

# 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!

Join us for our next Zoom meeting! We have a special ...

## ICE MCDONALD AND OUR INSTALLATION!



Make sure you sign on to zoom at 7:00 pm because we will be giving away a special prize package bundle of five items at 7:30 pm SHARP.

Ice McDonald's show will start promptly at 7:45 pm and do the installation immediately after the show.

ABSOLUTELY NO RECORDING OF ICE'S PERFORMANCE AT THE MEETING.

After Ice's show, we will install the officers and after that, we will have more raffle drawings, including a grand prize package bundle of TEN items. You won't want to miss this!

## 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:

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

7:00 PM

ZOOM

Look for email from Wendy Sobel for instructions.

We are on twitter!

@ibmring21

And the internet!

[www.ibmring21.org](http://www.ibmring21.org)



# LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"Well, the time has come for me to step down as President of this wonderful Ring.

First, I want to thank the current and past board members who have served with me the last 3 years. Your invaluable assistance, guidance and support has made it possible for me to appear like I knew what I was doing! As a magician, I like to think I am in control and I'm pretty confident when I perform. But being President was one of the most terrifying things I've ever done! And I would not have been near as successful without everyone's encouragement. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

The last several months have certainly been a challenge to everyone. But I think we've risen to the occasion and provided some great content for our members. In fact, if it weren't for online meetings, we probably would not have had some of the great lectures we've had recently! And speaking of high-profile appearances, for our October installation we have Kendrick "Ice" Macdonald performing his world famous Magic Castle act for us, and after he will perform the induction ceremony for the incoming board members.

This meeting will also include a very special raffle; here's the deal: The meeting will go live at 7:00pm. We'll give everyone 30 min. to settle in and chit chat. At 7:30, we'll have the first part of the raffle. The first prize being given away will be a package of items put together from Karl Johnson's personal collection of magic! He promises this package will contain many different items valued at well over \$100! BUT, YOU MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 7:30 TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PORTION OF THE RAFFLE! (If you're not there, we can't assign you a number!) We will then give away one or two combination prizes consisting of a \$10 gift certificate to the Magic Apple and a physical prize as well, most likely a packet trick or DVD.

This will be the short part of the raffle as Ice Macdonald has requested to start his performance at 7:45 SHARP! His performance is about 25-30 min. After the show, Ice will perform the induction ceremony for us! Once this is done, we will continue the raffle. This will consist of 2-3 more gift certificate/physical prize items, and will conclude with another package from Karl which he promises will be even bigger (and worth more!) than the first package! Karl says this package will contain anywhere from 20-30 items I have no idea what these items are worth, but even at \$5-\$10 apiece, ( and I'm sure most cost him more than this!) this prize package alone could be worth HUNDREDS!! The best part of all of this is that it is completely FREE to our Ring members!

Thank you to those of you that have renewed. If you have not renewed your annual membership, there's never been a better time to do it!

Bob Thomas

P.S. Did I mention for our November meeting we scored a lecture by none other than Howard Hamburg? Yeah, you should renew now!

## LINKS TO PRIVATE IBM 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

In light of Coronavirus shelter-in-place, we have asked members to upload some of their performances as private youtube videos. Below are some links:

Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:

<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

Michael Larkin: A ninja ring routine I put together myself, and a great coin routine by Daryl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGiw>

Karl Johnson: Fun and Funny performance that my 8 year old daughter and I did for her school talent show: [https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB\\_Q](https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q)

Don Kinney: Short but hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.

<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>

Jim Richardson: A fun cart trick, and the longest card trick:

<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

## MAGIC RESOURCES

<p><b>MAGIC APPLE</b>  <b>The best magic shop and one of the few Remaining “brick and mortars” around!</b>          11390 Ventura Blvd          Studio City, CA 91604  <b>Also online:</b> <a href="http://www.themagicapple.com">www.themagicapple.com</a></p>	<p><b>MAGIC ON THE GO</b>          Great magic instruction brought to you by our very own Steve Valentine:  <a href="https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/">https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/</a></p>
<p><b>Westside Wizards Sam 291</b>          Note: See <a href="http://www.westsidewizards.org">www.westsidewizards.org</a> for calendar of events          Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care          11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p><b>Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280</b>          Note: See <a href="http://www.ibmring280.com">www.ibmring280.com</a> for info and calendar          The Boys &amp; Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley          24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321</p>
<p><b>Vertical Wine Bistro Dinner &amp; Magic Show</b>  <b>NOTE: Vertical Wine Bistro has the best steak around!</b>          70 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103  <a href="http://www.verticalwinebistro.com">www.verticalwinebistro.com</a>          626-795-3999</p>	<p><b>Woodley Proper Magic Monday</b>          Bar has magic on Monday nights.  <a href="http://www.woodleyproper.com">www.woodleyproper.com</a>          16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436          (818) 906-9775</p>
<p><b>MAGIC MONDAY</b>  <b>Santa Monica Playhouse</b>  <a href="http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com">www.santamonicaplayhouse.com</a>          1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401</p>	<p><b>Magic and Wine – David Minkin Bardot</b>          1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028  <a href="http://www.MagicandWine.com">www.MagicandWine.com</a>          (800) 838-3006</p>
<p><b>Ivan Imodei’s Intimate Illusions – The Show</b>  <b>Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel</b>          9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212  <a href="http://www.ivanamodei.com">www.ivanamodei.com</a>          (866) 811-4111</p>	<p><b>Smoke and Mirrors</b>  <b>The Road Theatre</b>          5108 Lankershim Boulevard          North Hollywood, CA 91601  <a href="http://www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com">www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com</a>          (310) 450-2849</p>
<p><b>The Magic Castle</b>  <b>7001</b> Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028  <a href="http://www.magiccastle.com">www.magiccastle.com</a>          (323) 851-3313</p>	<p><b>Magic Mondays</b>  <a href="https://www.magicmondayla.com/">https://www.magicmondayla.com/</a></p>

## MEETING ARTICLE

President Bob Thomas called the ring to order for the annual September meeting

—a meeting traditionally dedicated to our founder, magician Caryl Fleming.

The September meeting is also distinguished by being the annual election of

officers and our new (some of them) will be Erin Kabbash who will take over

as President, Lex Schwartz as Vice-president, Gerry Schiller (continuing for the umpteenth year) as Secretary; Wendy Sobel handling the Treasurer's job;

Karl Johnson doing the Sgt.-at- Arms duties; and Board members at Large:

Gadi Rowelsky, Charles Cisneros, Bob Weiss, Don Kenney. And past President Bob Thomas.

The officers will be installed at the October meeting — also to be a Zoom meeting and with a very special performer who will be the evening's guest star.

Again the theme was to do a meeting appropriate for a Zoom session and a number of members rose to the occasion.

Gerry Schiller chose to go first and provided the group with a fascinating mental effect that involved the "Snap" picture cards and seven dollar bills. After a shuffle ten of the photo cards were laid out and, using a process of elimination, the bills were reduced to just one. A volunteer read the serial number of the bill, and as he did, the ten cards were turned over and the picture images duplicated the number or letter on the dollar bill. Gerry explained how this was just one of the many uses of the "Snap" card picture decks.

Karl Johnson did a clever four ace assembly and Erin Kabbash told the story of an old photo he found in a used wallet he bought—but amazingly the inscription on the back of the photo predicted a spectator's chosen card!

Lex Schwartz did the amazing trick called: Spread Wave. In it a chosen card is identified by spreading out the deck and the letters on the backs spell out the card that was chosen.

Long time member Howard Paris amazed us with a card fan and cards that were turned over (that had been chosen) proved to be correct each time.

Eric James' card effect was a deck spread out—face down—but when one was chosen, on its back was written "I knew you would pick the (and then the name)"

All the others had nothing on each back!

Mike Larkin provided us with a video of him doing his floating can outside his house

—and it was a dramatic effect and well employed all the space devoted to it.

Karl Johnson ended the evening with an excellent version of Paul Curry's "Out of this World."

Next month it's officer installations with a very special guest.

Gerry Schiller

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



**DELL O'DELL**

For some reason, magic over the years has mainly been a career for men. Even today, only a small number of female performers appear regularly, and it seems a shame that a huge pool of feminine talent remains unseen.

There were, however, several exceptions and undoubtedly one of the best was born October 20, 1902 in Wisconsin. Her name was Dell Newton but that name changed when her career in magic became widely recognized. Her performing name was Dell O'Dell.

Dell's family owned a Wild West tent show that toured with carnivals and her father was an amateur magician. Many magicians were hired to do specialty acts with the show and Dell persuaded several to share their secrets. When one performer told her "magic was not for girls,"

she became even more determined to become a magician.

She worked up an act, and, without telling her family, auditioned and was hired for thirty weeks of work!

Her act was a bit unusual since she used witty rhyming patter to accompany her tricks, and soon added lots of livestock: doves, rabbits, goldfish, dogs—and even chickens.

Her popularity quickly grew and she was soon traveling and doing as many as 47 shows in a week!

In New York, Dell set up her own little theater in the toy department at Macy's Department Store and she did regular kids' shows on a daily basis. (Interestingly, I first saw her perform at a department store in Philadelphia when I was about 11 years old).

Dell was noted for giving out all kinds of promotional material: booklets about her life, pamphlets with simple magic tricks and puzzles, and souvenirs—all promoting her and her act.

In 1936 she married juggler Charles Carrer whom she had met when they both were playing New York's Palace Theater. They bought a home in Woodside, Long Island and had it custom designed. They were noted for entertaining other performers and Dell was a skilled cook.

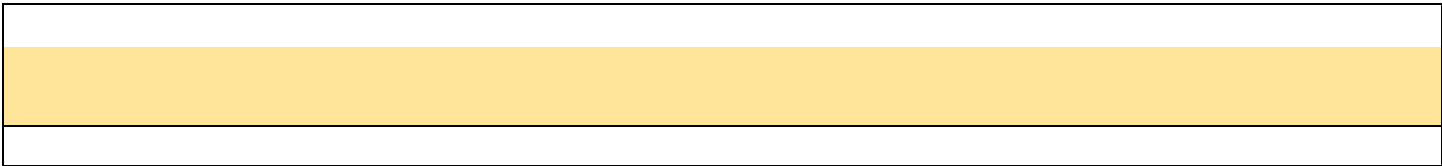
In addition to being a member of all the major magic societies, she formed her own group, the Dell O'Dell Friends of Magic Club, and it rapidly grew to 10,000 junior members and 7000 adult members all over the country.

In 1951 she and Charles moved to Santa Monica, California, and she was soon appearing in her own television shows with a live audience of children.

Dell maintained a busy schedule of performances for many years, even though she had been diagnosed with cancer, and even during her visits to the hospital for examinations, she would entertain other patients.

She died on February 5, 1962 at the age of 59—just 48 hours after she had performed at a county fair.

Dell O'Dell was one of a kind. But most of all she paved the way for other women performers who would soon follow in her footsteps.



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BOARD MEETINGS are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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