


# *The Silent Messenger*

March 2024

## Ring 122 February Ring Report



Our meeting began with a short business meeting, which mainly consisted of discussion of our Spring show, scheduled for April 20th.

We moved to the more somber Broken Wand ceremony for Gil Stubbs, attended by his family members over Zoom. They shared stories about his “Gil Stubbs’ World of Magic” public access television show; his prolific magic notes and write-ups; his passionate opinions on topics from parking to politics; his magic charity shows and volunteer community events; and his contribution to the Apollo 11 Program (which I looked up—he contributed [[the Pitch-Yaw Autopilot of the Command and Service Module](#)]), along with Bob Filene, albeit in a different department! [Here is a link to an interview](#) with his son-in-law on the Apollo program.

Their stories all painted a picture of Gil’s passion for magic, charitable nature, and love of teaching others to enjoy magic as well. Although this does have its limits—Susan Brunner told the story of how Gil’s son snuck the neighborhood kids into Gil’s magic treasure trove in a bid to improve his popularity by revealing the tricks, like a middle school masked magician! Truly Gil would have set them on the path towards wizardry had they just asked or attended one of the many teach-ins he hosted. The ones at the school were standing room only, and magically turned classes that could not attend green with envy.

Many lives, from Earth to the Moon, were made richer by knowing Gil. Through his generosity and mentorship, his magic will live on in those he taught.



Gilbert Stuart Stubbs

August 14, 1927—February 21 2023

In that spirit, we proceeded to our Money Magic informal teach-in.

Pat Farenga led us off with a melting coin routine that was certainly eye catching. The inspiration comes from “Closeup Magic” by Bob King with some added heat.

Dan Bybell showed off how to squeeze 50% interest out of a dollar bill. A combination of a “Money Makes Money” from *Karl Fulves’ Self Working Coin Magic* with some added subtlety by Alan Wassilak. Now if he could just scale up production, we could be onto something...

Dan ended with a cautionary tale of why you don’t steal another magician’s thunder. They still don’t know how the coin trick is done as a result.

Recently added member Michael Charles floored the group with a 4 coin routine with a special kicker to Double dot the I’s and Cross the T’s.

David Penn performed a pair of tricks, starting with a lucky number 13 dollar trick. Or was it unlucky? In any case, it gets straightened out in the end. This is based on an effect Mikey Lee often performs with 5 dollar bills (*Linking Ring October 2019*). He followed with coin effect from Bobo where an envelope is destroyed, taking the coin with it.

Bob Filene closed out the night with a trick he is workshopping (with cashiers mainly), wherein the magician holds a dollar bill over the card reader, to the cashier’s chagrin. Suddenly, it transforms into a credit card.

Thus concluded our February meeting.



# In Memoriam Gerald "Jerry" Schiowitz

October 22, 1939 – March 13, 2024



Jerry entered into rest on March 13, 2024 at the age of 84.

He was a wonderful magician and always ready to perform for friends, family, and folk on the street alike. Jerry loved watching foreign films and re-runs of his favorite shows like Columbo.

The curtain closes on his performance, but it will live on in our memories.



## This month's Lecturer

### Rick Holcombe

Rick Holcombe is an underground LEGEND in the world of coin magic, with over 500,000 views on YouTube. His Innovative thinking continues to impress both veteran magicians and those brand new to the game.

The lecture is free for Ring 122 members, \$10 for in-person guests.

Check out [his Website](#) and some of [his product selections!](#)





# President's Report

## Learning Magic

It is all about learning magic.

At times, I forget that. At meetings sometimes I'm just happy that we have a chance to get together in-person again. Although Zoom is a powerful tool, I miss the comfort of gathering with like-minded people around a table to learn.

I admit to sometimes getting caught up in the surprise of the moment, as I did last November when Jim Luscutoff dropped in to our first meeting in Medford, After demonstrating an effect, he asked me, "Don't you want to see how it's done?" After being on Zoom for months, I'd forgotten that I actually could see and learn from Jim in-person. It almost happened again last month at our meeting but we caught ourselves and asked Pat to demonstrate the coin and string effect he had fooled us with earlier.

It's all about learning magic—this month it's coin effects, but every month we have the opportunity to learn from each other and share in the joy of magic together!

PS: After learning comes performing! We hope to see you and your friends/family at our spring magic show on Saturday, April 20th in Newton. See the flyer for all the details!



**IBM Ring 122 President David Penn**



Save the Date for our Spring Show—April 20th



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# Upcoming Meeting Themes

**April:** Magic you purchased but never performed before! *[Note! April's Meeting will be Zoom only!]*

**May:** Election nominations and Lecturer **Felice Ling**

**June:** Elections/Present an Original Effect

**July:** No Meeting

**August:** Summer BBQ/Show/Magic Auction

Our next meeting is **Monday, March 26th at 7 PM** at the **Medford Public Library**  
**2nd Floor (in the Auditorium)**  
and **on Zoom**



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