

# Legerdemain Digest

## IBM Ring 313

*The John Fedko Ring*

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### *Message from the Fire-Eating President*

If you are ready to see unbelievable card handling, then, Richard Turner, our April meeting lecturer, is a must see. Additionally, he is inspirational for accomplishing remarkable success despite the hurdles that might stop you or slow you down. After you see Richard Turner, you will have a new outlook on your magic and your life.

...---... **SOS**...---... An unsung hero (because he can't sing) in our club is Raffle master, Michael Van Horn. He sets up camp in

the back of the room as a purveyor of dreams called . . . raffle tickets. What you don't see is that he spends an enormous amount of time accumulating, storing, carting items around and presenting unique items for the raffle. This brings the club approximately \$600 each year in revenue. This money brings more quality to our Ring.

Michael needs more items for the auction to keep the momentum going. Everyone has some magic "stuff" (not junk) we could clear from our shelves and contribute to the Ring to continue the fundraising. Please bring some items to the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Call Michael (714) 965-0101 if you want to be sure that your gifts are appropriate.

I look forward to the summer months with our ring. We will have a pasteboards workshop in May and have the picnic, and Johnny Ace Palmer lecture this summer!

Magically yours,

*Chris Wynkoop*, President, The John Fedko Ring

Honored to be your Pres

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 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](mailto:Chris@WynkoopCPA.com)

**Please Note: Videotaping of lecturers is only allowed with the direct permission of the lecturer. Please observe this courtesy.**

### **Coming Events at Ring 313**

April 30, 2013	Pasteboards master magician <b>Richard Turner</b> takes center stage
May 28, 2013	<b>Card Workshop with members.</b>
June 25, 2013	to be announced
July 30, 2013	to be announced

## **Welcome NEW Members**

**Jeromy Chan** has been practicing magic since 2000. He began using Henry Hay's Encyclopedia of Magic as his foundation. He is interested in learning more about the history of magic and he wants to contribute to the operations of the Ring. 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.

### **IBM Ring 313 Officers and Directors for 2013**

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**Please consider donating tricks and equipment to our Raffle Coordinator (**Michael van Horn**) or Junior's Program Coordinators (**Kent Kwan and Annie Young**) as is appropriate. Thank you!**

Please bring a folding chair (or two) if you can. Richard Turner will attract a huge audience. We will need additional seating. If bring chairs and get here early you are going to get preferred seating in the first two rows. Bring your friends too!

# You can become a Sponsor for Ring 313 in 2013

Here is how to become a Sponsoring Member.

IBM Ring 313 is your club. You can participate in many ways. Some folks have put themselves forward as leaders, serving as elected officers or members of the board of directors. Many members help by inviting friends to join us as either members or guests; that is a important method of ensuring the success of the Ring.

Some folks participate by purchasing Raffle tickets or donating items for use by the Raffle boss. Others are eager to perform or to teach sleights or effects. These members immediately step forward on member performance nights. Still others find a way to help by staying late to put the chairs and tables back in place. Your cooperation and participation make the Ring fun and educational! Thank you!

There is another method that some members can use to help Ring 313 ensure that we remain a quality ring that thrives with excellent programming. Not everyone can participate in this way, however those who can will make a big difference in the overall enjoyment of membership in Ring 313. This new method is to become a **Sponsoring Member of IBM Ring 313**. Sponsoring Members donate funds in addition to their annual dues. As a Sponsoring Member, you celebrate that you can support the club in a way that many of our members cannot. We promise your money will magically be used for fun and education in the club.

Please consider becoming a Sponsoring Member for 2013 in the following categories.

**Mesmerzing Sponsor**

**\$50 level**

**Linking Sponsor**

**\$100 level**

**Houdini Sponsor**

**\$150 and above**

If you are able to help in this way, we will acknowledge your support in every way that is magically possible. Your name will be listed (if you desire) as a Sponsoring member. Sponsoring payments can be made in a lump sum or quarterly. Please arrange your plan with Treasurer Chris Wynkoop.



## BROKEN WAND CEREMONY

President Chris Wynkoop conducted the Broken Wand Ceremony on March 26, 2013 in memory of former Ring 313 president Belinda Kaesler. Belinda joined the Ring early in its formation and served as President in 2002 and 2003. When she relocated to San Diego she was selected as Territorial Vice President for the Central District of California. Ring 313 is in the Central District so Belinda continued to serve the interests of our Ring.



Belinda was a wonderful and loving person. Everyone who knew her enjoyed her warm smile and gentle humor. She performed elegantly as a magician charming her audiences with her inner and outer beauty. A memorial service was held in San Diego on April 5, 2013. Ring 313 members Kevin Brown, Todd Reis, Sherri Newberg, Rich Willis, and Philip Henderson attended the services.



## Desperate Acts of Magic, a new motion picture---review by Barry Matas



‘Jason is not the magician he wishes he was. Bored with his life as a computer programmer, he dreams of becoming a professional magician. Stacy achieved that dream, only to be spit out by the male-dominated magic establishment, leaving her to fend for herself on the street passing the hat to tourists, and picking pockets. They both have something to prove. The Brotherhood of Magicians Competition gives them one last shot at success. But as the sparks fly between them, will Stacy pull Jason into her life of crime?’

*-from the press kit*

The cast and crew include, Joe Tyler Gold, Valerie Dillman, Jonathan Levit, Tom Ogden, Rob Zabrecky, Nathan Burton, Brian Gillis, and John Getz. In addition, David Regal and Tony Clark were the lead magic consultants.

I watched the trailer and did some reading about the movie. I am captivated by the way the movie empowers all magicians to incorporate women into the magic scene as more than skimpy clad assistants. It is more than a love story, and I’m looking forward to seeing it. Yes, that is Todd Reis in the background. Hello banana man!

This film opens on May 10, 2013 in North Hollywood at the **Laemmle NOHO 7**. Visit the movie website at <http://www.desperateactsofmagic.com/> for more information about the film.

May 10-16, 2013, 1pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm  
[Laemmle NOHO 7](#)  
5240 Lankershim Boulevard  
North Hollywood, CA 91601  
Joe Tyler Gold the writer / co-director, co-producer, co-editor  
Tammy Caplan co-director, co-producer, co-editor)





**PHOENIX 2013**  
July 17-20, 2013

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Magical*



## REGISTER TODAY

[www.Magician.Org](http://www.Magician.Org)

This is your Opportunity to attend the **85<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL I.B.M. CONVENTION** and see: Michael Finney, Mike Chao, Mike Douglas, Mike Michaels, Mike Bent, Mikaël Szanyiel, Mike Giles, Tony Chris, Mike Dardant, Curtis Cam, Diamond Jim Tyler, Rich Bloch, Jean Paul Olhaberry . . . and more!

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If you 19 years old or under, please come early (July 15, 2013) and attend the 1<sup>st</sup> **I.B.M. Lance Burton Teen Seminar** – Hosted by **Jeff McBride** and **Eugene Burger**. Lectures, Workshops and Special Guests! Teens may attend

the Lance Burton Teen Seminar at no additional charge if registered for the convention.

Phoenix, Arizona calls you to attend a great gathering of magicians. Several members of IBM Ring 313 are planning to participate in this year's convention. Will you join the party too?



Every Friday afternoon the **LUNCH BUNCH** meets at Carrows Restaurant in Huntington Beach. More than twenty local magicians break bread and share new ideas about magic. If you haven't been to the lunch bunch recently, put it on your calendar. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. Come join us and have some fun with magic! The Friday Lunch Bunch of magic begins at 12 o'clock on the zenith.

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

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

**April 30, 2013** has a very special performer from Texas, Mr. Richard Turner. Turner is regarded by many as the best card magician alive today. He serves as a consultant to the U.S. Playing Card Company to help them develop playing cards that meet the demanding standards of magicians and professional card players. We are honored to host this special lecture from a master of the pasteboards.

**May 28, 2013** we will continue our tradition of hosting a pasteboards sleight of hand practice session. Members will demonstrate to each other favorite methods of manipulating playing cards to the amazement and delight of audiences young and old. Bring a couple of decks of cards, including at least one deck that you can destroy so you can practice some of the favorite handlings that separate real magicians from ordinary card cheats.



# Ring 313 Magnificent Seven



Photograph by David Peltier on March 26, 2013 at IBM Ring 313 Meeting

## Presidents of IBM RING 313 The Magnificent Seven

Chris Smith aka <i>MagicSmith</i> . . . . .	1998
Dan McKinnon aka <i>Danny Magic</i> . . . . .	2000
Chris Wynkoop . . . . .	2013
Kyle Merck . . . . .	2001
Todd Reis . . . . .	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Kevin Brown . . . . .	2008, 2009, 2010
Jay Leslie . . . . .	2011, 2012

At our meeting on March 26, 2013, Chris Smith honored us as our guest lecturer. This is the first time that so many of our presidents have attended the same meeting. I am certain that Chris Smith's lecture made this an important occasion for several former presidents who made a special effort to attend this meeting. When Chris Wynkoop presides at our meetings, he usually sees Jay Leslie, Kevin Brown, and Todd Reis in the audience. Recently, we have been pleased to see that Kyle Merck has returned. To attend, Merck commutes from some distance in his new home outside of Orange County. Kyle also encouraged two friends to join our Ring. Dan McKinnon lectured at Ring 313 two years ago. We are encouraged that our leaders stay connected with the activities of Ring 313. These leaders must be hereafter known as **The Magnificent Seven!**

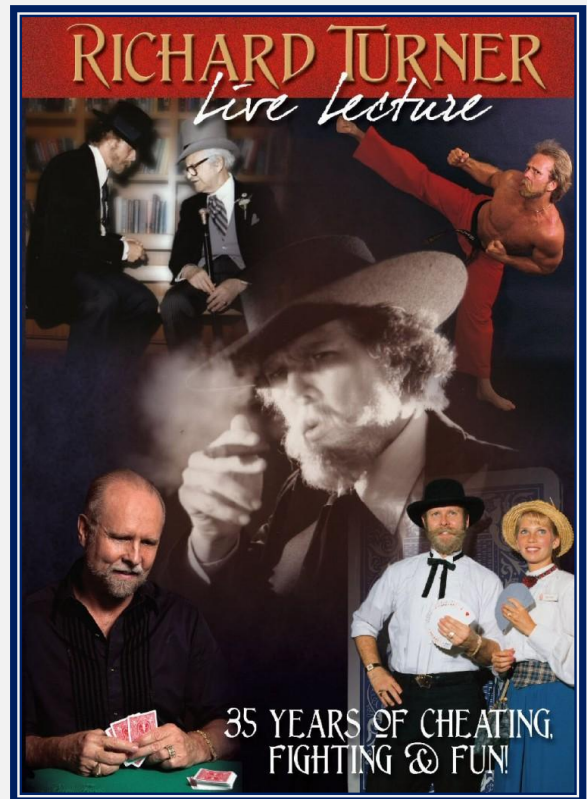
# The MagicSmith returns Home

President Chris

Wynkoop introduced our evening's lecturer Mr. Chris Smith, known to many as "The Magic Smith." Chris was a founding member of Ring 313. In addition, in 1998 he became the second person to serve as president of the Ring. Chris's lecture focused on how he begins with a kernel of an idea and develops that idea into a product in the MagicSmith line. Typically, Smith produces two new items annually. When asked how long it takes to bring an idea to production, Smith replied that he has dozens of ideas in his files. His ideas begin with the effect without concern about a method. When he feels like he has a great effect, his next step is to develop a method to produce the effect. Smith stressed that one must focus on the effect first. When he has a great idea for an effect, it is relatively easy to create a method. He will experiment discovering several options that produce his desired effect. Next, he simplifies the methods until he has one method that is reliable that can be produced commercially.

Commercial production is important for the MagicSmith. He wants his fellow prestidigitators to be eager to use his effects. Smith then begins to source vendors who can produce the plastic, wood, fabric, metal, or electrical components required for the effect. He wants to offer a quality product that will serve the interests of professional and amateur magicians. MagicSmith designs effects that amateur performers can use to entertain friends, family and even *ad hoc* for strangers. When a stranger discovers that you are a magician, Chris Smith wants you to be able to pull a MagicSmith effect out of your pocket so you can instantly produce a magical effect. He wants his products to be durable, easy to maintain, and within the ability of a wide-range of performers. For example, he engineers his effects so they are made with high quality components that will not break when used as they are intended. When a method uses a battery cell, he engineers the piece so that the batteries can be purchased at any convenience store and can be replaced using simple tools. Many items are engineered so that a professional can use the item hundreds of times a year without having to replace batteries or other devices.

About one-third of the members present have purchased from the MagicSmith; members were particularly eager to see his new line of effects. Chris Smith got the magic bug early in life. While he enjoys performing for audiences, it is clear that he has found his dream occupation in magic. He gets great pleasure from watching other performers using his effects. His passion for making quality magical effects is evident as he demonstrated more than twenty effects available from Magic Smith.



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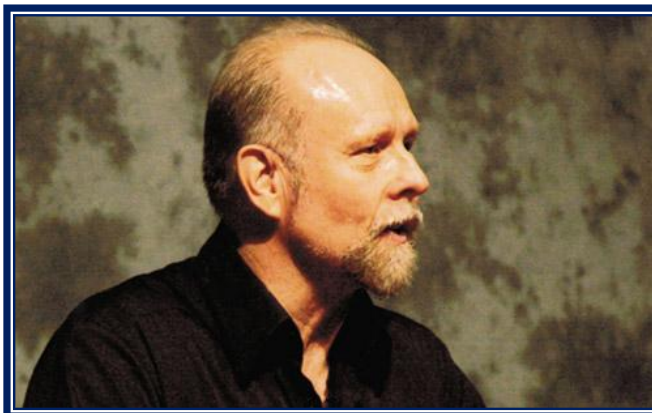
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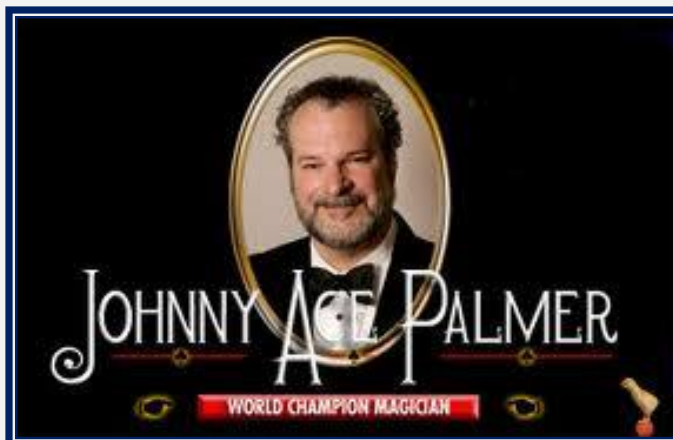
## Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the **Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine**. Coastal Fertility building in the Community Room. Directions and map at [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

<b>Tuesday, April 27, 2013</b>	7 pm	<b>Richard Turner, cardician extraordinaire, consultant to U.S. Playing Card Company</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 28, 2013</b>	7 pm	<b>Pasteboard Workshop. You have learned a lot from our lecturers, now it is time to practice what you learned.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2013</b>	7 pm	<b>To be announced</b>

Can you guess who is coming to Ring 313 on July 30, 2013?

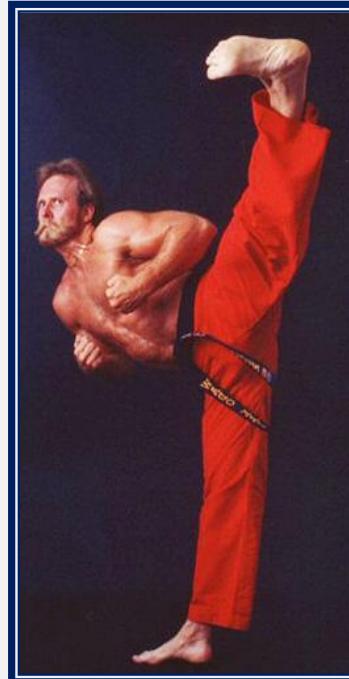
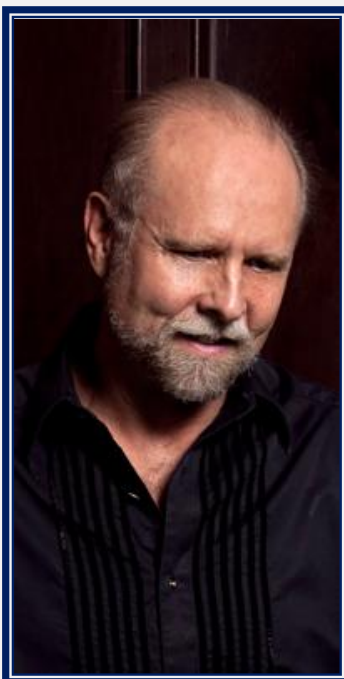
Anyone want a "chicken nugget?"





# RICHARD TURNER

Richard Turner



Richard Turner

**IBM Ring 313 Hosts an evening with Richard Turner**  
**Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 7 PM**

**Community Meeting Room IRWD  
 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California**

IBM Ring 313 hosts a special evening of entertainment, practical magic effects, and hands on work from master magician Richard Turner. What Turner can do with a deck of cards is so outstanding that his work appears to be real magic. Turner is a legendary finger flicker who is able to make a deck of playing cards live according to his will. The US Playing Card company employs him to examine their product to determine if the cards meet the high standards required of professionals. They also produce the Mandolin Back playing cards that were designed by Turner just for magicians. Having been blind since the age of nine, Richard reveals how to fully use all of your senses, including vision. Oh, by the way he is a Black Belt in several Martial Arts. We are particularly pleased that Turner is visiting our Ring. He has Southern California roots but this is his first lecture in many years in this community.



**The JOHN FEDKO Ring**

"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."



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.*

