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Time to pay your annual dues

Ring 50 dues for calendar year 2004 are due at the February meeting. Treasurer, Rucj Uffelman will be collecting the \$15 annual fee. Checks are preferred but cash will be accepted. However, please try to have the exact change. You can also send a check to his home address at 1808 Horseback Trail, Vienna, VA 22182.

Legendary giant to lecture here

The legendary John Calvert will lecture at the March meeting of Ring 50. He also may be presenting his stage show in the Washington area then.

"The job of the magician is to inspire with the ancient art of illusion," the fabled showman has said.

Calvert, who remains youthful and vibrant in his 90s, projects a larger than life image when he performs. His voice is hypnotic and mesmerizing. He has entertained more than 60 million people for over 70 years in almost every country in the world.

With his film star good looks and trim 6-foot-2 figure, Calvert also is a noted daredevil who has been a



John Calvert

stuntman as well as a magician. He has flown both cargo planes as well as smaller aircraft and captained yachts on the high seas.

Calvert will be in Toledo, Ohio, to lecture at a convention and to present a show before coming here. His stage show harkens back to the days when Harry Blackstone Sr. was performing.

IBM Ring 50 could present Calvert as "The Last of The Old Time Big Stage Shows" to attract a large lay audience as well as magicians up and down the East Coast.

Calvert still holds a Guinness world record for the longest-touring stage magic show in history. The veteran conjurer especially is known for having followed in the footsteps of Harry Houdini. He has produced a video titled "A Tribute to Houdini."

New members night a magical evening

A New Member's Night last month began with **Bob Fay**. He turned the backs of a fan of jokers from blue to red. With a wave of the red jokers, a blue deck then turned to red.

T.J. Miller brought up a volunteer for a "Do as I do" routine. Both he and his assistant exchanged decks after choosing cards. When their selected cards were removed, they matched.

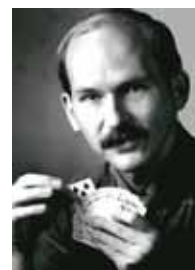
Geoff Weber enchanted us with an eerie demonstration of how his Uncle Charlie loved the "tap the shoulder" gag.

Tim Cannon demonstrated how an employee could rise to the top as he performed a rising card effect.

Michael Perrello made a borrowed coin disappear from under a handkerchief. A volunteer was asked to throw the invisible coin into a glass. A clear clink was heard as the coin arrived in the glass.

Al's Magic featured at February meeting

Proprietor Steve Brown of Al's Magic Shop will show us the latest magic products available at the February meeting of Ring 50. Come join us in a buying mood.



Steve Brown

FEBRUARY MEETING
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004

PIER 7 RESTAURANT
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: Every Wednesday 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.
www.daveshepmagic.com

Bishop Ireton Magic Show

Date: Feb 21 at 7 p.m.

Place: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: 703-751-7606
Cost: \$76 per person; \$20 for a family.
Contact: Laurie Curry at 703-698-6953

James Munton at Tony Roma's

Dates: Every Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m.
Kid's Eat Free!

Place: Tony Roma's Restaurant, 15211 Major Lansdale Blvd., Bowie MD 20716

Contact: 301-262-5339

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

Open Magic Night at Barry's

Date: Feb. 5 and 26 at 8 p.m.

Place: Theatre above Barry's Magic, 11234 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Contact: 301-933-0373

Cost: \$10; first show sold out.

Note: Seating limited to 24

Larry West Assembly 23, Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.)

Date: Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Theme: Dots, Spots & Arrows

Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176 or ceyler1026@aol.com

Wednesday Wizardry Second Season

produced by Alain Nu, Mark Phillips and Bob Sheets

Date: Second season opening is Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Mark Phillips and Karen Beriss, Alain Nu and Bob Sheets plus sleight-of-hand artist

Barry's Magic continues open night performances

Barry's Magic Shop plans to continue its new Open Magic Night performances with two shows in February after launching the experimental theater presentation last month.

"Our first Thursday Open Magic Night was absolutely fantastic," Susie Taylor reported. "We were sold out and we could not have asked for a better group of performers and audience."

"The performers all excelled in their polished routines," she said. "Our show was two hours of pure fun and great magic. There really was magic in the air."

The lineup for the first open night event was Noland Montgomery, Dave Shepherd, Trey Cromwell, Matt Neufeld, Mike Kaminskis and Don Juan, the Black Prince of Magic, as well as host Barry Taylor.

The next show is Feb. 5, but it already is sold out. At deadline time for the Magi-Gram, there were some tickets for the next show, Feb. 26, at a cost of only \$10.

The entire show was videotaped and half of the initial performers purchased a DVD of their performance, but this is optional.

"We were not going to have this ongoing, but it was so much fun that Barry would like to continue with this venue as long as he has enough performers and audience members," Susie said.

Barry's Magic, located in Wheaton,

Francis Menotti from Philadelphia and the zany magic of Barry Wood.

Place: Gaithersburg Arts Barn in the Kentlands, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD

Cost: \$18 (\$15 for City of Gaithersburg residents) You can buy tickets at the door, but the sponsors recommend reserving tickets in advance.

Contact: Art Barn at 301-258-6394 for directions and reservations.

Dave Shepherd at Clyde's at Mark Center

performing close-up magic for Sunday brunch filling in for Frank Paparozzi. Dates: Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



Barry Taylor hosting shows

Md., has a theater upstairs from the shop which seats a comfortable 24 audience members.

"Our theater is perfectly suited for close-up routines," Susie said.

Anyone interested can write Susie Taylor at magic@erols.com. You can include this in your biography. Photos of you while you are performing will be permitted to show action shots. Videotaping will be made available of you performing in front of a live audience with a broadcast-quality digital videocamera for a fee.

Barry's will offer conversion of digital tape to VHS or you can then transfer it to a DVD and also have photographs made from the digital video.

Place: Clyde's at Mark Center at 1700 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA. Contact: 703-820-8300

Doc Dougherty recovering from major operation

Doc Dougherty, a former president of Ring 50 who is widely known in the magic community in the Washington area, is now recovering from a major amputation.

Friends are rallying to help him with financial obligations resulting from the surgery and to preserve his magic collection.



Doc Dougherty