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# THE SILENT MESSENGER

## Holiday Magic and Gifts



Debbie O'Carroll looking magical.  
Dan Bybell wonders what Doug Rickenback is going to do next.

It was cold outside on Dec. 18, but inside The Magic Art Studio it was nice and cozy for Ring 122. Our pre-meeting performer was Doug Rickenback who entertained us with a routine he calls "Tribute to Uncle Jack;" Doug brought back Uncle Jack's favorite card from the past. This was soon followed by a crazy Yankee gift swap, with some gifts going around the several times before

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### Upcoming Events

Fundraiser for David Oliver:  
<http://www.letsdomagic.org>

[Magician Matias](#), a member of Ring 122, invites us all to his show at the Regent Theater in Arlington on Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 AM.

Ring 122 Meets on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the Magic Art Studio, Watertown, MA. See page 7.



settling upon their final owners. It was a lot of fun and there were many interesting gifts, not just a lot of jokes or bad tricks.

After the gift swap we took a break and enjoyed this month's offerings from the commissioner of cookies. We then came back for performances. Scott Martel (left), a new member to Ring 122, showed us his variation of Dan Harlan's Starcle. Then Alan the Uncanny performed a nice Botania effect using patter centered around planet earth. He then followed this with an

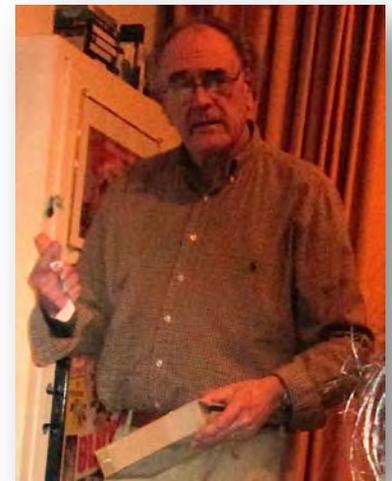
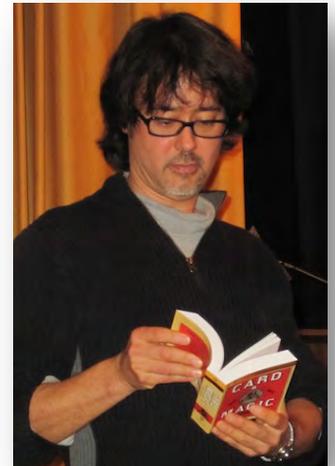
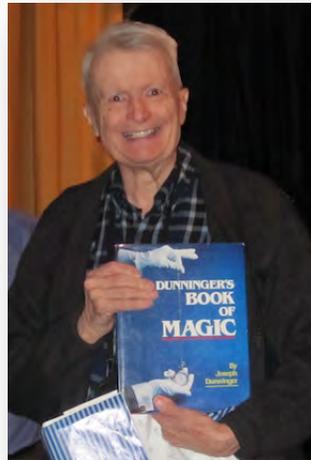
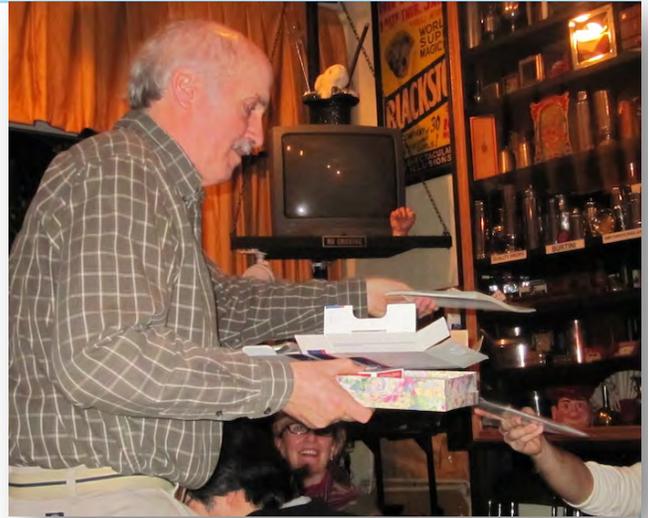
illustration of Santa that changed into an illustration of who Santa really is: the Shadow!

Following Alan's whimsy came Doc Roger's knowing and worldly magic. Doc produced a glass of water from his jacket sleeve and then cheekily asked Debbie O'Carroll if he could take her top measurements—he meant for a hat (below). He then proceeded to do a nice paper tear

that left Deb with the hat you see on the front page.



## The Yankee Gift Swap in Photos



From top left to right: Ray Goulet wonders what it is; Andrew Inglis makes a swap; Lou Taris likes his book, as does Gil Stubs. New members David Stidler and Matias Letelier, and commissioner of cookies Kevin Butler examine their gifts. Jerry Schiowitz wonders what the heck he got.

## 2013 Ring 122 Meeting Topics

JANUARY 29, 2013 (Performance plus) TIPS Night (Things I Personally Suggest). Thanks to an idea by Jerry Schiowitz Here's a chance for you to share something you have picked up from rehearsing and performing and/or a homemade gimmick or device that others might be able to make and use. Incorporate your tips into a routine, if you wish.

FEBRUARY 26, 2013 Debbie O'Carroll Lecture. Debbie, our own Corresponding Secretary, will share with us some of what she has learned from her years as a full-time magician. Debbie is one of us and knows us, and she will be happy to tailor her presentation to our specific needs.

MARCH 26, 2013 (Performance) TBA

APRIL 30, 2013 (Performance) Daryl?

MAY 28, 2013 (Performance) Magic from the IBM Linking Ring Magazine Night. Even if you just recycled all your old magic magazines yesterday, you have many months to save your Linking Rings and find a good routine to perform for your fellow enthusiasts. Thanks to a Linking Ring Night several years ago, your president found an Aldo Colombini version of Bank Night that he used to develop his "bag trick," different versions of which have entertained thousands, if not hundreds.

JUNE 25, 2013 T.H.E. GAME! Dan Bybell has given it a tentative OK. Let's not let him forget.



### Check Out Our New Website!

[www.ring122.com](http://www.ring122.com)

You can link to your personal magic site for business purposes, download back issues of the Silent Messenger, read and view magic documents and videos, and become part of the online Ring 122 community.

If you have any content you would like us to add to the site, please contact Pat Farenga, Matias Letelier, or David Phillips (their email addresses are on the site and in this issue).

## From Our President

Happy New Year, Fellow Ring 122ers:

I know I join with all of you in wishing **Dan Bybell** a speedy recovery and many more years of healthy visits to **Ray's** place and our IBM meetings (see next article).

Once again, your Loyal President, who loves to talk about himself in the third person, will be far away in Florida on the dates of Ring 122's January and March meetings. **Jared McNabb**, our Equally Loyal First Vice President, will ably preside and will help the gathered multitudes to fill those long dark winter evenings with mystery and good cheer.

The January meeting should be a great one. You will learn all kinds of tips and tricks. Also, do not forget about the **benefit show for David Oliver** in Worcester on January 19 ([www.letsdomagic.org](http://www.letsdomagic.org)). Remember, even if you are unable to attend, you can buy a ticket that will be donated to the Worcester Boys and Girls Club. The lineup of performers that evening is world class. I will be sorry to miss it!

Your Humble POTSMR122 will return in February for some strategically placed doctors' appointments and to compete in the Crash-B Sprints (World Indoor Rowing Championships) but most importantly, to preside over Ring 122's meeting of February 26th, which will feature a lecture/workshop by our own **Debbie O'Carroll**.

Until then, stay warm and healthy!

**Andrew Inglis**

### Health and Welfare

Our valued compeer Dan Bybell suffered a cardiac incident at the Magic Art Studio on Saturday, December 29. Ray Goulet and Alan Wassilak called 911 immediately and cared for him until the EMT's arrived. This was not a heart attack. Dan has an implanted defibrillator which may have had something to do with the incident. As of this writing, he is resting at home (40 Warren St., Medford, 02155), going for tests, and looking forward to getting back to work.

## Secretary's Report

Our December meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our president, Andrew Ingles.

Our treasurer, Daryl Vanderburgh, announced that we have 57 paid members.

Kevin Butler moved, and Alan Wassilak seconded, that we pay \$50.00 to upgrade our website. The motion was accepted by the members.

Pat Farenga will create our Facebook page over the holidays.

Andrew Inglis reminded us that the pre-meeting performance assessment workshop is also open to members who would like to try out a new routine. Interested members can be scheduled in by contacting the performance committee chairwoman Debbie O'Carroll at [debbie@debbieocarroll.com](mailto:debbie@debbieocarroll.com).

**PHOTO CREDITS:** All photos of the meeting are by Jerry Schiowitz and Gil Stubbs.

## Dues Notice

Dues are \$35 to receive the electronic copy of the Silent Messenger. \$45 to receive a hard copy by US Postal Service. Checks should be made out to IBM Ring 122.

Bring your dues to the November meeting, or mail them to:

Daryl Vanderburgh  
31 Stonebridge Rd  
Wayland, MA 01778

Remember, you can't enter the drawing for the Magic Art Gift Certificate unless you have paid your dues. Don't be left out of the fun!

# "Let's DO Magic!"

## A Special Night Of Magical Entertainment

• To Benefit Our Friend, David Oliver •



**Peter SAMELSON**

From Broadway's hit show "Monday Night Magic"



**Lyn DILLIES**

America's Premier Female Illusionist



**Eric DeCAMPS**

From NYC's "Pure Magic: A Performance of Contemporary Conjuring"



**Mike BENT**

Boston Magazine's "Best of Boston"



**Steve KRADOLFER**

Founding producer of The Mystery Lounge



**Joe HOWARD**

From Boston's longest-running magic show, The Mystery Lounge



**Jon STETSON**

America's Master Mentalist



**Chipper LOWELL**

From Los Angeles, Two-time "Comedy Magician Of The Year"

**Saturday**  
**January 19th, 2013**  
 Matinee 2:00pm • Evening Show 7:30pm  
 at  
**Clark University • Daniels Theater**  
 950 Main Street • Worcester, MA  
**\$20 Adults • \$10 Age 14 and Under**  
 For Further Info & Advance Tickets:  
[www.letsdomagic.org](http://www.letsdomagic.org)  
 203-877-0157

**Plus! Music by The Andrew Riordan Jazz Project**

These world-class magicians are coming together for the first time in one very special show, to help Boston-area magician, and their dear friend, David Oliver. More than just a talented magician, for more than 25 years, David Oliver has mentored, directed and taught many of today's finest young magicians from around the globe. Recently, he was diagnosed with a rare lung disease, and the only treatment is a double lung transplant. In an effort to assist their friend in dealing with mounting medical bills, these stars of magic have put together this show, to help a friend who has always been there to help them. Please join us in giving back some magic to a very magical friend. Let's Do Magic for David Oliver!



All proceeds from the performance go directly to assist David Oliver's family.

# The Crafty Conjuror

By Debbie O'Carroll ©2013

## Cereal Box Utility Prop

Use a cereal, cookie, cracker or laundry detergent box to make an item of your choice appear! Here is how to make it.

### You will need:

Two empty identical boxes (photo A).

A pair of scissors.

White craft glue.

### How to make the effect:

Cut the two sides from one box (photo B).

Glue the printed sides together, facing each other, to make one strip that matches the inside of the second box (photo C).

Place the strip into the box so that it lays flat against one of the sides of the box. Tilt the box sideways and the strip will fall against the other side of the box at an angle, creating a hiding place for the object that you wish to appear. Show that the box is empty. When the top flaps that close the box are slightly bent inward, the illusion that the

box is empty is very convincing. As you reach into the box to grab the item that you are appearing, move or tilt the strip to rest against the side of the box and pull the item out. You can also hold the strip against the side of the box to pour out cereal, crackers or cookies. After the item is produced, keep the strip flush with the side of the box and show the audience that the box is empty.



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## From the Commissioner of Cookies: The Future for the Snacks

If you are willing to step up and volunteer to be the other snack giver for a meeting, please contact Kevin Butler: [kevibutler@comcast.net](mailto:kevibutler@comcast.net). We need 2 volunteers per meeting if we are going to continue to provide this pleasant service. Let's make this system work.

—Kevin Butler

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