

Legerdemain Digest



IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the President –

(sounds official, doesn't it?)



What's in a name? It's always amazed me that attendance is higher when a lecturer is better known. The truth is that we are fortunate enough to be in one of the two US regions where great magicians live but unless you developed a household name like Scott Boeger (Worlds greatest escape artist), Dick Berry or SUDS, most are relatively unknown (including myself).

Most famous magicians initially had sponsorship that took them from being obscure to being stars. My point is that just because someone's name isn't familiar to you, that shouldn't make you apprehensive from attending the lecture. Take for example Tim Mannix who was well received yet very few of you knew him before his appearance and our last lecturer Phil Van Tee, enough said.

I believe that skill is more important than notoriety and experience is more important than "who's hot." Different performers use similar effects differently. We can expand our repertory by closing observing the differences that can inspire our own routines. Therefore, in the coming year, my goal is to have a variety of lecturers who have talent, whether they are well known or not. The next time we have a lecturer you've never heard of, get up from your couch and come to the meeting. If you don't attend all we can say is, you have no idea what you missed.

Jay Leslie, President IBM Ring 313

Coming Events at Ring 313

January 31, 2012 *Martin Lewis* to lecture

February 28, 2012 *Alfonso* to lecture

March 28, 2012 Playing card workshop practicing the sleights of forcing, peeking, and revelations.

Editors Note: *Jim Greene* and *Philip Henderson* are the new editors for *Legerdemain Digest*. Please remember to thank Annie Young, Kent Kwan, and Diane Tamura for their hard work. Send your ideas, story contributions, and advertising to Philip Henderson at PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net or to Jim Greene at ocmagic@live.com.



JOHN FEDKO is being treated for leukemia.

Philip Henderson reports that **JOHN FEDKO** has been diagnosed with a form of *Lymphocytic Leukemia*. John received a six-hour chemo treatment, the first of five scheduled sessions, on Friday, December 23, 2011, at a local hospital. Doctors told John that he should expect at least three months at home to recover from the illness and the chemotherapy. John's wife *Catherine* is a nurse. She is caring for him, with the help of a daughter and two-granddaughters. Remember that Cathy has her own medical challenges with diabetes, among other ailments. I spoke with John on Thursday, December 22, 2011. He asked me to tell the members of Ring 313 that he is fighting this cancer and expects to return in full force. If you would like to send a card or letter, John Fedko's mailing address is: 13111 Flint Drive, Santa Ana, California 92705.

Triny Peller (February 2, 1919-December 22, 2011)

"IBM Ring 313 mourns the death of long-time member Triny Peller, widow of *Albert Peller*. Triny and Al were fixtures in the Los Angeles area, generously and passionately supporting the art of magic in many venues.

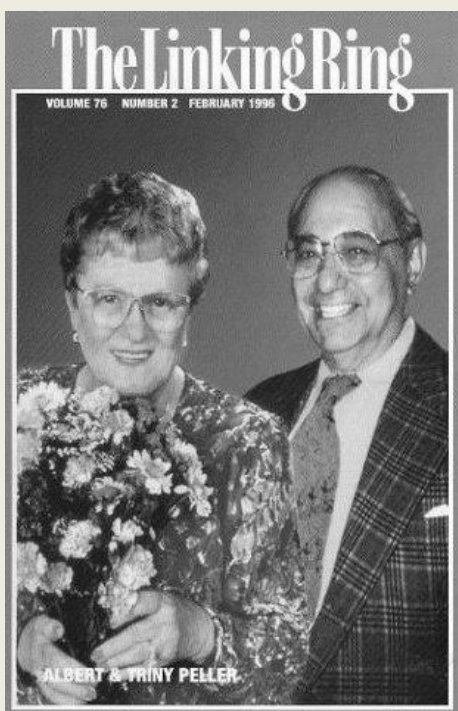
Triny was born *Catherine Bichler* in Luxembourg. She met Albert Peller when she was a translator at the Nuremberg War Trials and he was an American US Army attorney. Both Triny and Albert were graduates of the Chavez School of Magic. Triny was a generous patron of the Art of Magic. The Society of American Magicians, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Magic Castle and many local magic clubs and magicians were recipients of her generosity. Triny donated the money for the Peller theater at the Magic Castle in Albert's memory.

Triny had been living under the exceptional care of "Granny's Place" in Mission Viejo for some time, and as a final act of good will to benefit others, she asked that her body be donated to the USC School of Medicine for research to benefit the health and well-being of those who follow. Triny passed

away on December 22, and is survived by a sister and nephew living in Germany."

Triny Peller was a good friend to Ring 313. She sponsored our contests; donated and purchased books for our library and helped the Ring get its financial footing in the early days of the Ring. She continued to be supportive of the activities of young magicians despite her illnesses.

I, *Philip Henderson*, will remember Triny Peller as the lovely woman with an angelic smile and a slight European accent. She usually sat in the back of the room. Her friendly presence encouraged the members of Ring 313 to become excellent magicians. She was a graceful woman of the old school.





Chris Wynkoop's Treasurer's Report . . .

Money, yeah we got money. It's right here in this "change bag." Oops, well it was it the bag. Those are the immortal words from our Treasurer, [Chris Wynkoop](#).

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

IBM 910.75

Library Petty Cash 30.00

Raffle Petty Cash 30.00

Total Checking/Savings 970.75

TOTAL ASSETS 970.75

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings 2,108.35

Net Income -1,137.60

Total Equity 970.75

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PROFIT & LOSS

January through December 2011

Income

Dues, Members and Guests 1,447.00

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Raffle Income 328.00

Total Income 1,875.00

Expense

Annual Picnic 268.83

Bank Charge 138.00

Lecture Fee 1,950.00

News Letter 136.32

Supplies Secretary 120.95

Lodging 86.90

Youth Related 311.60

Total Expense 3,012.60

Net Income -1,137.60

We are looking forward to another great year in 2012. Thank you for your support of IBM Ring 313 as members and guests.



The IBM Ring 313 Officers and Directors for 2012

The Officers and Directors took their Oath of Office at the December 27, 2011 meeting held at the Irvine Ranch Water District corporate offices. Secretary *Philip Henderson* administered the Oath in the absence of the Ring's Founder, *John Fedko*. Congratulations and good luck to the officers, directors, and members of Ring 313 in 2012.

Magician *Lauro Castillo*, winner of first prize for stage magic at the Orange County Magic Club in 2011 was the opening act of a holiday party attended by more than forty members and guests of the Ring. Castillo, a recent arrival from Maui, Hawaii must have thought we were going to have a lot of rain, he certainly brought enough umbrellas to keep everyone dry. Castillo is a charming and talented performer who makes a strong positive connection to his audience. He is certainly a prize-winning performer!

Following *Lauro Castillo* on the stage was FISM performer *KARCH*. KARCH distributed white globes at random to six members of the audience. On each ball were the names of famous cities from around the world, locations such as Las Vegas, Beverly Hills, London, Paris, and Moscow. Those holding the globes were asked to look at the various cities and choose silently one of the cities on their globe as a place they might want to visit. KARCH then read their minds. One by one, he identified the city chosen by each person. Next, he invited several audience members on stage to play KARCH's version of Liars Poker. The players randomly chose a card that had only one letter printed on it. After identifying their secret letter, they hid the card in their hands or pockets. By the time KARCH had identified the correct letter held by each player, I was convinced that KARCH was reading minds.

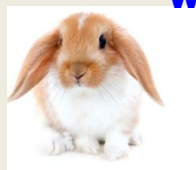
We enjoyed the entertainment from *Lauro Castillo* and *KARCH* as well as the holiday foods brought in by members.

Officers and Directors for 2012

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What do you call a magician who has lost his rabbit?



Hareless!



Philip is the guy on the far right sitting on Esther's, his mom, lap. Philip's father, Mose Henderson, is holding Philip's sister, Yvonne.

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

Our next regular meeting is **January 31, 2012** at the Irvine Ranch Water District starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting will feature a lecture by legendary performer *Martin Lewis*. Please arrive early to assure yourself a good seat. Martin is the son and



grandson of magicians. He hails from England, so the slight accent is honestly earned. Martin is a performer, inventor, writer, and magic consultant. He touches

many bases in the profession. Come prepared with questions, he will have wisdom to share so don't be shy.

Our February 28, 2012 meeting will feature a lecture from *ALFONSO*, Magic's Mr. Natural! If you are a regular visitor to the Magic Castle, you

are certain to have watched this suave young performer entertaining the guests at various locations in the Castle. ALFONSO specializes in close up performance and particularly enjoys using the pasteboards. We are happy to invite him for the first time to RING 313 to share his special form of magic.



The March 27, 2012 meeting is Pasteboard workshop evening. Come to show your favorite methods to force cards, peek, glimpse, or steal cards to produce miraculous revelations. This is a hands-on workshop, bring your own playing cards and get ready for some fun. Double lifts, false cuts, flourishes, the *Hindu* and *Faro* shuffle, spreads, one-hand shuffles, color changes, the *Mercury* card fold versus other methods, and many other card sleights are on the agenda.



Junior's Corner

By Annie Young

working. The Orange County Great Park in Irvine invited our Junior Magicians to perform and teach magic to attendees. *Tommy, Domenic, Chris, and Aaron* showed up dressed to the nines! It was a fun night! As Tommy said, "Working at the Great Park was a great experience. I performed in front of all age groups, from little children to elderly adults. I used to be nervous when performing in front of strangers, but I found myself enjoying going up to people to show tricks. I was able to realize how much I like seeing the smiles and amazement of the people and felt happy that I was making their New Year's Eve a bit more fun and memorable. It was truly an enjoyable night. Thank you everyone that made this event possible."



Magically Fun Facts Which statement is true?

Magicians are known for keeping secrets, this is one way to make their performances special; audiences are encouraged to believe that our amazing effects could be the result of intervention from the 'dark side.' However, within the brotherhood of magicians, we honor the truths that make our art special. Which of the statements below is true? Only one is true, the rest are merely misdirection's.

1. The Mercury fold was developed by David Blaine while vacationing on the planet Mercury.
2. Doves are really a breed of pigeons. We call them doves so audiences will see them as magical.
3. The *Elmsley* Count is the name of *Dracula's* brother-in-law.
4. Poor magicians produce rabbits out of a stew pot; when magicians have money, they produce rabbits out of a top hat.
5. *Jay Leslie's* real name is *Simon K. Leftkovietch*; he was born in the hamlet of Transylvania located in the mountains of Pennsylvania. J. Leslie is a Count.

Please send your answer to *Barry Matos* at MerlinWestCoast@netscape.net. The first ten correct answers will receive **one free raffle ticket** for the January 2012 meeting that features **Martin Lewis** as guest lecturer.

RAFFLE Nooz

Congratulations to [Liz Breach](#), the lucky winner of the December Raffle. Liz went home \$120.00 richer in the winner take all holiday party raffle. Along with the cash, she took home a gift basket compliments of member [Steven Longacre](#). Thanks to Raffle Director, [Michael van Horn](#) for an exciting and magical Raffle program. At the December meeting, Van Horn contributed another \$100 to the General Fund from the operations of the Raffle for a total of \$328 for 2011.

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Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine. Directions and map at www.Ring313.org.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012	7 pm	Ring LITE at Knowlwood Restaurant, Irvine an opportunity to try out new tricks and sleights
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	7pm	Regular meeting with lecture by Martin Lewis
Tuesday, February 14, 2012	7 pm	Ring LITE at Knowlwood Restaurant, Irvine an opportunity to try out new tricks and sleights
Saturday, February 19, 2012	2-4 pm	Junior Magicians Club meeting. At home of Leader of the Pack
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	7 pm	Regular meeting with lecturer, Internationally known magician, Alfonso , direct from Hollywood's Magic Castle

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Tuesday, January 31, 2012

7:00 PM at the Irvine Ranch Water District



Martin Lewis



Be certain to meet our January 2012 Lecturer, Martin Lewis. As a third generation magician, Martin always shares a wealth of usable and popular magic. In the past Martin has shown us *Cardiographic*, the *Mardo Egg bag*, and the *McAbee Linking Rings* you'll see more innovations this January 31st. Always a crowd-pleaser and always full of insight, this is Martin's third appearance at our club.

Doors open at 6:00 pm our meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

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Admission free for IBM members; guests will pay a \$10.00 fee.

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