

Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS



Tuesday, July 27 @ 7pm:

Are you ready to trade in old lamps for new? It is time for the annual Swap Meet at IBM Ring 313—bargains and hot new items available for all who attend! Set up begins at 6:00 pm; trading begins at 7:00 pm. Bring money and bring old magic lamps to trade for new ones.



Swap meet is **real** magic. Someone at the Ring will fall in love with that illusion you stopped performing when Elvis was still the King of Rock and Roll. Come to the Swap meet and show us what you have for sale. To participate please contact Kevin Brown, glyphman@cox.net



bers of Ring 313. Proof of membership is required to complete your application. Contestants may perform close up or stage magic. Mail your completed applications, with \$10 entry fee, to Philip Henderson. Application deadline is August 1, 2010.

Look in your closet; check the boxes in the garage. Do you remember that DVD or VHS tape you could not live without? It is still unopened—it is time to trade your magic for something new. How about the apparatus you purchased several years ago? You expected to become the next Blackstone with the effect—**yes that one**—bring it to the Swap meet. You can magically turn your treasure into cash. The

Come join us on **Saturday, July 31** at the OC Fair Funzone Tent at 11am for the Junior Magic Contest. You can also volunteer to promote our club from 12-3 following the contest.

On **August 31, 2010**, the John Fedko Ring will host its Championship of Magic Contest at the regular meeting of the Ring. This contest is only open to adult IBM mem-

New Members:

IBM Ring 313 Welcomes members Debra Reyes, Ron and Liz Breach, Matthew Plummer, Kimberly Wingard, Dennis Brent, Robert Naito, Daniel McKerren, Christopher Tarr and his mom Diane, Domenic DeSantis and his mom,

FEDKO'S MAGIC SCHOOL

CLASSICS OF MAGIC: John Fedko will be teaching this 4 day class at Santiago Canyon College on Chapman Avenue in Orange during 2 to 5 August 2010 from 1 to 3 P.M. each day. Learn to perform spectacular magic with everyday objects including: **X-RAY VISION, MISERS DREAM WITH COINS, AFGHAN RINGS, HOUDINI ESCAPE MAGIC, CUT & RESTORED ROPE, MYSTIC CUPS, MAGIC BALLS, TRICKY BOX MAGIC AND AMAZING CARD TRICKS. LEARN HOW TO FLOAT A PERSON AND HOW TO MAKE A PERSON DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR.** Magic tricks will be available for purchase after each class. The fee is \$64 plus \$10 for materials. All magic materials and magic apparatus needed to learn will be provided in class and will be retained by the students after the class is over. **CALL (714) 628-4960 TO REGISTER.**

PAST EVENTS

By: Philip Henderson

Abridged version. Full article in the Linking Ring

On June 19, 2010, IBM Ring 313 celebrated with an annual picnic at the home of Ring Treasurer, Gary Meier. More than eighty members, family, and friends joined us to enjoy good food, great friendship, and grand magic. Several members of the Junior's performed walk around magic. Many of the regular members demonstrated their magician's skills to the delight of young and old.

As in the last five years, we were joined by Yami, the Origami guy. Yami (Yoichi Yamauchi is his real name) is a talented master of the origami art. This year the children learned to make beautiful tulip flowers with stem, leaves, and flower all made using secret methods known only to origami masters.

The Ring provided burgers, and hot dogs with all the fixing while individual members brought their favorite desserts and salads. Our members make magic happen in the kitchen as well as the stage. President Kevin Brown announced that this year the President's Award was earned by Annie Young. Annie Young is the Newsletter Editor, Sergeant At Arms, and the coordinator for the Junior Magician's program.

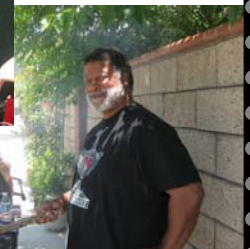
Long time member Jay Leslie served as Master of Ceremonies for a spectacular magic show held inside the Meier home. Performances by Jay Leslie, Kevin Brown, Nick Baker, Otis, Scott Boeger, Nate Kvetny, and Sammy Ruiz lit up the room. Our members were joined on the stage by "Pop" Whit Haydn. Whit showed us how to perform the Professor's Nightmare and the Linking Rings, using a spectator as his on stage student. Pop Haydn's comedy magic routine was a powerful conclusion to a day of magic at the RING 313 annual picnic.

FUNNY CAPTION CONTEST

Email me your best lines based on this photo of Scott at Ring 313.editor@gmail.com



IBM 313 Picnic



Big thanks goes to Philip for his mean grilling skills!

A bountiful basket of GRATITUDE to Gary and Robbie for allowing us in their home.



Member Spotlight: Dick Barry

By: Philip Henderson
(continued from April's newsletter)

Dick believes that the future of magic looks very bright. The young magicians of today are impressive, studying acting, staging, scenery, lighting and work hard to be creative and original.

Dick Barry taught magic classes at Santa Monica City College for eight years. One of his students, J.C. Dunn, became a very close friend. The last crazy stunt was about 10 years ago—however I am betting that Dick may still have at least one more crazy stunt left to perform.



Dick has created more than 100 commercial magical effects used by magicians around the world. He performs in the Parlor of Prestidigitation at the Magic Castle once or twice a year. Dick brings two essential elements to his magical world: passion and creativity. Dick learns from his audiences at every performance. If you watch and listen, your audience will let you know if your magic makes them happy. In this crazy world, creating a little happiness is a special gift we magicians can give.

In 1997, Dick participated in the Four Corners of the United States Race with his wife, Gwen. He is one of only a few who accomplished it on a one-cylinder motor scooter. They saw many wonderful sights along the racecourse; sights and sounds that you cannot experience in an automobile. They traveled 10,760 miles on this trip and even attended a scooter convention in Arkansas after completing the Four Corners Race. Dick will celebrate his 77th birthday in April of 2010. He has been married to Gwen for more than 50 years. They have a daughter, Dawn, who is in real estate in Portland, Oregon and a son, Mike, who owns two Southern California dry cleaning establishments. Dick served eight years in the National Guard, splitting his time between service in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and California. Dick Barry was awarded a Medal of Courage in 1985 for risking his life to save a citizen as a member of the SMPD. One of Dick's favorite movies is Electra Glide in Blue, a cult classic. The motion picture is about a motorcycle cop who rode a Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide. (Dick also rode an Electra-Glide as a SMPD motor officer.) Dick's home is graced with several original posters from that movie. He still owns and rides a motorcycle today.

Dick might have gone full-time as a professional magician but opted to remain with the SMPD to finish a thirty-year career. He believes in the old saying, "Don't give up your day job!" The S.M.P.D. provided for his family and magic was just a wonderful way to have fun and make some extra money. Dick retired twenty-three years ago. He has been fortunate to continue with his passion by creating magic. He is proud and happy to know that part of his legacy is that his magic creations are entertaining audiences around the world.



Dick and Gwen live in a lovely home in San Clemente. Their home is filled with historic magic posters, magic books, and antique magic props. He possesses an outstanding collection of vintage Snake baskets. This collection is one of his treasures. Dick says he is living a very happy life. He called his success in magic a combination of good luck, hard work, and a passion for doing his best. Perhaps Dick's best choice in life was convincing Gwen to agree to marry him. Their marriage is the best part of Dick's happy life. Gwen was a public health nurse before retiring. She is an avid reader and volunteers at several local libraries. Gwen also helps Dick when they are working a lecture or convention! Dick says everyone loves her. They are a beautiful couple. Their marriage is the best magic in Dick Barry's life.

Email the editor if you would like to be the
next member spotlight!.

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Questions? Comments? Corrections? Ideas? Magical articles? E-mail the editor at Ring313.editor@gmail.com

Magic Calendar

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

Saturday, July 17, 2010	2 PM	Ring 313 Junior's Mtg —Annie & Kent's in Santa Ana
Tuesday, July 27, 2010	7 PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg —Member Swap Meet
Saturday, July 31, 2010	11am,	Magic Day at the OC Fair: Junior's Contest and Ring 313 Booth
Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010	7PM	Ring 313 Lite Gathering at Knowlwood's, Irvine
Saturday, Aug 14, 2010	2PM	Ring 313 Junior's Mtg —Annie & Kent's in Santa Ana
Tuesday, Aug 24, 2010	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg —MAGIC Member Contest

SAVE THE DATE: Jay Scott Berry in September

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