



HAPPY

NEW YEAR

### Upcoming Events

**Monthly Meetings** are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 6:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

**Monthly Ring 1 Board Meetings** are open to all members and are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meetings begin at 7pm!

- **Jan 9 – John Luka Lecture** (see article)
- **Feb 6 – Steve Zuehlke Teach in**
- **Feb 15 – Ring 1 Parade of Magic Show at Chesterfield YMCA Theatre – 7:30pm**
- **Feb 16 - Ring 1 Parade of Magic Show at Kirkwood Community Theatre 2pm and 7pm**
- **March 5 - Flea Market**
- **April 2 - Stage Presentation**
- **May 7 - Close-up Contest**
- **June 4 – Grab Bag Magic**

### **New Meeting Times**

You will find directions to the meeting place elsewhere in the news letter. Now I would like to go over the structure of the nights at the upcoming meetings. First we have the meeting room from 5 pm to 10 pm. Starting at the February meeting the new youth program will begin. The meeting time for this will be from 5:30 to 6:30. Magic 101 will start at 6:30 and run till 7:15, a fifteen-minute break till 7:30, at which time will start the regular monthly meeting. I realize members will be coming and going, setting up for magic 101 and the regular meeting. We need to be respectful of what is going on around us and keep the noise level to a minimum. This is the perfect time to bring up a couple points that irritates others and me because it has been brought to my attention. First the side bar chit chat in the back of the room, or on the sides while another member is speaking or performing. Many do not realize how loud they whisper or how loud their low voice may be. It is distracting to everyone in attendance, if you need talk please step outside the door. Second, refreshments are served at every meeting, this is something that hasn't been done in years past, and we do have a budget for this. We invite you to part take in the refreshments; all I ask is that you clean up after yourself. Please use the trash cans in the room. I have received positive feedback that the general meetings have been ending by 9 pm. I have all intentions on continuing this practice, but those who wish may stay afterwards to further socialize, or work with Steve Finkelstein on what was presented during Magic 101 or work with your mentor are encouraged to do so.

## New Meeting Location!

Don't forget that we have a new meeting location starting with our January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Yes, this is the second Wednesday of the month but we felt the first Wednesday was too close to New Years and people may need a little more time to recover. The new location is at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

From I-270, take the Dorsett Rd Exit and go West on Dorsett. At McKelvey Hill Rd (first traffic light) turn Right. (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the left. Look for the signs for the meeting room once you are in the building.

# Project Magic

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to December's performers:  
**Larry Skorepa and Ted Schnarre**



No man can stand so tall as to stoop to help a child in need

# Shriners Hospital

There are more than 411,000 Shriner's now. They gather in Temples, or chapters, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama. There are 22 Shriner's Hospitals for Children providing care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. These hospitals have helped more than 800,000 children--at no cost to the parent or child--since the first Shriner's Hospital opened in 1922.

You know what else is so great about this



Ted Schnarre

is that for the last Twenty Five years Ring One has had the privilege to be a small part of bringing joy once a month to those children and parents at the hospital. How fortunate are we to have one of twenty-two hospitals right here in St Louis.

Treasurer Larry Skorepa and President Ted Schnarre provided the entertainment at the December show. We invited the children to come up and take part in our shows. The children and parents they performed for were going to spend the Christmas season at the hospital. After the shows Larry and Ted passed out Christmas gifts to the children present, and left gifts for the ones who we unable to attend.



Larry Skorepa

If you would like to be a part of providing a chance to bring these families a moment of joy and forget their problems if for a while, contact John Reider at (314) 614-4549

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## Happy New Year!

It's not too early to register for the  
**2008 Midwest Magic Jubilee!**

[www.mmjubilee.com/registration.htm](http://www.mmjubilee.com/registration.htm)



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## Looking for Spring Show Performers and Crew

OK! I know its winter but we are planning for the Spring Show at the Kirkwood Community Center February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kirkwood Community Theatre and West County YMCA, Chesterfield, MO respectively. We are looking for a good few people for the tech\ crew and house crew to help to support these shows. If you have an interest in being in helping spotlights, sound, backstage or ushering give us a call. If you want to be involved but might not think you know enough to help, we will train you on what to do. Just give Steve Zuehlke a call at (314) 514-0215 or email at [STLSTEVE2001@AOL.COM](mailto:STLSTEVE2001@AOL.COM). Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

# Ring 1 History

The history of Ring One is eighty years old, we would like to keep the history well documented, and here is how you

can help. When you are featured in a local newspaper, on a program at an event, we need you to submit the articles to our historian Don Burgan or bring it to a regular meeting and we will pass it onto Don for you, for him to file. This is also your way of being included in the records of the Ring One Archives. In years past very few articles or newspaper clippings have been submitted, it is very important we keep good records for future members to trace the history of Ring One. We do display our archive book at many functions like the presidents banquet, Midwest Magic Jubilee and the Spring Shows. Take a moment the next time you see it displayed and take a quit trip thru time, and remember you can be a part of the history by submitting a clipping of your own.

## How would you like to be an Officer or Board member of Ring 1?

Maybe you have thought about it but didn't know what to do about it, now is your time. We are looking for people who are interested in becoming active in the leadership of the club to help guide it into the future. Ring 1 is 80 years old and you can help in shaping the next 80 years. If you are interested, please contact Terry Richison at [Terry@magicofterryrich.com](mailto:Terry@magicofterryrich.com). Only you can help make club a success if you get involved! Elections will be held in May.

## Dues are due!

If you haven't already paid your 2008 dues, please send them along with all your updated information such as address, phone numbers and email address to Larry Skorepa at 446 Bush Dr., Ballwin, MO 63021. Dues are only \$15. You must have your dues paid to attend any lectures. This year you can also pay your dues via credit card at the Ring 1 web site. Just long on to [www.ibmring1.com/dues.htm](http://www.ibmring1.com/dues.htm). You do not have to have a PayPal account. Now is the time!



# “Secrets”

## For The Serious Magician

Presented by...

**I.B.M. Ring 1**

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM – Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Free to all Ring 1 members and only \$10 for other I.B.M. members and \$15 for all non I.B.M. members.

## JOHN LUKA

John Luka has been an avid magic enthusiast for most of his life. Included among his mentors were Milt Kort and Harry Riser. John is the founder of The Motor City Close-Up Convention, held in Taylor, Michigan, now in its eleventh year. This convention brings TOP LINE performers into Metro-Detroit to perform and lecture.

John's "Thoughts On..." column appeared in *The New Tops* magazine published by the Abbott Magic Company. The column ran from October of 1993 to December of 1994. The entire contents of John's "Thoughts On..." column were published by L & L Publishing in Luka's first major book, *L.I.N.T.*. This book also included material that never made the pages of *The New Tops*.

This lecture contains material from John's new book, *Uncovered*. You will find routines that range in skill level from nearly self-working to some that are a bit more challenging. However, you will NOT find any knuckle busters in the items presented. Some of the magic includes a no palm card to wallet that kills and is sooo easy to do and a three-ball routine that you'll be scratching your head over.

Featured is *Licked At Last*, which the experts are calling the best yet *In The Hands Triumph*. Another stand out item is *Back To The 19th Century*, an incredible assembly that will make you a believer.

There's even more great stuff that you will find works well in the real world. Each and every effect has been audience tested over the years. So, you know you're getting the real deal. Every item that John performs at the lecture will be fully explained.

Although not new to magic, John is new to the lecture scene. Don't let that deter you. You will find that John's lecture contains more do-able, practical magic than most lectures. Attend this lecture and find out for yourself. You'll be glad you did.

Here's what others are saying about the effects in the lecture.

"Your book *Uncovered* is great! I particularly enjoyed *Licked at Last*, *Michigan Monte*, and, of course, *Back to the 19th Century*. Your magic is very well thought out and your attention to detail is inspiring. Dai Vernon would be proud! Thank you for sharing." – **Daryl**

"The ambitious card routine is a GEM!" – **Tom Craven**

"*Back To The 19<sup>th</sup> Century* alone is worth the price of the book." – **Craig Alan**

"I blew them away with *Licked At Last* last night; it was a good feeling!" – **Mark Zacharia**

"I am now using *Licked At Last* and *Back To The 19th Century*" – **Dan Tong**