



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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Ring 122 March 2020 Meeting Report

Our first online meeting is a success!

Fourteen compeers participated in Ring 122's first ever Zoom online meeting the last Tuesday in March and all found the experience well worth the time! It was noted that going forward when we are able to meet in person that we should continue to offer an online link so that members who are restricted in their movements or are unable to make the drive to Watertown could still participate. Members discussed the usual including effects such as Mikael Montier's



“Shattered Screen” which Bob Filene recommends, we pondered what magic effects can be performed without a live audience, and our president Ryan Lally's blog got a plug by two members! Here's a link to Ryan's helpful piece on “Boundaries and Creativity”.

<https://www.ryanlallymagic.com/blog/boundaries>

It's important that we maintain our routines during times like these that are so disruptive. While having an online Ring 122 meeting isn't quite the same as being together in person, last month's meeting was a rich experience all the same, made better by every member's attendance. Please consider joining us this **Tuesday at 7:30pm** to reconnect, share, and enjoy an on-line lecture by **Magician Meir Yedid** presenting his “Meir Yedid's Bag Of Trix Lecture.” This 30-minute lecture/showcase designed for Zoom audiences will open our April meeting. The lecture/showcase is free and features impromptu effects plus some card magic.

Zoom Membership Meeting this Tuesday, 4/28, at 7:30pm!!!

Copy and paste the following Zoom link into your internet browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/96385081477?pwd=encaU4yOUwrZUlyZEduSmpnYkZiZz09>

OR enter in the Meeting ID: 963 8508 1477 and Password: 2rNkqZ

This month Magician Meir Yedid presents his “Meir Yedid's Bag Of Trix” Lecture.

President's Message – Ryan Lally



Hello everyone! I hope you all are remaining safe and sane during the lockdown. It's a crazy time that also has given us more free time than we know what to do with. It's easy to use this free time to relax and do things such as watch TV and play video games, which I've been doing a lot more of in the past couple of weeks. But with so much free time, it's good to spend it exploring things that we

otherwise thought we didn't have time for. Rediscovering the lost art of curiosity can turn hours of free time into incredibly creative periods. For that reason, I want to talk about curiosity today.

For people in their teens and 20s, society puts so much emphasis on learning new things. We are told that THIS is the time in our lives when we will best learn, and any hope of learning beyond our 30th birthday will be dashed by our aging brains. Mark Zuckerberg famously said (while still in his 20s) that people in their 20s are the smartest in the world.

Yet in this journey to learn more and more new skills and bits of knowledge, we often forget what we have already learned. And these lessons that are forgotten first and quickest prove, in the long run of life, to be the most valuable and therefore the most missed.

These lessons are learned in childhood, and are some of the most basic and powerful anyone can ever learn. But how did we learn these, without studying in school, reading textbooks, or listening to podcasts? It's simple: A sense of curiosity.

Children are curious, and so they get their heads into all kinds of situations, whether it be watching Winnie-the-Pooh or playing with toys. They have no idea how the world works, and so they make up their own rules. Santa brings gifts on Christmas Eve and the Tooth Fairy takes away our baby teeth.

With such curiosity, children are wrong about things all the time. Even more so, they get hurt trying new things. They fall off bikes and get lost exploring for new adventures. But children haven't been taught to be afraid of being wrong, so they just dust themselves off and get right back to it.

As young adults, we are told not to be so curious, but to concentrate in getting good grades, finding a good job, and excelling at it. We are shown examples of other young men and women who have done the same, and are put down if we show any sign of weakness. We have to put on blinders, and so lose our sense of curiosity.

Although now companies are starting to recognize the benefits of curiosity. CEOs at a number of major companies report that one of the biggest things they look for in new recruits is a sense of curiosity. This is because curiosity leads to creative thinking, and that's something that is very hard to learn in school.

So don't be afraid to be more curious! You have time. You can make mistakes now and learn from them in the future. Be curious, learn new things, and don't block yourself into the niche that was carved out when you were still too young to buy a drink.

See you all on April 28th!

Best, Ryan

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