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The International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 21 Hollywood, California Newsletter

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Regular meetings are on the 1st

& Board meetings on the 3rd

Thursdays' of each month at

7:00 pm.usually via this

Zoom Link when not in person:

**RING 21 ZOOM Meetings**



May the Fourth is our next meeting so  
Star Wars will be the theme for  
performances tonight. Get out those  
light sabers, your Jedi mind control,  
use your imagination and get  
creative. We will be back 7 pm at  
**Pinocchio Restaurant**

3103 Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505

(Click above for directions)

this  
thursday



Do You Recognize This  
Member?

Member of the Month  
By Gerry Schiller

# Instructions

By Bob Weiss:

Using a regular 52 deck of cards freely shuffled (nah keep the ace of hearts on top, the ace of spades below that and third from the top the five of hearts). So after false shuffles square the cards up and



keeping the top card face down remove it, setting it aside and announcing that this card is your predictor card. (The Ace of Hearts).

Place it face down on the table and set an object over it to keep it secure and to imply to the audience that you won't be able to manipulate it with sleight of hand. This is the predictor card.

Hand the deck to an audience member face down. Explain that they will be the only one handling the cards from now on and that you will not touch the cards. Tell them to deal the cards from the top of the deck, face down, in a single pile. After they have dealt the first few cards, tell them to stop anytime but add that they can even deal two or three cards at a time. When they stop, you can ask if they're sure that that's where they want to stop giving the option of dealing more cards. This all increases the perception that they are in total control of the deck and the order of the cards.

When they are finished dealing, tell them to set the remaining cards aside. Tell them to pick up the pile of cards they dealt (face down) and deal from the top into two separate piles, one by one in face-down position. The last card placed on top of each pile will be the the ace of spades and the five of hearts. Announce the card on the top of the first pile will be the suit of the predictor card, and the card on top of the second pile will be the value of the predictor.

Ask them to turn over the top card in the first pile stating this will be the suit of the single card on the table (the predictor card). Have them do the same with the top card in the second pile and stating this should be the number or value of the card on the table. Announce that with these two cards the card that is face down on the table should be the ace of hearts. Have them turn over the predictor card and watch their amazement that you were able to predict the card none other than the Ace of Hearts.

# Upcoming Scheduled\* Events

**May 4**-May the Force B W/U Performance Night  
6 Magic Castle Swap Meet



**June 1**-Summer magic Theme Performance Night  
21 Mike Caveney Lecture and [Los Magicos](#)  
At the Magic Castle for this special extra meeting



**July**-I.B.M. Convention-Pittsburg [ibmconvention.com](http://ibmconvention.com)

**August**-Initiation Night, Nomination Slate and ???

**September**-Elections and 1930's Theme Night-Performance Night

**October**-Annual Banquet

**November**- [PCAM 2023, San Diego Nov. 9 - 12, 2023](#)

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



These steps are listed on our Membership Charter,  
representing our Goals and Accomplishments.

*Condolences* to  
Gerry Schiller and family  
for his wife Esthers'  
passing. She attended  
several of our meetings  
and our annual banquets  
throughout the years and  
will be missed.



# RING 21 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## LOIS HARMeyer

### *Member of the Month*

by Gerald Schiller

Although a large number of future magicians seem to get bitten by the “magic bug” as children or teens, Lois Harmeyer’s story was quite different. She (at age twenty-one) and her new husband had moved into an apartment in Pasadena, not far from Colorado Boulevard.

Near the intersection of Fair Oaks she noticed a little shop that sold (among other items) magic tricks. One day her curiosity got the better of her and she decided to stop in. And that turned out to be the beginning of her attraction to magic.

Her excitement grew when the clerk sold her a few tricks and soon she was a regular customer. She started with some cups and balls, then progressed to a rope trick called “The Professor’s Nightmare” and from there her interest took off.

She discovered that a friend was a member of Hollywood’s Magic Castle and Lois got frequent opportunities to tag along and see some great magicians in action: She had the good fortune to see some true experts in the conjuring craft like Mark Wilson and Billy McComb and Harry Blackstone, Jr. and the exciting duo, Goldfinger and Dove.

After her marriage broke up she met a magician named Bernie Welch, who just happened to be a member of the Castle—as well as Ring 21 of the IBM. He invited her to a Ring meeting and in short order she became an IBM member.

As a club member Lois participated in many ring events, and when the club started going out to schools, Lois quickly volunteered to be one of the performers. She remembers developing a show to music and walked out on the stage only to hear the wrong music cue being played. She described that she smiled and started her act anyway, but “in the middle of my show, they suddenly started playing my music, but I smiled and again kept going! That was when I truly felt I was a ‘pro’ “

Lois also designs and works with both puppets and marionettes. Luckily, it was Lois’ friendship with the master, Bob Baker that enabled Ring 21 to use his theater as a meeting place for several years.

According to Lois, one of the most important lessons she learned as a puppeteer is to “always check your equipment before every show.” And this is just as true when you’re doing a show of magic.



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- Monthly Meetings
- Conventions
- Lectures
- Contests
- Workshops

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# MAGIC RESOURCES AND MORE LINKS

## **OTHER LOCAL RINGS**

RING 280 SANTA CLARITA  
[www.ibmring280.com](http://www.ibmring280.com)

RING 313 ORANGE COUNTY  
[ring313.org](http://ring313.org)

RING 96 LONG BEACH  
<https://www.ring96.com/>

## **OTHER LOCAL MAGIC MEETINGS**

SAM 291 WEST LA  
[www.westsidewizards.org](http://www.westsidewizards.org)

SAM ASSEMBLY 22. DUARTE  
<https://sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home>

Orange County Magic Club  
[theocmc.com](http://theocmc.com)

## **MAGIC LEARNINGS**

THE MAGIC APPLE-magic shop  
11390 Ventura Blvd  
Studio City, CA 91604  
Also order online:  
[www.themagicapple.com](http://www.themagicapple.com)

MAGIC ON THE GO  
Magic instruction by Steve Valentine  
<https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/>

## **SHOWS**

MAGIC MONDAY  
Santa Monica Playhouse  
[www.santamonicaplayhouse.com](http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com)  
1211 4th Street Santa Monica

Ivan Imodei's Intimate Illusions  
Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire  
9500 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
[www.ivanamodei.com](http://www.ivanamodei.com)  
(866) 811-4111

The Magic Castle  
7001 Franklin Avenue  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
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## **PERFORMANCES ONLINE**

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

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](https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q)

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

I.B.M. PITTSBURGH CONVENTION

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