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Happy New Year!

New members to perform



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New members will be the featured attraction at our January meeting. Remember, because of New Year's Day, this meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, Jan. 8, 2003.

The purpose of new member night is two-fold.

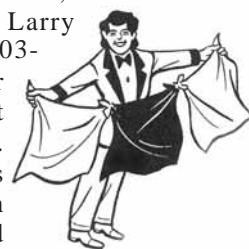
First, it gives our new members a chance, maybe for the first time, to perform in front of an audience beyond the circle of their immediate family.

Second, it gives Ring 50's older members a chance to meet new members who have recently joined our ranks.

The newcomers are David Sun, Jason Goldberg, Jeff Bocketti, Brian Raboin, Steve Hoffman, Larry Ekin and Howard Shank.

If there are any other new members who wish to perform, it's still not too late. Contact Larry Lipman at 703-237-1531 or email him at llipman@cox.net.

This month's mini-teach-in will be hosted by veteran performer Glenn Gary.



Annual auction set for March meeting

Ring 50's always popular annual auction in March will be a chance for you to pick up some real bargains or to unload a few of those tricks you never used or want to use again. A portion of the proceeds goes to support the Ring.

Barry's Magic Shop to offer bargains galore

Ring 50's own Barry Taylor, owner of Barry's Magic Shop in Wheaton, Md., will be showing us the hottest and latest magical effects and equipment on the market at our February meeting.

This will be a great chance, particularly for some Ring 50 members in Virginia, to check out some of Barry's best. It's a meeting that you will not want to miss.

Barry has studied and performed magic practically all of his life. He has a genuine personal nature, and his professional appearance and demeanor are a delight to see.

Barry and his wife, Suzanne, have been the proprietors of the shop in Wheaton for well over 25 years.

The shop offers a variety of magic props, tricks and supplies for both amateur and seasoned magicians alike.

Come early to see Barry perform all the tricks.

**JANUARY MEETING
Wednesday, Jan. 8 2003**

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

**6:00 Cocktails
6:45 Dinner
8:00 Meeting**

'Close-up Night' focuses on four tables

Members adopt 'Free Magic Policy'

Our final meeting for 2002 started promptly with announcements followed by a thorough description of our new "Free Magic Policy" by Ring 50 President Larry Lipman and Vice President Eric Henning.

The new policy, adopted unanimously, strongly urges our members to provide free magical services only when all other vendors and entertainers for an event also donate free services. This new policy is meant to prevent undercutting the livelihood of our magic community and to grant magic performances the same respect as other professional services.

Bob Carnathan hosted as four magicians performed simultaneously at four separate tables and rotated positions so that everybody had a front seat for "Close Up Night".

James Munton, demonstrated how Santa (KH) took his coat on and off as he warped through a chimney (AC). James followed with a story of three kids (signed selections) lost in the forest (deck) and four heroes (aces) who vanish and reappear with the missing children (selections nested in aces). James clearly exhibited his performing experience and creativity with these beautifully executed routines.

Eric Henning opened with an imaginary bunny hopping into reality then multiplying into a family in a spectator's hand. Mystery turned into adventure as a spectator was chosen to be a secret agent who had to present his personalized ID ambitiously to obtain the top-secret information in a mini suitcase. Deadly consequences were averted when the ID was found in the case. Eric ended with a novel display of coin magic as we watched half dollars pass through a small top hat, through the table, and then jump into a spectator's hand.

Noland Montgomery displayed his real-world experience by doing a fully stand-up, no table performance. Noland opened with a flurry of appearances, vanishes, and penetrations, with a silver dollar that ended up growing over three inches across. Three of four chosen cards that were lost in a deck mysteriously traveled from the deck into Noland's pockets. The last signed selection was found in the card case. Noland then solved the mystery of what to do with small pieces of dental floss remaining at the end of a roll by magically coupling the fragments into a long, usable piece of floss.

Mauny Murray demonstrated his skill with cards by drawing three predictions from the deck, all which exactly matched a card drawn later by the spectator. Knowing that four duplicates are suspicious, the spectators were confused until Mauny showed the backs of the prediction cards proving they came from other decks. Confusion set in again as the selection was shown not to come from the original deck as well. Mauny's skill with cards was matched with his skill with coins as four half dollars and an English penny traveled from hand to hand. Mauny shifted from coins to bills as he showed that he was not going to be bamboozled by a quick counter of bills. Neither was he going to get

stung by a game of Ultimate Monte, as cards shifted position without a single suspicious move.

Our meeting ended with a mini lecture from Gerry Hayes. Gerry's first effect had a spectator doing a card trick for the performer. The effect climaxed as the spectator was found sitting on performer's selected card. The second effect had one spectator revealing another spectator's selection. The third effect had the audience announcing the card that a single spectator had chosen.

-- Keith Pass

Christian the Magician plans sharing experience in lecture

Thirty-year Ring 50 member Dick Christian will share some of the vast knowledge and experience he has gained during more than a half century association with magic and more than 25 years of owning and operating his own entertainment agency at our April meeting.

Among the topics he will address are: the most commonly noted problems in performances and how to avoid them, the most frequently misused magic props, and some of the essential differences between performing for children and entertaining adults.

Dick will emphasize the importance of "why" instead of "how" in the presentation of magic as well as share some valuable insights into the business end of performing and a few of his more unusual and interesting experiences over the years. It is expected that he will illustrate some points with examples from his own programs.

The lecture is free for Ring 50 members and \$15 for non-members.

Please remember that since this is a lecture, the meeting is restricted to magicians only.

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Ring 50's Web site often***

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

Ring 50 member hosting blues music show

Ring 50 member Steve Hoffman is now hosting a weekly radio program of authentic blues music Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on WPFW (89.3 FM). Steve, a veteran blues programmer, has served as a consultant on blues to Time-Life Music and the Delta Cultural Center.

Steve, performing as Steven Stranger, makes his magical debut on Saturday, Jan. 25, as the opening act for jazz concert taking place at Sangha Cafe in Takoma Park. For information, contact Steve at 301-270-8520.