



80 YEARS OF MAGIC!

International Brotherhood of Magicians
Ring 1 "Spirit of St. Louis"

THE SPIRIT



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043 Youth meeting at 5:30pm, Magic 101 at 6:30PM and Regular meeting at 7:30PM.

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

- **March 5 - Youth Meeting – Begins at 5:30PM**
Flea Market set up begins at 6:30
Flea Market begins at 7:00PM
- **March 11 – LECTURE by Fielding West – 7PM Quality Inn Auditorium**
- **April 2 - Stage Presentation**
- **May 7 - Close-up Contest**
- **June 4 – Grab Bag Magic**



Our March 5th meeting promises to be a good one. Grab your favorite dog and cat and start gathering those fleas! OK, that was a bad joke. What you really need to do is clean out those old drawers and boxes and bring your old magic that you don't use anymore and turn it into cold, hard cash. All I.B.M. Ring 1 members will be allowed one table (we may have to double up on space if we have a lot of participants) to display their old unwanted magic. You set the price and you keep the cash. To reserve a table you must email or call Ted Schnarre (636-947-1517, T.Schnarre@att.net.) If you don't reserve your table, any available tables will be on a first come, first serve basis so make sure and get there early. Even though tables are available ONLY to members of the I.B.M. Ring 1 the sale is open to anyone interested in magic! Dealers: check in with Ted upon arrival and he will assign you a table. Don't forget set up begins at 6:30 pm, after the Youth meeting and the Flea Market begins at 7PM after a few announcements. We won't have a whole of time to setup so be prepared and be polite to those at the youth meeting until they are done. We don't want to disturb them with any conversations. Hope to see you there!





Fielding West Lecture March 11th 7:00PM

Quality Inn Auditorium
2434 Old Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043-2415

Fielding West is not only a magician's magician, but he possesses that very rare and impeccable sense of comedic timing that has landed him the opening spot for some of the biggest names in show business. A winner in the prestigious Desert Magic Seminar's Comedy Magic competition, Fielding has opened the show for such A-list celebrities as Liza Minelli, Glen Campbell and dozens more.

His numerous network television appearances include spots on A & E's An Evening at the Improv, Caroline's Comedy Hour, and NBC's The World's Greatest Magic and World's Wildest Magic specials. Fielding is also in demand as a writer, magic consultant and technical director and has worked with Lance Burton, Siegfried & Roy and many others. Fielding West continues to headline in major resort destinations all over the world and for the first time, he shares the secrets of his tremendous success.

Fielding West will teach you

Bob The Bird Routine

Rabbit from Hat Gag

Hairspray Gag

Balloon Swallowing/Reverse Balloon Swallowing

Cigarette Manipulation

Coke Bottle Vanish/Glass of Water Production

Coin Vanish

Ring Vanish

FREE for Ring 1 Members, \$10 for other I.B.M. members and \$15 for all others. (It pays to be a member of Ring 1!)

Ring 129 Magic Auction

Ring 129 is holding an auction on Saturday, March 8th at 6:00 PM, Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Dr. Roeland Park, KS .

Ring 1's First Youth Meeting 2008

By Josh Routh



Our first youth meeting was a success. It was well attended and a good time was had by all. The meeting started with our 6 members (Mischa Perez, Blake Douglass, Grant Ives, Richard Metz, Ron and Alexa Richison) each telling what they were looking to gain from joining the club. After that everyone went around did a trick. One of the highlights was when Mischa pulled 4 boxes of flowers from a paper bag. Next we worked on rubber band tricks. Alexa did a good job with the "Goodnight George" trick. After the rubber band tricks, we passed around a deck of cards and did some card tricks. Ron and Blake shared some of their favorites and taught them to the group. Like a true magician Richard's pockets were well stocked with cards for everyone to share. Thanks to Blake, Joe Fingerhut, and Ted Schnarre for their support in starting and facilitating the meeting. Also thanks to Jeff Lefton and Abra-Kid-Abra for supplying the rubber bands. For our March meeting the members were asked to bring a trick to share. We will also be learning rope tricks. If you know any young people interested in joining bring them to our club. The meeting starts at 5:30pm and goes until 6:15pm.

Have You Read

In the February issue of the Linking Ring? IBM Ring One youth member Blake Douglass is in the feature article Rising Stars of Tomorrow. If you haven't read the article it is on page 82.

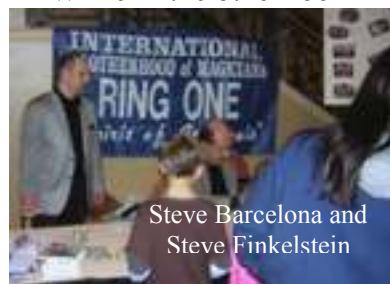
Blake is working with Josh Routh with our youth program teaching the young members the art of magic, and was also involved working back stage at this year's Parade of Magic. When you see Blake at the meeting introduce yourself, he is one energetic and delightful youth to speak with.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Show Review

Saturday, February 9th was the date for this year's JDRF show under the direction of Steve Finkelstein. The JDRF is a national event that is held here in St. Louis once a year which draws a crowd of over one thousand attendees. The primary function of this event is to provide continuing education to the parents of juveniles who suffer from diabetes.

On hand this year was performers Ted Schnarre, Steve Zuehlke, Don and Barb Burgan, Larry Skorepa, Steve Finkelstein, Tim Shegitz and Joe Fingerhut. Steve Zuehlke, Don, Barb, and Larry took care of entertaining the younger kids (ages 3-7) while the rest of the guys handled the older kids. With the younger set, Steve Zuehlke got the kids warmed up with the Pop Away Wand, a few disappearing balloons and produced a Teddy Bear, which was given to a volunteer. Don and Barb Burgan opened with the Flag of All Nations, a VISABLE coloring effect, the SPOT CAN and a nice Topsy Turvy Bottle effect. Larry closed the set with a Paper Hat Tear, a nice cut and restored (that he learned at the recent teach-in compliments of Ted Schnarre's excellent instructions, a nice routine using Jumbo wands and ended with the production of a LIVE Rabbit. When deciding the line-up, Don Burgan was overheard as saying "I don't follow a rabbit!" Afterwards Larry invited all the kids up to pet his bunny. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

While in the other room Tim Shegitz open the show with asking if everyone wanted to see a card trick witch Tim produced a large hank of rope for his cut and restore rope routine, followed by his Axtel Board and closing it out with an Elvis routine which the kids really got into. The King still lives Tim closed his show with the Vanishing Bandana. Joe Finger hut was next on tap, juggling balls, rings, and riding his unicycle around the room. Ted Schnarre was next in line with his professor nightmare, confusing die and closing with the torn and restored newspaper. Steve Finkelstein was the emcee of the shows and wrapped



Steve Barcelona and Steve Finkelstein



Jerry Collins & Don Burgan

up the show with a guessing game with balloons and seeing how much money could be won if they picked the right balloon.

The Ring also had a booth displayed at this year's event

showing the benefits of being a member of Ring One. Special thanks go to Steve Finkelstein, Larry Skorepa, Terry Richison, and Jerry Collins for manning the booth and for their help in promoting Ring One. Events like this keeps the "ART OF MAGIC ALIVE." Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success!

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Sick and Cheer

Don Burgan - Don fell on Feb 14th and I don't mean fell in love either. He broke his leg very badly. He is doing pretty well but who wouldn't if you have a cute live-in nurse. Give him a call when you get a chance, he would love to hear from you.

What you missed last Month!



Last month's meeting was a great success with over 40 people in attendance. Prior to the meeting we had our first youth program which met with great success under the watchful eye of Josh Routh. This program should be a huge hit over the next few years and promises to bring some great new talent into Ring One.

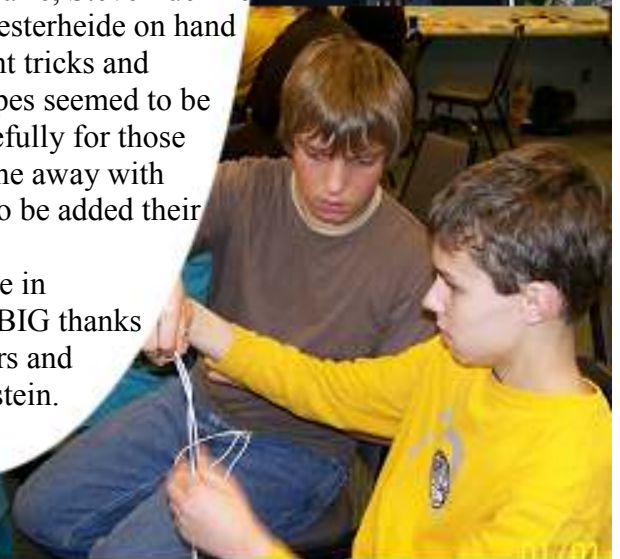


After the youth program Steve Finkelstein took charge for the next forty-five minutes offering some unbelievable bargains to everyone in attendance. Thanks to Steve for providing some excellent bargains to the members of Ring One.



Following Steve's magic sale came the teach-in with teachers Ted Schnarre, Steve Zuehlke, Marty Kopp and Tom Westerheide on hand to provide some excellent tricks and routines. Cards and ropes seemed to be on the agenda and hopefully for those who paid attention came away with some great material to be added to their repertoire.

Thanks for all those in attendance and a BIG thanks to our Instructors and Steve Finkelstein.



Project Magic

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to February's performers:
Mike Hindrichs and Chuck Levy

March performers will be

Larry Minth and Tom Westerheide

Dear Ring 1 Brothers, just a personal thanks for a job well done with Project Magic! The kids so love what you do, its the best medicine they receive that day, guaranteed! New volunteers are always welcome. Give it a try, won't you? Stay well brothers!!!
Invisibly Yours, John Reider



Letter from a grateful audience member

Hello All Magicians,

Thank you so much for the donated tickets to your hilarious Magician show on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Kirkwood Community Center 2:00pm show. Because of your generosity to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation/St. Louis, my daughter and I were able to go and see you all.

Rachel (5 yrs) has not stopped talking about how much fun she had that day. She loves to pretend that she is a Magician now and can do tricks. Thank you again for your wonderful and entertaining show, it gives us a delightful break from thinking about diabetes for a couple of hours.

I have attached some photos of her, she might be your next great Magician. I know she would love to make Type 1 Diabetes go away.

Sincerely,

Kandis & Rachel Lovcik
Des Peres, MO

(These tickets were donated by
Steve Finkelstein)



Ring 1 Annual Parade of Magic!

Review



John Davit

The Ring 1 Parade of Magic had a special twist this year. With the tragedy that had recently happened to many

of the Kirkwood residents, Ring 1 decided to use the show to help raise funds for the families of those who lost their life. We were very successful!

This year we presented 3 shows. One at the Chesterfield Community theatre on Friday Feb. 15 and two shows at the Kirkwood Community Theatre on Saturday Feb 16. The weather cooperated, the audiences were great and all the performers did outstanding jobs. One audience member that had seen the shows for the last several years stated that "this was the best show yet!" This sentiment was echoed by members and patrons alike.

Steve Zuehlke emceed the shows in fine fashion. The show flowed so well and the time flew by so quickly one audience member told us that they could not believe that it was almost a 2-hour show. Performing in the shows were Ring 1's First Place Stage Contest winner, Ken Domash



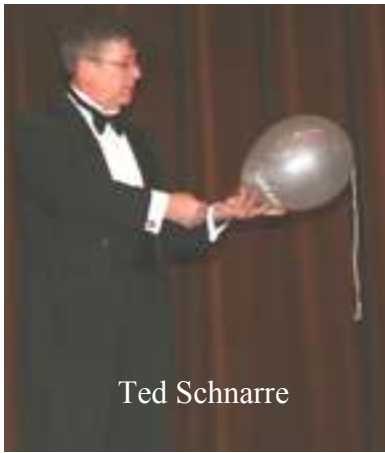
Steve Zuehlke



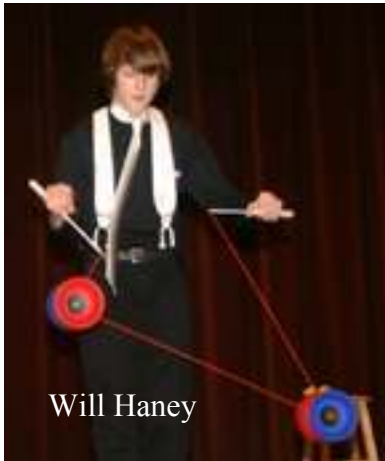
Ron & Misha Perez



Ken Domash



Ted Schnarre



Will Haney



Marty Kopp



Chris Korn

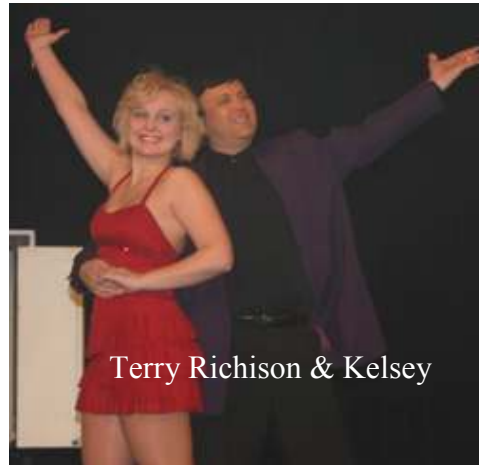
performing his award winning act and awing the audience with his finale levitation. Ted Schnarre wowed the audience with a shortened of his act Believe it or Knot! Filling the middle spots were the antics of Ron Perez and Larry Skorepa both who had the audience in stitches. Chris Korn, Star of Mondo Magic on A&E TV, added some hilarious comedy as he worked with some kids from the audience. Josh Routh kept the comedy going as he brought his classic clowning style of

magic to the stage. 14 year old juggler, Will Haney did an outstanding job by entertaining everyone with his Diablo. Marty Kopp was a showstopper with his comedy magic act. Terry Richison kept the comedy going to close the shows with one of his grand illusions from his stage show.

Helping on the technical side of the show was Steve & Audrey Levit on lights, Jerry Collins on Just announced –



Josh Routh



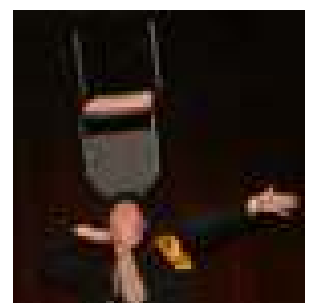
Terry Richison & Kelsey

Sound, Ron Richison, Blake Douglass, Ben Stuparits and Larry Minth back stage. Out in front of the house, Harry Monti, Steve Barcellona, Ben Stuparits and John Davit provided some outstanding close up magic for the audience before

the shows. Sherree & Lavern Skorepa and Ruby Davit held the box office together with the help of Mike Hindrichs. Several of our newer members

showed up to help with ushering and we would like to thank them for all their help. It really shows when the club pulls together! Another outstanding event by Ring 1! We are creating quite a reputation for putting on some of the best shows in the area!

The audience loved the shows and the Ring put the money where their hearts were by donating \$1500 to the Kirkwood families.



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