

# FLEMING FLASHPAPER

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CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA  
Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

## DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> : INSTALLATION!

Our officers will be installed for the new year, and we are looking forward to an evening of fantastic magic with Joycee Beck



We will be auctioning off "The Final Answer", worth \$800-\$900. Min bid \$100. In addition, if you sign up for an pay Robert before the dinner, you will get \$5 free raffle tickets.

The Live Magic Expo is a one-day event for magicians attended by THOUSANDS of magicians every year...

Learn amazing new magic tricks, make new friends, and catch up with old ones.

We're coming to Santa Monica Sunday November 5th with special guest CHAD LONG!! Starting at 10am until 4pm you'll get to learn, discover and buy INCREDIBLE magic you won't find anywhere (not even online) directly from the brilliant magicians who invented them.

<http://penguinmagic.com/p/7860>

HELP! Karen has been such a valuable resource for us in keeping up the website. She has asked for us to find a replacement. If you are interested in stepping up to help with this, please let us know. Thank you.

November Club Meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup>: "My Favorite Card Trick"

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

INSTALLATION!  
Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm

Taix Restaurant  
1911 Sunset Blvd  
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## BALLOON MAGIC!

President Wendy Sobel called the meeting to order and it was her final call to order of her three year tenure. Next month at our banquet we will install new officers. And it was an excellent meeting as she led us all in one of her specialties: a balloon image creation workshop with everyone in the club actively involved learning some new skills in that perennially favorite activity for kids' parties.

Before we began, Elroy Coddling showed us a clever creation he had built: a "Light and Heavy Box."



He had made a large wooden box (about 18 inches square) that did not provide any challenges for him to pick up.

But other club members were unable to lift it at all! His secret was eventually divulged (but will not be revealed here).

The slate of new officers proposed by the board was unanimously agreed upon and the official installation will be at the banquet in October. Our entertainer for the banquet will be the exciting Joyce Beck.

Our balloon workshop included lots of balloons and pumps distributed to the members and some important advice both from Wendy and Robert de la Guerra: Don't overfill—or underfill the balloons. Use the 260 size. For large kid parties, pump up a bunch in advance, and bring them in a large trash bag. Choose an older kid before you start who can help—and give him (or her) a marking pen to draw faces on animals, as you finish them.



Wendy taught some of the basic (and easier) ones: the simple sword, then the basic dog image. Then she showed how the dog can easily become a giraffe or dachshund. A bit more complex were the elephant, bunny rabbit, and parrot on the swing.

She showed how to use multiple balloons to do a flower and the humming bird.

By the time the evening was over it seemed we had a room full of expert balloon twisters and piles of their creations.

It was a meeting with everyone having lots of fun, sounds of exploding balloons, and even a few off-color comments at some of the creations. But amid it all, there was definitely a room full of creativity.



Our thanks to Wendy for her presidential leadership and for an evening where we all learned a lot

**The Greats of Magic**  
**A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians**  
By Gerald Schiller



**Roberto Giobbi**

Not too many years ago, the name Roberto Giobbi would not have meant anything to a magician—even a card expert. But in the last few years, this name has become the “gold standard” to all those who do card magic everywhere in the world.

Roberto Bernedetto Archangelo da Giobbi was born on May 1, 1959 in Basle, Switzerland. He studied linguistics in college, became proficient in many languages and worked as a translator. His hobby, however, was doing magic. He began writing articles on card magic for various magazines as well as doing presentations at conventions. His writing quickly caught the attention of the magic community and when he won a major award at FISM in the Hague in 1988 (Vice World Champion Card Magic), his reputation was assured.

His first book, *Card College* (1992) was originally published in German but, after its English translation in 1995, it became a best-seller everywhere. He followed this book with volumes two, three, four and five, and all were quickly bought and devoured by card workers everywhere. After these volumes, which cover card working and deal with virtually every move and sleight, he decided to take an approach less sleight-heavy, and published *Card College Light* in 2006, followed by *Card College Lighter* in 2008, and *Card College Lightest* in 2012. In many ways, these are ideal for those who want more effects that are either fully, or partially, self-working and not dependent on the “knuckle-busting” moves too many of us associate with mind-blowing card tricks.

Giobbi has published over 50 books and had them translated into six languages. In 2012 he was the subject of a television documentary called “Il giardino dei giochi segreti” made for Swiss TV.

Roberto Giobbi is currently one of the most sought after lecturers on magic and tours the world with his presentations. He is one of only forty members of the Escuela Magica de Madrid, a kind of “think tank of magic” where the most skilled performers meet to discuss and analyze the theory and practice of the magical arts. Among his many, many awards is the Literary Fellowship from the Academy of Magical Arts (The Magic Castle) in 2012 and the John Nevil Maskelyne Award for Literature from the prestigious Magic Circle in London in 2014.

Roberto Giobbi is married and has two children. He currently makes his home in Basle, Switzerland.

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