

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

MAY 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!

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

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!

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

JULY 5TH: Four on the Fourth! We will be doing a four corners demonstration meeting in honor of the Fourth of July. So far, we have two confirmed demonstrators. If you would like to be one of our demonstrators, please let Bob Thomas know. See his contact info at the end of the newsletter.

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 May 3rd
7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth
10425 Magnolia Blvd
North Hollywood, CA

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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!



Ring 21 presents a Lecture by: **Paul Richards**

Thursday May 3, 2018; 7:15 p.m.

10425 Magnolia Blvd. North Hollywood

Ring 21 Members - free; \$10 for guests

In this fun and surprising lecture, Paul fully explains several of his pet secrets which include his eye popping coin in balloon, an impromptu card rise that plays to a huge audience, a wild transposition using crayons, a progressively impossible prediction, a utility card move with vast possibilities, and much more! Paul hopes you will join him for what promises to be a lecture you will long remember - but don't take our word...

"Paul Richards is an extremely clever magician. He creates practical, useable, and amazing magic - don't miss the chance to see his excellent lecture." Joshua Jay

"I had a blast watching your lecture, Paul. Every effect has worker stamped on it. Superb material mate!" John Carey

"Paul Richards is multi-talented. First, he has deeply studied our craft. Second, he can do 'inside' and esoteric stuff, which he expertly sizes to fit the realities of the 'real world.' If he had another middle name it would be 'commercial.' That is, he knows what sells and how to sell it and how to make the 'magic' work for you." Jon Racherbaumer

"Paul is one of the brightest and strongest lecturers in magic. His material and ideas are top drawer, ranging from the simple to highly advanced work; and Paul presents all of it very effectively." Jack Greenberg (Former IBM International President)

"Paul Richards' lecture is truly refreshing - his effects hit the hearts of his audience in all the right spots. He teaches you how to perform real world magic with a surprising use of psychology and clever technique." Eric Eswin (Honorary President of FISM)

HIS ONLY U.S. WEST COAST APPEARANCE!

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

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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

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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

APRIL FOOL'S MAGIC!

It's April and—to many fun loving folks— this means April Fool's Day. So what better way to celebrate than with those classic bits of magic humor many magicians call "sucker tricks." And this was the theme of the meeting.

But first President Bob Thomas made sure to remind the members not to miss the May meeting with our special lecturer, the ever-popular Paul Richards (former proprietor of Elmwood Magic). In addition, Bob let us know that our annual picnic will be in June in a new "streamlined"

format: just food and a stage show by those eager to perform. (We decided to cut the auction this year since the same props seem to get bid on with great regularity).



As a sad note to the evening, we had a broken wand ceremony for Bob Smillie, an active member of Ring 21 for many years. Bob's wife and son were present for the ceremony and

several members who knew him (Don Kenney, Bob Weiss, Bill Turner, and Gerry Schiller) related some anecdotes and stories about Bob's long association and many contributions during his years with the ring.



Then it was time for the theme off the evening: sucker tricks. Erin Kabbash led off with a classic three card "Find the Lady." And in his version, even the "lady" seemed to vanish at the end.



Gerry Schiller performed another classic—"Soft Soap." It's a trick that has been out of vogue for so long that many younger members had never seen it. Three soiled hankies get put into a cardboard box of soap flakes (a rather retro prop to many) and come out clean. The "sucker" aspect is in the fact that the magician refuses to show the inside of the box—until the audience shouts its insistence. Then he proves it is, indeed, totally empty.



Bob Weiss showed a large castle he had built and told a story of two knights, one gold and one silver, who seemed to change places. But both vanished and the castle's new inhabitant seemed to be a fierce dragon instead. Had he gobbled them both up?



Sirinda Sincharoen did a three card trick—one red and two black—and the tale of a gypsy. When the spectators were unable to find the red card, it suddenly was replaced by the fearful "death card."



Robert de la Guerra's chop cup used just one plastic cup and a paper ball that seemed highly elusive—was it in the cup, his hand, or his pocket?

Don Kenney surprised us all when the hole in one metal washer vanished and migrated to another washer. Both Terrell Chapin and Bob Thomas did interesting versions of the Three Card Monte.



Elroy Coddling gave us the classic chain scam: Fast and Loose. In this ancient con game, a chain laid out on the table proves to be impossible for a spectator who wants to put his finger where it won't be get trapped as the magi pulls it away.

It was another fascinating meeting for the ring's April fooling.

Gerry Schiller

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



Siegfried and Roy

On October 3, 2003, on the stage of the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Roy Horn was injured by a seven-year old tiger named Montecore. He suffered a stroke, partial paralysis and underwent surgery including removal of a quarter of his skull to relieve pressure. He continues to receive therapy, and, while he has shown gradual improvement, it seems clear that the accident has ended the careers of one of magic's most successful and popular acts. There has been much discussion about the accident and many people feel Horn was not attacked but that the tiger was trying to protect him—the way an adult tiger might protect a cub. Whatever the reason, that October night ended one of the great magic acts of the century: Siegfried and Roy.

Roy Horn who was born in Nordenham, Germany on October 3, 1944 (the tiger attack occurred on his fifty-ninth birthday) and teamed up with magician Siegfried Fischbacher (born in Rosenheim, Bavaria, Germany on June 13, 1939) in 1959. The two were working on an ocean liner: Siegfried as a cabin steward (but also doing a magic show part time) and the teenage Roy as a waiter. Roy joined Siegfried as his assistant, and even on one cruise smuggled a cheetah on board. They incorporated the animal into the act (in the Metamorphosis trunk exchange) and, though the captain, was furious, the audience loved it.

Soon they left the ship (they were only being paid a minimal salary) and began to tour the act all over Europe, but it was only when they appeared before a celebrity audience in Monte Carlo, that they began to get better bookings.

Though their first trip to appear in Las Vegas proved unsuccessful, by 1970 they were booked into the Stardust Hotel and performed there for three years to resounding success. They were acclaimed as “best show of the year” in 1972.

By 1990 Steve Wynn, manager of the Mirage Hotel signed them to a contract that guaranteed an annual salary of \$57.5 million and, in 2001, they signed a lifetime agreement with the hotel.

The show, as thousands of people have witnessed, combines music (written for them) lovely showgirls, and magical illusions that almost defy description. They have incorporated many animals in the act and the Siberian tigers (one of whom attacked Roy) became virtually a signature feature of Siegfried and Roy’s show.

The show was popular in part because it combined the glitz of many other Vegas extravaganzas with amazing magic and the allure of their many wild animals.

The duo received awards of all kinds over the years including their own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1999. In 2000 they were the ninth highest paid celebrities in all of the United States (just behind director Steven Spielberg).

They continue to live on a sprawling estate in Las Vegas along with their many animal performers. It is, unfortunately, ironic that part of the reason for their amazing success, one of those very animals, would be the factor that has probably ended the amazing careers of Siegfried and Roy.

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| <p>EDITOR: KARL JOHNSON 818-790-9600 karl.johnson@gwcmi.com Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is the last Thursday of the prior month. Please put "IBM 21 Newsletter" in the topic line.</p> | |