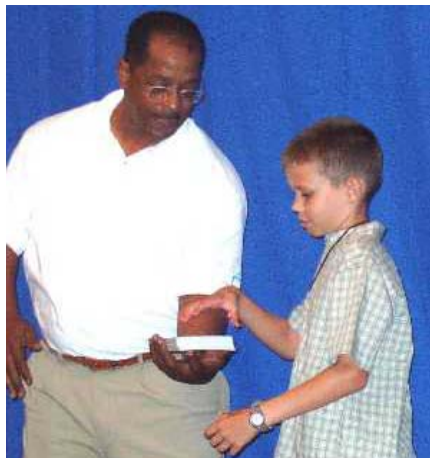


# MAGI-GRAM

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**MAGIC MAN**--Dwight Redman, who is president of Ring 50, performs at a Children's Night of Magic in August.

## Children's Night hit with folks of all ages

Laurie Curry was our able emcee for Ring 50's August "Magic For Children" meeting. There were 25 children and 72 adults present for the show by eight magicians.

Leading off the evening's entertainment was Ring 50's President Dwight Redman. After a young boy selected a card from the deck, Dwight used a sketchpad to draw what he thought was the boy's selected card. When the crowd indicated he was wrong, he added a few lines and told the audience it was really just the deck of cards he was drawing. Then the correct card rose magically from the drawing.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006  
HOLIDAY INN  
IN ALEXANDRIA  
2460 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA

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

## New members perform in fall

New members of Ring 50 will be on parade at our monthly meeting in September. This fall show will feature them doing their best magical stuff.

If any newcomers wish to perform, they should contact Ring 50

President Dwight Redman immediately.

The entertainment should be a real treat. Our ranks have grown in the past year so there will be a good number of new faces on deck.

Before the fun begins, a discussion on the future of Magi-Whirl is planned.

## Barry's Magic still in headlines

The plight of Barry's Magic Shop of Wheaton, Md., has been in the news lately including a prominent article in The Washington Post.

Councilman Steve A. Silverman called Barry's an "icon in the community" and indicated the council committee which OK'd a revitalization program did not realize it would mean razing the magic shop.

Meanwhile, the Gazette Community Newspaper of Maryland pointed out that Barry's has been a unique business in downtown Wheaton for 31 years. Barry Taylor and Susan Kang, owners of the shop, noted they have submitted a proposal to the Wheaton Redevelopment Program that would give the county a walkway while retaining their building.

Meantime, the owner of the land, George Chaconas, revealed in an interview with the newspaper that county officials advised him his land would be taken from him by eminent domain and so he settled for a price he said was fairly reasonable.

The newspaper also added that, according to the most recent draft of a contract sent to Barry, he and Susie would be given until Dec. 31 to vacate their building if his recommendation is not accepted. Taylor indicated he would ask for an extension.

R. Timothy McCrum, an attorney for the magic shop, contended the situation is "far from a done deal" with the county admitting it never

previously considered creating a safer walkway without tearing Barry's down.

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# Coming Events

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

**A special Pulp Friction two-hour workshop for 12 people by Lee Asher**

Date: Saturday afternoon Sept. 16

Cost: \$60 per person

**Lecture by Kostya Kimlat**

Date: Monday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

**Lecture by David Solomon**

Date: Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

**Lecture by Rafael Benatar**

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25

**Lecture by Lee Asher**

Date: Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

**Lee Asher Workshop**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m.

Cost: \$60

**Lecture by Pete White of P&A Silks**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

**Lecture by Richard Sanders of Canada**

Date: Friday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

**Lecture by Michael Vincent, Magic Circle's three-time Magician of the Year, with theme The Tapestry of Deception**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Contact: Denny's at 410-686-3914 or email [dennymagic@aol.com](mailto:dennymagic@aol.com).

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

Date: Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

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

Theme: Penny Lane

Contacts: Ray Eyler at 410/798-0176 [ceyler1026@aol.com](mailto:ceyler1026@aol.com) or James Munton at 301-322-5605 or [james@jamesmunton.com](mailto:james@jamesmunton.com).

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

**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 on Sept. 6 for six weeks. Dr. Lawrence Hass, a philosopher and magician from Muhlenberg College, is coordinating the event.

Some of the featured presenters

include John Carney, Jim

Steinmeyer, Eugene

Burger, Jamy Ian Swiss,

James Hamilton, Teller of

Penn and Teller, and

Margaret Steele. On

Wednesday, Sept. 6, John Carney will

kick-off the 2006 program with a full-

evening show in the Miller Forum on

the campus. The day's keynote

address on Saturday, Sept. 16, will be

delivered in a mid-afternoon gathering

by Jim Steinmeyer discussing "The

Modern Stage Illusion, Artistically

Considered." Teller's appearance will

take place on the event's final day Nov. 29.

Contact: <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/cultural/magic/index.html>. You can

receive all the latest updates on the 2006 program by emailing

[lhass@muhlenberg.edu](mailto:lhass@muhlenberg.edu).

Cost: Tickets for all events (including special lectures for magicians) are on sale from the Muhlenberg College Box Office. Complete information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the Internet.

**Glenn Gary's Parlor Magic**

Dates: Every Friday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Place: The 13th floor of the National Press Club at 529 14th Street NW in Washington, DC.

Cost: Tickets start at \$55. Advance purchase required. Call 1-800-961-3119 for assistance. Check available dates and buy tickets online.

Contact: Glenn Gary Productions at 703-963-0790 or

[glenn@glenngary.com](mailto:glenn@glenngary.com).

Web Site: <http://www.glenngary.com/>



Teller

## *Old Beatles song titles provide meeting themes*

James Munton, the new president of Assembly 23 of the Society of American Magicians in Washington, has introduced a very unique new approach to meeting themes. James, a native of Great Britain, is using the titles of old Beatles songs to challenge SAM's members to perform tricks. The song lyrics also provide fodder for an effect. The theme for September will be "Penny Lane".

Here are the lyrics:

*In Penny Lane there is a barber showing photographs  
Of every head he's had the pleasure to know.*

*And all the people that come and go  
Stop and say hello.*

*On the corner is a banker with a motorcar,  
The little children laugh at him behind his back.*

*And the banker never wears a mack  
In the pouring rain, very strange.*

*Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes.  
There beneath the blue suburban skies  
I sit, and meanwhile back*

*In penny Lane there is a fireman with an hourglass*

*And in his pocket is a portrait of the Queen.*

*He likes to keep his fire engine clean,  
It's a clean machine.*

*Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes.  
A four of fish and finger pies  
In summer, meanwhile back*

*Behind the shelter in the middle of a roundabout*

*The pretty nurse is selling poppies from a tray*

*And tho' she feels as if she's in a play  
She is anyway.*

*In Penny Lane the barber shaves another customer;*

*We see the banker sitting waiting for a trim.*

*And then the fireman rushes in  
From the pouring rain, very strange.*



## **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Compeers:

Our thanks goes out to all of the participants in last month's Children's Show. The seven performers did a fantastic job. A standing ovation goes to Eric Redman, Matt Pernick, Bob Greenwald, Scott McDonald, Louis Meyer, Larry Lipman and James Munton. Our emcee, Laurie Curry, kept the show moving smoothly and the audience loved it.

We had one of our largest turnouts since our move to Alexandria. My unofficial count showed about 25 children and more than 60 adults were there. Hopefully, we can continue to draw more interest of our neighbors in the Alexandria area.



**Dwight Redman** As I stated last month, we need to address Magi Whirl at this month's meeting. Unfortunately, I have not had an officers' meeting yet. I have been distracted and busy trying to arrange my son's move to New Orleans by the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. However, there will be a discussion by the officers before the September meeting and we will decide what we feel the club should do and we will present that to the membership.

This month we will have performances by some of our new Ring 50 members. If you joined the club within the last year and you want to perform, please contact me. See you on the 6<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend.

Thanks, *Dwight*

## **Combined IBM-SAM convention planned for 2008**

The International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) and the Society of American Magicians (SAM) will hold a combined six-day convention in Louisville, Kentucky two years from now. Headquarters for the July 21-26, 2008 event will be the newly renovated Galt House and Suites.

The combined convention was first



**A NEW STAR**--Former Ring 50 President James Munton recently performed on ABC-TV Channel 7's morning news with his 6-month-old daughter. James and Mirabai magically made a pan full of tasty chocolate appear for the show's hosts -- perhaps not the most nutritious of breakfasts, but certainly a good trick!



**MOVING ON**— Mauny Murray, left, returned recently from Turkey and Isreal and took the time to swing by Ring 50 member Jerry Foster's house for a final visit and a bit of clowning. He and his wife were leaving in August for their permanent new home in Ventura Calif.

planned in New Orleans. Registration was set back almost four months while seeking a new site because of Katrina. The early registration period has been extended to Dec. 31, 2006. This means those wishing to take advantage of the \$295 early registration price have until the end of the year to do so.

## **Magic-themed films draw movie crowds**

There have been mixed reviews in newspapers and magazines about the recently released film "The Illusionist" now in movie theaters throughout the Washington area.

However, Entertainment Weekly declares that Edward Norton delivers an elegant performance as the star of the motion picture. It maintains that the actor is "known for the intelligence and



**Norton**

intensity he brings to his roles." Neil Burger, who is the screenwriter and director of "The Illusionist", capitalizes on Norton's strengths quite well, according to the entertainment industry publication.

Based on a short story by Steven Millhauser, Norton plays Eisenheim, a lovelorn Viennese stage magician, in "The Illusionist" set in the early 1900s. He confounds Paul Giamatti, who is portraying a Viennese police chief, by using his apparent ability to manipulate time and space while delighting audiences. The movie audience is left wondering what is real and what is illusion.

Meanwhile, "The Prestige" — based on the award-winning novel by Christopher Priest about two rival magicians in turn-of-the-century England — opens in theaters on Oct. 20. This latest magic-themed motion picture, directed by Christopher Nolan, stars Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman. The film's cast also includes Michael Caine, David Bowie and Scarlett Johansson.

The story is about two magicians whose intense rivalry leads them on a life-long battle which begins when they are young stage performers in 1878. From this moment on, they feud to outwit and destroy one another.

And now Nicolas Cage has been filming a futuristic thriller called "Next" in Las Vegas. He plays a Las Vegas magician who can see the future. The FBI wants to use him to stop a terrorist threat. The picture is based on a short story by Philip K. Dick.

## *It's Children's Magic Night!*



*Bugler, aka Scott McDonald, opened with a fountain of silks. He also provided some comedy magic with his Topsy Turvey bottles.*



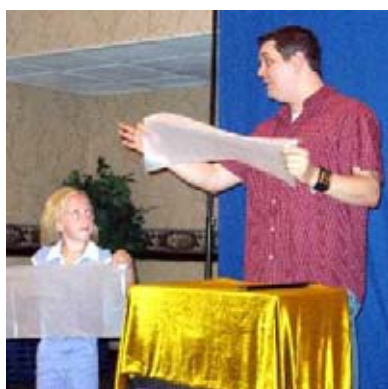
*Bob Greenwald, with the help of a young lady from the audience, did a cut and restored string.*



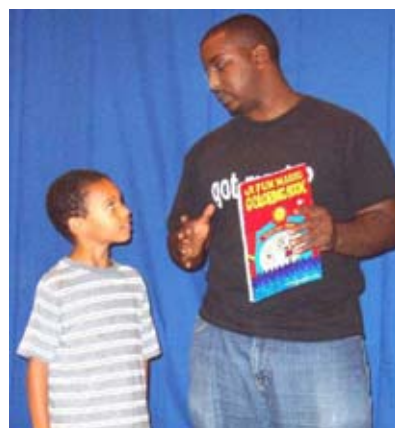
*Larry Lipman, who also is known as Lorenzo the Great, performed a Mis-made American Flag routine with a young Abraham Lincoln dressed in a top hat and sporting a beard.*



*Matt Pernick kept the audience mystified as dominoes multiplied on a slate he displayed. He also did a torn-and-restored newspaper using the latest edition of the Washington Post.*



*Louis Meyer offered a comedy torn paper bit with a girl from the crowd matching him tear for tear.*



*Eric Redman did a Magic Coloring Book routine. It was his last performance with Ring 50. He's moving to New Orleans, where he has accepted a job.*



*James Munton charmed five young fans as he assumed his role as James Wand, Secret Agent, making them secret agent assistants.*

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by  
Bob Patterson**