

Happy New Year!



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JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005

PIER 7 RESTAURANT
CHANNEL INN HOTEL
650 Water Street SW
Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting



ENTERTAINS VETS--Ring 50's Jerry Foster recently performed at McGuire VA Hospital representing Chapter 48 of the Disabled American Veterans. "The results were awesome," he said.

Holiday show delights happy Ring 50 audience

Ring 50's December holiday festivities started with Ring President **Glenn Gary** performing a hat tear which resulted in a hat suitable for Santa's elf. This was by way of introducing one of our newer members, **David Jennings**, who was the emcee for the evening. David began by producing a 4-foot-tall candy cane.

Noland Montgomery did a comedy Christmas song prediction followed with a lovely Christmas routine. He ended with a restored paper strip revealing a multicolored *Happy Holidays* message.

Ring Vice President **Don Freedman** passed out cards bearing colorful images corresponding to months of the year. He apparently randomly had everyone move around the card until all of us stopped on December's picture of a smiling Santa.

Ring Secretary **Dwight Redman** did his version of Dai Vernon's "Card in Bottle."

Geoff Weber performed a complete

"Hall of Fame" gang set to entertain Ring at New Year's meeting

The new year will begin with a bang as we stage a "Hall of Fame" show featuring performances by our Lifetime members and other VIPs.

This is a night you won't want to miss as some of our most experienced and illustrious Ring 50 associates entertain us.

Some of our top stars will be on deck with magic to mystify and delight you.

The lineup of veteran entertainers will include one or two of the International Brotherhood of Magicians inductees into the Order of Merlin.

For more information, call Ring 50 Vice President Don Freedman.

act based on the theme of things penetrating his stomach area—a rope through body, a no-boxes version of the light through body and then his assistant stepped through his middle!

Past President **Eric Henning** followed with a large stocking, worn and patched, changing into a beautiful Christmas stocking full of candy.

Rick Beatty spelled to the aces using Christmas words. Ring Treasurer **Rucj Uffelman** offered a whimsical routine using a Christmas ball ornament in place of the egg, for an egg bag routine.

Jason Goldberg handed out blank business cards for audience members to rub between their hands. The participants showed messages from Santa Claus, either "Naughty" or "Nice." Jason closed with A Letter to Santa routine.

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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

VMS January Meeting

Date: Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.
Place: Home of Larry Lipman. Call for directions.
Contact: Larry Lipman at 703-237-1531 or email lorenzomagic@cox.net if you plan to attend.

SAM Meeting

Date: Jan. 19
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Theme: Children's Magic
Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176 or 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.

Ricky Jay Show

With nothing more than a deck of cards, noted magician Ricky Jay transfixes audiences with his subtle and clever sleight-of-hand.

Dates: May 6-May 22, 2005
Place: The Studio Theatre, 1333 P Street NW (14th & P), Washington, DC
Cost: Check theater's Web site www.studiotheatre.org for prices, dates and times.
Contact: 202-332-3300 (box office)

Ring 50 dues due first of February

Ring 50 collects annual dues for the year in February of each year. Dues, by the terms of our by-laws, are not prorated in the year.

The annual dues of \$15 will be due at the February meeting for all members. Anyone, wishing to do so, can pay their dues at the January meeting.

Rucj Uffelmann, who is Ring 50's

Saturday Morning at the Movies Publick Playhouse, Cheverly, MD

The Publick Playhouse, which began as a movie theater in the 1950s, has brought back big screen weekend entertainment for children ages 7 to 12 plus Saturday Morning Movies modeled after Rockefeller Center in New York. This features a half hour of live entertainment. Musicians, magicians and comical clowns start the show, followed by a hit feature-length family movie.

March 12 at 10 a.m.

Eric Redman's Magik plus Saturday morning Disney movie, "Lilo & Stitch," about a 5-year-old Hawaiian girl who adopts an evil alien disguised as a six-legged dog.

April 9 at 10 a.m.

James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show plus Saturday morning movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

June 11 at 10 a.m.

Noland's Magic featuring Noland Montgomery plus Saturday morning movie "Muppet Treasure Island" with Kermit and Miss Piggy doing their version of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous classic about a band of wicked pirates.

Cost:\$5
Contact: 301-277-1710 (Box Office) or TTY 301-277-0312

treasurer, requests that you pay your dues by check, as this eases the record keeping. If you must pay in cash; please, have the correct change. Every year the dues paying process becomes a hassle, with members forgetting and procrastinating. It's really easy; just pay your dues at the February meeting and be done with it.



CITIZEN MUNTON--Former Ring 50 President James Munton, shown here with his wife, has just received his certificate as a new American citizen. He is a native of London.

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

Between Magi-Gram issues, you can get the latest news on events and restaurant performers at the Ring 50 Web site www.IBMRing50.org