

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

APRIL 2018

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 APRIL 5TH: CLUB MEETING: Sucker Tricks!
Bring your favorite sucker trick, like Monte, die box, three shell, etc.

We are saddened to say we will be having a broken wand ceremony for Bob Smillie.

DO YOU EVER SHOP ON AMAZON?

If so, then add our website link to your favorites and use the Amazon link at the bottom of our web page. Our club will get a referral bonus!

MAY 3RD: PAUL RICHARDS LECTURE! See more info below.

JUNE 9TH: Picnic. WE HAVE AN AWESOME NEW FORMAT! Also, we are looking into the cost and possibility of having a Taquero!

JULY 7-8: Bill Turner Magic sale. Stay tuned for details.

WE PERFORM FOR THE PROVIDENCE RESIDENTS!

If you would like to join us in performing for the residents who so generously welcome us into their home for our meetings, contact karl.johnson@gwcmi.com or call Karl at 818-790-9600

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

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday April 5th
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





PAUL RICHARDS LECTURE!

Paul Richards was founder and former owner of Elmwood Magic. For years, he created amazing magic for people like Peter Duffie, Mark Elsdon, Joshua Jay, Jay Sankey, Jon Allen, and many more.

Now, Paul focuses entirely on creating exceptional magic and his magic is ONLY available through his lectures.

So, this is your chance to see what Paul has to offer at the IBM 21 lecture:

DATE: May 3, 2018 TIME: 7:15 PM
 LOCATION: Providence St Elizabeth
 10425 Magnolia Blvd
 North Hollywood, CA
 COST: only \$10 for non-IBM21-members!

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

MAGIC TO MUSIC!

President Bob Thomas called Ring 21 to order for its March meeting and made some announcements about upcoming events. These included a lecture by Paul Richards in May and the picnic in June. The picnic will be scaled down a bit since we will be omitting the auction and keeping it to about a 2-3 hour duration.

Robert de la Guerra had brought his backdrop (and set it up) so we had a more colorful background for the evening's performers and Erin was able to tape those who presented effects.



Bob Thomas did the "Trick of the Month" which was the "Bingo" trick where he was able to predict what a tic-tac-toe game would look like after it was completed. The explanation will appear in our newsletter in the April issue.



Erin Kabbash had a tiny figure respond to his commands as it rose mysteriously in his hand. Bob Thomas used some wire hangers that he was able to link and unlink—and even hand out for examination!

After a pause for our raffle, we had those who were responding to the theme of the night do their effects. The theme was "Magic to Music."



Nicholas Garcia was first with an intricate rope routine (his specialty). He magically cut and tied them, had a knot slide down the length of the rope, and joined and separated the ropes to surprise us all.



Elroy Codding's contribution was a card effect where an apparently mixed deck ended up with the black and red cards separated—a la "Out of this World."



Robert de la Guerra did his always popular "Floating Table" and has honed it to beautiful and elegant routine.



Gerry Schiller used the music of Khachaturian to do a classic "Twentieth Century Silks" and then make them all merge in a "Blendo" dramatic conclusion.



Karl Johnson did the popular "Peanut Butter and Jelly" jars that change places to get input for his Kindergarten daughter performing this effect at a school variety show. Many great suggestions were shared.



Above is a newspaper photo of her appearing from a formerly flat box to an audience of around 300. She followed that with a growing straw effect and the Peanut Butter and Jelly routine.

Since our next meeting is in early April, in keeping with "April Fool's Day," the theme will be "Sucker Tricks." It promises to provide quite a few surprises.

Gerry Schiller

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



Eddie Fechter

Every year it seems there are dozens of magical conventions, conclaves and get togethers. Some are sponsored by clubs and organizations (like the IBM, SAM, and PCAM) and some appeal to specialized groups (like the yearly Magic History Convention and Kidabra).

But for those whose main interest is close-up magic, the most popular get-together is Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic (affectionately called the FFFF). And though its originator has been gone for more than thirty years, Eddie Fechter's name is still revered to this day.

John Edwin Fechter was born February 16, 1916 in Buffalo, New York. His father Ferdinand ran a bar, but in 1929, when Eddie was just a young teenager, his dad was shot and killed by holdup men. Eddie and his brother Fred were now left with the job of running the bar and they managed to do it until 1931.

Eddie had learned some tricks and jokes from his father and by the time he was in junior high school, he was doing magic for parties. In 1939 he married Evelyn Rogers, and continued doing magic as a bartender, though when things were tough, he supplemented his income doing tattooing and even wrestling,

When World War II broke out in 1941 he served in the army, and was tapped to do magic shows for the troops as part of a Special Services unit. After his discharge, he returned to western New York with the intention of running bars that featured his magic. But he had no luck in Buffalo. In 1958 he discovered an old building in Cheektowaga called the Forks Hotel, and in short order he and wife Evelyn became the owners. Once the place was fixed up, each night Eddie would do magic behind the bar, but in a few years it became so popular that three of his friends, Karl Norman, Joe LaMonica, and Bill Okal joined him, with each performing in a separate room.

In 1970 Eddie and his friends discussed the idea of doing a mini-convention for close-up magicians. Just 26 interested magis showed up for the first get-together in 1971, but by the second year, the number had doubled. And in just a few years their mini-convention had become a regular sell-out. Eddie Fechter's fame as a superb close-up magician was soon recognized everywhere. He was in constant demand to appear at other conventions and Jerry Mentzer's book, *Magician Nightly*, told the story of Eddie, his magical Forks Hotel bar, and his popular yearly conclave.

In the words of Dai Vernon, "Eddie Fechter is most certainly one of the rare few who has all the attributes that combine to make him a superlative performer. . . . How fortunate are some of today's generation to be able to learn some of the ideas and teachings from this master of the art."

Sadly, Eddie Fechter died of leukemia on March 31, 1979 at the age of 63. But "Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic" continues, guaranteeing his great legacy will live on.

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

TIC-TAC-TOE PREDICTION

By Bob Thomas

COMMENTS AND EFFECT SUMMARY

You draw a "#" on paper and play a game of tic-tac-toe with a spectator. The spectator has a free choice of where to put their marks. At the end, you turn over a 2nd piece of paper that's been in view the entire time, and it perfectly matches the game that was just played!

If you are interested in learning how this trick was done, contact one of the officers of the club and come to one of our meetings.

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