

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

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CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA
Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

THURSDAY MARCH 1ST: CLUB MEETING: Magic to Music!
Come show us a routine to music.

CONTRIBUTE A MAGIC TRICK EXPLANATION!

We would love to include your magic creation in the newsletter if you are willing to share it with the members. Simply send an email to karl.johnson@gwcmi.com

BOARD MEETINGS HAVE CHANGED TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. SEE BOTTOM OF NEWLETTER FOR DETAILS.

At our next meeting, we will go through how to signup for meetup and the IBM 21 Ring meetings.

HELP US BY SIGNING UP ON MEETUP:

Here are the instructions:

1. Download the "Meetup" app from the App Store or Google Play store.
2. Install the app
3. Register(Sign-Up) with Meetup
4. Sign-in
5. You can go to the ring 21 Meetup group by clicking on this link:
<https://www.meetup.com/International-Bro-of-Magicians-Ring-21-Hollywood-Burbank/>
6. Join the group
7. Join the event by clicking on the event and joining the event

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday March 1st
7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth
10425 Magnolia Blvd
North Hollywood, CA

We are on twitter!
[@ibmring21](https://twitter.com/ibmring21)

And the internet!
www.ibmring21.org



BROKEN WAND

Roger Sohn

The following is from Matt Sohn, son of Westside Wizards member Roger Sohn, who passed away unexpectedly this weekend.

From Matt Sohn, FaceBook Page, Friday, February 22, 2018:

My dad could always dazzle a crowd with his magic. But as is standard for any magician worth his salt, he'd never divulge how the trick is done. Even to his kids. As much as I'd poke and prod, he wanted the tricks to speak for themselves. That all started to change about six months ago. Every time I'd see him, he'd show me the secret behind one new trick. I joked that he needed to, that being able to impress potential customers with a trick or two could help me grow my business. He chuckled, and began to relent.

So he showed me a card trick here, a mentalism effect there. Then, this past Sunday in Palm Springs, he blew my mind in a "dress rehearsal" for his upcoming competition at the Magic Castle. The finale was a new take on 3-Card Monte, and I just had to know how it was done. It took a little convincing, but after everyone else had gone to bed, he stayed up with me and showed me the moves.

"It'll take practice, but here you go," he said. "Treat this with respect, it's dangerous in the wrong hands!"

Why, after nearly 30 years of keeping all his wizardly secrets to himself, had he finally begun showing me the ropes? I'll never know for sure, but I'd like to think it was because he knew his gifts were too great to not be passed on.

My dad brought the magic wherever he went, in whatever he did. Whether it was with a deck of cards, in front of a microphone as a wedding officiant, or wielding a scalpel in the operating room, he always did his small part in making the world a better, more joyful place.

So give me a little time to practice, then the next time any of you see me, ask me if I'm up for some 3-Card Monte. And hopefully by then I'll remember how to smile again, knowing my dad would be proud.

MAGIC RESOURCES

Westside Wizards Sam 291

Note: See www.westsidewizards.org for calendar of events
Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care
11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA

Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280

Note: See www.ibmring280.com for info and calendar
The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley
24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321

Vertical Wine Bistro Dinner & Magic Show

NOTE: Vertical Wine Bistro has the best steak around!
70 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103
www.verticalwinebistro.com
626-795-3999

Woodley Proper Magic Monday

Bar has magic on Monday nights.
www.woodleyproper.com
16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436
(818) 906-9775

MAGIC MONDAY

Santa Monica Playhouse

www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Magic and Wine – David Minkin

Bardot

1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028
www.MagicandWine.com
(800) 838-3006

Ivan Imodei's Intimate Illusions – The Show

Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel

9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212
www.ivanamodei.com
(866) 811-4111

Smoke and Mirrors

The Road Theatre

5108 Lankershim Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91601
www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com
(310) 450-2849

The Magic Castle

7001 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028
www.magiccastle.com
(323) 851-3313

MENTAL MAGIC!

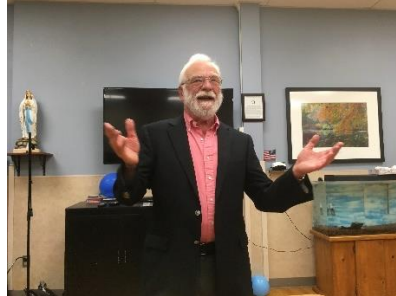
President Bob Thomas got our February meeting going with some announcements that included an appearance by the highly inventive Paul Richards who will lecture for us in May and a possible appearance by Shoot Ogawa as our special October banquet performer. Bob thanked three members for continuing our tradition of entertaining the residents of the Providence St. Elizabeth Care Center, where we meet each month: Karl, Sirinda, and Wendy who put on a great magic show. The Ring will do it again next month.

After the introduction of several visiting guests and our traditional raffle we moved to the theme of the evening: Mental Magic. It was a theme that apparently stimulated quite a few of our magi to come up with a trick that would involve some mental prowess. Elroy Codding was able to find a chosen card from several piles.



Photo: Raul and Elroy

Gerry Schiller predicted which single word... from many thousands in a magazine!



Gadi Rowelski had selected. Gadi then showed us an effect with numbers on a chart (not a magic square, however) where he could predict the sum of those remaining after most had been crossed off.



Sirinda had created something she called "Gastro-numerology" that used her cell phone and some pictures of foods. After much multiplying that resulted in a very long number, when the volunteer read off the result, it exactly matched the number of the bar code on the candy bar he had been holding all along!

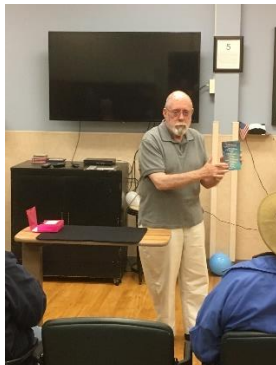


Karl Johnson did a clever routine where a participant showed what they could do when using just 11 percent of their brain.

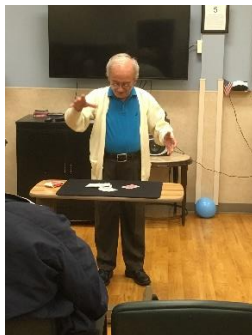


There is no photo of Karl performing his routine, but the photo above looks like he's dancing with guest visitor Gino, so I've thrown it in.

Don Kenney required a little help from his wife to discern the name of a movie chosen from a stack of small movie posters.



Gino Salvi (a visitor) made a chosen card flip over—and then also did a version of the popular Matrix four coin assembly.



And Bob Thomas used three envelopes to predict a color, a card, and a number.



Apparently it was a theme that provided lots of latitude and gave many of us a chance to show some marvelous magic.

Next month will be “Magic to Music.”

Gerry Schiller

The Greats of Magic
A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by Gerald Schiller



(Photo of Aldo and Rachel Colombini)

Aldo Colombini

He was undoubtedly one of the funniest magicians who ever appeared on a stage; he created books and novel effects that number in the hundreds; he was the only magician in the history of the Magic Castle to be nominated in six different categories (comedy, stage, close-up, parlour, bar magician, and lecturer); and his Italian accent made him all the more lovable. But Aldo Colombini, sadly, left us on February 12, 2014 when he died of a catastrophic stroke.

He was born March 19, 1951 in Maranello, Modena, Italy. At the age of fourteen he got a job at the Ferrari racing car factory. There he worked the assembly line doing tedious, repetitive factory labor for seven long years. Purely by chance, a friend lent him a book of magic tricks and suddenly his world changed. He studied the book and soon decided to utilize his new skill along with his witty personality and embark on a career in magic. He did children's shows and eventually got to do a spot on a kids' show on Italian television which evolved into a long-running series. By 1993, although he knew little English, he decided to move to the United States. And it was here that his career took off.

Utilizing his hilariously comic persona and combining it with his brilliant magical skills, Aldo was soon appearing at virtually all the magic conventions, lecturing, performing, and promoting the many effects he was constantly creating. He performed in more than 61 countries and almost every state in the U.S. He was a FISM winner and twice won the Parlour Magician of the Year from the Magic Castle. For many years his column, "As Always, Aldo" appeared in *The Linking Ring*—a column that featured new and unusual tricks as well as news about his travels. For twenty years he also contributed to the British *Magigram* Magazine and he provided many tricks to Harry Lorayne's publication, *Apocalypse*.

Aldo was amazingly skilled in simplifying complex magic tricks. He could take an effect that involved numerous knuckle-busting sleights and come up with an approach that was just as effective, but so much easier. As Ivan Amodei said in a recent obituary, "He was a big teddy bear and a caring man. He created more magic in a month than anyone I know created in a year." Even now I chuckle as I remember Aldo Colombini spreading a deck of cards face up across a table, looking up at his audience and saying, "Ordinary deck?" and when they agreed, closing the spread and muttering, "Damn! I brought the wrong one!"

He left us at the age of just 63 and we very much miss him.

MAGIC TRICK OF THE MONTH!

If you would like to share a magic trick, please email it to the editor at karl.johnson@gwcmi.com
If you share a magic trick in the Newsletter, we ask that you come perform it or arrange for someone to perform it at the next meeting

TBD

We have a NEW format for Magic Trick of the Month! Going forward, the description and explanation for the Magic Trick of the Month will follow the month in which it is performed at the club meeting. So, come to the meeting, watch a trick of the month, see if you can figure it out, and then compare your thoughts to the explanation in the following month's newsletter.

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**Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is the 3rd Thursday of the prior month.
Please put "IBM 21 Newsletter" in the topic line.**