

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122 <u>www.Ring122.com</u> April 2019



Ring 122's Hidden Talents

President Ryan Lally suggested that our March meeting could try an unusual theme: ask members to show us their non-magical talents. The result was an evening of fun, knowledge, and camaraderie, starting with Debbie O'Carroll sharing her origami talents. Debbie learned origami from her sister, but where her sister used it as a bar stunt, Debbie applied it to magic. She showed us a squarecircle type trick that produced an origami rabbit; an origami Chinese Wallet; a lovely novelty of two linked origami rings that become one ring (a great gift for

anniversaries, etc.); a ninja star that becomes a Frisbee; and everybody's favorite: the mindreading,

origami chicken. This is an effect where the spectator selects a color and the chicken lays an origami egg that's the same color! Debbie's entertaining and informative presentation included lots of origami samples we could take home, plus the names of some good reference





books for those who want to create their own mindreading chickens.

Alan Wassilak presented a lecture on Women's Fashion in the 20th Century that used speed sketching to enhance his clever patter. A speed sketch starts out as one object, but as the artist tells the story more objects are added until new figures emerge from the existing sketch. This was a unique presentation and one we hope Alan develops further.

Bob Filene, fresh from his stay in the Caribbean, presented his first attempt at a ventriloquist act with a bunny puppet, Reggie.

Debbie's origami rabbit (above) was produced from the boxes. The chicken (left) is upside down because Deb is showing us where and how the egg comes out.





Pat Farenga played two classic jazz songs on the piano that hides in a corner of our meeting room. He tickled the keys on Duke Ellington's *Take the "A" Train* and W.C. Handy's *St. Louis Blues.*



Bruce Fenton impressed us all with a museum-quality presentation of the various Indian and colonial artifacts related to King Philip's War that he's collected over the years. It was a neat piece of history to learn about in greater detail, and one that is not often examined in history texts. According to Bruce, had King Philip won the war, and he nearly did, America as we know it probably never would have happened.

We look forward to next year when other members reveal their hidden talents to us; it was a great success this year!

-Patrick Farenga

Special Ring 122 Lecture By Henry Evans on Sunday, April 28



When: Sunday, April 28, 2019, 3 PM

Where: Camp Evergreen Day Camp, 166 Jenkins Road, Andover, MA 01810

A world famous lecturer who has traveled around the world since winning the prestigious FISM Card magic award in 2000. Henry Evans has amazed both laymen and magicians with his devious mind, producing miracles with cards, silks, and coins with his particular twist.

If you have already attended a Henry Evens lectures, you know what an original and charismatic performer he is. If you have never seen him lecture before, you're in for a delightful peek in to the mind of a magician with an interesting point of view on how to combine methods, fiction, and clean conditions to produce strong magic. From clever uses of gaffes to effects with nothing else than a borrowed regular deck, Henry's approach to magic is something extraordinary.

Admission charge:

\$5.00 for IBM Ring 122 members

\$20.00 for non- Ring 122 members

\$5 for Society of Young Magicians members

Next Meeting: Preview Our Fundraiser Show Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Come to watch and discuss the show rehearsal for our Alzheimer's Fundraiser on May 18, 3 PM. A poster for it can be printed from this pdf. The meeting will be at the First Parish of Watertown, 35 Church St., starting at 7:30.

Sell Your Old Magic Stuff at our First Magic Yard Sale

We want to see what happens when we offer that anyone who wants to sell or give away books, DVDs, props, etc. to do so before our next few meetings. Starting with our meeting on April 30, we ask those with things to sell to come to the meeting early —7:15—to display their wares and to be ready to haggle with compeers. We don't want this to be a big deal, like an auction; it's just a quick exchange before the meeting begins. If you're interested in what might be there, be an early bird.

The President's Letter

Hello Compeers,

What brings us all together as Brothers and Sisters in the IBM is one thing: a love of magic. We are all able to recognize the beauty that magic is, and we delight in knowing the intricacies of how it works. We also see that magic isn't a selfish art, but one that should be shared with the world. On May 18th, IBM Ring 122 has the chance to share its magic with the world.

Our 3rd annual show is a showcase of what our Ring has to offer the world. Several of our members will stand before a packed room of friends and strangers and present the fruits of months of effort. But the event isn't just to showcase the few performers we have; it's to showcase the Ring as a whole, because each and every one of our performers has perfected his or her craft with the help of Ring 122 members. If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes a Ring to ready a performer.

It's for this reason that I ask everyone who is able to attend our April 30th meeting to be there. We will spend the meeting rehearsing for the show, but we need to have the eyes of others to see how it looks. If you are not performing in

this show, you can help direct it by giving advice on how our rehearsal looks at the next meeting. This is just as important as any performance role.

Until then,

Ryan Lally

Secretary's Report

March Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our president Ryan Lally.
- Mike Lee reported on our annual magic show for the public which will be held at the Wellesley Community Center on May 18th.
- We discussed Henry Evans lecture on Sunday, April 28th at 3pm that will be held at Camp Evergreen Day Camp at 166 Jenkins Road in Andover.
- The members decided that our regular Tuesday April meeting activity will be a rehearsal for the May show.
- Debbie O'Carroll suggested the we use one of the tables for "yard sales" at each meeting. Members can bring in items for sale with price stickers on them and sell them before the meeting and during our break. Ring 122 will take 20% of the proceeds.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Member Notes

Congratulations to member Mike Lee, who won the SAM 'Best of Boston' contest on April 10.

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