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News, Information & Current Happenings of IBM Ring 21

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Prez-tidigitation

Hi Everyone,

Well, here it is. My final column as President of Ring 21. It's been a fascinating two years with both achievements and frustrations, but I've managed to survive and I'm happy to hand over the reins to Rafael.

Unhappily, I had to officiate at the broken wand ceremonies of Chuck LeFever and Len Frank, as well as saying a less formal goodbye to Paul Hirsch.

Happily, I was able to witness the successful appearances of our young members, Mario Seki and John Accardo.

We also had some great shows, some excellent lectures, and overall a lot of fun sharing tricks, stories and so much magic.

I want to thank all the officers who were so helpful to me in the last two years in organizing and following through on activities like the picnics, banquets, contacting performers and lecturers and making all our meetings run smoothly. And also a thank you to all the members of Ring 21 for suggestions and ideas.

I hope many will be coming to the banquet at our October meeting. We have one of my absolute favorites lined up to perform: the unbelievable Andrew Goldenhersh, very deservedly chosen by the Magic Castle membership as Parlour Performer of the Year.

I trust all those in Ring 21 will support our new officers so that the 2010-2011 year will be an exciting, magical experience for all of us.

It's been fun being president. And I'll still be around (as secretary) for awhile — so you're not totally rid of me yet. I'm definitely looking forward to a lot of new ideas and activities for the months and years ahead.

Gerry

Points of Interest

- Greats of Magic — Man-drake
- September Recap — Election of Officers and Swap Meet
- October — Installation of Officers at the Banquet
- November — TBDs



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Our Annual Banquet

Thursday, October 7. The Place: Taix Restaurant (1911 West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 90026 (213) 484-1265). The Time: 6:30 p.m. (for strolling magic).

Dinner: 7:30, followed by the President's message and Awards presentation, the Raffle, Installation of Officers and our entertainment. In case you don't know about Andrew Goldenhersh, read on:



Our special magical guest is Andrew Goldenhersh. He has performed magic all over the world and been the distinguished winner of magic awards everywhere. He was the triple award winner in Vienna at the International Professional Close-Up Competition. In 2007 Andrew won Best Close-Up Magician at the World Magic Awards. At the Magic Castle he has been nominated for ten years in a row as both Best Close-Up and Best Parlour performer. In 2010 he won the award as the Best Parlour Magician.

Andrew has entertained celebrities, from Johnny Depp and Dustin Hoffman to Demi Moore and Nicholas Cage. Johnny Depp called him "totally awesome." And Genii Magazine said, "Andrew understands the real magic of entertaining."

You can see why the Board was so excited to be able to get Andrew to perform at our installation banquet. And if you've never seen him before, I believe you will find him to be a most enjoyable entertainer to watch.



The Greats of Magic — Gerald Schiller

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

Mandrake

As a child (like most kids in those days) I was an eager reader of the comics. One of my favorites was Mandrake the Magician. The cartoon strip was originally created by Lee Falk and later taken over by Phil Davis.

What I did not know, however, was that there was a real magician named Leon Mandrake whose appearance was copied for the cartoon character.

Born April 11, 1911, Leon Mandrake (it is unclear whether this was his real name or not) was raised in British Columbia. He enjoyed watching magicians throughout his childhood, and even did odd jobs for them in exchange for lessons in magic.

At the tender age of eleven he performed on the stage of the Edison Theater. By fourteen he was working for the Moyers Carnival doing fire eating, mind reading and ventriloquism. In 1927 (he was just sixteen), he began touring with the Ralph Richards Magic show — a lavish two-hour spectacular, working as an assistant.

In just a few years he put together his own show and began to tour through the U.S. and Canada. His first wife, Narda, worked as his assistance for a number of years. After that marriage broke up, he married Velvet, who had been an assistant to Harry Blackstone, Sr.

In the 1940s and 50s he and Velvet did theater shows and then began to do nightclub performances. Mandrake claimed to be the very first magician to adapt his act to a nightclub, working almost totally surrounded. He even did the sub trunk escape with Velvet, adding a complete change from a black tux to a white one as he emerged just seconds after the amazing “metamorphosis.”

In St. Louis he met Phil Davis, who was drawing the Mandrake the Magician comic strip and they became fast friends. Davis even adapted the look

of his cartoon character to match the real Mandrake.

Leon Mandrake often did publicity stunts to promote his shows. He would do a challenge blindfold drive, a prison escape or hypnotizing a girl to sleep in a department store window.

His full two-hour show might consist of a rapid-fire opening with about four minutes of productions and transpositions; his golf ball manipulation; levitation (even on a nightclub floor totally surrounded); the Miser’s Dream; the Linking Rings; his Sub Trunk; and the Doll House Illusion. He might also include a comedy arm and leg tie (in which he would quickly release one hand yet return it to the tied position in an instant); and “Shooting Through a Lady.” In this effect a chosen card would be clipped to the front of Velvet’s costume, then a spectator would fire a gun at her. The bullet, with a ribbon attached, would seemingly penetrate the card and her body and end up in a target behind her!

In 1964 they performed at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver for 16 of the 17 days of the fair. On the one day they were not on stage a singing group performed and the crowd rushed the stage after only ten minutes. The group just happened to be the Beatles, and due to the uncontrolled furor of the teenagers, the show did not continue!

In 1978 the Mandrakes received a “Performing Fellowship” from Hollywood’s Academy of Magical Arts (the Magic Castle) for their contribution to the dignity and stature of magic.

They did their final performance in 1985. Leon Mandrake died on January 2, 1993, at the age of 82.



Impromptu Card Magic— Compiled by Aldo Colombini Kangaroo by Roy Walton

Effect: A selected card is found by way of a strange elimination!

Performance: Have the deck shuffled and handed back to you. Ask a spectator to think of a number between eight and sixteen. Tell the spectator that you are going to show him cards one by one and he is to remember the card that falls on the thought-of number.

Holding the deck face down in the left hand, take the top card in the right hand, show it to the spectator and then drop it face down on the table. Repeat with the next cards, showing each then dropping it onto the previous one so that the order of the cards is reversed. Count the cards aloud as you show them, so that no mistake can be made by the spectator when he mentally notes the card.

You can count the first eight quickly and not bother to show their faces because he knows his number cannot be in this section. Continue showing cards until you have counted (and dropped onto a tabled pile) twenty cards (and, of course, tell the spectator not to stop you when he has noted a card.)

Drop the twenty cards back on top of the deck and casually Overhand Shuffle four cards from top to bottom. Hand the deck face down to the spectator and ask him to count cards onto the table one by one (thus reversing their order) until he has reached the number he memorized.

Once he has started counting and you see that he is doing it right, you may turn your head away, saying “I do not want to know your number.”

Ask the spectator to pick up the packet of cards he counted and discard the remainder of the deck. Tell him to do a Down/Under Deal, i.e. ask him to take the packet face down in left hand dealing position. He is to place the top card face down on the table, then place the next card face down to the bottom of the packet in his left hand. The next card goes on top of the tabled card, the next goes to the bottom of the packet. Ask him to do so until he has only one card left in his hand. That card is the selected one.

The Flash Pot — a potpourri of news, info, postings, etc.

October Board Meeting

October 19, 2010, Valley Village, CA

Scheduled for 7:00 pm, **Tuesday**, October 19, 2010 at Four 'n 20 Pies located at 4723 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Valley Village, Ca. 91607 Phone 818 761-5128.

Banquet

There's something very special in October. We get to party (It is the beginning of the holiday season, so it makes sense).

We are again getting ready to gather at Taix for our October meeting. Plenty of magic to kick off the evening with our strolling magicians (whoever you are). Then the wonderful dinner that Taix always serves up.

This year we will be treated to the incredible magic of Andrew Goldenhersh. If you have not had the pleasure of experiencing his creative magic yet, you are definitely in for a real treat. Andrew is one of the premier magicians of our time.

We will be having our raffle, with some great prizes.

And, of course, Lois Harmeyer is making some wonderful center pieces to be auctioned off. I trust you have gotten your ticket early. What a bargain at \$30 (\$35 at the door). I look forward to seeing everyone at Taix this Thursday October 7!!

Just a reminder that on the evenings when we have a lecture there will be **NO** raffle, Trick of the Month or Video of the Month.

Strolling Magicians Needed

Our banquet is coming up in October (nothing new) and strolling magicians have been a great part of the entertainment. If you would like to be part of this, please tell a board member so you can be included. Thanks again for all you do.

Video Library

You can see the list of videos available at the Ring 21 website. www.ibmring21.org

Please Note

There is **NEVER** taping of any Ring 21 meeting without prior approval from the board.

Thank you.

Westside Wizards Meeting

The Westside Wizards meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the Boys and Girls Club of Venice.

The address is: 2232 Lincoln Blvd. Venice

There is always an open invitation to come and join the fun.

Calendar of Events

October 7— Banquet and Induction of officers

November 4 — TBD

December 2 — Annual potluck and seasonal magic

January 6 — TBD

The Caryl Fleming IBM Ring #21
Meets @ **7:00pm** first Thursday of the month

Next Meeting

October 7, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Taix Restaurant

1911 West Sunset Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90026

(213) 484-1265

September Meeting— Swap Meet And Election of New Board

The meeting began with announcements. One of the newest is that there is a \$3 charge for parking at the Bob Baker Theater. There was also discussion about the banquet, although at the time we did not know for sure who the guest magician would be. There was also a reminder about renewing membership, that there is a \$5 savings if people pay for their membership now.

The Magic Castle Swap Meet will be on October 9. There is an \$8 entrance fee (plus \$8 for parking for non-members).

Brian Hoffman told everyone that Greg Wilson has requested people to go to: Magic Land of Allakazam.com. This is a way of honoring Greg's parents, Mark Wilson and Nani Darnell.

Les Cooper told everyone about the Westside Wizards' meeting on September 14. That is will be a science lecture with their vice-president, Frank Padilla.

Don Kenney talked about the Magic Cruise that is happening on November 7—14, and what fun he always has on it.

There was a run-off on the slate of Members-At-Large because of having six candidates and there are five positions to fill. Ballots were passed out and a committee of three counted the votes.

There was a motion to accept the rest of the slate as presented at the September meeting, which passed.

Then John Accardo treated us to his award-winning routine which won him Youth Magician in close-up at the IBM convention this summer. He told us that he won a trophy and Fantasma Magic package which was a trip to Las Vegas and \$250 cash. Also, IBM is paying his dues for the next year.

At this time the ballots were counted and the winners of the runoff were: Don Kenney, Tim Mannix, Bill Turner, Wayne Miller and Jim Richardson. Thank you all for your interest in Ring 21.

John then went into his routine, producing baseballs (a sport he likes) and a bat to go with it. He then brought out a deck of cards and cut to find four of a kind—jacks. He had a volunteer (Rhoel Garcia) pick a card, which was the Ace of Spades and the other three aces ended up in the card box. Rhoel then was able to choose from the aces or the jacks and chose the aces. Then the aces were exchanged for the jacks, and all of the backs were different on the jacks. It was a great routine, John.

Then John did a cups and balls routine using cans of V8 juice and cherry tomatoes. It was very clever. John's imagination in taking something that we all know and presenting it in a new fashion was very impressive.

After that, we all went into the party room and had our swap meet. As always, it was a lot of fun. There were some great deals and a lot of interesting magic to be had.

October 7th our dues are, once again, due. They are \$30 Right Now

There's one more chance to pay your dues without the \$5 charge. If your dues are paid by the October meeting (at Taix Restaurant), they are still just \$30. And I think you know what a bargain it is for the year of magic we give ourselves.

The new board is already in the planning stages of some new ideas for our upcoming meetings.

And we want you, the membership, to be involved in what's going on. So please get your dues, and ideas in for another year of magic at Ring 21.

If you want to mail your dues to Lois, here's the information:

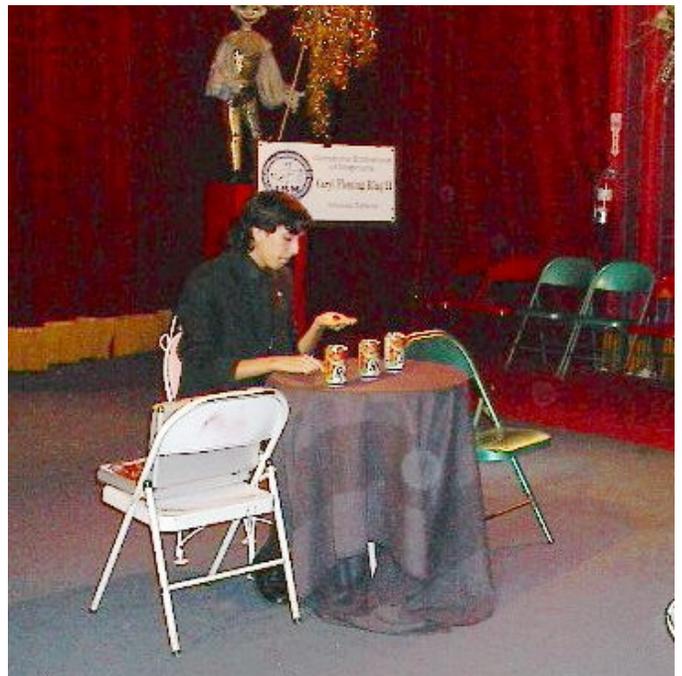
Lois Harmeyer

240 West Atara Street

Monrovia, California 91016

(If mailed after Oct 7, there will be a late charge.)

September
Special Award-Winning Performance
By
John Accardo





MAGIC AND MORE

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Impossible 1 to 52

By Eduardo Kozuch

The magician shows a deck of cards and an envelope with a prediction inside. A number between 1 and 52 is selected.

All the cards are dumped from the box onto the spectator's hands. Spectator flips each card over, counting to the chosen number. When chosen number is reached, the envelope is opened to reveal that the prediction matches the selected card!

Spectator has complete free choice of the number.

The magician never touches the cards!

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Atta-Boy

Bellboy Version

Notice a card holder at his feet and one near the Bell Boys hands to hold cards. The holders each hold a deck of cards, and cut-out fronts enable the audience to see what is inside. From a shuffled, examined deck of cards spectators freely select one or more cards.

Cards are noted, and shuffled back into the pack & put in holder at the bottom..

The cards are now taken from the holder at the bottom, passed one at a time slowly in front of the Bellboy's eyes, and placed in the holder on top.

The spectators are asked to call "Stop" whenever they like.

When they call stop, the card stopped at is turned around to show the face. It is one of the selected cards! This is repeated for the other selected cards.

NO Forcing, NO Palming or NO Switching! Spectators can stop you anytime

Selected cards can be signed. They are the very same cards selected. Stands 20" High!

Use any cards. Regular, Animal or Number cards! (Not Included)

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\$49.50 tax included

One left call to reserve

Elevation Card

Bicycle Card Stock

Display a Bicycle Playing card on BOTH sides. Borrow a Quarter and set this coin on top of the card.

Without warning the coin begins to RISE OFF the card!

The Coin ELEVATES to a 45 degree angle and goes back to normal! Have the Coin itself take a bow elevating up and down!

Perform Surrounded!
NO THREADS
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Comes with card, carrying case and full instructions.

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Duck - Rabbit Silk Is it a Duck or is it a Rabbit?

Magicians love producing picture silks. This is a picture silk with a novel touch that will appeal to any audience.

Performer attempts to produce a rabbit from a hat. He produces a silk, with the picture of a duck! Where is the Rabbit?

The two corners of the silk are brought together, and when opened again, the duck has transformed into a rabbit.

Can be produced from a hat, change bag, mirror box, etc.
Full Color

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October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all Ring 21 members celebrating their birthdays in October, which include: Lois Harmeyer, Gary Frieden, Mario Seki and Stephen Levine.

Other magician birthdays include Dante, Roy Horn, Al Flosso, Ed Marlo, Caryl Stacy Fleming, Harry Laverne Anderson, Joshua Jay, Martin Gardiner.

**Happy Birthday to all (whether on this plane of action or the next) from
Ring 21!!**

(If your birthday was missed, tell Wendy)

Congratulations Mario!!!

I got the great news recently that Mario Seki tried out for, and was accepted into the Juniors at the Magic Castle.

I know that I am speaking for every member of our club, Mario, about how proud we are of your accomplishments.

We have been able to watch you grow from a very intense young performer into a more polished magician. I trust that you will keep on growing into who you want to be in expressing your great love of magic. Way to go, Mario!!

Harry Shaffer

I just heard that you were not feeling your best recently (what with being in the hospital and all), and Ring 21 is glad you're out of the hospital, with the knowledge that you are doing better all the time.

Take care of yourself!

Magic Castle Swap Meet

October 9 is the bi-annual day for the Magic Castle Swap Meet. If you have never been inside the Castle, this is an opportunity to come inside and find some wonderful treasures.

There is magic for sale from wall to wall in every room. Be sure to bring some cash and be ready to just have a great time. The Castle even offers coffee and you can buy lunch, hot dog and some chips.

It is always a great time at a Magic Castle Swap Meet.

There is an \$8 charge at the door, and for non-members there is an \$8 parking charge.

Banquet

The banquet will begin at 6:30 with strolling magic. If you still want to go, but have not bought your ticket, you can buy tickets at the door for \$35. It's a fun time. Come and join Ring 21 for a great night!!

ATTENTION!!!

Beginning immediately, anyone parking at the Bob Baker Theater will be charged \$3 for parking.

Thought for the Day

Happiness doesn't depend on who you are or what you have...

It depends solely on what you think.

FaceBook is the newest way to keep in touch with everything that's happening at Ring 21.

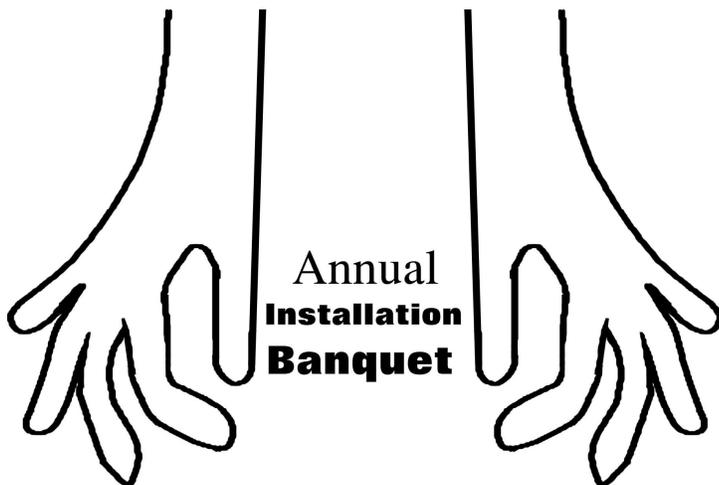
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Annual
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