



# Legerdemain Digest

## IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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### Message from the So Called President

I just looked in the mirror and saw two surprising images. One image was a ghost. That is because I just finished building a *Pepper's Ghost* for an artist who wanted a globe of the Earth to appear solid and transform into a hollow sphere. The other thing I saw was a grey hair. It could have been all white but that breed is usually grey. Amazing how many magicians see grey hares. It's not usually a problem unless they have Lop Ears. Nothing worse than an adult with big floppy ears.

Back to the *Pepper's Ghost* - if you don't know what it is, then it's time to open some classic magic books. Conveniently, we had a former member, (Richard Glen) donate his collection of magic paraphernalia to the OCMC. Michael van Horn has graciously donated some of the non-stage/collectables for the Ring 313 raffle. The collectable items will be sold to help pay for OCMC monthly room rental expenses. Ring 313 does not pay rent for our meeting room, however we have been moved into a new building (map attached) but there is less space for us in the new room. The good news is that the landlord said we could bring our own chairs when we expect a large turnout.

So, here's the plan, until someone comes-up with something better. Arrive at our meeting no later than 7:00 pm. We will start the meeting on time. If you bring a folding chair, please set it up as quietly as if you were back stage. (Here's the rub) We won't need the folding chairs, UNLESS we have so many people that it's standing room only. When that occurs, reserve the seating for those who have trouble with their legs, knees, hips, heart, etc. There are only fifty chairs in the room and we often have seventy or more present. Do the math!

You tell me, I know it doesn't seem fair to arrive early and expect a front row chair then to have Jim "Cardman" *Greene* ask (if you're able bodied) to allow someone with a medical condition to take your spot. So let's all agree to be friends and help each other out. Naturally, we'll bring this "up" at the next meeting. If you have a better idea, then please let us know. We all want everyone to have enjoy our meetings in relative comfort.

Please remember, when you have to go ... push 2 and 4 together, next push 3, then turn the handle to get into the restroom. Can someone tell me... who exactly is resting in the room?

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

## Coming Events at Ring 313

July 28, 2012      A day of Magic at the Orange County Fair  
July 31, 2012      *Sylvester the Jester*, *Dan Sylvester* to lecture  
August 28, 2012      *Jon Armstrong* to lecture  
September 25, 2012      Member Performance Night . . . *Impromptu Magic*  
October 30, 2012      An Evening of *Bizarre MAGIC*

# Welcome NEW Members

Please welcome **Victor Cohn** a Semi-Pro magician who loves to be in front of a group. Victor is also a talented woodworker, check him out if you need custom wooden props for your magic acts.

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.

## IBM Ring 313 Officers and Directors for 2012

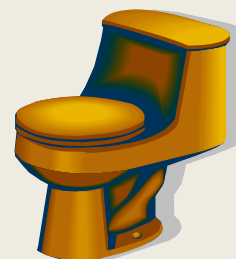
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How do you like our new meeting room?

To open the restroom, follow the directions below:

Press 2 and 4 simultaneously, release

Press 3, release, then Open. Or say, "Open Sesame"



# DAY of MAGIC

at the 2012 Orange  
County Fair the morning of July 28<sup>th</sup> 2012.



Will you be part of a DAY OF MAGIC at the 2012 Orange County Fair? On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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! Volunteers will get free admission to the Fair!

## Raffle News

Raffle Director, **Michael van Horn** dug deep into his bag of tricks and found enough stuff for 13 winners on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Winners included: **SUDS**, taking home a Shoot Ogawa DVD; visitor **Sandee Gee** with a miniature Zig-Zag effect; **Ron Breach** won a Rope Trick; **Bill Pearce** selected a "StrangeTraveler"; and **Barry Matas** was the winner of a book of Close Up Magic. But van Horn was not finished yet. Next up was **James Hjorth** taking home a Metal Pocket card trick; then visitor **Richard Rumble** won a joke book; and **Ron Breach's** (lucky man) number was called again, this time winning a Magic Pen. Thanks to everyone for purchasing raffle tickets.

# ORDER of MERLIN

**If you are in the Order of Merlin please notify 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. 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 are 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.

ORDER of MERLIN is a special honor. Please acknowledge the Merlins among us. If you know of others in our Ring who have earned this level please contact me at once.

IBM Ring 313 Member	25 plus years	35 plus years	
<b>SUDS</b>	Order of Merlin	Shield	Since 1964 (48 yrs)
<b>John Fedko</b>	Order of Merlin	Shield	Since 1968 (44 yrs)
<b>Bill Pearce</b>	Order of Merlin	Shield	Since
<b>Bob Moss</b>	Order of Merlin	Shield	Since
<b>Catherine Fedko</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1983 (29 yrs)
<b>Ron Porter</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1987 (25 yrs)
<b>Forrest Miller</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1980 (32 yrs)
<b>Chris Wynkoop</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1984 (28 yrs)
<b>Todd Reis</b>	Order of Merlin		Since 1987 (25 yrs)

The Order of Merlin is awarded after 25-years of continous membership. After 35-years, members are elevated to the **Shield** level of membership. Next, after 50-years of continous membership our member is raised to **Excalibur**. Finally, to recognize 60 or more continuous years of membership, members are known as **Excelsior**. Our member **SUDS** is just two years away from becoming an **Excalibur**. That will be a notable accomplishment. Members who have experienced a laspe in membership have opportunities to repurchase lost years. Please contact International for the procedure to accomplish such a change in status.



# Joycee Beck, The Duchess of Deception.

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012, seventy members of IBM Ring 313 met with magic royalty in the person of *Joycee Beck, The Duchess of Deception*. This was her second visit to the John Fedko Ring and we were very happy to have her back. Joycee mastered her professional skills as a protégé of Dai Vernon. She performs magic that makes her the real center of her art. It

is not the props that make her special, instead it is her persona. You engage with her theatrical performance, she is laughing with you all the way.



Joycee demonstrated how productions of sponge bunnies, scarves, and playing cards can engage an audience, amazing and filling them with laughter. Joycee, the Duchess of Deception, used her personality as her primary magical prop. Audiences may not remember her tricks but they remember the exciting, vivacious, and magical personality of Joycee! Joycee encouraged us to master the magical illusions we perform and show our audiences theatrical magic. I'm willing

to bet that our meeting room will be overflowing with sponge bunnies when we gather next month.

## QUIZ FOR JULY 2012 *A Day in the Life of a Magician . . . Long, Long Ago*

Every magician started out as a young person. Not one started out as a World Class Magician. Some started out in magic as a youth, some had day (or night) jobs to pay the bills. Here is a bit of magical history. It is the story of 5 magicians before they hit the big time. The quiz this month is easy. Just match the Magician with their early job. It's a cinch.

### **Magician**

1. David Copperfield
2. Mac King
3. Jeff McBride
4. Penn Jillette
5. Teller

### **Early Job**

- A. Taught Latin
- B. Worked at a Theme Park doing 3 magic shows a day
- C. Columnist for a computer magazine
- D. Professor at a NY university (age of 16!!)
- E. Worked for a carnival touring company

The winner will be the person who has the MOST correct answers. Please send your answers to: Barry Matas at [merlinwestcoast@netscape.net](mailto:merlinwestcoast@netscape.net). The winner will receive 5 golden tickets to the raffle later this month. In case of a tie, the first person with five correct matches is the winner.



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



**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.



**The August 28, 2012** meeting is a lecture by **Jon Armstrong**. He last lectured for us in 2005, we are happy that he is returning. Jon specializes in close up performances. He is a regular performer at the Magic Castle and gives advice to filmmakers who want to use magical effects in their motion pictures. Jon will demonstrate tricks, sleights, and methods to handle hecklers while entertaining your grateful audiences.

You will see how to build your routine and use misdirection to get your audience on your side. Armstrong uses humor and carefully designed routines to make his magic special for each audience member. If you missed his lecture in 2005, make certain you get a front row seat this time.

**September 25, 2012** is a member performance night. Picture yourself on the Marquee of Carnegie Hall, giving a command performance for invited guests that includes Lance Burton, David Copperfield, Eugene Burger, Shoot Ogawa, Tony Macaroni, Erich Weiss, and the even **The Great Fooldini**. Whenever a friend or coworker discovers that you are a magician, they want to see if you can "entertain them with your skills." So, what is it that you always carry with you to show your stuff. Some of the best magic is impromptu, but when you are prepared impromptu is easy.



**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 [GLYPHMAN@COX.NET](mailto:GLYPHMAN@COX.NET), or at (949) 347-0305.

We want to see really 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.

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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 [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

Saturday, July 28, 2012	10 am until 12 am	<b>A Day of Magic</b> at the Orange County Fair. Junior Magicians Contest. Magic Performance by the Juniors.
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	7pm	Regular meeting of RING 313 with <b>Dan "Sylvester the Jester" lecture</b>
Tuesday, August 28, 2012	7 pm	Regular meeting of RING 313 with <b>Jon Armstrong</b> lecture
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2012	7 pm	Member Performance night. What do you like to do impromptu?

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Tuesday, July 31, 2012

7:00 PM at the Irvine Ranch Water District

Coastal Fertility/ Community Room

15500 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

Sylvester the JESTER



The Human Cartoon



*Prestidigitators, Conjurors, Sleight-of-Mind Artists, Jugglers, Magicians one and all, get ready to observe a cartoon character transform into a human being. Dan Sylvester is "sui generis," that is Latin for "one of a kin" in his case a genius. Many performers are unique in one dimension or another, however Danny has taken being unique to an entirely new level. Few performers have stretched the identity of the character they play as a magician to the limits of "Sylvester the Jester." Danny will have you laughing despite yourself and leave you with no clue how he did it. His act has several applause lines every minute. You cannot run with him, his moves are always so far ahead, he might as well be in a different time zone. Come early to get a good seat. Be prepared to see the inner workings of the Mind of Sylvester the Jester, the human cartoon. He is as close to a work of Art as a human can become. <http://www.sylvesterthejester.com/>*

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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.*

