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New members perform at November meeting

New members of Ring 50 will perform at our November meeting. They should contact Ring 50 President Mike Taggert at President@IBMRing50.Org to get a spot on the bill.

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BARRY'S MAGIC -- *Barry Taylor presented a children's magic show in mid-October at his new shop in Rockville, Md., to the delight of an enthusiastic audience. Other magical events are now being held on the shop's open stage.*

Magi-Whirl '08 looms on horizon

Magi-Whirl 2008 promises to be another Ring 50 top-notch event designed to draw attendees from near and far to the Washington area. The popular one-day convention will be held again at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va.

The lineup for the evening show on the school's first-class stage is expected to be a winner. Rich Bloch, a noted lawyer and magician, will be the emcee. Headliners will include Ice McDonald and Aldo Colombini.

Swami Yomahmi, who is portrayed by Stephon Walker, will perform his offbeat, one-man comedy act.

Noland Montgomery, who is a three-time winner of the Magician of the Year competition staged by Ring 50, also is set to take the stage.

The action begins when the convention opens the evening of March 28 and continues through the stage show the night of March 29. Registration for the event is \$45 through March 16. That price includes all events plus one evening show ticket. Individual tickets for the evening show on Saturday night will be \$10.

There will be closeup magic presentations on Saturday afternoon with Bob Little, Richard Kaufman and Brian Morton.

There also will be a question and answer session with Richard Kaufman, editor-publisher of Genii Magazine.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007

HOLIDAY INN

IN ALEXANDRIA

2460 Eisenhower Avenue

Alexandria, VA

6:00 Cocktails

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Meeting/Show

Coming Events

Events at Barry's Magic

Clowning classes taught by Kapital Klowns. Each session is 1.5 hours long. Subjects include comedy skits, balloon sculpturing, face painting and other topics.

Dates: Every Monday until Nov. 19 starting at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per class.

David Roth Close-up Coin Lecture
Date: Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25

Alain Choquette Lecture
Date: Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.
Cost: \$20

Tarrot Reading Classes coming soon.

Place: Barry's Magic Shop, 5544 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, Md.
Contact: 301/933-0373 or email magic@erols.com.
Web site: <http://www.barrysmagicshop.com/>

Society of American Magicians (SAM) Larry West Assembly 28
Date: Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Theme: Holiday Magic
Contact: Ray Eyler at 410/798-0176 ceyler1026@aol.com or email SAM Assembly President Larry Lipman at lmipman@cox.net.

Daily Magic in Ancient Egypt

Place: Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore
Dates: Occurs every week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday continuing through Nov. 18, 2007.
Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Cost: Admission free.
Contact: <http://www.thewalters.org/>

Stay in touch always through Ring 50 site

Between Ring 50 Magi-Gram issues, check out the latest news events and performances at the official Ring 50 site: IBMRing50.org. Our webmaster is former Ring 50 leader Eric Henning.

Lectures at Denny's Magic

Charles Gauci Lecture featuring an international mentalist from Australia.
Date: Friday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25

Charles Gauci Workshop
Date: Saturday, Oct. 27, at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$100

David Solomon Lecture on card magic.
Date: Saturday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20

Eric Anderson on Marketing
Date: Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20

Pete White Lecture on silk magic
Date: Saturday, Nov. 10
Cost: Free to Denny and Lee Club members; others \$10 each.

David Roth Workshop
Date: Sunday, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$100 per person
Lecture by David Roth
Date: Monday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$50 per person

Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Maryln Avenue, Baltimore, MD.
Contact: Denny's at 410-686-3914 or email dennymagic@aol.com.

Jamy Ian Swiss lecture a hit

Jamy Ian Swiss, a skilled sleight-of-hand artist noted for his bravado, spent 3.5 hours at the October meeting of Ring 50 offering his own special techniques for performing--blended with his truly unique philosophy for achieving success. In a word, he was passionate about his magic.

His lecture was based on "why" he does things the way he does. He stressed using creativity and noted novel approaches sometimes work best. "Sleight of hand is only a small part of the secret--the real secrets have to do with psychology and a carefully constructed, almost theatrical production, with many players, most of whose roles are invisible to the victim," he emphasized.

The Jamy Swiss appearance was packed with practical material from his own working repertoire -- filled with real-life information about performance of magic -- all delivered in his own powerful, potent and unprecedented

Lecture by Dr. Lawrence Hass, creator of the annual *Theory and Art of Magic* Academic Conference on the campus of Muhlenberg College in



Dr. Larry Hass

Place: Eisenhower Avenue Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Va.

Sponsor: IBM Ring 50

Cost: Ring 50 members free; others \$10 at door.

Glenn Gary Parlor Show

Dates: Every Friday at 8 p.m.
Place: The Westin City Center Hotel, 1400 M Street NW, just off Thomas Circle at 14th and M, in the Fireplace Parlor adjacent to the dining room of 1400 North Restaurant.

Cost: Pending available seating day of performance, any IBM member can get in at a discounted rate of \$25 cash at the door.

Contact: 703-963-0790 or www.glenngary.com.

Allentown, Pa., featuring world-leading stars of magic. He also is now writing a monthly "Theory and Art of Magic" column for MAGIC magazine.

Date: Feb. 6, 2008

style. It was a carefully constructed session with an expert teacher, a riveting motivational experience. This lecture was not merely magic lessons. It was life lessons offered by a magical genius.



Jamy Ian Swiss

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a month! We started out with some great weather that has people in the magic mood. Thanks to all the members who came out for the Jamy Swiss lecture. We had an attendance of 54 people, including several who submitted their applications for membership.

Remember that these lectures are a benefit of your membership so take the opportunity to go to all of them and see what you can bring home from attending. Our next lecturer will be Dr. Larry Hass from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., speaking on the pillars of magic.

Coming up this month we have our New Members Night. This is the chance for all new members to get up in front of the group and perform. I have sent emails to each of you and need to hear back right away



Michael Taggert

so we can get the lineup set up. If you have already emailed me, thank you for your prompt response.

The calendar is flying by as we are running full steam ahead toward Magi Whirl 2008. This is the chance for you to pitch in for the club. A member told me tonight that I should remind everyone: "If everyone does something, then no one has to do a lot." We did this last year and this year it will be even more important. We are expecting a larger crowd than last year. This time guests already include several of the magic world's VIPs so we should be ready to put forth our best effort.

Finally the busy holiday season is upon us as we start with All Hollows and run through the New Year. Take time this special time of the year to enjoy some of the holiday magic that floats around us. Enjoy some of the wonder of the season. Then share that spirit with some one and know the true meaning of magic.

Michael Taggert



Catherine R. Lacey

Rites held for past group leader's mother

Catherine R. Lacey, mother of former Ring 50 President Dan Lacey, died Oct. 2. Memorial services for her were conducted Oct. 8 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Bowie, Md. Interment was at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Md.



Mrs. Lacey annually attended the Dan Lacey Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy Competition sponsored by Ring 50 honoring her late son. "She always loved each of your presentations and especially how each of you became a memorial to our brother, Danny," members of her family said in a statement to Ring members.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the Lacey family at the passing of this wonderful ray of light," Ring 50 President Michael Taggert said. "We will miss her smile at our meetings."

"Mrs. Lacey was always a delight," IBM Territorial Vice President Jim Flanigan added. "She and her family provided strong and enthusiastic support each year for this special event honoring her son."

Mrs. Lacey was preceded in death by her husband Martin W. Lacey as well as her sons Danny and Johnny. She was the mother of Catherine "Kay" May of Upper Marlboro, Md., Janet Tipton of Dunkirk, Md., Cecelia Ritchie of Bowie, Md., and Loretta "Amy" Lacey of Towson, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, c/o Sister Anne O'Sullivan, P.O. Box 476, Eagle Butte, SD 57625.

Ring 50 Meeting Schedule 2007-08

2007

Nov. 7 — New Members Perform
Dec. 5 — Holiday Magic

2008

Jan. 2 — "Ask The Panel" Night
Feb. 6 — Richard Hass Lecture
March 5 — Four Corner Teach-In
March 28-29—Magi-Whirl
April 2 — Auction
May 7 — Dan Lacy Contest
June 4 — Winton Carroll "Most Humorous Magician" Contest

July — No meeting -- IBM/SAM joint convention in Louisville, Ky.



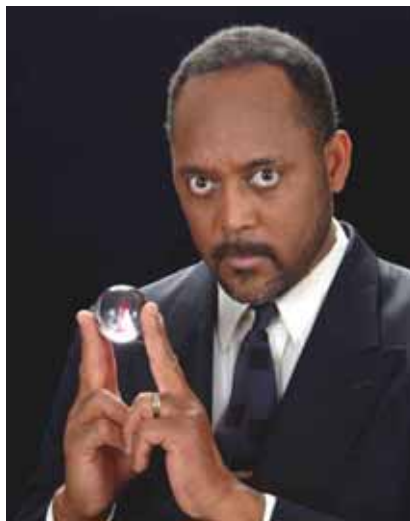
HOUDINI ON DISPLAY -- *Legendary magician Harry Houdini, the escape artist who died on Halloween 81 years ago, is featured as part of a permanent exhibit on Vaudeville acts in the Bob Hope Gallery of American Entertainment at the Library of Congress. Houdini escaped from handcuffs, leg irons and other devices.*

A special
Ring 50 Magi-Gram
preview presentation



Aldo Colombini, one of the best known performers on the magic circuit today, will star in the stage show along with his wife Rachel. He also will lecture.

Brian Morton will join a group of rotating close-up performers on Saturday, March 29



Kenrick "Ice" McDonald will be one of the headliners of the annual stage show. He also will present a lecture in the afternoon.



Bob Little, a legendary magic dealer, will be part of a trio of close-up magicians on Saturday afternoon.

Magi-Whirl 2008

*Ring 50's annual two-day
convention brings out stars*

March 28-29, 2008



While only in magic for a short period of time, **Eric Jones** is beginning to make a name for himself in close-up magic. He will present the opening lecture on the evening of Friday, March 28.



Noland Montgomery, who has been chosen Magician of the Year three times by Ring 50, will perform on stage.

Rich Bloch, a lawyer and a magician, will serve as emcee of the annual Magi-Whirl stage show. He also is known as an inventor of illusions.



Richard Kaufmann, who became publisher of *Genii*, *The Conjurers' Magazine* in October 1998, will be interviewed about his role as an editor, writer, illustrator and magic historian. He also will perform at an afternoon close-up event.



Swami Yomahmi (Stephon Walker) will perform his one-man sideshow titled "Unnatural Acts of Comedy" as he celebrates the geek in all of us.

