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April Meeting was a "Fool's Paradise"

April was an exciting month at Ring 76. We had a major contest, two auditions for Ring membership, and visitors from Ring 96. We always welcome international ring members and particularly like it when local rings visit us or send invitations for us to visit them.

The meeting opened with President **Josh Sherwin** announcing that we had forty people in attendance, twenty-nine members and eleven guests. Among those guests were the previously mentioned members of Ring 96 all the way down from Seal Beach, California. They were George Reis, Kevin Papke, Judy Case, John Piercy, and Territorial Vice President, Cliff Gerstman. During the short business meeting, the Election Committee announced the Board of Director's proposed slate of officers for 2024-25, as required by the ring's by-laws. These were: for President, **Josh Sherwin**; VP of Entertainment, **Mike Stilwell**; VP of Membership, **James Thayer**; Sergeant-at-Arms, **Mark Booth**; Members at large, **Misha Osinovskiy** and **Gary Salisbury**. The position of Secretary had no nomination from the Board. These were suggestions from the Board of Directors and any member is free to nominate anyone who is an active member of Ring 76 in good standing for the elections to be held in June.

"**Magic Mike**" Stilwell, the VP of Entertainment, announced the upcoming events for the next few months (See What's Up! Page 4). It was then announced that this year's Installation Banquet would not be a catered affair as usual, but a potluck. After the announcements, there were two auditions, **Micah Ortiz** and **Gracie Morgan**. Congratulations to both of them for becoming the newest members of our ring.



James Thayer & Misha Osinovskiy prepare to Judge

Congratulations to "Ms. Charley," **Max Long**, **Joe Mystic**, "Mr. Funtastic" and **Gracie Morgan**, who fooled the judges! They will each receive a beautiful plaque designed by **Gary Salisbury**, club librarian and woodworker.

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With all business attended to, it was time for the entertainment. Our theme was the highly anticipated event, the "You Fooled Us" contest, a legally safe rendition of some other program we've heard was on TV, but with which we have no association.

James Thayer and **Misha Osinovskiy** were the judges, with **Josh Sherwin** as the arbiter.

IBM Ring 76 meets every second Monday of the month at the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church in the Old Town area of San Diego, California. Unless otherwise specified, the doors will open at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Ring 76 2024 Calendar

May 13th - Stand-Up Contest

June 10th - Gracie Morgan Lecture (See pg. 7)

July 8th - Installation Potluck with Robert Baxt

*Opportunity for Members to Perform
Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, "Magic Mike" Stilwell at magicmike@Ring76.com.

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First up was **Greg Wauson** who did a version of a cut and restored rope.



Next up was **Rich Robertson**, who demonstrated his mental capability to determine which of three objects (a pumpkin, a baseball batter cap, and a box of shredded wheat) was selected by guest **Kevin**.



"**Ms. Charley**" performed "Similarities and Differences," a torn and restored card mystery that reflects life's journey. Ring 96 guest **Kevin Papke** assisted.

Max Long was the next performer, with "Photo-menta-logy." **Paul Dwork** and **Dale Law** were the helpers, as Max successfully memorized 51 cards.



The third magician, **Alfonso Vazquez**, performed a mechanical "Santa Claus" routine. Tapatio socks, Marvel comics T-shirt, and large underwear flew out of the chimney before Santa correctly revealed the card **Joe Mystic** chose.



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Members and Guests at the April You Fooled Us! Contest

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The sixth magician was **Joe Mystic**, who did a rising card effect with the help of **Chris Lorenson** and **Dale Law**.



The closer was **Gracie Morgan**, who baffled us with a card effect of her own creation, but based on an idea that Rossini devised in the 1940's. There were decks thrown around and there was lots of card shuffling. With a borrowed deck, Gracie matched the prediction. Gracie has not yet decided on the name of her effect.

"**Mr. Funtastic**" was up next with a "back in time" routine with six dimes and a coin purse.



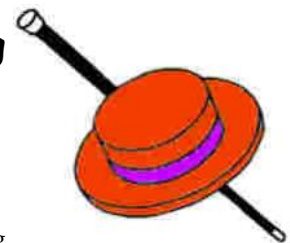
With that, the meeting came to a graceful and successful conclusion. The next meeting on May 13th will be our annual Stand-Up contest. We already have a full slate of eight performers and look forward to more quality magic entertainment. See you all then.

Sherry Luft, acting Secretary



The eighth performer was **Mark Booth**, who performed a card trick in which **Miguel Garcia** located the four queens and the four aces to match the four kings that were already on the table. The kicker was all the other cards turned out to be blank!

Ideas for new Ring Logo Still Needed



Your Ring 76 Board is seeking member input regarding a redesign of the ring's logo. In addition, the Board is discussing the idea of giving our club a new name. Don't worry, we will still be known as IBM Ring 76.

The Board would very much appreciate YOUR input and ideas. If you are handy with graphic design software, it would be wonderful if you could volunteer to help the Board create a new logo for the ring. Let us know!



What is Coming Up!

Monday, May 13th - Stand up Contest

Each contestant will have eight minutes. Anyone who exceeds eight minutes will be disqualified. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, who will be announced and awarded at the Installation Banquet at our July 8th meeting. The rules are in the Arcanum section of the Ring 76 website.

Sunday, June 2nd - Wheelchair Regatta at the Silver Gate Yacht Club on Shelter Island needs strolling magic volunteers. Currently for the 10 to 12 noon shift is Mike Stilwell, Max and Ms. Charley. We need two or three more folks for the 12 noon to 2 PM shift. If interested, please email MagicMike@Ring76.com if you can help out. This is a great way to give back and work on your walk-around magic skills.

Monday, June 10th - Lecture by Gracie Morgan. This will be an all-new lecture!

Monday, July 8th - Installation Banquet with funny guy and terrific magician Robert Baxt! Also, to meet everyone's needs, this will be a potluck! More on this in the coming newsletters.

August 12th - Get your creative juices flowing...IT'S BAG NIGHT! 10 Bags will have something inside. You have 10 minutes to figure out how to make an entertaining miracle out of what you have. Should be a fun night! Sign-ups will be after the installation banquet.

September 9th - Our annual Ring 76 SWAP MEET.

Mike Stilwell, VP Entertainment



Strolling Magicians Needed!

On June 2nd the Silver Gate Yacht Club will be having its annual Wheelchair Regatta. "Magic Mike" Stilwell is still looking for volunteers for two-hour shifts to entertain everyone for this charitable event. This will be our third year of entertaining folks in wheelchairs who go out on boat rides furnished by members of the Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive in San Diego. Shifts available are: 12 noon to 2 pm, and 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact "Magic Mike" Stilwell at MagicMike@Ring76.com This is a freebie but it's a great way to work on your strolling magic!

Shavings from the Board



The April 22nd Board meeting started at 7 pm. President Josh Sherwin & acting secretary Sherry Luft were absent so the meeting was conducted by the V.P. of Entertainment and Richard Ustick took over the duties of Secretary.

Mike Stilwell still needs strolling performers for afternoon shift of the June 2nd Wheelchair Regatta .

V.P. of Membership James Thayer reported we are up to 77 members. Dues are due in June and the membership will be reminded with an announcement in the newsletter. While the membership is strong, Gary Salisbury pointed out we need to get more young people involved. The problem is that our meetings are on a school night. It was suggested that we should concentrate on high school kids, although they are generally a transitory population at that age, going off to college or other service. It was noted that even if we lose them for this period they do come back and may become more active members in the future. It was also suggested we put ads in military newspapers encouraging attendance to meetings. Miguel Garcia reported on the current Treasury status, which is very healthy. Sergeant-at-arms Mark Booth reported 40 people at the last meeting: 29 members and 11 guests, slightly fewer than the month before. The meeting was seen as very enjoyable. Librarian Gary Salisbury then shared activity including donations and Plex server use.

First up for new business was the slate of officers the Board is required to present to the election committee, which was done at the April meeting. We are still in need of a candidate for secretary as Sherry has been filling in for this year. Member-at-Large Misha Osinovskiy indicated that some sort of automation process may be employed to record meeting events and transcribe them into minutes. While this may work for the Board meetings, it may not provide the information needed for Meeting Minutes. The Board decided to examine this possibility further. The Board is looking into some sort of collaborative effort to report on meeting events for the newsletter and the official documentation the Ring is required to produce. The problem is that Ring 76 needs a secretary and that avenue needs to be pursued further.

The next order of business was the next few meetings including the Stand-up contest for May, which is fully booked, Gracie Morgan's lecture in June, and the installation potluck in July. Gracie Morgan's biography will appear in the next few newsletters. Misha suggested we announce the next six months' themes to show we are an active ring. The Board agreed; this will be done on the ring website. August will be "bag night" and September will be the swap meet.

Newsletter editor Richard Ustick then put out his request for articles and information for the next newsletter. With that, the meeting was called to a close.

Richard Ustick, acting secretary for the acting secretary



Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 library in San Diego.

‘Ex Libris’ (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means ‘From the Book’. Generally, you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner. For example: “*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury.*”

This is where we talk about your library as well as do book and video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So be sure to stay in good standing by paying your dues on time.

Someone recently asked me, “*What is the Ring 76 Library?*” I responded, “It is currently over 1,000 volumes of magic books and magazines, all available for check-out. It is 261 magic audiobooks, 1,587 magic instruction videos, 85 full length magic movies, eight albums of magic music (some royalty free), 1,481 magic performance videos (many classics), 10 podcasts (over 2,000 episodes we co-host), 23 magic TV series, a photo warehouse (where we will save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*. It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fund-raising efforts that I have engaged in for your behalf.”

WHAT’S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Library Donations

This month we had donations from:

- **Jordan Johnson** donated a book and magic props which will be used for future door prize drawings. (valued at \$100)
- **Dr. X** donated 20 audiobooks for the library’s Plex server. (valued at \$300)
- **Gary Salisbury** donated a new wireless keyboard for a door prize drawing (valued at \$100).

I would like to give a big magical **Thank You!** to everyone who has donated to the library. We need your DVDs, VHS tapes, and video downloads. They will be put on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* so you will still be able to watch them or check out the physical media. Please help. Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

Funding & Expenditures

We made \$28 from the *50/50 Opportunity Drawing* and \$29 from the *Door Prize Drawing* at the April meeting. We purchased a drive for the server for \$280.14 leaving a balance in the library petty cash fund of \$103.99. We have things to purchase but I am holding off and only focusing on essentials until the cash balance increases. The library needs to be fed in order to keep it alive so your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books)

We did not purchase any printed books this month but did receive a book donation from new member Jordan Johnson.

Ring 76 Magic Media Server (Streaming Service)

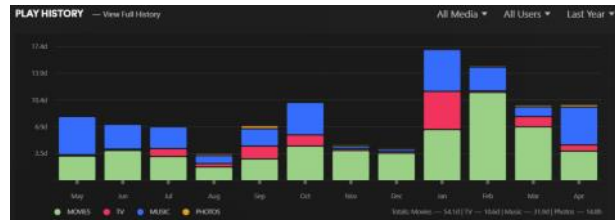
We had a donation of 20 magic-oriented audiobooks from Dr. X that I have put on the server in the Magic Audiobooks section.

- **The Witch City Mystery** series (13 volumes) by *Carol J. Perry*
- **Herrmann’s Book of Magic, Black Art Fully Exposed** by *Alexander Herrmann*
- **The Mitford Secret** by *Jessica Fellowes*
- **The Magical Monarch of Mo** by *L. Frank Baum*
- **The London Séance Society** by *Sarah Penner*
- **The Magic Wand** by *Tudor Jenks*
- **Joe Strong, Boy Wizard** by *Vance Barnum*
- **A Ghost Tale for Christmas** by *Mary Pope Osborne*

Please see the audiobook reviews of these great books below.

If you haven’t tried to listen to any of our audiobooks then you are missing a great opportunity to be entertained and inspired and to learn new things. It is another great benefit from being a Ring 76 member.

This is the utilization report for the Ring 76 Magic Media Server over past 12 months.



Plex only offers 4 categories of media:

- **Movie Category** in **green** (*Magic Instruction (1,587), Magic Movies (85), & Magic Performances (1,481)*)
- **TV Category** in **red** (*Magic TV Shows (23)*)
- **Music Category** in **blue** (*Magic Audiobooks (261), Magic Music (8), & Magic Podcasts (10 for over 2,000 episodes)*)
- **Photos Category** in **orange** (*Ring 76 Photos and Videos*)

This magic machine is your key to *learning* and *being entertained*. It is a benefit from being a Ring 76 member so please make use of it.

Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? Why not? It is the best thing since Netflix and it’s FREE for members of IBM Ring 76!

How would you like to be featured on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server in the **Magic Performances** library where everyone can see you perform.

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Tired of high cable TV bills? Would you like to watch free movies & TV? You've come to the right place. We've got a bunch of them here on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server and you can start watching right now, all courtesy of PLEX! There is a wide selection of gandra to choose from.



Additional Note:

Do you have your eye on a video from your favorite magic dealer but were holding back because of the cost? Have I got a deal for you!

Just tell me what you want to buy and I will take a look at it. If there are funds and it is something that would benefit all the members, then I may be able to purchase it and put it on our Magic Media Server where you and others members can enjoy it.

AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS



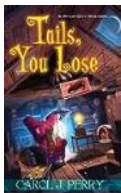
Caught Dead Handed (Book 1)

by Carol J. Perry

She's not a psychic--she just plays one on TV. Most folks associate the city of Salem, Massachusetts with witches, but for Lee Barrett, it's home. This October she's returned to her hometown--where her beloved Aunt Ibby still

lives--to interview for a job as a reporter at WICH-TV. But the only opening is for a call-in psychic to host the late-night horror movies. It seems the previous host, Ariel Constellation, never saw her own murder coming.

Lee reluctantly takes the job, but when she starts seeing real events in the obsidian ball she's using as a prop, she wonders if she might really have psychic abilities. To make things even spookier, it's starting to look like Ariel may have been an actual practicing witch--especially when O'Ryan, the cat Lee and Aunt Ibby inherited from her, exhibits some strange powers of his own. With Halloween fast approaching, Lee must focus on unmasking a killer--or her career as a psychic may be very short lived.



Tails, You Lose (Book 2)

by Carol J. Perry

After losing her job as a TV psychic, Lee Barrett has decided to volunteer her talents as an instructor at the Tabitha Trumbull Academy of the Arts-known as "The Tabby"-in her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts. But when the school's handyman turns up dead under seemingly

inexplicable circumstances on Christmas night, Lee's clairvoyant capabilities begin bubbling to the surface once again. The Tabby

is housed in the long-vacant Trumbull's Department Store. As Lee and her intrepid students begin work on a documentary charting the store's history, they unravel a century of family secrets, deathbed whispers-and a mysterious labyrinth of tunnels hidden right below the streets of Salem. Even the witches in town are spooked, and when Lee begins seeing visions in the large black patent leather pump in her classroom, she's certain that something evil is afoot. But ghosts in the store's attic are the least of her worries with a killer on the loose.

There are a total of 13 audiobooks in this delightful series on the Magic Media Server.



Herrmann's Book of Magic, Black Art Fully Exposed by Alexander Herrmann

Alexander Herrmann (1844-1896) was a prominent stage magician in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Born in Paris, the son of Samuel Herrmann, a German physician who also toured Europe as a conjuror, he was a second-generation magician. His stage career began at age eight when he joined his brother's stage show. Herrmann later emigrated to the United States, where he became a naturalized citizen in 1876. He performed stage magic shows throughout the U.S. along with his wife, Adelaide Herrmann, who, after Alexander's death, continued to perform their trademark illusions until the age of seventy-five.

In this posthumous book, published in 1903, he reveals many of the secrets of the conjuror, from the fundamental sleight of hand skills of palming objects and vanishing and producing them, to the operation of famous illusions such as the disembodied head which speaks. While more than a century has elapsed since this book was published, many of the skills of the conjuror are timeless, and mastering the techniques in this thin volume will equip you to amuse your nieces and nephews, entertain dinner guests, and become an utter, tedious bore if you over-do it.



The Mitford Secret

by Jessica Fellowes

It's 1941 England and the Blitz is making life miserable for everybody. It's also Christmas and Debrah Mitford, the youngest sister, decides to throw a house party at Chatsworth, one of the most famous of the stately homes. Those family and friends able to attend will gather for traditional festivities. One of the guests will be a psychic. Too bad she didn't see her own future because after she does her reading for the guests she is murdered. What might connect a twenty-year old case of murder and the murder of the psychic?

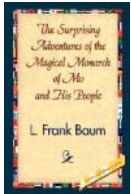
Time for a private detective to start investigating. Louisa was the Mitford's maid and she and her young daughter, Maisie is part of the house party. Louisa has left service and become a private detective and will later be joined by her husband, Guy. I won't say any more for fear of spoilers.

If you like historical mysteries with real life characters mixed in with the fictional ones, this series is for you. If you are a fan of classic mysteries from the Golden Age of Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers, this series should be on your TBR list.

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The Magical Monarch of Mo
by L. Frank Baum

I dare say there are several questions you would like to ask at the very beginning of this history. First: Who is the Monarch of Mo? And why is he called the Magical Monarch? And where is Mo, anyhow? And why have you never heard of it before? And can it be reached by a railroad or a trolley-car, or must one walk all the way? These questions I realize should be answered before we (that "we" means you and the book) can settle down for a comfortable reading of all the wonders and astonishing adventures I shall endeavor faithfully to relate.



The London Séance Society
by Sarah Penner

This is a spellbinding tale about two daring women who hunt for truth and justice in the perilous art of conjuring the dead.

In 1873, at an abandoned château on the outskirts of Paris, a dark séance is about to take place, led by acclaimed spiritualist Vaudeline D'Allaire. Known worldwide for her talent in conjuring the spirits of murder victims to ascertain the identities of the people who killed them, she is highly sought after by widows and investigators alike.

Lenna Wickes has come to Paris to find answers about her sister's death, but to do so, she must embrace the unknown and overcome her own logic-driven bias against the occult. When Vaudeline is beckoned to England to solve a high-profile murder, Lenna accompanies her as an understudy. But as the women team up with the powerful men of London's exclusive Séance Society to solve the mystery, they begin to suspect that they are not merely out to solve a crime, but perhaps entangled in one themselves...



The Magic Wand
by Tudor Jenks

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Joe Strong, Boy Wizard
by Vance Barnum

Four boys sat under the shade of a big willow tree in a grassy meadow on the bank of a stream. They were earnestly discussing something, the import of which may be gathered from their talk. "I tried to do the trick after I got home last night," confessed Harry Martin. "You didn't do it, did you?" asked Charlie Ford, rumpling up his red hair. Charlie was not at all ashamed of his red hair. His sister Mazie called it "auburn," but Charlie himself stuck to plain "red."



A Ghost Tale for Christmas
by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie must help the famous writer Charles Dickens! The brother and sister are whisked back in time to Victorian England and the foggy streets of London. There, Jack and Annie discover that Charles Dickens has been thrown into jail! How can they help him? They will need all their magic—and help from three ghosts—to keep the great writer from ruining his life!

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7x24 either by e-mail at librarian@ring76.com or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem, so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of four items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it!

Non-urgent communications will always be done via my *Ex Libris* newsletter article while more urgent communications will be done by a *Ring 76 Librarygram* emailed to: ring76members@googlegroups.com.

Please email me with comments or suggestions. Have a magical month, my friends, and we will see you again in the next newsletter.

Gary Salisbury



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What you believe is real, is real.

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June Meeting will Feature A Great Lecture

The June 10th meeting will feature an exciting lecture from member **Gracie Morgan**.

Gracie Morgan has been performing magic for around 50 years, teaching for around 35 years and has lectured across the USA and Canada. She has lectured and performed at two worldwide IBM conventions and a few local ones like MagiFest. Gracie has also done over 250 shows and three lectures on the performance of Sleight of Hand for the Magic Castle, and is published in multiple places including MAGIC Magazine and The Linking Ring.



April Showers, May Flowers, and in June, Dues are Due

April Showers bring May flowers. And May flowers bring...Ring 76 dues notices? Well, to be honest, there is no causal link, but nevertheless, it is that time of year again. Dues are due as of June 30th and we hope every member will renew by that date. The amount for Ring 76 annual dues is \$30 (\$15 for junior members and \$15 for non-resident members).

We have three ways to pay.:

- 1) By mail: Make a check out to "IBM Ring 76" and send it to: Ring 76 c/o James Thayer 9556 Babauta Road San Diego, CA 92129.
- 2) Send your dues via PayPal to payments@ring76.com. Please put "Dues" in the comments section.
- 3) Pay James Thayer directly when you see him at a Ring Meeting. He accepts cash and checks.

If you have recently joined Ring 76 and paid \$30 for your dues, you are already covered for the Membership Year 2024-25.

James Thayer, Treasurer



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MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

New Location for Post-Meeting Meeting

Many of us gather together to eat and talk magic and news of the world after our monthly meetings. We have moved the "after meeting" to what we feel is a better location. From now on we will be meeting at the Denny's in Mission Valley, 1065 Camino Del Rio South, right across I-8 from Target.



Ring 76 Strongly Represented at the Magic Castle



Gary Salisbury Richard Ustick Sherry Luft Mark Booth Greg Wauson

Enjoy a night at The Magic Castle in Hollywood

The Magic Castle in Hollywood is a mecca for conjuring enthusiasts from around the world. Many Ring 76 members are members of this private club and they often make the long trek up there to enjoy the food, drinks and of course the world-class magic.

On May 2nd, the ring was well represented there thanks to Mark Booth, who organized the visit. Several of us enjoyed the performances of Jonathan Steigman, Bernardo Sedlacek, Diego Vargus, Guy Hollingworth, John Gaughan, Michael Ammar, and Mike Caveny, who was the MC for the Palace of Mystery.

Magic Castle members and guests who attended were **Greg Wauson, Mark Booth, Gary Salisbury, Sherry Luft, Richard Ustick, Doc Pearson, Laurie Pearson, Josh Sherwin & his wife, Vic Terrific, and Matt King**, with his father.



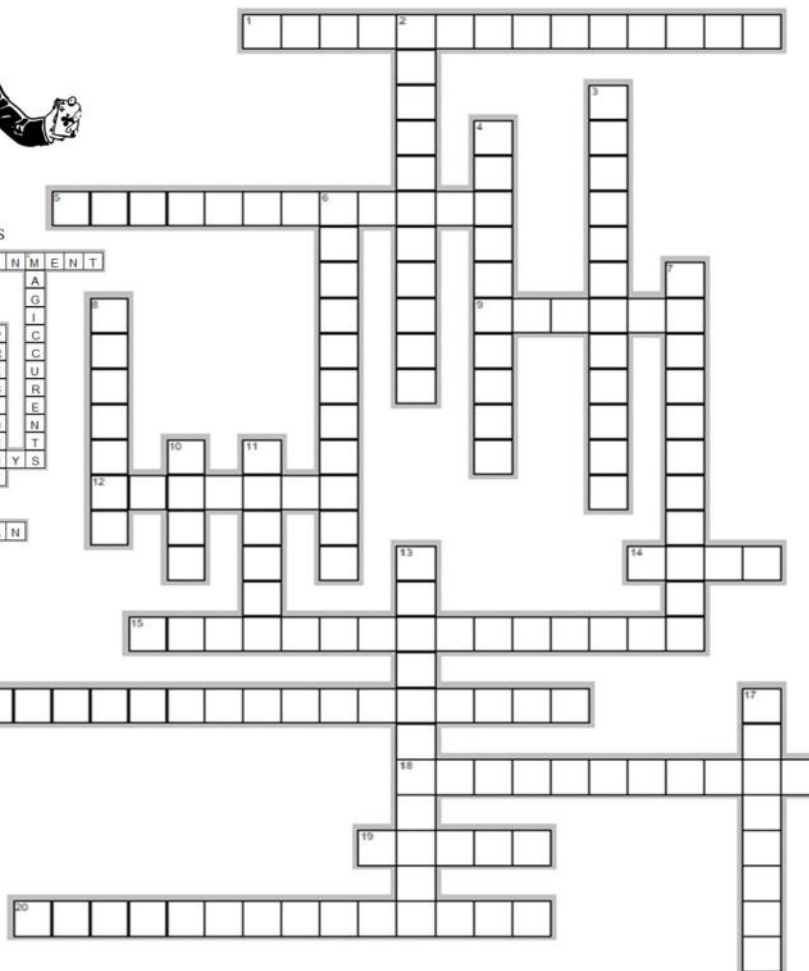
RING 76 MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This puzzle is about Magic movie titles. Many titles have multiple words but no spaces. Do you know your magic movies? Are you up to the challenge? Solve the puzzle, bring a printed copy to the next meeting, and win a door-prize drawing ticket.



APRIL'S ANSWERS

ENTERTAINMENT
 CHURCH
 SARGENT
 MONEY
 MUGGLES
 LIBRARIAN
 NEWSLETTER
 AGENT
 PRECISE
 SURE
 DENNY
 AT



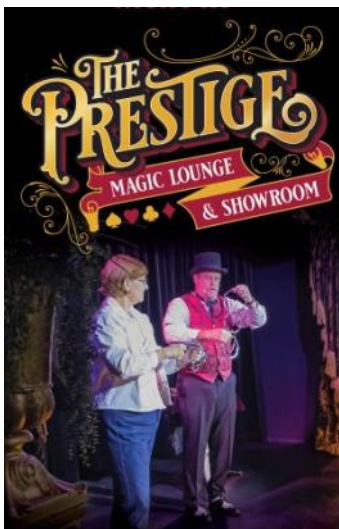
Across

1. Starred Jerry Lewis as a magician
3. Starred John Malkovich as a mentalist
8. Starred Vincent Price as a magician
9. Main character is a dwarf magician
11. Main character is a cat named Thunder
13. A Swedish film starring Ingmar Bergman
14. Starred Anthony Hopkins, Ann Margret, and Fats
15. Starred Nicolas Cage
18. A Magic Show from Pixar
19. Competitive magicians vie for revenge
20. Starred David Copperfield

Down

2. A place in Disneyland
4. Starred Ivan Sergei and Parker Bates
5. Three witches raise havoc on Halloween
6. Teenage boy works the streets after mother dies
7. Main character is Montag the Magnificent
10. Starred Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh
12. Story about a boy in the Paris train station
16. Starred Edward Norton and Jessica Biel
17. The closer you look, the less you see

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Grand Opening!

New to San Diego! The Prestige Magic Lounge and Showroom has arrived in the Gaslamp Quarter!

827 4th Ave
Formerly, Illusions Theatre and Bar

Experience a 3 course dinner prepared by Award Winning Chef John Hornibrook featuring delicious entrée choices including:
Roasted Prime Rib
French Onion Chicken
Vegetarian Lasagna
Gourmet Mac and Cheese



Dinner is served in our grand showroom. Spirits and specialty drinks available. Witness highly acclaimed, award winning magicians amaze and dazzle every night!



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We are excited to be here and to celebrate we are offering 50% off EVERY night!

This promo code may end without notice. Cannot be combined with other offers.



June Meeting will Feature a Lot of Member Activity

The June meeting is often one of the busiest of the ring calendar year. Besides this year's lecture, June is when dues are due, elections for the Board of Directors is held, and members vote for Member of the Year.

IBM Ring 76 each year recognizes a member who they think has best advanced the cause and practice of magic in the local community. This may be through ring activities but it does not have to be limited there. Any ring member in good standing who is seen as advancing magic can be voted for.

It is important for these individuals to be recognized for the hard work and constant effort they put into making magic in the San Diego area as recognized an art as all of the others the city and county are known for.

Please take some time to determine which Ring 76 member you think has done the best job of promoting magic for the past year and cast your vote at the June meeting.

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