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# The Fleming Flashpaper

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News, Information & Current Happenings of IBM Ring 21

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## Prez-tidigitation

Hello and Greetings to all Fellow Ring 21 Members,

I would like to apologize for not being present at the last general meeting but I was under the weather with the flu. But I'm glad to report that I have just about shaken it off completely and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on February 7.

Keep in mind that this upcoming meeting will be held at the Bob Baker Marionette Theater. And we are happy to present a lecture by Danny Magic, with a pre-lecture workshop starting at 6 pm at the theater for the cost of \$15. Bear in mind that we do need a minimum of 10 people to sign up in order to have the pre-lecture workshop. Visit the website for information regarding both the workshop and the lecture.

For those of you not familiar with the theater, the address is on both page 5 and 10 of the newsletter. You can also go to our website for further information.

Since I was not in attendance at our last meeting, for the recap of the January meeting please read Wendy's column on page 7 of this newsletter.

As I just mentioned, Danny Magic, who is an international award-winning magician and a regular performer at the World Famous Magic Castle will be at our next general meeting. He will be presenting his lecture which involves card magic, coin magic, restaurant magic plus other topics. This should be a very informative and fun lecture to attend. If I were you, I would not miss it (and I will not miss it). Danny is also a past winner of the Strolling Olympics at the Magic Castle. He has performed for the group Pink Floyd, Sony, Disneyland, IBM and Honda, just to name a few of his clients.

Fellow magicians, as always, are welcome to the lecture. There is a \$10 charge for people who are not members of Ring 21.

The theme for the March general meeting will be Strolling/Restaurant magic. Come prepared to share something you learned from a lecture, book or video on this subject. And for our April meeting we are planning on An Evening with Milt Larsen. Both of these upcoming meetings should be worthwhile. Plan on being there.

Sincerely,

Robert de La Guerra.

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To order tickets for the show go to:

<http://www.pophaydn.com/pop-haydn-in-the-21st-century.html>

Or call: 323 344-8793

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## The Greats of Magic — Gerald Schiller

### A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

#### David Copperfield

His achievements are truly amazing: 21 Emmy Awards, 11 Guinness World Records, more tickets sold than any other solo entertainer in history (including Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson), knighthood by the French government and his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. This is indeed a record no other magician can equal.

And it all began on September 15, 1956 when David Kotkin was born in Metuchin, New Jersey. But it really began when a shy little kid learned some magic tricks to overcome his insecurity. He quickly became skilled and was invited to join the local assembly of the Society of American Magicians — at age twelve. By sixteen he was teaching a course at NYU called “The Art of Magic.”

At the age of eighteen David’s skill got him cast as the lead in a new musical called, “The Magic Man.” The show opened in Chicago, got rave reviews and ultimately became the longest running musical in Chicago history.

Soon television beckoned. And it was through the medium of the small screen that David Copperfield would become known to audiences all over the world.

First it was “The Magic of ABC” starring David Copperfield. It was in these specials that his magic transcended the illusions of previous stage performers. Aided

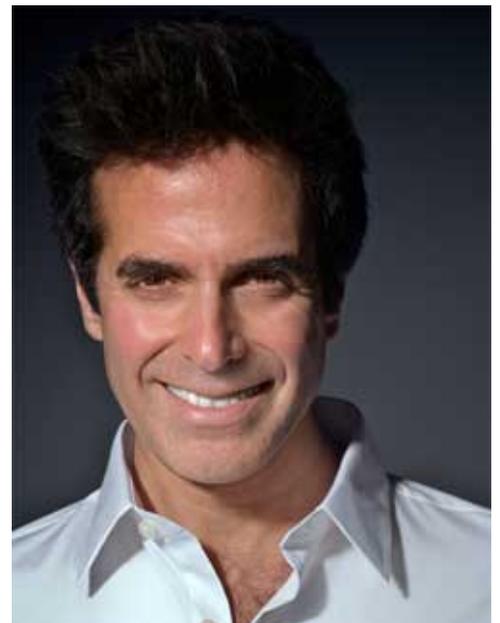
by the creative minds of magicians like Jim Steinmeyer, it was magic on the grandest of scales as Copperfield vanished a jet airplane, made the Statue of Liberty disappear, walked through the Great Wall of China and escaped from Alcatraz Prison.

Then in 1996 he collaborated with director Francis Ford Coppola in the successful Broadway show “Dreams and Nightmares.”

An ardent collector of magic memorabilia, he created David Copperfield’s International Museum and Library of the Conjuring Arts, home to 80,000 items of magical history that include Houdini’s Water Torture Cell and automata made by Robert-Houdin.

Project Magic is a program that uses therapy in a thousand hospitals in 30 countries throughout the world. Through this program thousands of patients with disabilities have used magic and simple sleights to help regain lost dexterity and co-ordination.

David Copperfield continues to perform on stage with new and unbelievable illusions in his Las Vegas show. It is no wonder that Oprah Winfrey has called him “the greatest illusionist of our time”





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

**February Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to all Ring 21 members celebrating their birthdays in January, including Gerry Schiller, Rafael Ortiz, Manny Pascalide and Wendy Sobel.

Other magical birthdays include: Alexander Hermann, J.B. Bobo, Robert Harbin, Louis Tannen, Norm Nielsen, P.C. Sorcar, Harlan Tarbell, Theodore Hardeen.

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

(If your birthday was missed, tell Wendy)

**February Board Meeting  
(The third Tuesday of the month)**

*February 19, 2013, Valley Village, CA*

Scheduled for 7:00 pm, **Tuesday**, February 19, 2013 at Four 'n 20 Pies located at 4723 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Valley Village, Ca. 91607

**Lecture by Danny Magic and  
Pre-Lecture Workshop**

This Thursday, February 7, 6 pm

Danny will lead a hands-on workshop focused on coins and cards, or what you want to work on. Immediately following the workshop will be a lecture, once again, on cards and coins, with some restaurant/strolling magic demonstrated.

This promises to be a very informative, very interactive evening. Please join us.

**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.**

**Video Library**

You can see the list of videos available at the Ring 21 website. [www.ibmring21.org](http://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

Their next meeting is a Swap Meet.

The next meeting is February 12, 2013.

**Calendar of Events**

**February 7** — Lecture by Danny Magic

**March 7** — Strolling/Restaurant Magic

**April 4** — An Evening with Milt Larsen (learning about Caryl Fleming)

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

**February 7, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

**Bob Baker Marionette Theater**

**1345 West 1st Street**

**Los Angeles, 90026**

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

\* Calendar subject to change without notice.

## January Meeting

### What I Got for Christmas!!

Our president, Robert de la Guerra, was under the weather so the vice-president, Wendy Sobel stepped up to the plate, so to speak.

We had some guests join us. One is a friend of Gerry Schiller's. His name is Stephen Buehler. Stephen told us that he did magic as a kid in school shows and at birthday parties up until he was in college. Two years ago he decided to go back into magic, and is glad he did. His day job is helping writers with scripts. He's known as the "rewrite doctor." There was some discussion of Gerry's "thumb tip fiasco" and how Gerry and Stephen met at an anniversary party.

Gerry's lovely wife, Esther, also joined the meeting (until it was time for the Palace show.)

Another guest was a friend of Lois Harmeyer. His name is Eddy Rice but he's better known as Floppy the Clown. He's been doing magic a long time. When he was in Dallas, Texas doing a show he messed up the tricks, and everyone was laughing. He decided he liked hearing the sound of laughter and is still doing that today. He also does juggling and walks on 10-foot stilts.

Since Wendy was given the information that there is a buy-out for the Castle on February 7, the Castle would not be available for Ring 21 at our February meeting. A discussion then ensued, led by Wendy, as to really going out and finding another meeting place for our club, one that we can depend on being available for us. There were many suggestions of where to go look for meeting places. Only Gerry volunteered to be on a committee to actually find a place.

Lois, as our treasurer, also discussed our finances and what would be okay as far as paying for a room.

As far as announcements, El Roy talked about the Magic Castle's 50th birthday party being publicized on ABC and NBC news. Don made the comment that the level of people performing at our meetings is getting better and better. Don also talked about the Westside Wizards meeting coming up next Tuesday. It's "What Are You Carrying?"

Then we got into the fun stuff for the meeting.

Gerry Schiller started off the evening showing a card trick he had gotten from a DVD called The Ultimate Self-Working Card Tricks. He said it had

some great things on it, and it was true. The trick that he showed us was called "Unbelievable" and it uses the Gilbreath principle. After having a spectator shuffle half the deck for a number of times, pairs of cards are placed on the table, and later discovered that each pair of cards is a red/black mate. Very nicely done, Gerry.

Next was Matt Savin, with first some very interesting tidbits about some of the early magicians at the Magic Castle, Senator Crandall and Robert Harbin to name a few. The trick he did was a take on the "Fresh Fish" routine and inspired by a pun in the LA Times Cross Word puzzle. It was an interesting take on an old, well-used effect.

Next one of our guests, Stephen Buehler had a Get Rich scheme. First you get a dollar from a spectator. He used a key to pierce the bill, but the bill was whole when he returned it to its rightful owner. The effect was called "Ignition" by Matt Smith.

Jim Richardson got himself a deck of cards. So Judy Seki picked a card, everyone saw it and it was returned to the deck. Placed the cards on the table and put the card case on them. Now all the cards are face up except that the chosen card is face down. Jim got this from David Stone's DVD Tool. Jim also talked about a device called "TB Be Gone" which turns off all the tv sets in the room you're working.

Wendy showed two books she had gotten for Christmas, "Magic and Card Tricks" and "The Amazing Book of Magic and Card Tricks" which everyone agreed spells out the steps to the effects.

Then Bob Thomas told us that his present to himself was joining IBM International and Ring 21.

Way to go, Bob!!

Bob Thomas then presented a two-part trick to show how an emotional connection is also a psychic connection. He likes to have a husband and wife-type couple, but this time he used Don Kenney and Matt Savin. He had Matt by his birthday select a color star on a mat he had. Don picked a card while he had the deck behind his back and, unseen, replaced the card face up. There was a coffee mug inside a paper bag and the coffee mug had the same color. Inside the coffee mug was the same card Don picked. He found this in a Linking Ring.

Next Bob had a dry board which he gave to El Roy, after writing some numbers on a paper which was put in an envelope. After adding significant numbers of years from El Roy's life (which were on the dry board) it was the same number Bob had put into the envelope. Nice effects, Bob.

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.



January Meeting  
At the  
**Magic Castle**  
In the  
Hat and Hare Lounge

(Taken from the Westside Wizards Newsletter, January 2013)

## PCAM 2013 Hosted BY S.A.M. 291 - Update

The Westside Wizards are the host for the 2013 PCAM Convention. The convention is back in Southern California for the first time since 1999.

The countdown is on and in less than 7 months the PCAM 2013 Convention will be here. The PCAM Committee has had several meetings and has already booked some of the performers. If you have any ideas you would like to share or performers you would like to see contact Frank Padilla, Jr., at the next meeting or by email at: frank@yaquimagic.com

The convention will be at the Burbank Marriott Hotel, across the street from the Burbank Airport.

The web site is up and running thanks to the talents of David Cotelessa. Check it out at [www.pcam2013.com](http://www.pcam2013.com). You can register for the convention now and save some cash. Be among the first to register. Visit [www.pcam2013.com](http://www.pcam2013.com) for convention and hotel rates.

**RATES GO UP FEBRUARY 1ST, REGISTER NOW**

Talent, Lectures and Dealers are being discussed. A calendar of events is taking shape and all the blanks will soon be filled in.

Already booked are Shawn Farquhar, Howard Hamburg, Trevor & Lorena Watters, Kenrick "ICE" McDonald, David Gabbay, Paul Green and just added Tim Mannix and counting.

We also have started booking vendors, look whose coming:

**Magic and More — Magic Tricks and Books — Fantastic Magic Company — Brian Cook**  
**with more on the way**

This is not an easy undertaking and we need your help to achieve the goals. We need people for security, registration booth, stage hands and more. Please don't shy away. Contact Wendy Sobel if you would like to volunteer. [wsobel@roadrunner.com](mailto:wsobel@roadrunner.com).

Watch this newsletter for more information as we finalize the details.

**SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE 2013 PCAM CONVENTION AT THE BURBANK MARRIOTT HOTEL: AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2013.**

Visit the PCAM 2013 website

[www.pcam2013.com](http://www.pcam2013.com)

Caryl Fleming was instrumental in establishing the PCAM, as well as Ring 21  
Please join with SAM 291 to make the 2013 PCAM Convention a great success.

This is in Burbank, gang. Come and help. It's a local convention.

## Flying Colors

### From *More Self-Working Card Tricks* by Karl Fulves

The spectator gives an ordinary deck of cards a riffle shuffle. He then divides the deck into two heaps and gives the deck another shuffle. The magician removes a red card and a black card from the middle of the deck. Passing these cards over the deck, he causes all the reds to separate from all the blacks. The colors separate instantly, a startling trick in view of the fact that the deck was given repeated shuffles by the spectator.

**Method:** This routine is based on an idea of George Pierce and Charles Jordan. Beforehand place 13 red cards face down on the table. Place 13 blacks on top of that. Then place the joker on top of the blacks. Place the other 13 reds on top of that and finally place the remaining 13 blacks on top of that.

When ready to perform the trick for the spectator, turn the deck face up and fan the cards so that only you can see the faces. Remove the joker at the center and discard it. Split the deck at that point so that one group of 13 reds and 13 blacks is in each half of the deck.

Place the packets face down on the table. Instruct the spectator to riffle shuffle them together and square up the pack. The shuffle should be fairly even for best results. So choose a spectator who can give the deck an even riffle shuffle. [Wendy's note: in doing this myself, I didn't see that it's THAT important to be able to riffle shuffle evenly as much as it is to be able to do a riffle shuffle.]

After the spectator has shuffled the cards, have them deal the cards into two even heaps. They are to deal from left to right, dealing a card alternately into each heap, until all 52 cards have been dealt.

Once the spectator has done this, have them riffle shuffle the two heaps together again. At the conclusion of the second shuffle, take the deck from them and spread it so that you alone can see the cards. Remark that you are looking for some important cards. As you spread the cards from left to right you will note a large number of black cards at the bottom of the deck and a large number of red cards at the top of the deck. Depending on how even the shuffle was, there will be a few reds and a few blacks intermixed in the center of the deck.

Remove these intermixed cards and place them on the table. Cut or split the deck at the division between the colors so that reds are in one half, blacks in the other. Place each half face down on the table.

Pick up the intermixed packet. Remove one red card and one black card. Remark that these cards have magical powers. Tap the red card against the top of the red packet. Pick up the red packet and spread it face up to show that all the cards are red. Pick up the black card, tap it against the black half, then spread that to show that all the cards are black.

In many cases, if the shuffle is even, there will be no reds intermixed with blacks. In other words, the colors will be perfectly separate at the conclusion of the second shuffle. In this case, remove any red and any black. Cut the deck between the colors and proceed as described above.

Looking for stage time? Raul is booking for Two-Milk Minimum, a family show at Flappers, Claremont. Doors open at 4 pm., show time is 4:30 pm. Performers split the door charges from paid audience attending. Performers currently scheduled to

Perform on the Following Saturdays: Feb 9 Jerry Hill and Omar Covarrubias; Feb 16 Cecile and Might Show; Feb 23 Rhoel Garcia. Dates available are March 2, 9, 23 and 30. Please contact Raul if you are interested in performing or attending the show at [rfern91501@gmail.com](mailto:rfern91501@gmail.com)

Raul's show at Flappers, Burbank, features magicians and comics in a 90-minute show. Upcoming magicians performing at Flappers Burbank are: Feb 15, Bob Thomas; Feb 17, Cecile and Mighty Show, Brian Hoffman and David Martinez; March 1 Frank Zazanis.

Come catch the laughter and magic all in one place! Ring 21 members are always comped if you email Raul by Wednesday of the show at [rfern91501@gmail.com](mailto:rfern91501@gmail.com)

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Wendy Sobel, Editor

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