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IBM Ring 313

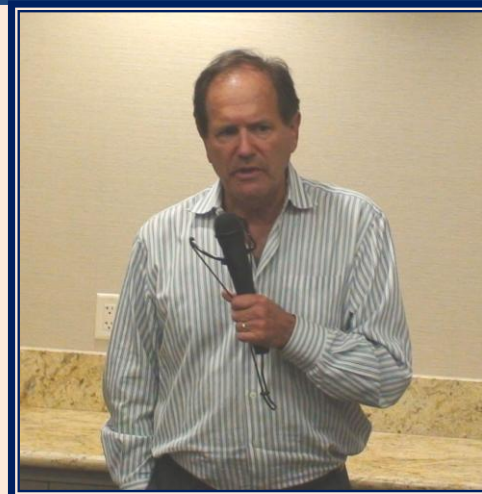
The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the President

Our August meeting featured John Carney. Always one of the favorites, Mr. Mysto's technique, acting and teaching abilities are among the best. Everyone that attended learned from the best. In September, we will partake in what is the heart of a magic club, learning from each other in a workshop. We have so many knowledgeable and talented members who love to share the art with those of us eager to learn more. October brings the time our members perform. Please contact Kevin Brown (949) 347-0305 to let him know you will be performing.



Our November lecture is Al Lampkin. Lampkin was selected as BEST CLOSE-UP MAGICIAN of the year by the Pacific Coast of Magicians' and BEST COMEDY ACT of the year by the International Brotherhood of Magicians as well as performing frequently at the world famous [HOLLYWOOD MAGIC CASTLE](#). He is also the author of two books on magic and is the immediate past President of the Salt Lake City Ring of the [INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS](#). He has performed as a comedian and magician in 25 countries on 5 continents, on cruise ships, at fairs, in concerts, theaters, casinos, comedy rooms and at private events that use [corporate entertainers](#). He has shared the stage with countless super-stars including Johnny Cash, Carol Burnett, Joan Rivers, Jerry Van Dyke, Henny Youngman, Crystal Gayle, The Pointer Sisters, Charlie Pride, Reba McEntyre, Belamy Brothers, Kool and the Gang, and many others.

December will be our Christmas party. Date, time and location will be sent out.

Magically yours,

Chris Wynkoop,

Proud to be the RING 313 President

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





Maestro John Carney delights a packed audience

Photographic images courtesy of Jay Leslie

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, more than sixty-five members and guests filled a standing room only lecture by John Carney. Most members had come expecting to hear the magical thoughts of Mr. Mysto. At the last moment Mysto was called to perform a miracle in the Bermuda Triangle. However, he coaxed John Carney to fill in for him. Carney's magical lecture was sublime and wonderful.

Carney urged magicians to think, experiment, and practice to ensure that they get a little bit better every week. He urged us to simplify our performances. He learned how important simplification is to magicians from his work with The Professor, Dai Vernon. When we simplify our work we improve the effect for our audiences and we eliminate unnecessary moves that invite errors. Carney has gotten some of his best effects because he did not stop with the first idea. He kept thinking and experimenting until he had several ideas that he could compare with each other. Keeping yourself open to improving your performance requires experimentation. Simplifying is hard work.

Often young performers focus on perfecting the newest "method." When the method is better than the effect, then the performer has lost his/her way. Low tech methods often are more reliable than some modern ideas. Audiences do not care about your method, they are entertained by who you are. Carney suggested that a great deal of improvement occurs just by slowing down the performance. This slower pace gives the audience time to enjoy your effects. Some performers are so quick that the audience misses the magical moment. Carney learned from Michael Skinner that every trick should have a "magic moment."



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 guys always ending 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 know more about, please contact me.

Chris Wynkoop: chris@wynkoopcpa.com or cell (949)929-0829.

Thank you!

James Hjorth, Josh Serrano, Steven, and Yvette Fibel

Thanks to James Hjorth for his outstanding and energetic work as Raffle Meister for 2014. James brought huge energy and great ideas to excite members to participate in our monthly raffle program. Unfortunately for us, James is relocating to North Carolina. However, we are grateful that Josh Serrano has stepped forward to run the raffle program. Josh has been a Junior member for several years, but now, as a high school graduate, he has become a Regular member. Please take time to thank him for stepping forward into a leadership role at the John Fedko Ring.

Thanks are also due to Steven and Yvette Fibel who volunteered to assist Josh Serrano in this role by storing the raffle items at their home. Steven and Yvette will be raffle meister assistants. If everyone steps forward to do something, even a little bit, the club is the beneficiary. Thank you Steven and Yvette.

Josh wants to make certain that the operation of the monthly raffle meets your expectations, needs, and desires. He has made a short survey so you can tell him what you think an IDEAL raffle program will look like. Please answer the questions below and send your response directly to Josh Serrano.

The Josh Serrano Raffle Meister Survey for 2014 Please tell me what you think is IDEAL!

1. What items would you like to see more of at the raffle?

- a) books
- b) DVD's
- c) pocket tricks
- g) something else _____

- d) parlor or stage tricks
- e) coin work
- f) cards

2. On a ten-point scale, where do you place raffles?

| Hate them | | Neutral | | | | Love them | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

3. On a ten-point scale, where do you place auctions?

| Hate them | | Neutral | | | | Love them | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

4. Raffle tickets are \$2 for one or three tickets for \$5.00 is this okay with you?

5. What changes would make the raffle/auction program more fun for you and get you to purchase more tickets or bid on an auction? Be creative, the raffle program helps raise money to pay for guest lecturers. We want the program to be both fun and profitable.

6. Do you have items you want to donate to the raffle program?



EDITORIAL

Where are the Magicians?

By *Philip Henderson*, IBM Ring 313 Secretary

IBM Ring 313 is enjoying another great year of activities with lectures, picnics, junior contests, raffles, and good fellowship. Your leadership team is honored to provide the energy and work required to keep the Ring in first class

shape. Nonetheless, our Ring, and every magic club in our area, is facing a crisis. When I joined IBM in 1997, I was only fifty years old. Today, I am still one of the younger members of the Ring. Our members are retiring, dying, moving out of the area, and declining to step forward to lead the Ring in the year 2015 and beyond. The cure for our illness is a youth movement.

An infusion of young blood in the Ring will feel uncomfortable at first because youth has its own way of preserving, studying, honoring, and enjoying the art of magic. They bring ideas that jar our sense of what is right. They will ask questions that will make us feel uncomfortable. They will want to participate in events that are unfamiliar to magicians who have honed their artistic magic for five decades and longer. Nonetheless, these young people are the future of magic. We will benefit by embracing them, welcoming them into the John Fedko Ring.

We must work with the Orange County Magic Club, IBM Ring 96 and every other local magic organization to encourage young men and women to become active in our magician's clubs. I have served as secretary since 2006; before 2006, I served as treasurer for four years. I am still eager to serve the Ring in every way that I can. However, I think it is time for someone else to step up to the plate. Instead of one person doing many tasks, we are better served if many folks are ready to fill in the empty spaces. I was unable to produce a separate July edition of Legerdemain Digest because of my work at the 2014 Orange County Fair. Wouldn't it be great if my understudy (or partner) had stepped in to produce that edition?

We need more leaders for IBM Ring 313. We need young leaders who will remain with the club for decades to come. Unless we develop a youth movement, the John Fedko Ring will not endure. Teenage magicians are using the Internet to communicate with each other and to learn how to be a magician. Learning how to connect to them on their turf then inviting them to join us live with an entertaining evening of magic is the key to our legacy.

Each of us has a role we can play to ensure the future of the John Fedko Ring. Some of us know young magicians we can invite to join our club. We must use the most creative means we can imagine to encourage young people to participate. Long time members can serve as mentors to young magicians. Each of us learned the art of magic because a wise and talented magician took an interest in us, then taught us how to behave as a real magician. If

you have been performing for several decades and do not yet have someone who sees you as a mentor, then you are missing a wonder filled experience. Few days are more satisfying than when the protégé magician demonstrates to you his/her mastery of an effect you have been working on together.

Below are nine activities you can do to ensure the future of magic in Orange County.

Keep Magic Alive in Orange County using Nine Methods

1. Bring young people to the next Ring meeting, children and grandchild count too!
2. Tell president Chris Wynkoop that you want to volunteer to serve as a mentor to a young magician.
3. Tell vice-president Victor Cohn that you want to visit a local high school drama department to demonstrate magic as a performing art.
4. Notify treasurer Chris Wynkoop that you are prepared to donate money for scholarships for young magicians.
5. Call secretary Philip Henderson and sign up for a leadership position in the Ring. We will be holding elections in October, it would be great if we had at least two candidates for each position.
6. Contact board member Todd Reis and let him know that you want to donate magical effects that you no longer use to a young magician. Next, volunteer to help this young person perfect the performance of the effect.
7. You have enjoyed the performance of magic your entire life, choose a meaningful way to pass on the love you have for the art.
8. Let Jim Greene know that you are going to sign up to perform Magic at the Mall this holiday season. Jim Cardman Greene has arranged this event for several years at a local mall. This is a terrific opportunity to show live magic to the public and to recruit new members at the same time.
9. Promise yourself that you will teach several of your favorite magical effects to at least three people who are not magicians before December 31, 2014. When you teach a magic effect to a layman, he or she begins to think about becoming a magician.

There is a real MAGIC in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.

Norman Vincent Peale



SUDS is now a member of IBM in the Order of Merlin, Excaliber, representing 50-years of continuous membership in IBM. We salute your long-term dedication to the fine art of Magic.

We are grateful that you choose to belong to the John Fedko Ring. Congratulations!

RING 313 OFFICERS for 2014

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| Webmaster | Cornelius Wilson | kryptic001@gmail.com | 949.606.6279 |
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| Director | Todd Reis | Tr3d@hotmail.com | (714) 673-7320 |
| Director | Kevin Brown | Glyphman@cox.net | (949) 347-0305 |



We need your HELP!

At every meeting we have a first class audio amplification system that allows everyone to hear our guest lecturers from any seat in the meeting room. We purchased this system for two purposes. First, we want our members and guests to hear every word of our lecturers. Second, we want our members to practice using microphones to enhance their performance skills.

Jay Leslie has kept this sound system at his production studio in Huntington Beach for six years. We have relied on Jay to schlep the equipment back and forth for every meeting. Philip Henderson was the designated schleper for four years before gifting the assignment to Jay.

Please step up and take on this task. If you attend Ring 313 at least eight times every year, then you are a candidate for this important assignment. Contact Jay Leslie or Philip Henderson for details. Who will be the first magician to volunteer?





Tuesday, September 30, 2014

IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring Presents



Member WORKSHOP Night

Show and Tell

Show and no-Tell

Use this opportunity to dazzle your friends or to get help working out how best to present a new effect you are putting into your magical routine.

We will also practice pasteboard sleights including second dealing, the pass, back palming, false cuts, false shuffles, and other flourishes you perform just because you can! Experienced performers will coach and mentor our young performers, in method and audience control.

Do you want to know how to handle a "bad audience." The good news is that there are no bad audiences, instead there are magicians not prepared to handle some audiences. When you fail to connect with an audience then the audience turns bad. However, the truth is that Sammy Davis Jr. never had a bad audience, because he was ready for every situation.

Young performers must learn how to get the audience on their side from the moment they begin to perform whether on stage, at a party, while doing walk around, or whatever venue. Knowing how to use a heckler to your benefit because you are prepared to deal with hecklers is a essential skill for anyone desiring to perform as a magician. Magic is more than just knowing how to do magic tricks. A magician is an entertainer who employs magical effects to place smiles on the faces of his/her audience.

Our meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00 pm.

"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."



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 members, **Rodney Detrick**, **Larry "Zeezo" Campbell**, **Frank Yee**, and **Rabby Yang**. Rabby Yang is a Junior member. He is a high school student at University High School. Rabby has some exciting plans for himself. He wants to start a magic club at his high school and is curious about what he must do to become a Junior member of the Magic Castle. Many of you know Zeezo and Frank, but if you don't know these two young fellows, give them a warm welcome to the John Fedko Ring.

Join the John Fedko Ring Leadership Team

Nominations for officers and directors are due October 28, 2014.

You can nominate yourself or any regular member in good standing to promote the art of magic as a leader in Ring 313.

President _____
Vice-President _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____
Newsletter Editor _____
Junior's Program _____
Raffle Meister _____
Sergeant At Arms _____
Web Presence Maestro _____
Director at Large (3 positions) _____

MAESTRO KEVIN needs YOU!

Kevin Brown is seeking magicians to perform on a special evening of magic at Ring 313. Our tradition is to perform magical effects that are appropriate for Halloween celebrations in our October meeting. We are grateful that former President **Kevin Brown** has led us in this special evening for so many years. While Kevin serves as the genial host and Master of Ceremonies, he cannot do the evening by himself. We are asking you to revive one of your favorite Halloween appropriate effects or tell a funny story, play a musical instrument, or dance a jig if you want. Please contact **Kevin Brown** and let him know approximately how many minutes you will require for your presentation.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 for an evening for Halloween Magic

Kevin Brown glyphman@cox.net or (949) 347-0305.



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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.

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| Tuesday, September 30, 2014 | 7pm | Members Workshop |
| Tuesday, October 28 , 2014 | 7pm | Member Performance Night led by Kevin Brown master of the bizarre |
| Tuesday, November 25, 2014 | 7pm | Al Lampkin, lecturer |
| December Holiday Party | | To be arranged |

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**

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.

