



Legerdemain Digest

IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the *Fire-Eating* President

On November 26th, we had a fantastic lecture from Rich Cowley. In addition to some useful magic tips, Rich pounded home the love of magic and emphasizing that you should be yourself when you perform. Don't merely copy the work of another magician, instead, change your performance so that the act reflects your individuality. I couldn't agree more. There was a good turn out and most folks remained in their seats until they were chased on the door at closing.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our December 10th Christmas party! This is a great time to hang out and talk to our fellow magicians. This is one of my favorite meetings every year. Bring some food to share and let's tell stories only magicians would laugh at.

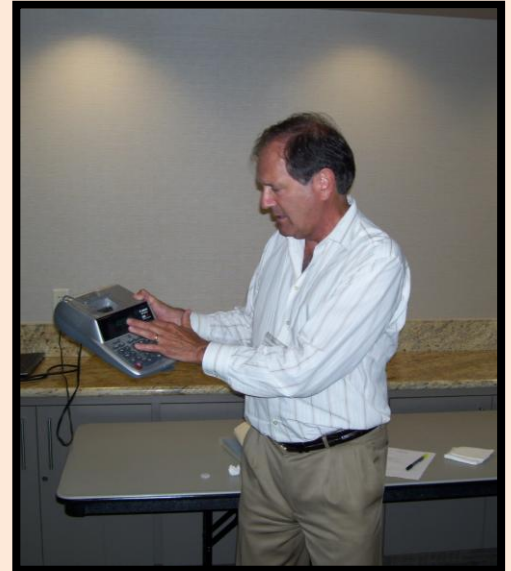
Please note our January lecture is Mathemagician Professor Arthur Benjamin. If you haven't seen Professor Benjamin before, it will all add up to you when you see his routine. People who have seen him will definitely be there to see him again, that's how good he is.

Thanks to all of the new Board members for re-stepping up to the plate. We are fortunate to have the same Board except for a new Raffle Meister, James Hjorth. James did an excellent job at our November meeting bringing in a huge amount of revenue. Thanks James!

We're looking forward to a fabulous 2014. My special thanks to all of our members who make Ring 313 what it is!

Magically yours,

Chris Wynkoop, President, The John Fedko Ring



MAGIC CASTLE ANYONE?

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

December Holiday Celebration

The next meeting of IBM Ring 313 is Tuesday, December 10, 2013. This meeting is our annual Holiday celebration during this festive time of year. In addition to feasting on food brought by members and guests, we will install the officers and directors for next year.

Can you tell a good story?

During our “social hour,” we invite all magicians to present one or two of your favorite magical effects that involve “story telling.” Often the most magical effects require little sleight of hand or gimmicks. The effects become magical because the story the performer tells the audience pulls them into a state of mind controlled by the magician. ***Please be prepared to perform some of your favorite magic that relies on a story well told.***

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS for 2014

We will use this evening to install the officers for 2014. The official election was held at the November 26, 2013 meeting. Your officers and directors for 2014 are:

President	Chris Wynkoop
Vice-President	Victor Cohn
Secretary	Philip Henderson
Treasurer	Chris Wynkoop
Sergeant At Arms	Jim “Cardman” Greene
Raffle Chair	James Hjorth
Junior’s Program	Annie Young/Kent Kwan
Webmaster	Cornelius Wilson
Past President	Jay Leslie
Director’s At Large	Todd Reis, Kevin Brown, and John Fedko



Please offer your congratulations and thanks to the folks who have stepped forward to lead the Ring to another successful year in 2014. Without members stepping up to plan the programs and activities of the Ring we would not have the great lecture program we enjoyed this year. Seven outstanding magicians visited us in 2013, I think that is a record. Examine not merely the number of lectures but their standing in the magical community. We experienced a year that will be challenging to duplicate. Nonetheless, we begin 2014 with Arthur Benjamin, a name synonymous with mathematical magic.

Thanks again to everyone who agree to serve the magical community in Orange County as a member of Ring 313 leadership team!



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
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Raffles Chair, **Michael van Horn**
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

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

Special Meeting in December

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!

What should you bring to our Celebration?

See the guide below arranged by Surname.

If your surname begins with the letters A-L please bring a dessert suitable for the holidays enough for six to eight magicians.

If your surname begins with the letters M-Z please bring a snack food that can be eaten with one's hands, enough for six to eight magicians.

The Ring will provide coffee, tea, and refreshing bottled water for everyone.

Please complete the Member Survey Form

This is your magic club. Please take a moment to complete the Member Survey form below so the leadership team will know what you desire from the Ring. Give us an idea what is hot for you. Do you like the annual picnic? Would you participate in a contest? Which lecturers would you like to meet? For our member performance nights, please give us ideas of activities that will excite you and make you want to get to the meeting early. Also, tell us a little bit about your life in magic.

The more we know about you and what you want to more likely we will bring you events and activities that keep you excited about being a member of Ring 313. This is your club. You pay dues to keep us afloat. You can mail your survey to Philip Henderson at 329 Las Palmas Drive, Irvine, California 92602 or bring the survey to the meeting. Blank forms will also be available at the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Who Lectures at Ring 313?

I will tell you, it is a virtual who's who in Magic!

We were blessed to enjoy seven lecturers in 2013. Some of the world's most exciting performers walked into our meeting to share with us treasured magical effects and techniques. We are grateful for their generosity. Can you remember all the famous folks who lectured this year at Ring 313? See their photographs below. The next time you see any of them again, at the Magic Castle, or some other magical event, please remind them how much you enjoyed their visit to Ring 313.

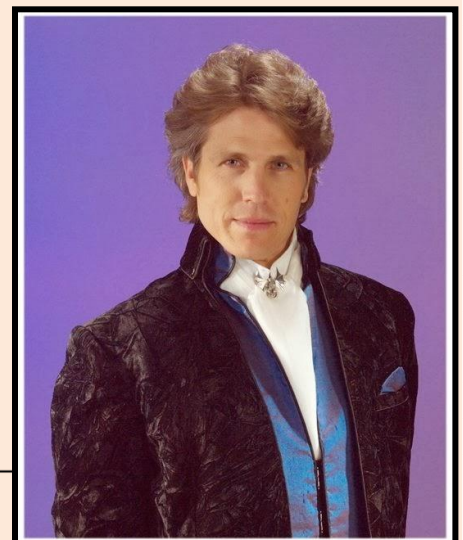
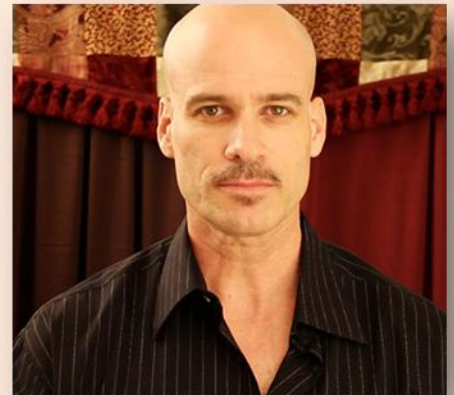


**LECTURERS at IBM RING 313
in 2013 *Thank YOU!***



Clockwise

Shoot Ogawa (January)
Johnny Ace Palmer (September)
Chris "MagicSmith" Smith (March)
Jay Scott Berry (June)
Howard Hamburg (August)
Richard Turner (April)
Rich Cowley (November)



Tuesday, January 28, 2014
IBM Ring 313, The John Fedko Ring
presents

Arthur Benjamin



You may have seen him perform in the Parlour of Prestidigitation at the Magic Castle or maybe on his presentations on TED Talks. Nonetheless, you know Professor Arthur Benjamin, Harvey Mudd has made a career out of using numbers and their relationships to create magic in the minds of magicians and laymen. Known as the Mathemagician, Arthur Benjamin will show you how to use your own powerful brain to create magic with mathematical principles.

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 near the highway 5 Sand Canyon off ramp. **This meeting is open free to all magicians. Please bring friends and family.**

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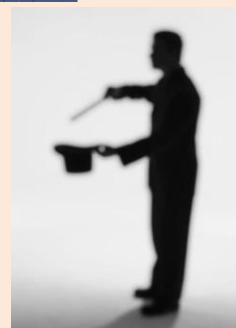
Survey . . . Folks it is your club, let us know . . .

Help us to make Ring 313 a Quality Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Print out this page and fill in your answers. If you like what you get and want more of the same let us know. If we have missed the mark on something and you have another idea, let us know. This is an easy survey to complete, please take the time to let us know what you are thinking. If we had a real mentalist on our leadership team we would not have to ask we would just . . . well, you know, we would just know.

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What do you want from Ring 313 in 2014?

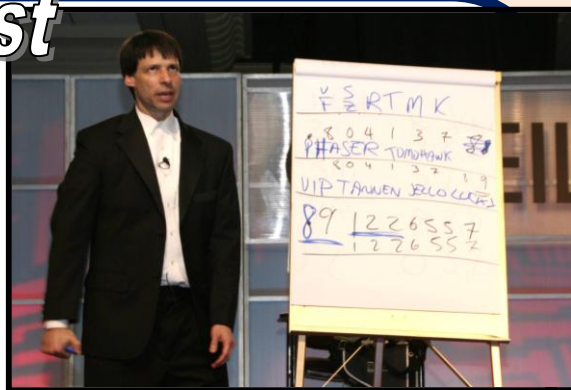
1. What is your name _____
2. Would you like a picnic this year? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
3. What month is the best month for a picnic. Please mark each month that works for you.
 - a. June 2014
 - b. July 2014
 - c. August 2014
4. Who would you like to invite to lecture at the Ring?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Would you participate in a Ring 313 magician's contest? Yes _____ No _____
6. Will you sign up to help set up the room? Yes _____ No _____
7. Will you sign up to help put everything back in place? Yes _____ No _____
8. What is your favorite activity at the Ring. Circle your favorite.
 - a. Lectures
 - b. Raffles
 - c. Member performance night
 - d. Special workshops outside of meetings
 - e. Getting to know other magicians
 - f. Other _____
9. Who was your favorite lecturer in 2013? _____
10. At what age did you begin to learn performance magic _____
11. How many years have you performed magic _____
12. What was your favorite activity that was not a lecture in 2013? _____
13. Why are you active in Ring 313? Check all that apply.
 - a. Fellowship with magicians _____
 - b. Lectures _____
 - c. Opportunity to perform _____
 - d. Love learn new magic effectgs _____
 - e. Love to teach magic _____
 - f. Other _____
14. Tell us what you think about Ring 313.



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Arthur Benjamin is coming to Ring 313 on January 28, 2014

Be ready to learn how you can use your mathematical abilities to make magic effects for your friends, family, and audiences who pay you to entertain them. Benjamin is the real deal! Many of you have seen him at the Magic Castle, in January he will be here for your benefit.

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 10, 2013	7pm	Holiday Party for all Magicians
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	7pm	Arthur Benjamin, a Math Magician
Tuesday, February 25, 2014	7 pm	Lecturer to be announced later

Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

Come join us at The Lunch Bunch. We meet every Friday, rain or shine, 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 magicians in Orange County.

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

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.

