



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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Ring 122 April Meeting Report

The April IBM Ring 122 meeting began with a roll call on which members have been vaccinated! With so many members responding YES it was decided that our June meeting will be an outdoor cookout at member **Jim Loscutoff's** Camp Evergreen located at 166 Jenkins Road in Andover, MA (see full details in this Newsletter). So great to be getting back to near normal after this year of terrible Covid news and quarantining!

May's membership meeting will be on Zoom and features a lecture by the amazing **Kayla Drescher**! Her website is at <https://magicinheels.com>. You are welcome to pass the Zoom link to other interested magi!

In new business, President **Ryan Lally** would like to organize an ongoing Zoom-based charity show featuring both live and taped performances from club members. These 30-40 minute shows would be offered for free to local non-profit and charity groups. It's a great way of getting our Ring name out to the public and gives members a chance to hone their performing skills! If you would be interested in participating please email Ryan. Member **Pat Farenga** mentioned that in years past some members performed weekly for free in public.

Congratulations to member **Rob Kinslow** for being ordained a minister in the Unitarian Universalist Church! Rob has been working on this goal for ten years. Rob has been using Zoom quite a bit as part of his new role and he highly recommended the book "Video Chat Magic" <https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/magic-books/video-chat-magic/> which contains tools most folks didn't know Zoom had, according to Rob and the book's authors. Rob discussed some technical aspects of using multiple cameras including a wide-angle camera, using soft boxes, umbrella lights, and he uses an Avermedia microphone. Some people have been using older generation go pro cameras with success, as well. Thanks Rob for all the insights!

And then it was time for this month's theme, Tarbell Night! **Dan Bydell** kicked it off with a Pick Three Cards effect. **Pat Farenga** volunteered. Cards were split into into three piles. Pat picked a card from each pile and added more cards to make each column add to ten. Dan predicted the three cards. From Tarbell Volume 1. **Debbie O'Carroll** was up next and even wore a Tarbell-ish gold turban! She also did a three-card mind-reading effect making the three selected cards rise from a boxed deck! From Tarbell vol. 2, pg. 237. **Bob Filene** went next and presented the Wand from a Card Box effect from Tarbell. Vol 2, pg. 54, and then presented a finding of a "freely" chosen card effect from the Linking Ring, March 2013, pg. 81. Bob added that the use of the word "eliminate" helps with the force. Your editor added that he's been doing that effect since he went to sleep-away camp as a child but with the deck in his front pocket which (he thinks) simplifies the effect and adds a final flourish. **Rob Kinslow** went next and went out on a limb by NOT doing a card effect! ☺ He performed Instant Knots. Rob tied a



(*Meeting report cont.*) knot without letting go of either end of the rope, from Tarbell Volume 2, Hindu Knots. He then segued into the Impossible Knot based on a Hunter knot. Followed by a similar finish with a twist to a Barry Richardson ending sans reel! Ending our Zoom Tarbell Night was the host of next month's meeting **Jim Loscutoff** who performed a Three Coin effect by Harry Lorayne using a Sun and Mood coin. Jim mentioned that magi **Erin Fisher** is doing this online now. Thanks to all our performers!



President's Message by Ryan Lally

Dear Compeers,

Last month, I talked about how you can begin your show in media outlets before the curtain ever rises. This can work for both virtual and in-person shows. In fact, virtual shows offer the unique opportunity to integrate other digital sites into your performance. As many of us begin to perform in-person again, the future of virtual shows looks uncertain. But I believe they are here to stay.

Virtual shows offer the great opportunity to perform for audiences that may not be able to gather normally. This could be a family stretched around the country, or an organization with remote workers. Bringing them all together with a magic show is something that Netflix just can't do.

A virtual show requires much less of a time commitment than an in-person show. There is no travel; most of the show is probably already set up in a room somewhere; and you can stay in the comfort of your own home. When viewing time as a commodity, virtual shows cost us a lot less to perform. That has led many magicians to give away virtual shows for free, whereas an in-person show would be too big of a commitment to offer as charity. These charity and low-cost shows are perfect for people and organizations that might not otherwise be able to afford a full show.

Virtual shows are here to stay. As time passes, they will probably take a different form than their in-person counterparts, consisting of tricks that could not have been possible in-person. I have no idea what this will look like, but I can't wait to see!

Cheers, Ryan

May's Guest Lecturer is Kayla Drescher



You may know **Kayla Drescher** from her appearances on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart", on NBC's, "The Today Show", where she won David Copperfield's "Search for the Next Great Magician", or in the world-touring theater show, "Champions of Magic". She has also appeared on Penn & Teller's, "Fool Us". Kayla teaches in the Magic Castle's University program, where she focuses on performance technique, making your routines unique, comedy, staging, improv, etc. Kayla has trained in improv and comedy at the Groundlings School in Los Angeles,

CA. She is best known for her different spins on classics of magic and strong personality on stage.

Kayla first developed this workshop as a 6-week course for the Magic Castle's University program. Since then, this workshop has been seen in magic clubs all over the country, including one of the International Brotherhood of Magicians' first lectures in their online series. *Be prepared to take some notes-this information will be great for working on your routines during the pandemic!*

This Workshop will Focus on: • your performance persona/character, • validating all your choices, • making the magic moment more powerful, • how to make your current material more unique to you, • and much more!

Our Monthly Meeting Themes!

Special thanks to Bob Filene for volunteering to be our Lecture Chairperson. Here's the schedule!

April: Tarbell Night

May: **Kayla Drescher** lecture

June: Cookout/Elections

July: Lecture

August: TBD

Our June Meeting is IN PERSON!!!

Our June meeting will be held on June 22nd (NOT the last Tuesday of the month!) and will be an in person cookout at member Jim Loscutoff's **Camp Evergreen** located at 166 Jenkins Road in Andover, MA. This location works rain or shine as Jim has a big tent in case of rain. The Ring will supply the meal plus accompaniments. Members provide their own beverages, beer and wine are allowed. Please drive safely. **Cocktails and a Magic Jam begin at 5pm, dinner is at 6pm, followed by club elections and a member Teach In.** A full night of fun and magic! Members who need a ride to Camp Evergreen should contact Sgt. At Arms, David Penn (Penn.d@comcast.net) to arrange for a lift by a member. I believe that we will also be able to broadcast the meeting on Zoom for members not able to join us live. *Editor*

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This month's meeting is May 25th, 2021, at 7:30pm, with a Kayla Drescher lecture!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82113959409?pwd=MGRDdmZJWnlWbjlJL0JqWUczRVY2UT09>

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Quick Editor's Note: I apologize for the lateness of this month's Newsletter! I mistakenly deleted Ryan's article from my email when I received it this week! Oops! I can't blame that on Covid! ☺