



# Legerdemain Digest

## IBM Ring 313

### The John Fedko Ring

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



A special thanks to **Kevin Brown** for all the effort he put into the October spooky magic extravaganza. Not only did he arrange the performers but he brought in several props and presented quite a show. And, it turns out his grandma was a good-looking babe! Thanks Kevin.

**Michael Van Horn** is stepping down as Raffle Meister...and **James Hjorth** has agreed to step up to the plate and handle the raffle beginning in November. The raffle brings our club more than \$600 per year in revenue. That provides for at least two lecturers. It is a **big** and important job. The next time you see Michael or James thank them. The next time we

have a raffle, buy some tickets! Support the Ring and our Raffle Meister.

Our meeting in December is very early in the month. **Mark the date, December 10, 2013.** This is our Holiday/Christmas party meeting. This is a fun, fraternal time; I hope to see you there. This is also a member performance night. During the holiday's we spend a lot of time with family and friends telling stories about the events of the year that affected our lives. It is one of my favorite meetings. Bring a favorite holiday dish and share in the magic.

Below, you will find the ballot for officers and directors for 2014. If you see your name on the ballot, thank you for stepping up to a leadership position. If you do not see your name on the ballot, please give a magical thank you those who have agreed to join the leadership team on your behalf. You will notice there is a great deal of continuity between the old and new leaders. We are eager to get new leaders on board. Give some thought to how you might fill one of these positions next year.

January's lecture is the remarkable **Professor Arthur Benjamin**. If you have ever had trouble with math, this guy will totally baffle you. Being a CPA, my days are constantly full of numbers. Whenever the electricity goes out and my calculator does not work, I call Arthur... come to the meeting and you'll see why.

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](mailto:Chris@WynkoopCPA.com)

## Coming Events at Ring 313

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  
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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

# Slate of Candidates for Officers & Directors

## IBM Ring 313 for 2014

Election to be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at  
Regular meeting of Ring 313

Send your ballot or vote in person at the meeting.

Officer or Director	Candidate	Write In nominations
President	Chris Wynkoop	
Vice President	Victor Cohn	
Secretary	Philip Henderson	
Treasurer	Chris Wynkoop	
Sergeant at Arms	Jim Cardman Greene	
Newsletter Editor	Philip Henderson	
Raffle Meister	James Hjorth	
Webmaster	Cornelius Wilson	
Junior's Program	Annie Young and Kent Kwan	
Director at Large	Todd Reis	
Director at Large	Jay Leslie	
Director at Large	Kevin Brown	
Director at Large	John Fedko	

### November 26, 2013, Magic Castle favorite, Rich

**Crowley earned** his chops as a street performer in the City of Brotherly Love (aka Philadelphia). Rich 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.



# What is a Magician?

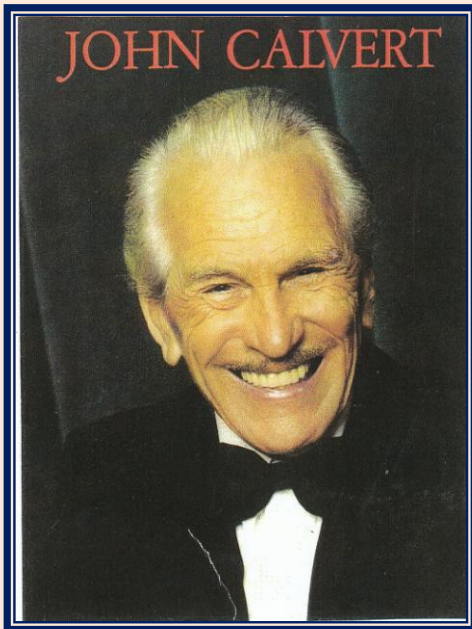
A magician, called by another name, is still a magician. Among performers who qualify as magician are Juggler, Clown, Mime, Sorcerer, Balloon artist, Puppeteer, Street magician, Grifter, Jester, Grand Illusionist, Parlour entertainer, Mentalist, Conjuror, Houdini, Escape Artist, Necromancer, and actors. When you call someone a genius, you might refer to the person as an "Einstein," likewise when you call someone a magician, often someone calls you a "Houdini."

What these performers have in common is they practice an art form that requires years of study to perfect so they can demonstrate to the public simple and complex acts that appear to be opposed to some of the natural laws of science. Magicians appear to make one object turn into another object. Magicians appear to make one object move from a known position into an unlikely unknown position (card to lemon). Magicians appear to pull solid items from empty space and then with the full attention of the audience, returns those items to the ether from whence they came.

To earn the appellation magician, a performer must study diligently, usually with a mentor to guide the way. The study includes countless hours of practice before live audiences. Until the performer has experienced repeated trouble with his hands, his mind, his practical tools, and his audience, he is not prepared to entertain. Having all the issues that could ruin your performance occurring repeatedly, the magician is now prepared to handle these obstacles with grace, magnificence, and cleverness. Merely following the steps in a packet trick is not yet magic. We aspire to earn the designation magician because our work is sublimely entertaining . . . and somewhat convincing. If you believe your magic is real, your audience may go along with you.

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## Remembering John Calvert



Ring 313 was fortunate to host lectures from John Calvert and Tammy in April 1999 and again in January 2009 at age 97. John was born on August 5, 1911 and left the stage for the last time on September 27, 2013 with more than 100 years of magic in between. His legacy guides all who desire a life devoted to entertainment.

After the meeting in April 1999, I guided John and Tammy to their hotel room located at the *La Quinta Inn* on Sand Canyon, merely a half mile away. He drove a large truck that was pulling a twenty- foot long travel trailer. John deftly backed the vehicle and trailer in the dark, into the only space in the parking lot that would fit his rig. As far as I was concerned, parking that rig in the dark was his largest magic act of the evening. He was 97 years young! Stepping down from the truck, he offered to shake my hand. I discovered that my own large hand was lost in his enormous mitt. His powerful grip was surprising too. John was 97 years young, strong at heart and strong in body.

John Calvert proved that one can live to enjoy a century of magic. What a life he enjoyed. Thank you John and Tammy!

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013**  
**IBM Ring 313, The John Fedko Ring**  
*presents*

# Rich Cowley



Face it, you have seen this prestidigitator perform at the Magic Castle, but on November 26, 2013 he's bringing the show to **Orange County**. Cowley has brought magic to new heights, he is also known as the marrying magician. ♥ I'll allow Rich to explain how he won this appellation. I am not going to say that Rich Cowley was run out of Philadelphia because he was a street magician, that wouldn't be fair, and it wouldn't be true. Cowley patrolled the friendly city of Philadelphia for more than twenty years, honing his magic art in the city of brotherly love. We are fortunate that finally he was drawn to the Magic Castle. Now in Hollywood, he's off the streets, inside the Castle, where the marks come to him.

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.  
**Members only event; guest membership available inquire with Ring Secretary.**

"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."



## Member 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.

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

# 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 effects \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Love to teach magic \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Other \_\_\_\_\_



14. Tell us what you think about Ring 313.

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

<b>Tuesday, November 26, 2013</b>	7pm	<b>A lecture from Rich Cowley</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 10, 2013</b>	7pm	<b>Holiday Party for all Magicians</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 28, 2014</b>	7pm	<b>Arthur Benjamin, a Math Magician</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 25, 2014</b>	7 pm	<b>Lecturer to be announced later</b>

**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. 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**

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.

