,” the “shell game,” and the “3-card Monte illusion.” He easily proves to the audience that Cardman James wins the game every time that he wants to and only loses in order to suck victims into the game; Cardman James makes his point.

Since beginning his studies with Barron Vaughn, Cardman has met and conferred with *Pop Haydn, Michael van Horn, Dan McKerren, and El Ropeo* to name a few of the performers who encouraged him to take the next step. These gentlemen generously offered their time and knowledge. Soon Jim Greene, as Cardman James, found the confidence and skill to entertain family, then friends, and finally paid audiences. Cardman is grateful for the support and assistance from his magical friends. Magic has helped Cardman grow out of his shell to become an entertainer.



What is your magic story? How did you get started in magic? Who was your first teacher? Did you learn in a magic shop? Did you have a family member or a friend teach you? We are looking for members to share how they got started on this magical path. Please contact Jim "Cardman" Greene and tell him your story. With your permission, we will write a story for Legerdemain so other members can understand how you got your start. Send a note to Cardman James at ocmagic@live.com with your name and telephone number. Cardman will interview you and write up a story.

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 313

October 2013 Brainiac Quiz

Michael van Horn, aka **Mr. Fabulous**, is the unsurpassed **Raffle Meister** in Ring history. You know about the wonderful items he produces for prizes every month. You probably have won more than once. Now ask yourself, yes you, ask yourself, what do you know about Mr. Fabulous. Why is he called Mr. Fabulous? Where did he get those colorful shoes? How does he convince us to purchase raffle tickets every meeting? Yeah, how does he do it? It is true that Mr. Fabulous is a master of hypnosis; could he be selling the tickets using mind-control?

Only one of these statements is FALSE, which one is it?

1. Since 1970, Mr. Fabulous has not held a 9-5 job.
2. He plays a ukulele, guitar and harmonica. Not all at the same time.
3. Michael is shy, so much so that he hates to be on stage, but he does it anyway.
4. In Hollywood, in 1968, the soon to become Mr. Fabulous lived with the *Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*. (For you young people, look them up on Google, they are a real band!)

Quiz prepared by Barry Matas. Only one statement is false, which one?

This is a Page full of *THIS* and *THAT* designed to advance your knowledge. You can participate in the fun by sending a note to Philip Henderson with your answer to the fruit and vegetable question.

The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at Carrows Restaurant. Come have some fun with your favorite Orange County Magicians. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. Come join us and have some fun with magic! If you love magic then make this a regular activity. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top magicians in Orange County.

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

Test your Knowledge about Fruits and Vegetables.

There are eighteen items on the list below. There are exactly nine fruits on this list. Please identify the nine items that are fruit.

Send your selections of the nine fruits to PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Celery | 10. Tomato |
| 2. Spinach | 11. Bell Pepper |
| 3. Onion | 12. Eggplant |
| 4. Garlic | 13. Cucumber |
| 5. Broccoli | 14. Pumpkin |
| 6. Carrot | 15. Zucchini |
| 7. Beet | 16. Okra |
| 8. Asparagus | 17. Key lime |
| 9. Sweet potato | 18. Olive |

Did you know that the **color orange** is named after the fruit of the same name? Now you do!

Reference from Wikipedia: The [colour orange](#) takes its name from the [orange](#) fruit. On the [spectrum of light](#), and in the traditional [colour wheel](#) used by painters, it is located between [red](#) and [yellow](#). In Europe and America, orange is commonly associated with amusement, the unconventional, extroverts, fire, activity, danger, taste and aroma, the [autumn](#) season, and [Protestantism](#). In Asia, it is an important symbolic colour of [Buddhism](#) and [Hinduism](#).

Are you a Juggler?

In England, sometime between the 12th and 15th Century, the name used to describe people who performed magic was the word “juggler.” They were called jugglers because they used the cups and balls to hide a bean. The motion of sliding the cups around was known as juggling, thus the people doing the work were called jugglers. What does this mean to **Abbit the Average**?

Reference from Wikipedia, The word *juggling* and *juggler* derive from the [Middle English jogelen](#) (to entertain by performing tricks), in turn from the [Old French jangler](#).

Legerdemain Digest

Philip Henderson and Cardman Greene

IBM Ring 313 Newsletter Editor
329 Las Palmas Drive
Irvine, California 92602
www.Ring313.org



Rich Cowley is coming to Ring 313 on November 26, 2013
Be ready for some of the real work of magic. Cowley has been tested on the streets of the city of brotherly love, he has more than a few tips for us.

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.

Tuesday, October 29, 2013	7 pm	An Evening of Bizarre Magic led by Kevin Brown
Tuesday, November 26, 2013	7pm	A lecture from Rich Cowley
Tuesday, December 10, 2013	7pm	Holiday Party for all Magicians
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	7pm	Arthur Benjamin, a Math Magician



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 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.

