

Happy Holidays!

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*Cy Keller performed card magic*

## Philadelphia magician beguiles his audience

"I'm going to try and beguile you," Cy Keller promised as he presented a mesmerizing lecture on close-up card magic at Ring 50's meeting in November.

Philadelphia's own gentleman of magic certainly did beguile everyone as he offered personal tips on misdirection while he performed side steals, double lifts, top changes, and top and bottom palming among other feats.

"The fake moves look more natural than the real ones," he pointed out.

Cy switched cards faster than the blink of an eye as he presented such classics as "MacDonald's Aces" and "Three Card Monte" to appreciative applause.

He offered his handling of the Elmsley Count and the proper way to do the Orlam Subtlety. His sleights were executed with a relaxed casualness that was quite disarming. He made it appear that he does nothing, and yet the magic happens.

Wayne Allen, who introduced Cy to the assembly, called him a "dear friend" while noting that he is "one of the smoothest gentleman of sleight of hand" around.

## Holiday show planned for December meeting

Our annual Holiday Party and Show will be held the night of Dec. 1 at 8 o'clock.

There will be magic of the season for young and old alike. And you will want a front-row seat for this evening of entertainment.



If you would like to perform, get out your favorite Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or Winter Solstice routines and call Master of Ceremonies David Jennings at 301-922-6913 or email him at [david\\_christopher\\_81@msn.com](mailto:david_christopher_81@msn.com).

## Ricky Jay bringing his show to capital

Ricky Jay will appear at The Studio Theatre in Washington starting May 8. With nothing more than a deck of cards, the noted magician transfixes audiences with his subtle and clever sleight-of-hand. Ricky Jay has dazzled sold-out audiences in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and London. He also has appeared in David Mamet's films "State and Main," "The Spanish Prisoner" and "House of Games" as well as "Magnolia," "Boogie Nights" and "Tomorrow Never Dies." Check out the theater's Web site for times and ticket information.

### DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004

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in the

CHANNEL INN HOTEL

650 Water Street SW

Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting

# Coming Events

## Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Place: Mama's Italian Restaurant, 9715 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va.  
Contact: 703-385-2646 or 703-623-3952.  
Web site: [www.daveshepmagic.com](http://www.daveshepmagic.com)

## Lorenzo the Great Kid's Night

Date: Last Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Place: Silver Diner Restaurant in Tyson's Corner, 8101 Fletcher Avenue, McLean, Va.  
Contact: Larry Lipman at 703-237-1531 or email [lorenzomagic@cox.net](mailto:lorenzomagic@cox.net)

## SAM Meeting

Date: Dec. 15  
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.  
Theme: Holiday Magic  
Contact: Ray Eyer at (410) 798-0176 or [ceyler1026@aol.com](mailto:ceyler1026@aol.com)

## Lectures at Denny's

Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221  
Contact: 410-686-3914  
or <http://www.dennymagic.com>  
Check Denney's Web site for latest scheduled lectures.

## Saturday Morning at the Movies

featuring half-hour magic show by Eric Henning followed by a special Kids' Movie Matinee  
Date: Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.  
Place: P.G. Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD 20784  
Contact: Box Office at 301-277-1710

## Magic radio station on computer

There is a new radio station called Magic Radio now accessible through your computer. It can be found by going to the Web site <http://www.magicbroadcast.com/info/listening.php>. It started on Halloween night, but is now running 24 hours, seven days a week. Thanks to Jerry Foster for pointing it out. Jerry says it was two years in the making.



## James Munton *Citizenship candidate ready to take U.S. oath*

Former Ring 50 President James Munton can now tell you what the 13 stripes on the American flag represent. He also knows who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner."

It may sound like James is working out a new routine for the mis-made flag. In reality he is about to pledge allegiance to the United States of America. He soon will take the oath as a new American citizen.

James, a native of London, has performed for audiences in England, Japan, and the United States. He began performing professionally in 1993.

Since moving to the United States in 1997, James has used his entertaining, wholesome, family-oriented brand of magic to provide entertainment, marketing and training for corporations and organizations. He also is doing school shows.

And he recently showed why he's such a good citizen by entertaining thousands of military families at a White House event!

## Ring 50 president recovering

Ring 50 President Glenn Gary continues to recover at home from recent major surgery. He reports that he is consulting with his medical caretakers about post-operative treatment.

## Eric Henning booked at WednesdayNight Wizards final show

Ring 50 Past President Eric Henning was scheduled to make his debut with the popular Wednesday Wizards magic series the night of Nov. 17.

Eric has performed all over with his "Victorian Magic Show" which pays homage to conjuring from a bygone era.

Mark Phillips, who has been producing the show at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn along with Alain Nu and Bob Sheets, also was scheduled to perform at the last show of the season.

In addition to Mark's sophisticated sorcery, the evening was to include, the side-splitting comedy magic of Barry Wood and the "hopelessly-romantic" magic of Brian Curry.

This show has played for audiences ages 10 to adult. The price has been reasonable at \$15 for residents and \$18 for nonresidents in Gaithersburg.

## Ring 50 Datebook

### 2005 Schedule

**Jan. 5**

"Hall of Fame" Show

**Feb. 2**

What's New at Barry's Magic

**March 2**

Spring Cleaning Auction

**April 6**

Lecture TBA

**May 4**

Dan Lacey Trophy Contest & Mini-Lecture

**June 1**

New Officers Show & "Open Mike"

**July**

No meeting because of IBM national convention in Reno  
Mid-month picnic TBA

**Aug. 3**

Children's Magic

**Sept. 7**

Banquet/Cabaret Magic Teach-In

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