

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

JANUARY 2019

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!

JANUARY 3RD: Magic Sale: Bob Connally, Jerry Schiller, Robert DeLaGuerra, and Karl Johnson will bring magic items for sale.

FEBRUARY 16, 2019 Lex The Illusionist will be performing at the Skiptown Playhouse in Hollywood. Doors open at 7. Age 21 and over.

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RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

January 3rd
7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth
10425 Magnolia Blvd
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"Hello everybody!

I hope everyone had a great holiday! I've had a very busy month working my regular job 6-7 days a week along with booking 3 gigs in the first 2 weeks of December. Add in 2 different family gatherings and it's been one crazy holiday season!

It really started for me in October with our annual Installation banquet where I was honored to be inducted as President of this wonderful ring for a 2nd year. Along with me were many returning board members who work hard to keep your Ring running smoothly. Banquets, ice cream socials and lectures don't happen on their own! By the way, anyone is welcome to attend a board meeting to see our process and provide input. It's YOUR club- get involved!

November we did turkey tricks (tricks that were, well, just bad!) and December brought our annual catered Christmas dinner which I always look forward to.

Coming up in January we have something different planned: a swap meet! Four of our long-time performers will be selling off some of their gently used props at really great prices! This is an awesome opportunity to pick up something new for your act without spending a fortune! Hope to see you all on Thursday Jan, 3rd!

Bob Thomas

HOLIDAY PARTY!

President Bob Thomas called the December meeting to order—and in keeping with tradition—it was our holiday get together. And this included a sumptuous catered meal, a collection of toys called the “Spark of Love,” and lots of variations on a theme of holiday magic. We started with a raffle and it proved a bit more interesting when Bob Carroll added some donations of his to the raffle items. He suggested each winner should get to choose two items, including one from his donations. So it was bonus night at Ring 21.

Then it was time for food and there was lots of chicken, tortillas, rice, and beans and some delectable desserts for all.

Wendy Sobel started the magic with “the hopping halves” a great coin effect and she had created some clever patter for it. Since it involves an American half dollar and a British penny, she wove a bit of history as the coins quickly changed places. Karl Johnson did a two ball routine and it was hard to keep up with the ball that popped back and forth in his hand. Bob Carroll provided a very funny bit of rope cutting magic with lots of funny one liners. There wasn’t much holiday-related magic until Gerry Schiller did some tricks with cards that had holiday images on them (Santa, a tree, wreath, etc.). Then he finished with a wooden duck called Max (that wore a Santa hat).

Max was able to grab three cards from those in front of him in a card holder, and, to no one’s surprise, they were the ones that had been chosen.

Lex Schwartz got a chosen card to flip over—and another chosen card was identified by a printed inscription right on the Sharpie marker he was holding! Erin Kabbash had created some special patter for a Professor’s Nightmare effect and it beautifully mirrored his words about people being different, yet basically all the same. Bob Thomas had cards chosen and torn in half and they magically found each other and matched.

Elroy Coddling creatively made a reindeer from the beads on a necklace and did some paper tearing to show how you could end up with a star and then took a dollar bill and folded it to become a boot for one of Santa’s elves!

The meeting ended with a group of well-fed magis continuing to share lots of ideas until Bob thought it really was time to close and, perhaps, renew the discussion in a brand new year.

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



Glenn Falkenstein and Frances Willard

Born in Los Angeles on February 3, 1932, Glenn Falkenstein was raised in Chicago, where his father owned a nightclub called the Hi Hat Club. As a child Glenn (accompanied by his nanny) would often be taken to see the early dinner shows and it was here that he had his first experience watching some very famous magicians. As a young man he worked in Abbott's Magic Shop (in Chicago) and met the famous Harlan Tarbell. After serving a stint in the U.S. Air Force, and then getting a degree in education, and later speech pathology, he moved to Los Angeles in 1965 and decided to pursue a career in magic—specializing in mentalism.

By the late 1960s he was doing an amazing mental act, and was noticed by Magic Castle co-founder Milt Larsen who booked him to perform at the Castle. Many hundreds of appearances would follow. In 1978 Falkenstein teamed up with (and later married) Frances Willard, daughter of the famous magician "Willard the Wizard." Her father had made her an important part of his act, especially doing the famous "Spirit Cabinet."

She and Falkenstein soon incorporated the "Spirit Cabinet" into their act—an effect that had originally been done many years before by the famous Davenport Brothers. In their version, Frances was tied up in a cabinet, but when the drape was drawn, objects were thrown out over the top of the enclosure, musical instruments were played, and a spectator's coat, tossed into the cabinet was—almost instantly—discovered on Frances. Yet she remained tightly bound.

Falkenstein also did an amazing mental act, in which, after being securely blindfolded, he was able to answer personal questions written down by audience members and provide their addresses and relatives' names. Falkenstein and Willard were a sensational act when they appeared in Las Vegas and on numerous television shows.

In 1994 they were inducted into the Society of American Magicians' Hall of Fame as Living Legends. For several years Glenn hosted his own call-in radio show on KGBS and the duo performed their mental effects before several American presidents.

In addition to Glenn's career in magic, he was for many years a speech pathologist for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, using his skills to help young people overcome speech defects.

Milt Larsen once said of the Falkenstein's act, "Sometimes magicians do magic and they *really* do magic. That's what that act was. It was a wonderful, baffling thing. Plus it was great comedy."

After suffering for several years with Alzheimer's disease, Glenn Falkenstein died on July 4, 2010. He was 78 years old.

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