

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!

JULY: NO MEETING. ENJOY THE FOURTH OF JULY.

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RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

AUG 1ST
7:15 PM

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PICNIC AND SHOW!

Defying traditional convention, and attempting to attract more of our members, Ring 21 decided to move our June picnic to a location where all hot weather picnics should be held: indoors at a well air-conditioned auditorium. And it worked, as a large group of members, their families and friends, showed up, grateful for a very cool afternoon of good food and fabulous magic.



The food included fried chicken, pizza, luscious salads, and palate-tickling desserts. And nobody seemed to miss all the smoke billowing off the barbecue, as in previous years. This seemed to be most appreciated by President Bob Thomas whose previous assignment as perspiring barbecue chef was changed to a new job as party host, enabling him to enjoy the food like the rest of us. But Bob had an additional assignment as



emcee of our magic show, and he provided intros to the four performers who took to the stage as well as doing some tricks himself in between the other acts.

First to perform was Bob Carroll who kept the audience laughing with some snappy one-liners, did a very funny “vanishing coke bottle,” and finished with the always popular Hippy-Hoppity Rabbits. Bob kept the laughs going until the end, when his young assistant walked around behind his table to see what colors were on the back of each rabbit. There was a gasp from the audience when they saw her surprised face, and an even bigger gasp when she turned them around!

Next up was Lex Schwartz. He got a good reaction to the popular Coloring Book effect, and then did a very funny version of the Six Card Repeat, flinging cards, left and right all over the stage. Gerry Schiller did some mental magic, first discerning the one letter a volunteer had picked from some eye charts.

Then he did some “mind reading” using the comic Baby Picture, always guaranteeing some audience laughter. He ended his act by doing some number magic and then created a Magic Square with all columns and lines adding up to the number a spectator had selected. For those wanting to learn more, Gerry had prepared instructional sheets with explanations for several number effects—including the Magic Square.



Robert de la Guerra did a rope routine, the Dream Bag, and finished the show with his ever-popular Floating Table. It was indeed a grand illusion that provided amazement for everyone—perhaps most especially the young volunteer who held one side of the tablecloth, and watched with wide eyes as the table soared above his own head!

It was definitely a marvelous afternoon for all who attended, and I have a strong feeling this may well become a yearly ritual for Ring 21.

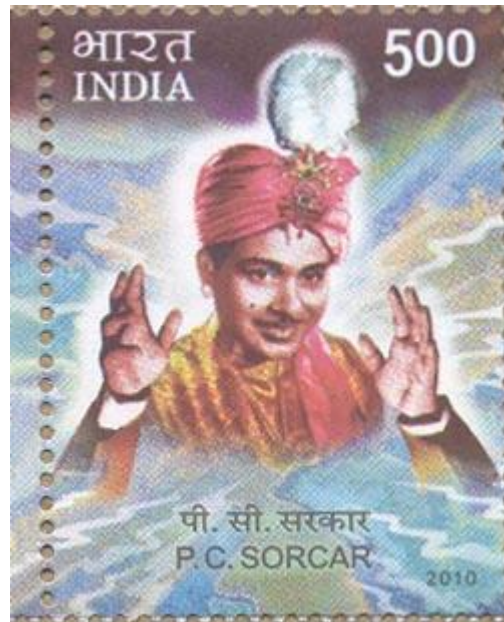
Gerry Schiller

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The Greats of Magic
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by Gerald Schiller



P.C. Sorcar

Magicians from the mysterious east have always been alluring to western audiences. And it was hardly unusual for western magicians to impersonate Orientals and to use props and costumes that had the charm and fascination of Japan and China.

In India, however, where a strong caste system prevailed for many years, magicians were looked down upon as street performers of low caste and rarely were invited to appear in the homes of the wealthy.

It was, however, Protul Chandra Sarcar (who later altered the spelling of his name to “Sorcar”) who was perhaps most instrumental in making a major change in the attitude of his countrymen and the status of conjurers.

Born in 1912 in East Bengal and destined for a lucrative career in engineering, he abruptly changed direction at the age of 21 and took up the hardly respectable profession of magician.

He was determined to make performance magic respectable, and built a lavish show of illusions with elaborate settings, costumes—and even added live elephants. Soon he was performing all over the world, and in 1956 appeared on the BBC-TV’s Panorama show, doing the buzz saw illusion.

When the show ran out of time just as he finished cutting his assistant in half--without showing if she had survived--the station's switchboard lit up with hundreds of calls from concerned viewers. The incident made the papers and Sorcar's reputation took off.

To promote his appearance on the Milbourne Christopher TV show Festival of Magic in 1957, Sorcar rode a bicycle through busy downtown New York streets—wearing a blindfold. It was a stunt that earned him a healthy amount of press coverage.

Humility, however, was never in the Sorcar vocabulary as he often claimed he was “the world's greatest magician,” and had a running feud with Kalanag, a German conjurer who laid claim to the same title. Sorcar died in 1971 in Japan. But his son Pradip Sorcar took over the act in his father's place.

The younger Sorcar gained publicity by escaping from a locked canvas mail sack that was put in a chained box and dropped into the Bay of Bengal. He was out in 90 seconds!

Pradip has made world-wide tours, developed numerous illusions, and written books on magic. Both he and his father deserve considerable credit for elevating the status of the magic arts in the eyes of Indian audiences and establishing their own reputations both in India and around the world.

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