



The Silent Messenger

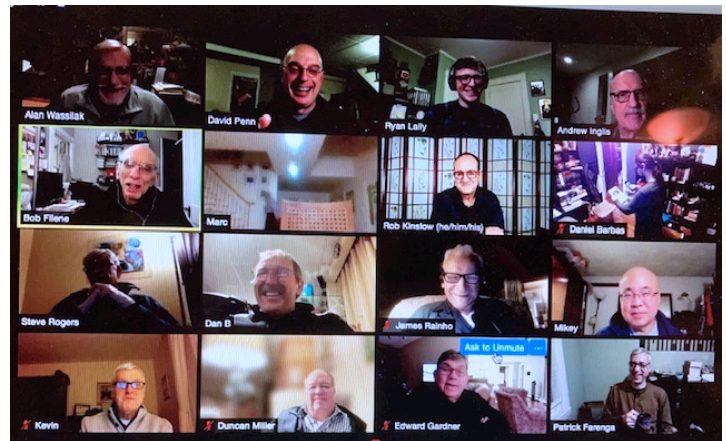
Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122
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Happy Holidays!

December 2021

Ring 122 November Meeting Report

November's theme was honoring past presidents of IBM Ring 122. Over the years, 45 past presidents have contributed their time and energy to Ring 122! **Ryan Lally**, our current president, invited past presidents, who were able, to share their memories, magic, and moments. Prior to our Past-President's Night, **Dan Bybell** spoke with past president **Ann Field** who was not able to participate via Zoom. She is doing well and still living in Boston. Your editor also corresponded with past president **David Libby** who sent a nice note of appreciation that was read aloud.



But first we held a brief business meeting. On the subject of in person meetings, the tentative plan is to Zoom for December and make a decision then about having an in person meeting for January to be held at a conference room in the Watertown Library. There would still be a Zoom option for those that preferred to attend virtually. There was a discussion of the protocol that would be followed in an open meeting environment such as the library. A member suggested that if privacy was the issue, we could also run a business meeting via Zoom that is separate from the general meeting which would be open to the public.

Other news: A shout out to **Bob Filene** who was interviewed in the November Linking Ring (page 27) for becoming a life member! **Shin Lim** was on the cover of that issue so Bob was in good company. ☺

Ryan brought up that SAM 9 has opened up their Zoom lectures to us as we have to them! **Colin Diamond**, a puppeteer, is their next lecturer, on 1/12/21. **Duncan Miller** from SAM 9 joined us for our November meeting. Nice to have you Duncan!

Then the honoring of past presidents began. A virtual Open Mike was the plan with past presidents sharing stories or a magic effect. **Ray Goulet** was the first Ring 122 president in 1954. Past presidents **Marc Ross**, **Jim Rainho**, **Steve Rogers**, **Dan Bybell**, **Rob Kinslow**, and **Andrew Inglis** were all able to attend!

Andrew recalled asking a young FISM winner in 2012 to come by for a lecture. He'd heard he was really good. And that of course that happened to be **Shin Lim**! So amazing, and he was just

This month's membership meeting is December 28th, 2021, at 7:30pm on Zoom!
This month our guest lecturer is Magician and Mentalist Richard Osterlind!

getting national attention at the time. (And now two mentions in this newsletter!)

Steve Rogers quipped that he'd hoped he'd be president for life, but it only lasted a year! These days, Steve loves learning hard to do sleight of hand effects. He's learning one now that involves double dealing. Steve recalled that there were more lectures then, whereas now we encourage members performing. Ring 122 members on the Zoom recalled an effect Steve won an award for using a Staples "Now That's Easy" button and a bill found in an impossible place. Steve was also part of a Ring 122 Parade for a past issue of The Linking Ring.

Rob Kinslow was president before he disappeared into Seminary life for a long while. Now a minister, Rob remembers doing an annual club magic show for a few years, and having **Daryl Eastham** for a Sunday lecture. Rob also recalled having past president **Lou Taris** for a volunteer who then forgot his chosen card. Rob recovered by saying "Then when I flip it over Lou, we'll both be surprised!"

Dan Bydell thought Andrew Inglis was the president who made him laugh the most. Dan came in at a turnover time for the club as older members retired to magician heaven, otherwise known as Florida! He thinks the club is very welcoming now. He recalled introducing **Gordon Barry** who pulled a mouth coil from his navel!

Jim Rainho commented on the past presidents he's known. **Bill Dempsey**, a former Malden, MA principal, and he would put on a banquet at his school for Ring 122 where the students would serve us. **Chris Bell** did lots of public shows in the name of the club as fundraisers that eventually turned into a show called "It's Magic!" Chris puts on a "Who Done It?" show based in Chicago. He brought up the Ring 122 Irving award which Jim created to give out to a member who has performed over and above for the club. This is something we may revive.

Last to chime in was Marc Ross. Marc told a story about getting interested in magic from **Herb Downs** at The Presto Club back in the 1960's. He joined IBM in 1969. He recalled going to the 80th birthday party for **Silent Mora!** Marc has been involved in several area rings. He fondly recalled Ring meetings at Ray Goulet's shop, and seeing **Irving Weinman** who was amazing with sleight of hand. Marc still does some shows at a local Elks club. He also recalled the Ring ran a Close Up competition which turned out to be a money making venture, and as a bonus, club members got to see great magicians for free.

Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to all our living past presidents we are able to obtain addresses for.



President's Message by Ryan Lally

The holidays are here, and with it is a new Covid variant. For those of us who perform shows, this gives us the especially challenging task of keeping our shows Covid-friendly, and preparing for more Zoom magic shows.

I just finished a restaurant gig the other night. I had to take my old favorite strolling magic routines and rework them to minimize audience contact. But in doing this, I feel like the tricks lost some of their magic. Professor's Nightmare without having the audience examine the ropes to see that they are all indeed real; Ambitious Card without having the deck shuffled by the spectator before one of the many big reveals. Sponge Balls were completely out.

Yet this is the world we're living in, and so we must make the most of it.

With the new Covid variant and more cities implementing social distancing protocol, we can expect to see more requests for Zoom magic shows. I personally love Zoom shows. It allows me to mix together stand-up material (like the Multiplying Billiard Balls and Linking Rings) with close-up material (like Triumph and

Cutting the Aces). In an in-person show, it would be a logistical nightmare to perform a billiard ball routine one minute and a four ace routine right afterwards. But on Zoom, they come together beautifully.

When I got started with Zoom shows in 2020, one of the hardest things was putting together a show featuring tricks that would look good on Zoom, and could have interactive elements to them that would work over the computer. I'd like to share some of my Zoom tricks with you:

Professor's Nightmare. This awesome trick looks great on camera! But the ropes you use should be much smaller than ones you would use in an in-person show. For this trick to be most effective, all six ends of the ropes have to be in view the entire time. If any of the ends hangs off camera, the effect loses some of it's magic.

Cut/Torn and Restore. Cutting/tearing and restoring makes for a great effect! Done without any audience volunteers, tricks that fall into this category can be a great way for you to show off your personality, tell a story, or just kill a couple of minutes with an amazing trick.

Vernon's Cutting the Aces. If you have a camera pointed straight at your close-up pad, then any four ace routine is great for Zoom. However, my personal favorite is Vernon's Cutting the Aces from Stars of Magic. It's an amazing routine that needs no help from the audience. Best of all, close-up tricks like this may be more unfamiliar to audience members who have only seen magicians on stage or performing kids' birthday parties.

Predictions. We've all seen how seasoned magicians can take a simple prediction and turn it into a show-stopping routine. Those tricks work just as well on Zoom! You'll have to think of a few forces to perform that can be done over Zoom, but once you have those under your belt, you'll be unstoppable!

See you on Zoom!

Ryan

This month's Membership meeting features a lecture by...



RICHARD OSTERLIND
The Master Mentalist!

"I can't believe what I just saw!" - President Gerald Ford

"His performance was truly mind-boggling!" - Sabine van Boemmel, Miles Pharmaceutical

"We have never engaged a keynote speaker who generated such a positive response!" - Kenneth Taylor, Pacific Bell Yellow Pages

"Richard Osterlind was absolutely sensational!" - David Kliman, Fireman's Fund

"That was incredible!" - Frank Gifford

"You made me a believer!" - Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., Connecticut Governor

"It's impossible to express how remarkable he is!" - David Lentini, CEO, New England Bank

"He engaged, intrigued and entertained the entire group!" - Judith L. Matthews, CIGNA Group Insurance

"Richard should be burned at the stake." - Scot B. Weicker, UST

December's guest lecturer is Richard Osterlind

Richard Osterlind has been performing professionally for over 50 years. His clients are top corporations and he has traveled extensively. He has appeared for heads of state and celebrities and has appeared in some of the finest resorts in the world.

He has also been producing materials for the Mentalism Community for over 30 years and has produced 21 top selling videos, written 31 books and produced and invented hundreds of effects. There is hardly a Mentalist who has not been influenced by Richard.

Richard is a traditionalist and loves to take classics and bring them alive with modern approaches. This will be the primary direction of his workshop. Many of these topics will include Richard's latest innovations.

Thinking of adding a puppet to your show? Maybe you should!

SAM 9 is inviting Ring 122 members to its next Zoom lecture. Their January 12th lecture will feature **Colin Dymond**, an award-winning professional puppeteer, ventriloquist, and magician from the UK. Colin's lecture will describe general family show material including adding a puppet, adding adult magic, plus his general thoughts on how he puts a show together.

Colin has lectured and performed at The Magic Circle, The International Ventriloquist Convention in Cincinnati and The Children's Entertainer Convention in L.A. He was the 2018 Cotswold Stage Magician of the year and the UK Children's entertainer of the year in 2014. He is also a four-time winner of the Cotswold Close Up Magician of The Year. Colin is proud to be a part of the POD Children's Charity team bringing smiles to children in the hospital in the UK. There is no charge for this lecture. Colin's web site is

<https://colindymond.com/> The Zoom sign-in info for Colin's lecture is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623541504>

Meeting ID: 856 2354 1504; Passcode: 504049

Our 2021-2022 Monthly Meeting Themes!

December: Mentalist **Richard Osterlind** Lecture

January: New Year, New Magic!

February: Lecture

March: Magic with a Green Theme!

April: Lecture

May: Teach In

June: Panel of Experts/Best Magic Tales

July/August: Summer BBQ, Date TBD.

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