

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!

NOVEMBER 1ST: Turkey Show. We are doing something unusual for November. Bring your worst trick to show the gang!

DECEMBER 6TH: Holiday magic and catered party.

BROKEN WAND

Lafe Harper, otherwise known as Junior, passed away Saturday, October 20. Our condolences go out to all his family and friends. He will be missed. Jim Militello will inform the club regarding funeral services.

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!

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

November 1st
7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth
10425 Magnolia Blvd
North Hollywood, CA

We are on twitter!
@ibmring21

And the internet!
www.ibmring21.org



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 Mondays

<https://www.magicmondayla.com/>

INSTALLATION AND PAUL GREEN SHOW!

The October meeting of Ring 21—in keeping with a well-adhered-to tradition—met for its yearly installation at the popular Taix French Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard. Ring members, family and friends joined in celebrating with good food, good company, and good magic.

After the meal, there was a raffle with prizes that included the Robert Baxt Book Test, the ABC Blocks, Hopping Half, Amaze Box, and the McCombial Deck. And there were quite a few members who were surprised to take home a new effect to add to their stores of magic.



Our special performing guest was the popular Paul Green. But before his show began, Paul had the honor of introducing and installing the officers for the coming year. These included Bob Thomas who will continue as President, Karl Johnson, continuing as Vice-President, Gerry Schiller, continuing as Secretary, Robert de la Guerra again handling the Treasurer's duties and a new Sergeant-at-Arms: Erin Kabbash.

Members at Large will be Don Kenney, Gadi Rowelsky, Terrell Chafin, Bill Turner. and Wendy Sobel.

Paul handled the installation with appropriate seriousness—sprinkled with a bit of light humor.



Paul then took over the entertainment with the skill and expertise he has gained from a long career of doing magic for every variety of audience, his specialty being corporate events and trade shows.

Among the many effects Paul presented were: His own version of the cut and restored rope that soon became three uneven pieces that inevitably led to the classic Professor's Nightmare. Then came a bit of a Physics experiment with a long tube and a ball that he could catch before it reached the bottom, but the spectator could not! He used the classic invisible deck in a clever and unique way and told a story as he utilized the Driebeck Box—a box that fits both outside and inside its own box.

And his use of two spectators to present the popular egg bag was both funny and very perplexing. It was a show by a skilled professional that provided both fun and amazement to everyone present.

And so another year begins for Ring 21 with some interesting meetings planned. Ahead is the November meeting, and believe it or not, the theme will be "My Worst Trick!" I can't imagine what we can expect to see!

Gerry Schiller



Here are some additional photos of the evening:





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



John Calvert

On August 5th of 2011, John Calvert was celebrated on reaching a milestone few ever achieve. It was his one hundredth birthday. And even more amazing was the fact that he was still performing—and continued to perform—until his death two years later—as one of our most active and popular magicians.

Born in New Trenton, Indiana, in 1911, Madren Elbern Calvert was eight years old when his father took him to see his first magic show. The place was the Grand Opera House in Cincinnati, Ohio. The performer was Howard Thurston.

Almost totally self taught, he soon developed his own magic show and by the age of eighteen, began a tour through the state of Kentucky. He kept building his show and by the 1930s was touring the country, promoting his performances with daredevil stunts, like driving a car blindfolded.

His show kept growing and soon he was pulling a trailer truck of illusions. Eventually he would buy several airplanes as well as a yacht. As pilot of his own aircraft, he had some near-misses when the planes crashed, though luckily all aboard survived.

Calvert is dashingly handsome, and it is no wonder that in the 1940s he was cast in several movies. Eventually he would appear in a series of films as “The Falcon,” and he would be involved in various aspects of film production well into the 1950s.

In spite of his acting career, Calvert continued performing as a magician. During World War II he satirized Hitler with comedian Danny Kaye impersonating the Nazi dictator, and Calvert putting his head in a buzz saw.

With his yacht (a 100-foot vessel he bought from Henry Ford) he has sailed to Hawaii, the Phillipines, Japan, and Australia, and boasts that he has performed magic in almost every country of the world.

He and wife Tammy were married in 1982 (they met in Singapore) and she was an active part of Calvert's shows for many years.

Although he suffered a stroke in 2009, John Calvert continued to maintain an active schedule of performances and lectures. He is the subject of a book by William Rauscher titled; John Calvert: Magic and Adventures Around the World, as well as a documentary film about his life and career.

In a book Calvert wrote called How to Live to be a Hundred, his advice is: "If you want to live to be one hundred the easiest way, fall in love with a girl thirty years younger than you, and marry her. If she loves you, she will take care of you and help you live to be one hundred. That's what I did."

The amazing John Calvert died in 2013 at the age of 102.

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