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Regular meetings are on the 1st

& Board meetings on the 3rd

Thursdays' of each month at

7 pm, when not in person click:

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Silk Magic

Performance Night

Thursday, February 1st 7 p.m. at

M.A.D. Acting Studio

[4741 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607](#)

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Only about a block North of the 101 fwy Laurel Cyn Blvd. exit

**Brand New Space w/Stage!
Plenty of parking in back
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A separate \$5 venue fee* includes parking and a stage! No burgers and this new space is only ours!

It's 1200 sq ft with a 46 seat stadium theatre

Tonight's theme is silk or handkerchief magic (magi: please don't call them silks in performance). See colorful squares morph, multiply, vanish and more in a mesmerizing display of our members and fellow magi sleight of hand and artistry.

WE'LL BE HAVING RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!

Do You Recognize This Member?



Member of the Month
By Gerry Schiller

Comic Strips, Lots
of Photos, New
Links, Roster
& More Inside
too!

Announcing a
New lecture!



Happy Magical Valentine's Day!

Upcoming Scheduled* Events

Feburary-Silk Effect Performance Night

March-David Gabbay Magic lecture

April-"Works in Progress" Performance Night

July- [I.B.M. Convention July 10-13, 2024 Tacoma, WA](http://www.ibmring21.org)



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*Happy Magical
Valentine's Day
To All!*



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**I must be a magician, because every time I look at you,
everyone else disappears**

**What do you give your Valentine in France?
A big quiche**



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Coming in March.....FREE for RING 21 members.....\$10 for guests
A separate \$5 venue fee includes parking and a stage! *

THE DAVID GABBAY LECTURE

Original effects along with how to elevate the magic you already do with easy ways of adding in misdirection and timing

Creator of original magic, and regular Magic Castle performer, **David Gabbay** is modern approach to this age old art can make your magic amazing. In 2010 David Gabbay starred in his own one man Hollywood theater show, "Caught In A Miracle" to sold out houses and critical acclaim. A multiple award winner, in 2011, at the prestigious TAOM convention to earn himself the First Place Award for Close-Up Magic. He is really fun to watch with some cutting edge techniques and misdirection. One of those you don't know what's going to happen next kind of shows and really original. Almost all of his stuff is original, and in the **next newsletter you can read even more about the lecture** he'll be giving to RING 21 but if you want to see his close-up act live at the Magic Castle now just click here for **[David's full show at the MC.](#)**



DECEMBER LINKING RING REPORT BY GERRY SCHILLER

It was holiday time for Ring 21 as a fairly large group of both old and several new members met for the annual December get together that included a pot luck plus some ordered dinner, a toy collection and, of course a bit of holiday magic.

Keeping alive the spirit of former (and unfortunately, the late) club president Robert de la Guerra, members contributed a large assembly of gifts for neighborhood kids which were piled around the tree.

There were a few announcements and one was about the new “coffee table” book by David Ginn which has just been released called "Kids Love Animals" and includes hundreds of tricks and ideas for those of us who do kids' shows (by the expert himself).

Eventually the well-fed magis were ready to show off some “holiday magic,” and although not all kept to the theme, there was a lot of variety. Wendy Sobel started off with one of her favorite effects as she pulled some beautiful flower boxes from a paper bag and told the story of her grandfather bringing modest gifts to woo the woman who would become her grandmother.

A new member named John who explained he worked as a Urologist had an appropriate trick using sponge rubber shapes and describing some of his medical challenges. For me I think it proved to be one of the funniest—and most unusual tricks I've witnessed at an IBM meeting!

David Martinez had Wendy think of her favorite card and, surprisingly, it turned up attached to her IBM Membership Card!

Bob Weiss did some clever sleight of hand with tiny bottles that kept changing as he counted them on the table and into his pocket.

Elroy Coddling surprised the group with a card trick using a (supposedly) shuffled deck but miraculously dealing out cards that matched in the piles they were dealt and finally 13 that were of the same suit and in “new deck” order.

In a valiant attempt to stick with the Holiday Theme Gerry Schiller had cards with Santa's reindeer names and provided some history about Moore's famous poem and how it has influenced so much of our current Christmas story, then he jumped ahead a hundred years and told how Rudolph became the new addition to the Santa story. But Gerry was sure to add two more reindeer names that kids who sing Rudolph's song have added: the bad reindeer named Olaf (and they sing his name in the line “Olaf the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names”) and at the end we get “Glee” since the reindeer “shouted out with Glee” at the end!! I'll bet those two are even new to you!

Our raffle followed and all left the meeting with some “Great Expectations” of magic to come in 2024. Sorry but I had to get Mr. Dickens in my report—since he's such an integral part of the holiday story.

Just be thankful I didn't end with a “Bah humbug”.



RING 21 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JOHN ENGMAN

Member of the Month

by Gerald Schiller

It seem to me that John Engman should get the award as the Ring 21 member who was truly exposed to magic long before anyone else. As a child—more than eighty years ago—while he was in elementary school he saw a magician perform!

However, though this was for him an eye-opening experience, it was not until a few years later that he learned some basic tricks from (of all places) a cereal box and performed them at a Christmas party for his Scout group, and then he became a performing magician.

Many years later, as an adult, he came upon Thurston's classic book *400 Tricks You Can Do*.

And not long after, he discovered Owens Magic Supreme in Alhambra. It was here the magic bug truly bit.

In 1967, John joined SAM Assembly 22 and expanded his knowledge with the books, lectures he attended and the tricks he bought. The group he joined was well populated with magicians, including names like Dai Vernon, Chuck Jones, as well as both Bill and Milt Larsen.

In 1970 John joined The Magic Castle and he describes the audition as “not very difficult.” He showed the audition committee a list of all the magic books he owned and then did a “coin through hank” effect. Apparently in those days things were a bit more relaxed!

Over the years John has maintained his SAM and added IBM membership as well. He has served (at one time or another) as president, secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and even Legal Adviser with the SAM Assembly.

When asked about the books he recommends, he includes *The Tarbell Course*, *Mark Wilson's Course in Magic*, and *The Royal Road to Card Magic*. He adds that these alone have enough magic in them “to keep most magicians busy for a lifetime.”

When pressed for some of his favorite effects he will list: The Egg Bag, Clippo, and The Six Bill Repeat.

We are grateful to John Engman who truly brings much perspective, wisdom, and background to Ring 21.

Don't forget, if given a name badge to bring and wear it at our next meeting and let us know if you need one.





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

Michael Larkin: Ninja ring Daryl coin routine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGlw>

Karl Johnson and daughter give a fun performance: https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q

Don Kinney: Short hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor. <https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>

Jim Richardson: A fun card trick & longest card trick: <https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>
<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

More Photos and Videos from the January 2024 Meeting
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VE4GJWSDPsi2ktzv9>

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John Engman

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Nicolas Garcia

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Lois Harmeyer

Roger Jennings

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Member At Large-John Kowalczyk

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