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## Ring 76 Installations and Awards Banquet

This year's Installations Banquet will be this Sunday, July 14th from 5pm to 9pm at the New Century Buffett in El Cajon. This is located at 868 Jackman St, El Cajon, CA 92020.

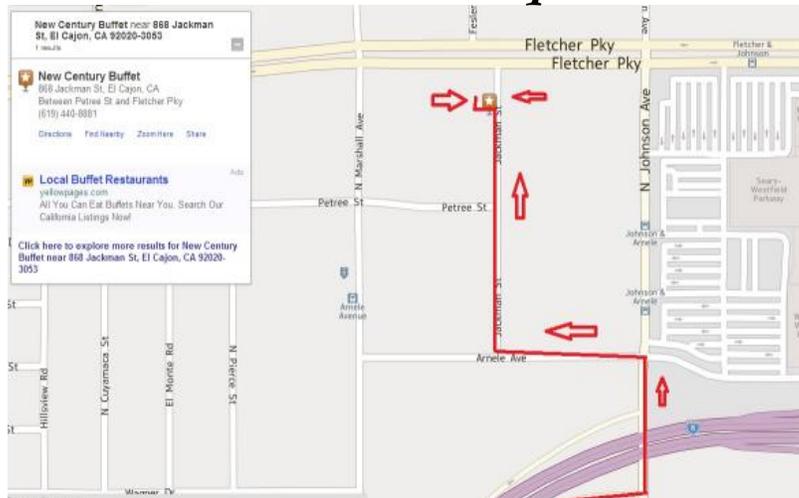
This year's performer for the will be Andrew Goldenhersh (a.k.a Golden Hands) This magician was hand picked by Syd Segal who felt that our Ring needed to see some new and unique magic. If you are planning to attend the banquet but have not yet reserved your To learn more visit [www.goldenhands.com](http://www.goldenhands.com).

Directions are simple (see map). Take the Johnson Ave exit off 8 East and turn left. Then turn left at the first light which is Arnele Ave. Make a right on Jackman and continue north till you see the last driveway before

you get to Fletcher Parkway. New Century is straight back and to the right.

The cost is \$17.50 per person and seating is limited so please contact Richard Ustick at [rustick@flash.net](mailto:rustick@flash.net). See you there.

— Richard Ustick and Sal Barajas



## Silk Magic

Our August meeting will be Silk Magic! Here is a great opportunity for our members to share their favorite silk magic effect, but why stop there. Try breathing life into some old classic or attempt to share an obscure gem that has been hidden away in a forgotten magic book. To sign up please contact [salomonbarajas@yahoo.com](mailto:salomonbarajas@yahoo.com)

Let's see how creative we can be.

And remember to PRACTICE ...PRACTICE... PRACTICE.

**Also please note that our August Meeting will be held on August 19th!** This is a change from our normal night for August only. The time (7pm) and place (Lions Club) remain unchanged.

— Sal Barajas

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## President's Message

Welcome to the month of July, a.k.a., welcome to the last Newsletter of the fiscal year! Wow, I can't believe I've been President a full year already, how time flies! I had a wonderful year as your President, and I hope you enjoyed having me just as much! We had a great run, and in just this year I have seen such an improvement in so many of you, both in technique and in performing styles. I am so proud of you all and I hope you keep it up next year and following years that are to come!



So I am sorry to have missed the last meeting. I too was hoping to perform a great feat, but hopefully we can see that next year. But thank you for all of you who put the time and effort to performing and practicing for the meeting. My peers tell me, it was a hell of a meeting! Also, thank you all who attended the free lecture we had, starring Danny McKinnon (Danny Magic). It was a great lecture and a great turnout! It is always nice to see someone who is a worker and knows what works in the real world!

So don't forget that the meeting for the month of July, will be this Sunday, July 14, 2013 held at the New Century Buffet. This is our annual Installation banquet meeting to recognize certain members, whether it be for a competition, or a role held on the board. So we are there for 3 reasons, awards, entertainment, and FOOD! And as you may already know, we are very very lucky to have Mr. Andrew Goldenhersh for our entertainment. FOLKS, this is ONE show, you WONT want to miss!!! So see you all there. Bring your kids, bring your wives, were going to have lots of fun!

Oh and before I forget, next month's meeting, is a classic of Magic. Silk Magic! So reach in those old Magic drawers of yours and pull out silks, and pull out more, and more, and even more!!!! See you all on Sunday!

— Derek Ostovani

## June Meeting was "On the Money"

A lot went on at our June meeting – elections, voting for Member of the Year, the final competition for Entertainer of the Year, announcement of the details of the Installation/Awards Banquet, and Richard valiantly attempting to collect the annual dues. In addition, we had four guests: Carlos Murillo, a guest of Alfonso; Anna Wilson, a guest of Hank Braumann; Brodie Zukewycz, a guest of Nick Benevento; and Ben Decker, a guest of Jeff Marcus; and two member auditions. To top it off, President Derek Ostovani was unable to make the meeting.

But First Vice-President San Barajas rose to the occasion, and the meeting ran smoothly. Richard Ustick collected membership dues and took reservations for the Installation Banquet.

*(Be sure to see the article this newsletter for when and where! — Ed.)*

Prospective members Eric Martin Del Campo and Robert Vinson successfully auditioned and were unanimously voted into membership. Eric performed a prediction routine, and Robert did a comedy handcuff escape.

Nominations Committee Chair, Jeff Marcus, announced the candidates running for the ring's Board. As there none of the positions was contested, the entire slate was unanimously approved by a vote of the membership. The officers for the 2013-14 year will be: President, Derek Ostovani; VP Entertainment, Sal Barajas; VP Membership, James Thayer;

Treasurer, Richard Ustick; Secretary, Bob Meigs; Sgt.-at-Arms, Sherry Luft; Members-at-Large, Joe Mystic and Jeff Sargent. All but Jeff Sargent, a new member, had been officers in the 2012-13 Board.

A secret ballot was taken to determine Member of the Year, an award based on service to the Ring and the magic community. The ballots will be counted by

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## *Photos from the June Meeting*



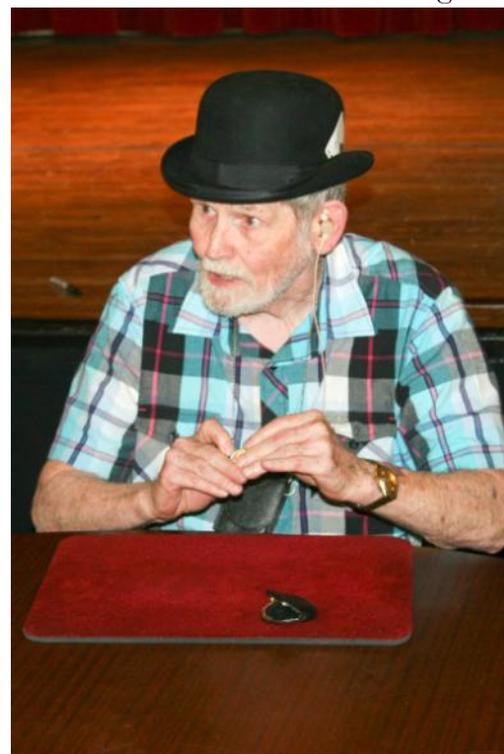
*Eric Martin Del Campo*



*Bob Meigs*



*Robert Vinson*



*Bob Pozner*



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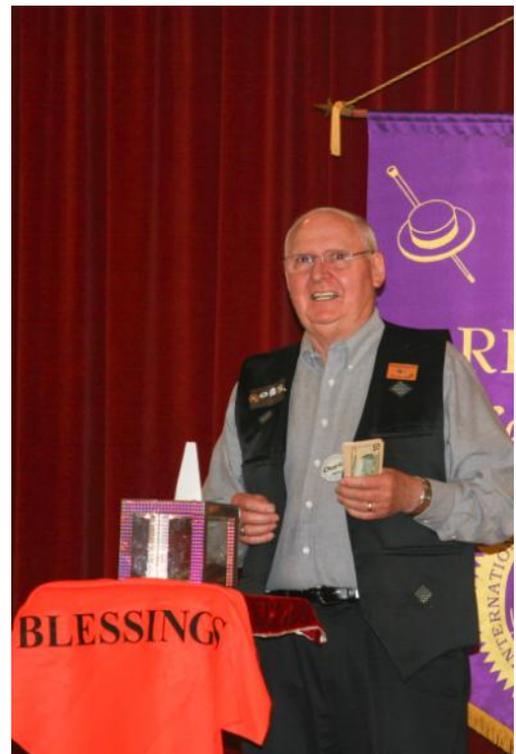
*Larry Samuels*



*James Kellogg III*

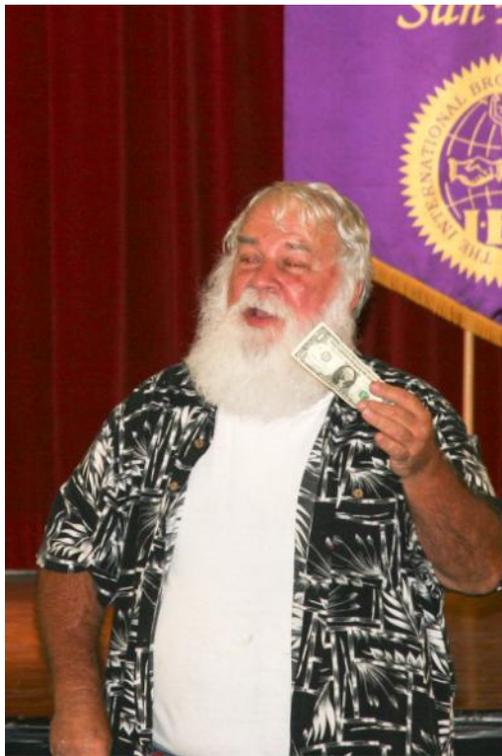


*Jacques Lord*



*Charlie Gott*

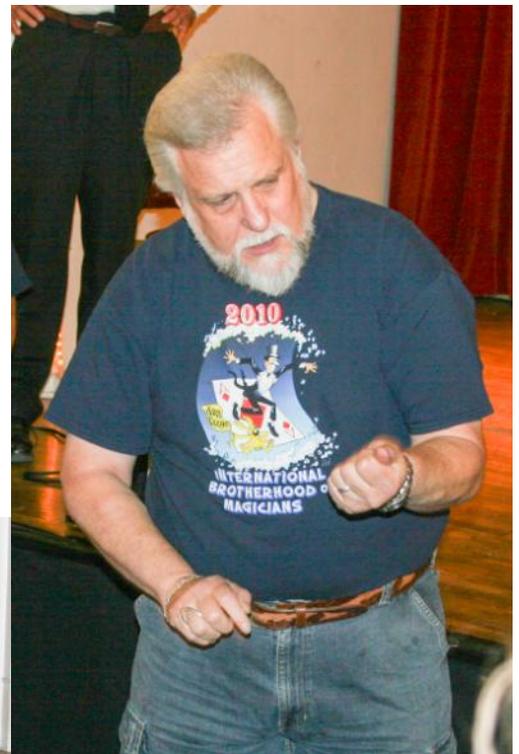
## *Photos from the June Meeting*



*Joe Mystic*



*Malcolm Campbell*



*Jeff Marcus*



*June Performers*

## *Wild Surprise*

*Reviewed by Joel A  
Moskowitz M D, FAAP, FAPA  
May 05, 2013*

Diabolical, amazing would be appropriate adjectives to describe the packet effect “Wild Surprise” offered by the largest magic emporium in the Netherlands. Ron Timmer one of the owners (Gert Piet is the other) ‘explains’ the maneuvers where a spectator selected card is changed from four ‘mistaken’ cards faced down on the table.

Hypothesize that the spectator chose the eight of hearts. The magician indicates four face down cards and proudly announces that he/she predicted the choice. When, however, the four cards are right sided up, they are identical but not the chosen card!

Oops...”No matter”. In a brief time, the magician changes , one by one, all the four cards into the ‘chosen card’. And there are ‘only’ four cards.

Actually, unbeknownst to all but the initiated there are six cards...supplied with the teaching DVD. The advantage for this packet effect is that it doesn’t require knuckle bending moves, shifts, false counts etc etc But it does require that the conjurer may be able to force a card.

An ‘normal’ pack is on the table. Your favorite method to convince the spectator that he/she has a free choice of a card e.g. 8H.

The gimmick packet is in front of the magician. Seemingly there is only four (wrong) same suit cards e.g. KS KS KS KS. There are really six cards : two double faced KS/8H and KS/8H and two ‘true’ KS KS and 8H 8H with regular backs.

One of the double facers has a small center placed double stick tape enabling by slight pressure to convince the spectators that two cards are only ‘one’. And the other double facer is sprayed with a miracle spray “Science Friction” Application of Science Friction, enables the magician to ‘attach’ and ‘disattach’ two cards as one in mysterious ways. This is not the customary ‘rough/smooth’ goop. Those who are familiar with this will tell you it is nano-

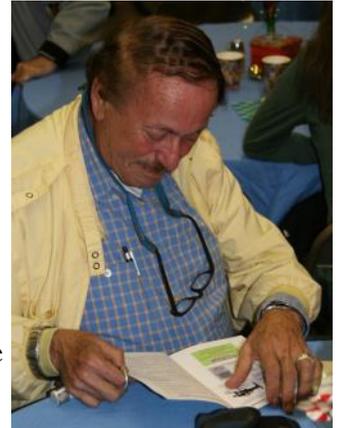
technology. There is a caveat: Don’t inhale this spray. And the price is challenging. You can get this from the same Netherlands shop.

Although the demonstrator. Ron Timmer, is facile with English, his casual unclear explanations leave a lot to be desired.

This reviewer watched the DVD many times but was unsatisfied. The promise of being able to convincingly change four cards to other four cards (with prediction) sans double shifts, etc etc is exciting. And there is no need to ‘reset’ if you are table hopping (just change the prediction card to the other card) for the next demonstration.

Table hopping obviates the dodge to avoid spectator packet grabbing Alternatively, you would have a four card ‘natural’ in one of your pockets and you would absent-mindedly exchange the gimmicked six card collection and bring out the ‘natural’ four card packet.

The premise of this packet trick is promising but it requires ‘self medication’. Dr Moskowitz prescribes this effect (Rx Rx 0 0)(2/4)





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Bob Meigs, who, having won last year, is ineligible this year. The winner will be announced at the Awards/Installation Banquet in July.

Then began the last of our Entertainer of the Year competitions, with the theme of Money Magic. We had nine performers, beginning with Bob Meigs, who performed a “whistle-blower” routine utilizing Whit Haydn’s teleportation device. Bob Posner followed with a silver and copper close-up coin routine, and Larry Samuels performed a bill switch to a credit card.

James Kellogg III, delivered one of his patented high-tech routines, identifying who-took-what from his wallet. Charlie Gott then treated us to a gospel/financial version of six-card repeat, with currency and a crystal casket finale. Jacques Lord then performed a coins through table.

Jeff Marcus, last year’s Entertainer of the Year, performed a baffling coin matrix that had the entire

## "MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



“Don’t even ask.”

## Ring 76 2012-13 Calendar

July 14 Installation Banquet  
Aug 19 Silk Magic\*

\* Opportunity for Members to Perform

membership crowding around his performance table. Joe Mystic followed with a comedy bill switch, and Malcolm Campbell wrapped up by producing money from virtually everywhere.

After the meeting, we tried out the local Denny's as an alternative to Rudford's as our “After Hours Club.”

— Bob Meigs

## Danny Magic Lecture

Thank you to all those who came to the Danny Magic (Danny McKinnon lecture)! It was a great turnout!!! Danny is a student of John George, who is a student of Johnny Ace Palmer and both of them shined through in Danny's performance/lecture. I thought everything he did, was great since it was minimal to no set up, and nothing was too technical! So I hope you all were able to take away at least one great it I had a chance to talk with Danny before the lecture, and he was a very nice gentleman, besides being a good Magician. I hope you all enjoyed the lecture, and I don't know about you, I but I'm excited to see who those crazy board members come up with for the two lectures back on!!!

— Derek Ostovani

## Dues—Final Reminder

Hey fellow Ring 76 Members, dues are due and I need them now. If you have NOT paid your dues please either contact me or mail them off today. Your dues make our Ring activities possible. Dues (for right now) are still \$25 but if I do not receive them by July 31 you will be charged an additional \$5 penalty.

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Contact me at rustick@flash.net or mail your dues to

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251 Thrasher Way,  
El Cajon, Ca 92020.

## *Ring 76 Plays Big at the Fair*

Ring 76 was well represented at the San Diego County Fair. Terry Godfrey was the official “resident magician,” putting on three daily shows, as well as doing queue entertainment at the front gate. Terry did an audience member suspension as part of his daily shows, as well as his 100 foot rope escape. Bob Meigs had a daily show called Do It Yourself Magic, and also partnered with Terry Godfrey to do 12 Abra-KID-Abra Magic Camps during the Fair’s 24-day run.

Bob also booked the talent for the daily After Six Magic show. There were 9 performers over the 24-days, including Ring members Terry Lunceford, Jeff Marcus, Joe Mystic, Alex Greenbaum, Derek Ostovani, and Kenny Shelton. Terry also helped line up Whit Haydn and Paul Green, frequent performers at the Magic Castle, to perform at After Six.

Kenny closed After Six, performing on July 2, 3, and 4. Those of you who haven’t seen Kenny perform lately need to check him out. Kenny is a rising star.

Ring 76’s Got Talent!

— Bob Meigs

## *Coin Magic*

I would like to inform our magic community that the price of Silver is currently under \$19.00 an ounce. This is a big deal because last year it was over \$40.00 an ounce. Which means that this is a great time to purchase your Walking Liberty Half Dollars and Morgan/Peace Dollars for performing magic.

Walking Liberty/1964 Kennedy/Benjamin Franklin Silver Half Dollar Value = \$6.66+ per coin I recommend not paying more than \$8.00 per coin

Morgan /Peace Silver Dollar = \$14.26+ per coin I recommend not paying more than \$16.00 per coin

Avoid Flea Markets and the Swap Meet as they are surprisingly WAY OVERPRICED!! You are better off at a coin shop. Craigslist can also be a good place to check. Prices have been going down steadily so if you want up to date prices on these coins I recommend going to a website called [www.coinflation.com](http://www.coinflation.com)

— Sal Barajas

(EBay can also be a good place to shop but know your prices as it is easy to overbid if you don't — Ed.)

## *The Ring76 Link to the Linking Ring*

Malcolm Campbell is now serving as proofreader/technical editor for I.B.M.’s The Linking Ring magazine. He is responsible for reviewing and rewriting much of the technical content to assure that the information is presented in a manner that is error-free and can be easily followed by the reader. His first issue is the May, 2013 issue. He is also working with the Executive Editor to create a Style Book to help standardize style, terminology, etc, in a further effort to improve future issues.

Malcolm says that if anyone has any comments, suggestions or criticisms about the content of The Linking Ring, please contact him so that he can either address them or pass them on.

(The staff of MagiCurrents congratulates Malcolm and wishes him great success in this new role! — Ed.)



One of the things that Teller and I are obsessed with, one of the reasons that we're in magic, is the difference between fantasy and reality. — Penn Jillette