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## Members Perform Halloween Magic or Mentalism October 6th

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The October meeting was supposed to be a lecture from Josh Routh on bizarre magic, but he is in the final weeks of preparation for a play he is directing so he needs to cancel. So this month we will give everyone the opportunity to perform their favorite Halloween trick or bit of mentalism. We hope everyone brings something down. You don't need to teach it to the group so this is a great chance to show those pet effects that you keep to yourself. If you have something you would like to perform please email [steve@magiconthemenu.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com).

At 9pm we have workshop time, if you are working on some or need an idea this is a great time to get together in small groups and session. The goal here is for everyone to get better and have fun.

The agenda for the Oct 6th meeting is as follows:

- 6 pm Youth meeting – Josh Routh
- 6:30pm Magic 101 – “All The World’s A Stage” -Mike Hindrichs
- 7 pm Break
- 7:15pm Regular meeting begins
  - Announcements
  - Members Perform Halloween Magic and Mentalism
- 9 pm Videos
  - Workshop / Social Time

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## Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Event: October 3 Needs Your Help

By Steve Finkelstein [sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net)

Fellow Magicians and Entertainers, We could use a few more people – perform, hand out tricks, etc. Feel free to bring a family member along.

**Date: Sunday, October 3rd from 9:00AM to Noon.** We will need to arrive by 8:15 to get set up and find a good parking space. Also, food and beverages will be provided.

**Location:** Upper Munny parking lot at Forest Park (behind the Munny in Forest Park). Paring on the street or in the lot down the hill, just North. [Map attached.](#)

Last year there were 18,000 people. Those who participated

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last year had an outstanding time and helped out a great cause. We have the opportunity to enchant and amaze the kids and adults again in the Kidz Corner during this event.

Thanks again for your continued support. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

# The Midwest Magic Jubilee Marks a Successful Year

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

The 2010 Midwest Magic Jubilee was a huge success. Thanks to all of those who helped to plan and operate the Jubilee this year. Not only did we profit \$3750.00 but we have received numerous accolades from our performers and attendees. In our September MMJ Board meeting we brainstormed to compile a list of things that people liked about the 2010 Jubilee and things they would like to see different. These will be discussed in the upcoming meeting at 7:00 pm on October 11, 2010 at the St Louis Airport Hilton Hotel. If you want to be involved please attend. Coming up at the November Meeting will be the election of the Midwest Magic Jubilee Officers for the next 4 years. The rules for the

election are outlined in the Midwest Magic Jubilee bylaws but here is the section from the bylaws that describes the elections and the jobs of the three officers: "The three major positions, General Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer will be elected at a Jubilee meeting held after a written notification to the officers and board members of both local clubs is made. It is the responsibility of each club to notify their members. (All pertinent meeting notifications will be held in this manner.) The

**"THE NEXT JUBILEE MEETING  
WILL BE OCTOBER 11 @ 7pm AT  
THE ST. LOUIS AIRPORT HILTON."**



election of these three (3) positions will be made from nominations and elected by secret ballot of those in attendance of the meeting." If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please send the nominee's name and the office you are nominating them for to Alan Zibits at [alan.a.zibits@boeing.com](mailto:alan.a.zibits@boeing.com).

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the 2010 Jubilee a great success!

## EDITORS NOTE:

The bylaws and minutes of the last Midwest Magic Jubilee meeting are attached to this email for the convenience of the IBM membership. Please review at your discretion and plan on attending the next Jubilee meeting if you are interested and available.

## Magic 101 October: All The Worlds A Stage

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@earthlink.net

If you missed the September meeting, you missed the best class of the year. We worked on packet tricks, including one of my favorites The Close up Illusion by Larry Jennings. I have been doing this effect for many years and it never fails to stun an audience.

October's meeting theme is All the World's a Stage. I will be teaching a few impromptu effects that can

be used for a strolling set or at a party. Also for anyone who printed out a copy of last month's Magic 101 instructions on the website. I'm sure you noticed an effect called Stop Sign that we did not have time to go over in class. I will teach it at the October session.

Lastly, I would like to try something different in December, our theme will be The Student

Becomes the Master. I want to give you the opportunity to teach me (and the rest of the class) one of your favorite effects. It can be anything cards, coins, ropes, whatever you want. Just keep in mind this is a 101 class, no knuckle busters or finger flicking. Let me know if you would like to teach something and I will reserve you a place in the lineup.

# Have You Signed Up For Project Magic?

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@earthlink.net](mailto:magicbymike@earthlink.net)

I would like to thank Charlie Myers for being our featured performer for the month of September. As I look at my list of performers already booked I see a lot of months that need to be filled. I know everyone in Ring One has the talent to perform a great show, but maybe some lack the confidence. If you would like to do just one or two tricks and have another magician finish the show, I can set that up. If you are a seasoned pro, please try to find the time to make a

child's day a little more magical.

One of my favorite things about performing at Shriner's Hospital is I can try out new material and get some feedback before I use it at a paying gig.

**"Everyone needs to get involved in this very rewarding opportunity to spread the magic."**

So pick out a date that works for you and give me a shout.

Performers already booked:

Oct. Brian Boyd

Nov. Dan Todd

Dec. Mike Hindrichs

Jan. Josh Routh, Harry Monti

Feb. OPEN

Mar. Gene Schaefer

## President's Message:

### Who's Club Is It Anyway Part II?

By Steve Barcellona [steve@magiconthemenu.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com)

October is upon us and that means that the busy holiday season is right around the corner. I hope everyone had a great time at the president's banquet. I thought the food was great and Bob Sheets was a lot of fun. His lecture on the following day was very good. If you want to know all the ins and outs to the shell game get his boot camp DVD and you will have no further questions.

Over the last few weeks many club members have raised their hands to help out in one way or another. Thank you all for supporting the club with your time and talents. There are so many opportunities to participate that no one should feel left out. You could organize a meeting, get a group together for Shriner's, be part of a teach-in or some other idea you have that would make the club informative and more fun for

everyone. Don't stand on the side lines, raise your hand and play a part in your club.

Right now we are looking for a couple of smaller venues to have shows at. At the last two board meetings we have talked about having a parlor type show as a fundraiser. It would seem that a show like this might suit the talents of more club members. We need a small venue like a church or a hall with a small stage or platform in the basement. We also talked about having a close up show for the public; a restaurant with a couple of smaller banquet rooms would be perfect. Maybe your church has a venue like this or you know of a restaurant that could accommodate us. If you can help us narrow our search please let us know. By the way if these venues would be interested in partnering with us, so much the better.

As you can see from this issue of the Spirit several people have stepped up to write articles and reviews. Thanks to all of you. Your contributions make the Spirit a valuable resource for our members. I would love to have more submissions for the spirit. For the December issue we are going to have a "Ring 1 Holiday Memories From the Past" section. Do you remember any funny stories from past Ring 1 Holiday events? Or any magic related holiday stories. Jot them down and send them to me. It doesn't have to be a whole story just a few anecdotes from the past would be great. Don't hold back, share them with the group. Do you have some pictures from past holiday parties they would be great too.

## Spotlight on Membership: Meet Larry Lucy

**Editor :What is your first memory of magic or a magician?**

Watching the movie Houdini starring Tony Curtis. I have never forgotten how he managed to escape from drowning in the icy river he was thrown into. It is a little known fact that there is a small layer of air between the ice and the water line. By going to the ice he was able to get enough air to survive and scare the heck out of the spectators who couldn't believe he could hold his breath that long

**Editor: How long have you been involved in magic and how did you get started?**

I have been involved for approximately 5 years. My interest was rekindled after seeing the great Terry Richison do a walk around show at one of our banks hospitality hours. It was very entertaining and I thought it would be cool to be able to do the same thing someday.

**Editor: Tell us about your job? Do you find ways to bring magic to your work? How?**

I am a portfolio manager in the Asset Management Group at US Bank. I have not found any ways to bring magic to my job. I guess I do that every day by somehow (magically) making my clients a lot of money.

**Editor: Tell us something interesting about yourself that we might not know?**

I am an avid Harley Davidson rider. The gang really digs magic.

**Editor: Tell us about the magic you perform or would like to perform, Where? How often? What kind?**

I currently do not perform. I think walk around or stand up for small audiences would be my preference.

**Editor: If you were a magic prop, what prop would you be and why?**

A thumb tip because I would be able to turn dollar bills into hundred dollar bills.

## IBM Ring 1: September 2010 Ring Report

By Martin Kopp [martin.kopp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martin.kopp@sbcglobal.net)

Our September meeting began as usual with Mike Hindrichs leading Magic 101. Mike taught a couple really nice packet tricks. The first was with 4 different cards being shown and any one of them named by a spectator. The cards were then turned face down and counted. Amazingly, the named card had turned face up. Next Mike taught a Larry Jennings miracle with 3 cards. Geoff Williams has a version of this effect out called the "I Hate David Copperfield Trick." This is a beautiful illusion with only 3 cards. A card placed on the bottom magically and visually melts through and becomes the middle card.

Steve Barcellona kicked off the business side of the meeting discussing the upcoming President's Banquet on September 24th and the need for volunteers. Bob Sheets will be our entertainment for the banquet and will also give us a much anticipated lecture the following day.

The theme for the evening was "Out Of Your Wallet/ Out Of Your Pocket" which could include any trick you keep in your wallet or any trick out of the pocket. Members also had the opportunity to teach us the effect they performed. My notes, and my memory, are a bit fuzzy on the order of performers and what they actually performed and taught, but we were all entertained by George Van Dyke, Steve Finklestein, Henry Shaper, Larry Lucy, Larry Minth, and Sister Michael Therese Bauer.

A good time was had by all.

### Schedule of Events 2010 – 2011

**Aug 4th** – Ice Cream Social  
**Sept 6th** – Out of Your Wallet / Out of Your pocket  
**Oct 6th** – Halloween Magic and Mentalism  
**Nov 3rd** – Turkeys! Your First, Best Or Worst  
**Dec 1st** – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic  
**Jan 5th** – Across The Coffee Cups, Dinner Table Magic  
**Feb 2nd** – By The Book, Tricks From Your Favorite Book  
**Mar 2nd** – 4 Corner Poker Run (It's Back!)  
**TBD** – Parade of Magic / Day of Magic  
**Apr 6th** – Cards and Coins  
**May 4th** – Close Up Contest  
**June 1st** – Just For Kids  
 There will also be 5 to 6 Guest lecturers to be announced.



## Surprise Geoff Williams Lecture Does Not Disappoint

By Steve Zuehlke [StLSteve2001@aol.com](mailto:StLSteve2001@aol.com)

Photos By Terry Richison

*Editor: You have to pay attention to your email! Ring 1 was given a lecture opportunity and Terry Richison wasn't about to let it go by. As he moved to his new home in Florida, Geoff Williams stopped by on September 29th to give the club a great lecture, at a great price. Ask us and we will let you know what we paid. Here is Steve's Zuehlke's review.*

September 29th was the date for the Geoff Williams lecture. With the recent President's Banquet on Friday and a lecture on Saturday, we had a pretty good turn out for Geoff's lecture and those who were lucky enough to come saw Geoff in action and picked up some really "cool" tricks, ideas and perspectives! While definitely not a DEALER DEMO lecture, Geoff had plenty to sell. While he did perform a few of his "marketed" items, he showed and explained to everyone the workings behind them all. Besides being a funny guy, Geoff is an awesome technician and knows what works for LAYPEOPLE. His professionalism shows up in his humor, magic and presentation. Geoff did a wide variety of magic including optical illusions, coins, pulls, psychology, cards, a few electronic wonders and a several other miracles as well. Geoff is a full time professional now making his home in Florida. With his recent move Florida he plans to concentrate on cruise ships and resort work. This is a guy who has paid his dues and deserves everything that comes his way!

## It Is Time To Pay Your 2011 Dues

It is hard to believe that with all the great activities that Ring 1 provides it's members dues are STILL only \$15!!! That is a tremendous bargain. We are starting to collect 2011 dues so be sure to bring your check to the next meeting or if you like you can pay at the website here <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues.html>

Don't forget that you must be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians to be a member of Ring 1. Now is a good time to check your international dues also.

You can always check the status of your dues for both Ring 1 and the international organization on the sign in sheet at each meeting.

## SAM Assembly 8 Invites You To their Annual Flea Market

Sam Assembly 8 will be having it's annual flea market on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. There is going to be tons of good used magic for sale. (I think Steve Finkelstein is going to be there) You are also welcome to sell tables for non SAM members are only \$15. Contact Eric Bausworth for a table. [Ebausworth@gmail.com](mailto:Ebausworth@gmail.com) Location: Mount Tabor United Church of Christ, 6520 Arsenal.

### Do You Have Something To Sell Or Trade?

All members in good standing can advertise your item free. Just include a picture and description of your item along with your contact info to. [steve@magiconthemenue.com](mailto:steve@magiconthemenue.com)

# President's Banquet: Loads of Laughs with BOB SHEETS!

By Steve Zuehlke [StLSteve2001@aol.com](mailto:StLSteve2001@aol.com)

Photos by Marty Kopp

Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> was the date of this years installation banquet and what a presidential evening it was. The evening started off with some awesome close-up magic provided by Mike Hindrichs and Steve Finkelstein. Both performers presented a variety of DIFFERENT effects that were enjoyed by everyone.

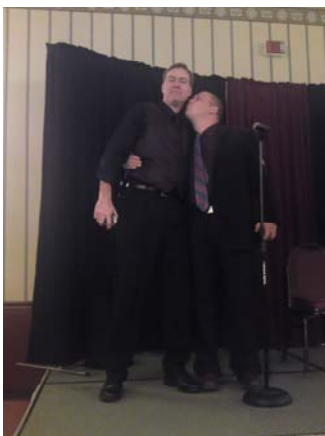
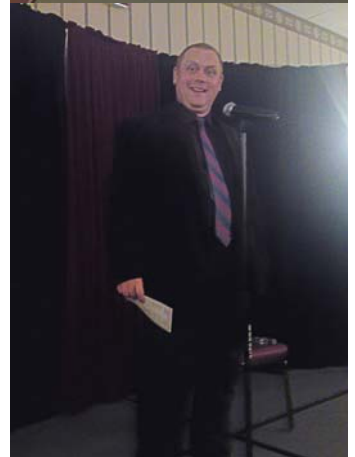
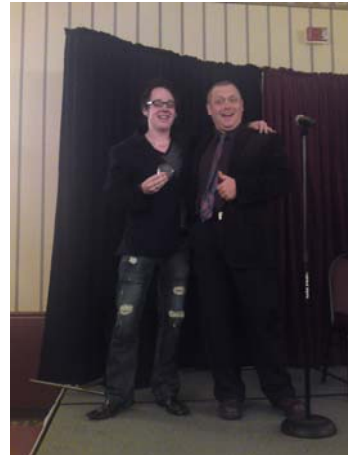
Following the close-up magic the group was treated to an awesome meal provided by our hosts, Orlando Gardens. I have attended many different functions at several of the Orlando locations and they do a first class job every time. Our invocation this year was given by our own Sister Teresa who did an outstanding job.

After dinner which included cake and coffee, Dave Snetsinger brought fourth this years board along with TVP Dennis Burke who installed the officers for the 2010-2011 term.

Outgoing president Josh Routh gave a heart felt thanks to the club and presented several members with a presidential citation. The recipients were Steve Finkelstein, Mike Hindrichs, Larry Skorepa, Harry Machin Jr., and Blake Douglas. These members went above the call of duty this year and their help did not go unrecognized.

Following Josh's remarks our newly elected president Steve Barcellona presented Josh with a special gift from the Ring. Steve had a few remarks of his own and it sounds like he has an exciting year planned for Ring One. After a short break Steve introduced our entertainment for the evening, Mr. Bob Sheets. Bob did a solid thirty minutes featuring ropes, coins, blocks and cards all tastefully sprinkled with humor which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Needless to say the evening was a smashing success. Special thanks go out to Steve Barcellona, Mike Hindrichs, Terry Richison and Alexa Richison. I can't wait till next year!



# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

2010 – 2011 Officers

## Officers

President: Steve Barcellona  
Vice President: Marty Kopp  
Treasurer: Larry Lucy  
Secretary: Al Zibits  
Sgt At Arms: Mike Hindrichs

## Board Members

Josh Routh  
Terry Richison  
Harry Monti  
Randy Kalin

Board Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

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## International Brotherhood Of Magicians

### St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July)

### Meeting Agenda

6pm Youth Meeting  
6:30 Magic 101  
7pm Announcements  
7:15 Break  
7:30 Meeting Theme  
9pm Workshop / Social Time

All meetings will be at the Maryland Heights Community Center  
2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043.  
Unless noted in the schedule.

### Directions

#### **From the St Louis Airport:**

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Right onto Dorsett, Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

#### **From I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:**

Take I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north. Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Left onto Dorsett Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

## I.B.M Ring 1 Receives Copy of *Merrill's Knife Book*

By Terry Richison    [magictwr@charter.net](mailto:magictwr@charter.net)

A few weeks back, I was contacted by Gary Frank. Gary has the rights to the *Merrill's Knife Book*, a book that illustrates every move needed to perform the color changing knives, many routines with an introduction by Tommy Winsor and a bonus chapter by Al Cohen. All the photos are "mirror" photos, meaning that in each photo you can see what the audience is seeing as well

as what the performer is seeing. Gary Frank asked if the club would accept a donation of the book to help further help the art of magic. What came next was unexpected. When the book arrived it was not just one book but several books. He wanted as many people as possible to have this special book for their personal growth and enjoyment. So at the next meeting in October, I will

bring the books to be given out to our members, in good standing, as a gift from Gary Frank. A Special "Thank You" note will be sent to Gary for his generous gift to the members of Ring 1.

