

Legerdemain Digest

IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the "fire eating" President

Many thanks to each and every member for your personal roles to make The John Fedko Ring one of the most successful Rings in the country. Todd Reis and I attended the Magic Summit in Las Vegas in November. We learned many new ideas to help make the Ring an even bigger success. We want each and every member to step forward to do what he/she can do to ensure our continued success.

I hope to see everyone at our Holiday-Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16th. I will be there because it is at my home. My wife Joy and I are honored to host this gathering. We have a great deal to be thankful for during this holiday season. We also have a lot to look forward to in 2015. Note the schedule of events for the

first four months. This list is like a who's who in magic! When you receive your Dues Statement, be sure to complete the form along with your check. Paying dues to Ring 313 is like paying yourself given all the great lecturers we have scheduled already.

Being an accountant, I am snowed under during tax season; it is helpful to get the upcoming year's calendar scheduled out through April. We think you will like what we have planned for our club. Ring 313 is what you make it. Please find a way to volunteer your time, money, and love for magic to keep Ring 313 a fun, exciting, and magical home for all of us!

Chris Wynkoop,

Proud to be the RING 313 President

MAGIC CASTLE ANYONE?

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



Upcoming Events for Ring 313

December 16	Party at Chris Wynkoop's
January 27	Greg Wilson, Lecturer
February 24	Eugene Burger, Lecturer
March 31	Chris Randall, Lecturer
April 28	Nick Lewin, Lecturer
May 26	Member's Workshop

John Fedko Ring Holiday Party

Remember to mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 16, 2014 6:00 pm for our annual holiday party. This year is a potluck affair at the home of President Chris Wynkoop.

Please RSVP no later than Saturday, December 13, 2014. You may contact Secretary Philip Henderson to get your name on the list. Henderson will send you the address and directions to the event.

POTLUCK INFORMATION BELOW

Bring your spouse and other family members as you wish and enough food to share with six people. If your surname begins with the letters, **A through N** please bring salads or desserts. If your surname begins with the letters **O to Z**, please bring a side dish or main course.



Members: We need your help in taking our club to the next level.



We need new blood to help run our ring. We have a talented board, but the same dudes end up being the only ones to do the work. The reason for our Ring's success is we have many magic loving members and we have a board that eagerly does the necessary preparation. Let's keep this one of the top Rings in the world. We need your help to do this. If there is an area you would like to volunteer for, or to know more about, please contact me. Chris Wynkoop: chris@wynkoopcpa.com or cell (949)929-0829.

RING 313 OFFICERS for 2015

Please congratulate the newly elected officers of IBM Ring 313 for calendar year 2015. These officers will take the oath of office at the January 27, 2015 regular meeting. The officers will require your support in many ways. Please volunteer to help them plan and put into play the many activities we will enjoy in the coming year. We have many wonderful lectures already scheduled AND we will have several member performance/workshop meetings. We want everyone to participate to the best of their ability. Likely, we will get together again in the summer for a MAGICIAN's picnic which will require your individual support to make it a success.

President Wynkoop is wearing two hats. He is eager to pass on the Treasurer's duties to another member. You do not have to possess a CPA to handle our annual finances. Please step forward to spread the work. Secretary Henderson is also producing the monthly newsletter. He is eager to find an understudy to work on the newsletter to provide a creative addition to this publication. Even if all you want to do is prepare a page or two on each installment, Henderson will be grateful. He is unable to produce the newsletter during the summer. He is working at the Orange County Fairgrounds as head oxen teamster. He will be grateful if someone will step forward to produce one issue for July or August 2015

We have two vacancies that need a creative hard-working volunteer. The Sergeant At Arms is responsible for setting up the meeting room before and after each meeting. In addition, the Sergeant At Arms is responsible for maintaining order during the meeting, which means keeping heckling to a minimum and laughter to the maximum. The Ring 313 website is about halfway complete. We are seeking an aggressive, creative, hard working and dependable volunteer to take over the development and operation of the website. The incoming officers and directors are the same folks as the outgoing officers and directors. Let us see if we can change some of the names next year to give other members the opportunity to serve a leadership role in the Orange County magic community.

CONGRATUATIONS TO RING 313 OFFICERS and DIRECTORS 2015

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Junior's Program	Annie Young/ Kent Kwan	aykwan@gmail.com ReallyHotPants@gmail.com	(714) 966-1652
Webmaster	vacant	YOUR NAME HERE.	
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Director	Todd Reis	Tr3d@hotmail.com	(714) 673-7320
Director	Kevin Brown	Glyphman@cox.net	(949) 347-0305

November 25, 2014 Ring 313 hosted a lecture by **Maestro Al Lampkin**

More than fifty members and guests welcomed the delightful magic of Al Lampkin. He mixed solid magic effects with good-natured humor demonstrating how he has entertained audiences for more than forty years on the road. Lampkin has taken classical magic effects and trimmed them down to their essence. He has developed a repertoire of comedy magic illusions that plays well for parlor, walk around, close up, and television.

We are grateful for Lampkin's love of the art of magic. In the October 2014 issue of **Linking Ring**, Lampkin wrote a featured piece "How to build your Business!" He encouraged those who want to make a living performing for the public to focus on three ingredients. First, master your performance, second market yourself everywhere all the time, and third be nice to everyone! These keys to success will work for you if you are a glazer, a physician, or an itinerant magician. If you don't have something worth purchasing, then why should anyone book your show? If you are a terrific performer but no one has heard of you, then you will rarely find a chance to perform. Finally, if you are great and well-known but do not know how to play nice, then your reputation will become that of a great performer who folks will only work with once, then your name will be scratched off the list of approved performers. These are wise words to ponder and practice.

Lampkin used his decades of performance experience to simplify his act so that it is fool proof, easy for him to perform, and magical in the eyes of his audiences. Lampkin involves his audiences directly in his act so they win with him. He urged us to avoid performing "sucker" tricks that only embarrass the spectator to make the performer look good. Lampkin told us that magicians get a bad rap because too many of us perform sucker tricks that make the audience dislike magicians.

When a stranger learns that you are a "magician" they rarely hesitate to ask you to "*do a trick for me.*" Many performers respond at once with a trick they carry with them just for these occasions. Lampkin reminded us that doctors are not asked to examine strangers; nor are plumbers asked for advice on how to repair a leaky pipe, why must a magician perform on request. If you are going to perform a free show to a stranger, at the conclusion at least hand him/her a business card as part of the trick. That way, if the stranger is impressed, he/she knows how to contact you for a paying show.



Earlier this year, mathemagician Arthur Benjamin showed us a quick method to perform magic squares. Lampkin introduced us to a novel method of quickly completing a magic (4 by 4) square instantly. Lampkin packed an entire evenings performance in just what he can place in his pockets. There is a huge advantage in travelling light. Al gave us tips on an impromptu torn and restored napkin that could be set up and performed instantly in a coffee shop or restaurant. We are grateful for the wisdom of Al Lampkin. He was a delightful guest who walks his talk. He admonished us to be **nice**; his visit to Ring 313 was **nicely** filled with wonder!

Society of American Magicians (SAM) and MAGIC magazine host conclave in Las Vegas

The purpose of the gathering was to prepare leaders of magician clubs to thrive. Magic, like every other entertainment option, is in constant change. Keeping up requires the leaders of SAM Assemblies and IBM Rings to change or become irrelevant to young performers. The Magic Summit was a leadership conference for magicians. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen magic clubs. It was sponsored by SAM and Magic Magazine. The producers of the event were *Stan Allen, Brian Daniel South, and Vinny Grosso*. Ring 313 paid the registration fees for Chris Wynkoop and Todd Reis to represent us. Thanks to the generosity of a Ring Member, who wishes to remain anonymous, our representatives enjoyed free accommodations in his Las Vegas condo. You know who you are, thanks!

Wynkoop and Reis gave an inspiring report of their participation in this three-day magic workshop held Friday, November 14th through Sunday, November 16th at the SAM's TOWN Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 150-attendees from all over the United States assembled to learn tricks and techniques to establish strong and successful clubs for magicians. Among the magicians participating and presenting were *Mac King, Bill Smith, Jeff McBride, Kendrick "Ice McDonald," Stan Allen, Michael Ammar*, and our former Ring 313 president *Chris "MagicSmith" Smith*.

Ring 313 appears to be on track. With more than 100 paid members, our club is among the largest clubs for magicians in the world. Many SAM and IBM clubs have fewer than thirty members and a small budget for expenses. We have a solid budget, more than \$3,000 annually. We have a dependable revenue stream to finance our activities. Fortunately, the IRWD offers use of its facility free of charges. We are grateful for their generosity. Our budget enables Ring 313 to host first-rate lecturers. Many SAM and IBM clubs struggle to get young magicians to join. We have to go where the young magicians congregate to ensure our future. If the young magicians meet each other on the Internet, then we must have an active presence there in order to attract them to Ring 313.

In the coming months, you will see us practice some of the ideas that we heard discussed at the first MAGIC SUMMIT.

RING LITE is resurrected

We meet on the **2nd Tuesday** at **Knowlwood Restaurant in Irvine**

Thanks to members **Kevin Brown** and **David Peltier** RING LITE is back in business. RING LITE is an opportunity to show work in progress. This informal workshop gives magicians of every ability a platform to perform and eliminate problems in a new effect before you present it to the public. If you desire to learn a card sleight or teach a new method, this is the place for you.

RING LITE starts at 6:30 ish in the evening at Knowlwood Restaurant on Sand Canyon Avenue next to the 5 freeway. We continue until the restaurant closes at 9:00 pm. All you have to do is show up ready to workshop any effect you desire.



Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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The John Fedko Ring Presents



HOLIDAY PARTY

At the home of Ring 313 president Chris Wynkoop in
Corona del Mar, California

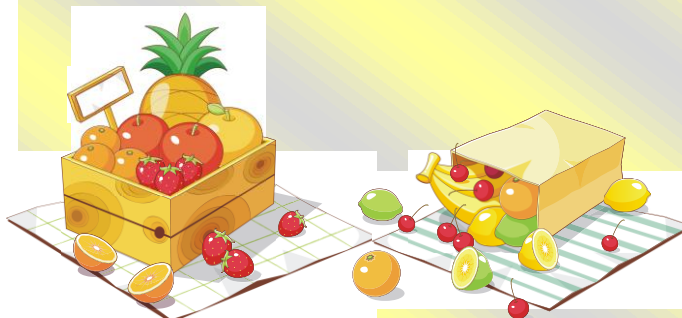
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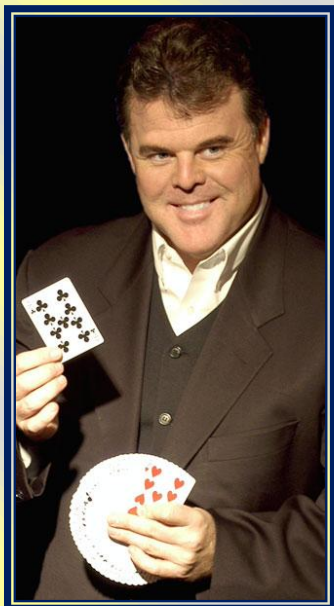
We start promptly at 6:00 pm

This is a potluck event. If your surname begins with the letters A through N, then you are to bring a salad or dessert for about six people. If your surname is O through Z, then you are expected to bring something else. Come celebrate with fellow magicians the holidays, whether you favor **Christmas**, **Kwanza**, **Hanukah**, **New Years**, or **Magic Tuesday**, you are welcome to join us.

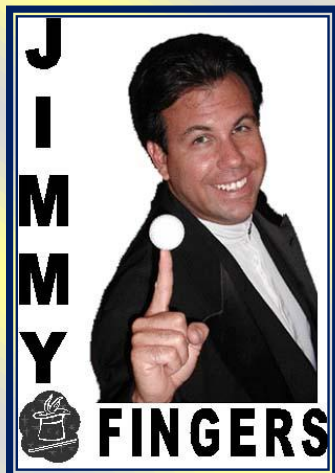
Please RSVP to Secretary Philip Henderson.

He will send you directions and details.



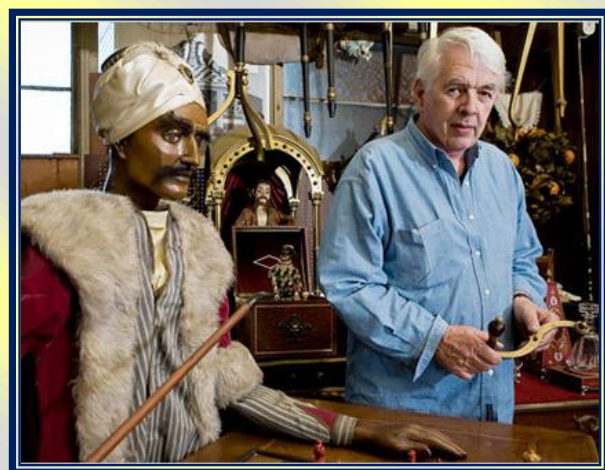


LECTURERS at IBM RING 313 in 2014 *Thank YOU!*



Clockwise

John Carney (September)
Arthur Benjamin (January)
John Gaughan (March)
Dale Salwak (May)
Al Lampkin (November)
John Guastaferrro (June)
Jimmy Fingers (February)



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 new member, **Shota Tsuruno**, a high school student with some authoritative skills with the pasteboards.



New Raffle Ticket Prices starting October 28, 2014

\$2 donation gets you 4 tickets

\$4 donation gets you 10 tickets

\$5 donation gets you 15 tickets



This message is from Houdini. It is written in invisible ink. If you correctly interpret his message, then you are truly a great magician.

My dear friend, I know what you are thinking right now!

A large sum of money will come your way, won't it?

Accept this gift, for the spirits know. This money

will not be the gift you desire, for a spirit thrives on love not

on money. Bool Gotcha!

Thank you, Eric Weise



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Who is this “young magician?” If you were at our October meeting, you will know his name.



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, December 16, 2014	6 pm	Holiday Party at the Home of President Chris Wynkoop
Tuesday, January 27, 2015	7 pm	Greg Wilson
Tuesday, February 24, 2015	7pm	Eugene Burger
Tuesday, March 31, 2015	7pm	Chris Randall

Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

Join us at The Lunch Bunch. We meet every Friday whether rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine. We are 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. You love magic. Make this a regular Friday activity. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top magical performers residing in Orange County. The fun begins at 11:45 am and continues until at least 2:00 pm. Stay as long as you like.

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



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Dues Notice for 2015



This is your Dues notice for calendar year 2015. Please complete the form below and send it with your remittance to the attention of Philip Henderson, Ring Secretary. Your cancelled check is your receipt. **The increase last year was our first dues increase since 1999.**
Thank you for your support of the club.

2015 Dues Schedule

Regular membership	\$40.00
Regular membership plus spouse.	\$60.00
Junior membership (Under 18 years on January 1, 2015).	\$25.00
Junior and parent	\$45.00

Please make Annual dues payment payable to IBM Ring 313.

Check number _____
Date of check _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____
Name of spouse (or parent for juniors): _____

Ring 313's monthly newsletter will be sent to you via electronic mail. Please write legibly the complete email address you want us to use. If you have no way of receiving Email, then please note below and a printed copy will be mailed to your mailing address. Every printed copy mailed costs about \$1.20 in stamps and supplies, or about \$14.50 per year for each member. Help us reduce these expenses to a minimum. Thank you!

Please update your address, telephone number and provide your email address for the 2015 Member roster. We want to be certain to have the most up to date information for all our members. Thank you.

Name _____
First Name Middle Last Name

Street City Zip Code

Preferred Telephone _____ (home/office)
(Area code) Number

Email address _____