

The Silent Messenger

October 2023



Ring 122 September Ring Report

Our September meeting began with a request from Kevin Butler who has acquired a Magic Mirror but is having some trouble with the translated instructions. If anyone thinks they might be able to help, get in touch with us or Kevin. We'll find out who is the fairest of all soon enough!

We then proceeded with our deferred elections. With our small quorum, our elected leaders are as follows:

President — David Penn

Vice President — Pat Farenga

Second Vice President — Dan Bybell

Treasurer — Daryl Vanderburg

Sergeant at Arms — Kevin Butler

Board of Trustees

Ryan Lally (year 1)

Rob Kinslow (year 2)

Mikey Lee (year 3)[replacing Alan Wassilak]

Editor — Daniel Barbas

Secretary — Open

Following elections was a brief discussion about our next meeting location, as our previous meeting space is no longer available. It was decided that we should pursue the Medford Library as a meeting space. If we do so, our meetings will need to be open to the public, but that might entice some new members! Until that is confirmed (hopefully for November) we will be meeting over Zoom.

SAM 104 was highlighted in a recent Boston Globe article as some advertising for new members. It seems to have worked well for them. We are likewise on the lookout for new ways to generate club interest.

Here is the article link if you would like to read it for yourself—[You used to see them, now you don't. In Salem, there's a magician shortage.](#)— *The Boston Globe*

Our final item of business is that we are hosting a tri-club special lecture by John Stetson on 11/1. Details are provided in the email and **registration is required!**

The meeting theme was “What you learned over the summer and/or the item trick you never leave home without.”

David Penn learned over the summer that he wants to add a white magic suit to his collection, and that Abby Segal, recent lecturer, has released a children's book, *Shelly Shazam!*

Bob Filene showed off a impromptu dollar bill trick from the 2019 Linking Ring, and pointed out that the directions therein are incorrect! For the corrections, reach out to our editor for the recording.



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Lastly, Alan Wassilak talked up a few variations of Think a Drink and the Magic Teapot from TCC Magic that he was impressed with. Check them out if you are interested, though one is a limited run and appears to be sold out.

Thus concluded our September meeting.



Your 2022-2023 Dues are Due!

It's that time of year again! Dues are due. Dues pay our Zoom bill, the magician who lecture, and other expenses to maintain our club.

It's still a bargain at only \$35 for electronic delivery of the Silent Messenger, \$45 if you desire snail mail delivery. For your convenience, there are multiple ways to pay:

By Check: made payable to IBM Ring 122, to:
Daryl Vanderburgh, 31 Stonebridge Rd, Wayland, MA 01778

Electronically via Venmo or PayPal to dvanderburgh8@gmail.com.

Please include the description: **IBM Ring 122** dues in your payment memo. Thank you!

- Daryl

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or email us at SAMBostonAssembly9@gmail.com

A bit of cross promotion as we have some club members performing in an SAM show on November 11th at 2PM.

Spread the word and hope you can make it!



President's Report

Why do people become magicians?

Looking back, I think the reason that I started doing magic in elementary school was that I wanted to be special. I had two older brothers who were three to five years older than I was, and they could do many things that I could not do. They were more athletic, they could draw, they could cook, and they were much stronger than I was! Sometimes I got picked on, other times I just got left at home while they went out and had all the fun. So once I discovered magic when a friend showed me a card trick, I went to the library to see what tricks I could learn. My parents bought me a couple of magic books, and I learned a few card tricks and some tricks with paper clips and dollar bills but that's as far as it went. Growing up, I can only recall going to one magic show which was at my local synagogue. Soon baseball and then running took over my life, and just trying to navigate the crazy days of Middle School and High school. It wasn't until I became a teacher at age 40 that I picked up magic again. Then I got into trouble with my principal for showing magic tricks while walking down a hall when the students made too much noise in response to an effect! I was written up for doing magic, but not in the press, in my personnel file!

Still I continue to be a magician, perform in shows, and help run this club. Here are the reasons you should continue to be a magician and to encourage others to do the same!

- Magic helps you to build self-confidence.
- Magic is a good way of communicating and making connections with others. (Except if you always start every conversation with, "Wanna see a new trick I learned?")
- Magic is a good way to keep your body and mind active. It beats endless games of solitaire!
- Magic has been found to improve your mental health.
- Magic helps you develop your interpersonal skills.
- Magic inspires curiosity and improves creative thinking skills. Magicians invented the concept of thinking outside the box (or getting out of the box).
- Magic improves your fine motor skills.
- Magic helps children develop study skills and learn the value of practice.
- Magic can make your job more rewarding if you include magic in your sales pitch or presentation.
- Magic is a great way to make people happy!

Why do you continue to be a magician? I would be interested in your thoughts (email me at penn.d@comcast.net.)

Meeting magicians is an essential part of growing as a magician. I encourage you to join us online this month! As our meeting falls on 10/31 this month, our theme is Halloween magic! Feel free to dress up and present us with a spooky/Halloween themed effect.

Plans are in place for our new in-person home for our monthly meeting, potentially at the Medford Public Library. Stay tuned for more information on that in next month's newsletter.

Best to all,
Davy



**IBM Ring 122 President
David Penn**



**Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 31st (Halloween!)
at 7:30 PM on Zoom**



Upcoming Meeting Themes

The lecture themes this year are on designing original and creative routines – the thought process and development of ideas. I have asked Tony Cabral, Evan Northrup, and Joel Acevedo if they could offer lectures this year, with Felice Ling as a possibility if she is available. All are talented performers at the Boston Magic Lab and wonderful creative thinkers!

October: Dress up in a costume and present an effect

November: Dollar Store Magic/
Magic on the Cheap

December: Tony Cabral (to be confirmed)

January: New Year/New Magic

February: Money Magic Effects

March: Evan Northrup (to be confirmed)

April: Magic you purchased but never performed before!

May: Election nominations/Joel Acevedo (to be confirmed)

June: Elections/Present an Original Effect

July: No Meeting

August: Summer BBQ/Show/Magic Auction



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