

# MAGI-GRAM

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## Dwight Redman elected new president of Ring 50

Dwight Redman will be installed at the June meeting of Ring 50 as our next president. He is moving up from his current position as vice president.

Other officers being installed will be Mike Taggart as vice president, Bob Fay continuing as secretary, Bob Patterson returning as treasurer and Geoffery Weber staying on for another term as sergeant-of-arms.

IBM Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan will conduct the installation ceremony. Afterward, the new officers will perform.

Dwight credits his role as a father for his interest in magic. "Most of you know my son, Eric, because he is a member of this club," Dwight said. "What most of you don't know is Eric is the reason I am a member of this club."

Dwight said Eric's interest in magic began when he was just 5. "He was too young to read and understand the instructions to the tricks he wanted," Dwight recalled. "I used to read the instructions to him and teach him the tricks. As his involvement grew, so did mine.

"I was being the good parent and when he started performing, I went with him. I did everything but the magic," Dwight said. "I found the jobs, rehearsed him, set up the props, cleaned up behind him and critiqued his performances. Eric joined this club when he was 14 years



**MAGICIAN OF YEAR--***Dwight Redman, right, was named Ring 50's Magician of the Year at the annual Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy Competition. Dan's son Tom, left, presented the trophy.*

old as a junior member and I brought him to every club meeting for two years."

Dwight currently is winding up his service as president of Larry West Assembly 23 of the Society of American Magicians (SAM). A native of Washington, D.C., he is an independent agent with Nationwide Insurance Company. He has been affiliated with the firm for 27 years. His office is located in Hyattsville, Md.

"I am happily married to Crystal Taylor-Redman," Dwight said. "I am the proud father of five children ages 36 to 19 and I have five grandchildren.

"I think magic came along in my life when I had a void to fill. My free time was spent playing basketball. I was at the point in life where the aches and pains were longer and the time spent playing ball was less and less. I have always loved to do things that make you think and magic was there in front of me for years and I never saw it.

"Eric and I continue to perform together and I use magic as my escape from the insurance business. I enjoy watching, learning and

performing magic. I hope my time, as president of this ring, will only enhance my appreciation of magic."

Dwight became a member of IBM Ring 50 in 2000 and joined SAM in 2001. He has served as secretary and vice president of the Washington assembly of SAM as well as president. He served two terms as secretary of Ring 50 prior to his election as vice president.

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### JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 2006  
HOLIDAY INN  
IN ALEXANDRIA  
2460 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA

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

# Coming Events

**Lectures at Denny & Lee Magic Studio**  
325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore.

A two-hour lecture by Paul Stone, a British performer and show producer for more than 30 years, who will provide tips on how to turn a basic effect into a commercial, entertaining routine.

Date: May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Lecture and performance by Jeff McBride: Live From Las Vegas—The Comando Show.

Date: June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40

Jeff McBride master workshop -- limited to only 20 students.

Date: June 7 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Cost: \$100

Ice McDonald, from Los Angeles, with doves, showmanship and ethics theme.

Date: June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Contact: 410-686-3914



*Barry Wood co-wrote show*

**“Wonders Never Cease” at Charter Theatre in Georgetown starring Washington-based magician Barry Wood.**

Dates: Thursday through Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. through June 4.

Saturday matinees at 3:30 p.m.

Place: National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, 1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202-333-7009

Cost: \$20-\$25

**“The Comedy & Mystery Society”** is holding “annual meetings” this year often featuring Bob Sheets, Mark Phillips, Alain Nu and Barry Woods among other magical and sometimes zany performers.

Dates: The series of shows dubbed “annual meetings” will continue with performances July 12 (Wednesday nights) and Aug. 11 (Friday night).

Place: The Gaithersburg Arts Barn Theatre, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, Md., in the Gaithersburg Kentland’s development.

Contact: 301-248-6394

Cost: \$15 for residents and \$18 for nonresidents for all Wednesday performances. Prices

Tickets can also be pi

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website at: [www.gaithers](http://www.gaithersburg.org/RecXpres)

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**The Theory and Art of Magic**  
**Muhlenberg College of Pennsylvania.**

This popular program is the first ongoing symposium on the magical arts.

Date: Lectures and shows begin Sept. 5 for six weeks. Dr. Lawrence Hass, a

philosopher and magician from Muhlenberg Coll-ege, is coordinating the event. Some of the featured

presenters will include John Carney, Jim Steinmeyer, Eugene Burger, Jamy

Ian Swiss, James Hamil-ton and Margaret Steele.

Contact: <http://www.muhs.edu/cultural/magic/index.html>

*Between Magi-Gram issues, you can get the latest news on events and performers at the official Ring 50 site <http://ibmring50.homestead.com/>.*

**Society of American Magicians (SAM)** Larry West Assembly 28

Date: June 21 at 7 p.m.

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

Theme: Pins, Pens and Penetrations

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**50th Anniversary of the Midwest Magic Jubilee**

*The Convention Where The Stars Meet!*

Date: Aug. 17-19

Place: St. Louis, MO

Cost: \$110 before July 1. When you register, you receive a FREE registration for your spouse.

Featured performers: Jay Sankey, Whit Haydn, Oscar Munoz, Aldo Colombini, Jimmy “Cards” Molinari among others.

Contact: Terry Richison, Midwest Magic Jubilee, 314-232-4183



**LIFETIME HONOREE--Jim Flanigan**, who is Territorial Vice President of IBM for the Washington area, was presented a Lifetime Membership certificate at the meeting by Ring 50 President Don Freedman. Jim also is the longtime editor of Ring 50’s Magi-Gram.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

### *State of the Union Chapter*

It hardly seems like a year since I took office. However, on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, our new slate of officers will be installed. I look forward to serving as immediate past president to the incoming president, Dwight Redman. I hope all of you will give your support to Dwight and make his administration the best ever. Plan on joining us to welcome our new officers and see them perform at the installation.

I want to thank all of the many people who helped me out throughout the year. I won't list the people here because they include just about everybody who attended a meeting during the year. You made my term of office especially memorable for me. Rarely have I seen a group of people so willing to become involved in any organization in which I have served.

As this is my last President's Corner, I would like to recap what we have accomplished this year. At the start of the year, I established three goals.

1. A 10% increase in membership—  
Our current membership is:

92 Total Members

9 Honorary Members

83 Active Members (20 new members since September 1, 2005)

2. Increased attendance at our monthly meetings:

We don't have an actual count of the average attendance. However, from my informal counts and observations, we had more than 50 people at most meetings. There were almost 100 people present for the Dan Lacey competition. Also, we have been averaging better than 30 people for dinner before the meetings. If you haven't tried the buffet at our new meeting site, come to our June meeting and join us for dinner between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

3. Ring 50 becoming involved in more community affairs:

We now are working with George Washington University Hospital to establish a Healing Magic Program.



***Don Freedman***

While this is just getting started, it is an important contribution that our members are making. My thanks to all of you who are supporting this effort.

During this past year, we had some notable successes:

The transition to our new meeting site at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria went very well. While we have not seen much from some of our Maryland members, we definitely have seen a lot more of our Virginia members. The location actually provides good access for everyone. Check it out on Map Quest.

We had a very successful Magi-Whirl in 2005. I was disappointed that I fell down on managing the 2006 effort and had to postpone/cancel it. Hopefully, Dwight can pick up the ball and run with it during his term.

Our members were actively involved in the shows at Pocahontas Park and Bishop Ireton. In addition to getting favorable exposure for our performing members, they also earned money for the Ring.

Our annual auction was a rousing success and people told me how efficient and well organized they thought the whole operation went. Next year we will do even better building on our lessons learned from this year.

And we had two excellent guest speakers who proved to be both entertaining and informative.

In conclusion, your officers want IBM Ring 50 to continue serving its membership. We can do this most effectively if we know what it is that you like and don't like about what we are doing. I found the emails that I received from you very helpful in planning and organizing my year in office. I encourage you to let your incoming officers know what you would like to see happen during the year to come.

Thanks again to one and all for giving me the opportunity to be your president and for your help and support throughout the year.

Magically yours,

***Don***



Photos by Bob Patterson

**SCENES FROM CONTEST--***These are some scenes from our Magician of the Year competition as winner was announced.*

# Magician of the Year!

Dwight Redman was a repeat winner of the Ring 50 Magician of the Year at our May meeting. He was presented with the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy for his performance. Dwight first won the cup four years ago when the competition started.

Dwight's rapport with the audience stood out among his peers as he presented a clever game routine based on the popular Star Trek series. He "transported" a chosen



**Dwight Redman**

card selected by a spectator into a glass bottle inside a closed set of boxes held by another audience member. He also used jumbo cards to tell his version of the Gemini Twins story.

Dwight's son, Eric, who also is a magician, was a close runner-up in the contest. He concluded his presentation with an eye-popping illusion in which he pulled a long, heavy chain through his body as the links were held at opposite ends by two husky volunteers.

The competition honors the memory of a former Ring 50 president. Noland Montgomery, who was the winner of the Dan Lacey trophy the previous three years, delivered a slick four-ace routine. Later, with the help of a young lady from the crowd, he kept everyone's attention with a humorous Cut-and-Restored Rope routine.

Arnie Fuoco displayed his own originality and creativity by taking several traditional routines one step further. He especially caught the magical group's attention when he ended a Professor's Nightmare effect by actually showing all three ropes—which first were various lengths—all visibly the same length.

Bob Carnathan offered a beautiful Color Changing Silk rhapsody in which he teased his spectators with a closed fist after changing a red fabric to a white one before opening his hand to show the red one was truly gone.

Former Ring 50 President Ken Norris borrowed the jacket of Stuart Finley, who also once lead our group, to perform a Knife Through Jacket effect. As Stu walked away, Ken demonstrated his skill as a pickpocket by returning his helper's wallet, watch and other items.

Geoff Webber, with the help of an attractive assistant, poured a variety of drinks from a single chocolate milk carton. The various beverages were passed out to members of the audience. John Roberts, another former Ring 50 leader, did a chain with lock routine. Cristian Vidrascu turned a deck of blank cards into normal ones during a card selection effect.

Dan Lacey's family was represented by his mother, Catherine Lacey; his son, Tom Lacey; his sister, Cecelia Ritchie, and friends Gail Scheff and Ed Watkins.

Former Ring 50 President James Munton was the emcee.



**Cristian Vidrascu**



**Ken Norris with Stu Finley**



**Eric Redman**



**James Munton with Ed Watkins**



**Noland Montgomery with young helper**



**Bob Carnathan**



**Arnie Fuoco**

**Photos  
by  
Bob Patterson**



**John Roberts**