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Thursdays' of each month at

7:00 pm.via this Zoom Link:

[RING 21 ZOOM](#)
[Meetings](#)



Holiday Not Pot Luck Dinner Party

This year with 19 we've decided to do something different and fun. So our December holiday party will be live and at the NoHo Diner located at [11329 Magnolia Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91601](#). You'll be able to choose whatever you want as they serve "diner classics & wine by the glass."

NOTE: Per law, vax proof/72hr. neg test required for indoor dining

And we'll be giving everyone \$10 to offset your dinner check! Everything is around \$10 or so too so how cool but we ask to please tip 20% and bring a toy for a donation that we'll be giving to [Spark of Love](#). We'll be having raffle prizes too and anyone wanting to perform table, strolling or holiday magic are more than welcome! The festivities start Dec. 2 at 7pm, hope to see you there!

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by member
GERRY SCHILLER

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as well as member
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from the desk of the President ...

Happy Holiday Season To All!

The Holiday Season is upon us again as we approach the end of the year. Wanted to take a moment to thank you for being involved with IBM Ring 21 and wish you all a very and merry and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

For the last meeting of 2021 we thought it would be nice to gather at the Noho Diner in North Hollywood together and share some Dinner Table Magic! Come prepared with an appetite and some great Dinner Table Magic!

Everyone will be on their own in paying for dinner, but the club will be paying up to \$10.00 for each member's dinner.

We have made a reservation at Noho Dinner starting at 7:00 pm PST on December 2nd 2021. Noho Diner is located at 11329 Magnolia Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601 and has plenty of parking. Their menu can be seen here in [North Hollywood Diner Menu](#).

Finally, we will be collecting toy donations during dinner for the Spark Of Love Charity here in Los Angeles. In the past Robert DeLaGuerra put a lot of pride and effort into this for IBM Ring 21. So this year, we are carrying on the tradition in his honor. We all have a lot to be thankful for this year so please take this opportunity to show some generosity to those kids in need this holiday season!

Here is a link to the charity as well as a list of items they are looking for: [Spark of Love](#)

Looking forward to seeing everyone next Thursday!

Best Regards,
Erin Kabbash
IBM Ring 21 President



Upcoming Scheduled* Events

January-Performance Night, your favorite trick of 2021

February- Performance Night, romantic magic

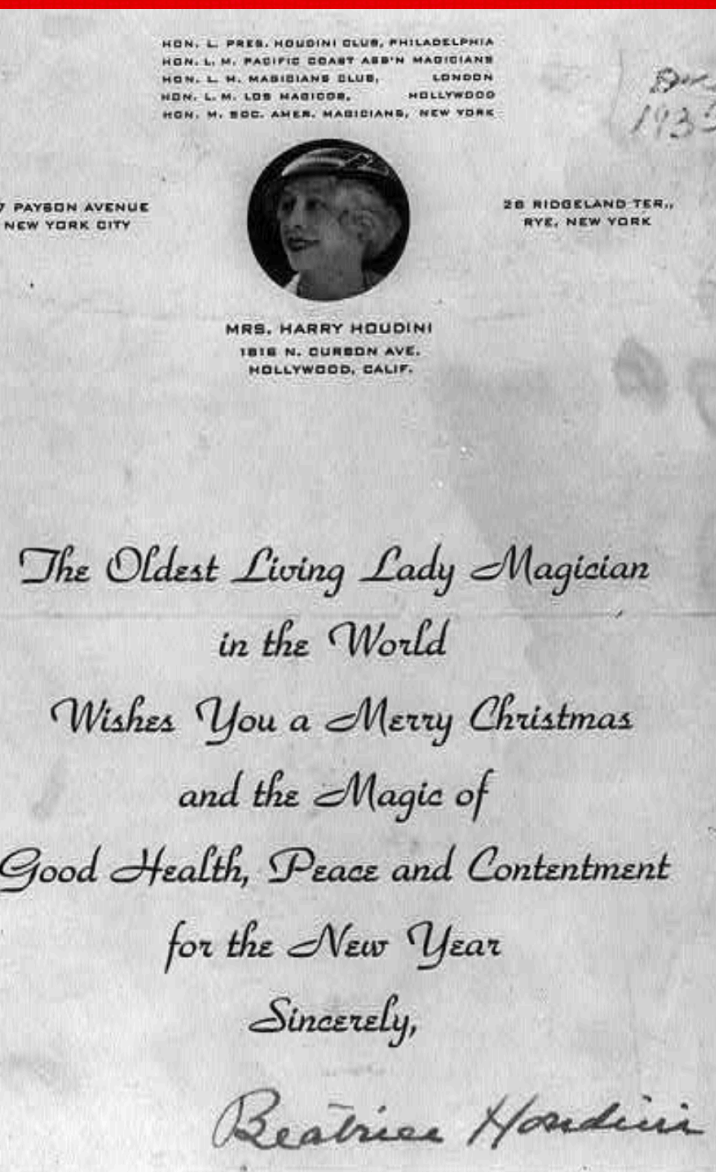
March-Lecturer TBA

April- Performance Night, our very own president Erin and our secretary Gerry put on their thinking caps and play as Penn & Teller as we all play that TV show P.T. FOOL US

May-Lecturer TBA

REAL Houdini Holiday Promos-Submitted by Bob Weiss
(no relation otherwise I'd be rich AND famous)

He was Jewish but loved Christmas.



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Houdini's
Compliments.

*The Oldest Living Lady Magician
in the World
Wishes You a Merry Christmas
and the Magic of
Good Health, Peace and Contentment
for the New Year
Sincerely,*



Wishing you
A Merry
Christmas
and
A Happy
New Year.

Above front of card, below inside it

The Spirit of Old Santa Claus
Communicates with me;
From spirit debunking task I pause
To heed his worthy plea.



I stir myself to print these thoughts -
A poor but sincere way,
To let You know I'm thinking lots
Of You this Christmas Day.

—Houdini—



CHRISTMAS
AND
NEW YEAR
GREETINGS
FROM

MR. AND MRS. HARRY HOUDINI

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 394 EAST TWENTY-FIRST STREET, FLATBUSH, NEW YORK



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houdini
wish you
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 394 EAST 21ST ST.
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK U. S. A.



Here are my wishes
for a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year
Houdini

Last months meeting and more

submitted by Bob Weiss

Ben Seidman lectured for us at the world famous Magic Castle. It was quite well attended and held in the Albert Peller Theater and as a side note most probably don't remember Al but he was a member of RING 21 for many years. Upon his death, he left our club a few thousand dollars which had the stipulation that we had to spend it right away. We bought a camcorder I think as well as lights and a curtain backdrop. Plus had an outrageous Halloween party at our regular meeting place The Wattles Mansion. These items were available to our members to rent for free. He also left The Magic Castle a whole lot more money and they built the theater. There's more to that's story but ask me as it's a lot to put here.

Back to Ben, well there's no pictures but that's because it was at the castle. He showed us some very strong magic effects with cards, coins and even tarot cards and a reading. All with terrific humor! He had nice discounts available for his lecture notes and magic too. Look for more details in an upcoming Linking Ring Report by Gerry Schiller.

Member Bob Carroll notes that he's giving away gift discount codes on his facebook page Trivia Time with Bob Carroll. He's done hundred of these show filled with games, puzzles, magic, trivia and more.

A great magic show starring D.C. for the next six months at the David Copperfield Theater at MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

A big thank you goes to member Karl Johnson as for years he did our newsletters and served on the board too and now I, Bob Weiss step into that position, hope you like it and I'm happy for submissions.

The club is still looking for a place to have our live meeting so let us know if you know of a place, thanks!

[Click here to Email Us!](#)

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

by Gerald Schiller

**This Month
featuring...**

Hofzinsner



Johann Nepomuk Hofzinsner was born in Vienna, Austria in 1806 to an upper-middle class family. For many years of his life he had a position in the Imperial and Royal Treasury Department of the Austrian Government, but at night when he came home, he worked diligently and assiduously on sleight of hand card tricks. Not until he was forty-six years old did he decide to perform in public.

He made part of his house into a theater, and in 1853 established the “Salon Hofzinsner” where he entertained Vienna’s citizens with a show he called “An Hour of Deception” for which he charged one gold ducat. Soon his little theater became a popular attraction for the nobility, the wealthy and the local intellectuals.

After he married Wilhelmine Bergmann (and probably at her insistence) he moved his theater to another location and she quickly became his assistant. With Hofzinsner, his wife became “Pythia” and they developed a popular second-sight routine with her naming objects held up by spectators while she was blindfolded.

Hofzinsner was most skillful in his card magic and he developed and performed more than seventy card effects. His “Everywhere and Nowhere” was a clever forerunner of the modern “Ambitious Card” routine and he often finished his act by lighting a candle and having a chosen card rolled up and inserted in the barrel of a pistol. When the gun was fired, there was the card in place of the candle flame!

When Hofzinsner’s health began to fail, he retired from his job and decided to devote his time to doing magic, but it was too late. He was unable to perform and quickly went through his savings. He survived only because of some generous friends.

Unhappy with his loss of faculties, Hofzinser ordered his wife to destroy all his writings and the descriptions of the many effects he had created. Unfortunately for the magic world she complied with his request and much of his creativity was burned. He died in 1875 at the age of sixty-nine.

However, he had had one pupil named George Heubeck. And Heubeck was able to remember some of the master's creations. He described some of what he remembered to magician and writer Ottokar Fischer who published the results. However, much of what Hofzinser had developed over the many years of his life was tragically lost.

Eighty years later a performer from Sweden named Josef Levin adopted the name "Max Hofzinser" and performed with great success. He was even appointed "Royal Illusionist" to both kings Gustaf V and Gustaf VI.

The original Hofzinser gained notoriety when articles about him were published by Ottokar Fisher in Conjuror's Monthly Magazine and Houdini included a biographical sketch of him in his book, Houdini on Magic. Houdini recognized that: "He was a genius but only his intimates recognized this fact. . . .He enriched magic by his clever inventions and wonderfully built tricks but this enrichment was only temporary, for in dying he begged that his secrets should die with him, and his widow fulfilled his request."



Magic Comedy

submitted by Bob Weiss



Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

MAGIC HAPPENINGS! links underlined

LINKS TO RING 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

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and mortars" around!

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Great magic instruction
brought to you by our very own
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magiconthego.vhx.tv/](https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/)

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 meet at The Boys & Girls
Club of Santa Clarita Valley
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& Magic Show**

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CA, 90401

**Magic and Wine – David
Minkin**

Bardot
1737 North Vine Street,
Hollywood, CA 90028
www.MagicandWine.com
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Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire
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7001 Franklin Avenue,
Hollywood, CA 90028
www.magiccastle.com
(323) 851-3313



2021-07-30: Lex The Illusionist
performs an excellent
Anniversary Waltz:
<https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukIE>

27/2020: Bob Thomas: FUNNY
book test with Lex participating:
<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A
ninja ring and a great coin
routine by Daryl.

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk)
[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=wyUg-UGhGlw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGlw)

4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: He and
his 8 year old daughter give a fun
performance for her school
talent show:

https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q

4/16/2020: Don Kinney: Short
but hilarious interview at
Kingsley Manor.

[https://
fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/
Video/E3B7436B42](https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42)

4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A
fun card trick, and the longest
card trick:

<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>
<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

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