

FLEMING FLASHPAPER

APRIL 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!

APRIL 4TH: Show and tell. Bring something different or unusual.

MAY 2ND: Lecture with Terry Lunceford

JUNE TBD: Picnic. You won't want to miss this one. Last year all enjoyed a wonderful meal and a great stage show! This year is going to be even better.

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RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

April 4th
7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth
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North Hollywood, CA

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting for show and tell.

Bob Thomas

SHOW AND TELL

As Ring 21 members arrived for the April meeting, President Bob Thomas spread out some exciting magical gems to entice us. They were a host of new tricks just purchased for future raffles, and provided some genuine incentives for attendance at upcoming meetings. In addition Bob let us know about some future meeting events, including next month's lecture by Terry Lunceford, and our "picnic" (which will be indoors to avoid the Southern California summer heat) and will include a swap meet and a show by our members for all the guests. Jim Militello provided some tips on attending the popular Renaissance Faire and getting discount tickets. Bob did the "trick of the month" which was a fascinating prediction of the sum of a list of chosen four digit numbers (and it worked!)

Then it was time for our theme of the evening, called "Show and Tell." Members were asked to bring something that they wanted to talk about—a trick (maybe an old one), a book they were fond of, perhaps a picture that they wanted to talk about—in other words it was a wide open

eclectic evening—and our members really rose to the occasion.

Bob Thomas started by talking about (and showing) the first library book he read as a kid that got him started in magic and (surprisingly) it included some forgotten magical gems. Gerry Schiller showed a trick he had bought years ago which includes horoscopes in a "Book of Days and how the playing card listed in the horoscope of the spectator's birthday matched one he had chosen minutes before.

Erin Kabbash— as a wide-eyed young kid had seen Tommy Wonder lecture at the Magic in the Rockies convention and still had the Diminishing Card effect he bought from him. Erin also mentioned he had scored a real bargain from Hocus Pocus on another occasion when he found a copy of *Dai Vernon's Inner Secrets of Card Magic* (autographed by Vernon) and got it for just \$20!

Robert de la Guerra showed a flip-over production box he found in his garage and didn't even remember he had—and it still was capable of producing several lovely silks. Bob Carroll had some photos and some great stories about meeting Ron Irvin and clown/bicyclists Joe Jackson and his son Joe Junior.

Bruce Ericsson had an old Arm Chopper he hadn't used for a long time and convinced Karen Palmer to try it out—getting all the comic bits that one can from this popular prop. Lex (the Illusionist) got some good gags from the popular "Magician's Insurance Policy" to find a chosen card.

Wendy Sobel found a spectator's card with three dramatic Card Castles, Charles Cisneros had some scrapbooks with clippings and photos of magicians of the past, including Sir Felix Korim and the Invisible Masonic Lodge. Parker Abercrombie provided a classic coin routine to conclude the evening.

Next time your Ring is stuck for a meeting theme, you might well discover that Show and Tell (no matter how you describe it to members)

might be just the ticket to provide some real magical fun and surprises.

Gerry Schiller

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



Tampa The Magician

On November 7, 1887, in the town of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, Ray Stanley Sugden was born. Early in his life he would develop an interest in magic, for at the age of six he was doing a mental act for the neighborhood kids. Just a few years later he saw a performance of the great magician Kellar, and that show convinced him that magic was for him.

He earned his first real money working as a stooge in the audience for a hypnotist (fifty cents a week), then he hooked up with a carnival where he learned from the resident magician.

Ray Sugden began to perform wherever he could, but by the time he was in his twenties, he decided to launch a full stage show. He chose an Oriental motif (which many performers of the time had chosen to do) and advertised it as: "Sugden, the Magician—The Inventive Genius of the Hour—presenting Chau Tung Mysteries—The Wonder Show of the Century."

His show quickly caught on and he was soon booked to do tours on various vaudeville circuits. He became friendly with many popular magicians of the period, including Kellar, Houdini, and the man who would become a major influence on his career, Howard Thurston.

After Houdini's death in 1926, Thurston had become the pre-eminent conjurer of the country, and began to hire other magicians to become part of his empire. They would tour various parts of the country with a show that would be advertised as being "under the direction of Howard Thurston."

Thurston chose the name "Tampa" for Sugden's show and it was advertised as "Tampa, England's Court Magician, under the direction of Howard Thurston." Sugden—now called Tampa—toured with an elaborate illusion show that featured such effects as: The Golden Ball of Orlis; Sawing a Woman in Half; The Vanishing Girl in the Net; and The Chinese Water Act.

However, like so many vaudeville performers of the time, Tampa was hit by competition from talking movies.

It was a lot less expensive for theater owners to run movies than to pay for an elaborate stage magic show. Then the Great Depression hit and audience attendance declined. He tried doing a touring tent show, but had little success. So Ray Sugden tried his hand at radio, and here he had some genuine success. With a baking company as sponsor, his program, "Tampa, England's Court Magician, and the Musical Hankey Farm Bakers." became highly popular. He would talk about phony bunco games and comment on astrology and other pseudo-sciences.

In 1934 Tampa worked for the Pittsburgh Press and was their "Ambassador of Good Will" for a number of years until 1939, when, after a long illness, he passed away of coronary heart disease.

Ray Sugden, Tampa the magician, died at the age of 51.

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