



THE SILENT MESSENGER

Silent Mora—Ray Goulet
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New Magic Season Coming Up!

Our Planning Committee worked hard all summer to come up with what promises to be a great 2015-2016 season for Ring 122 members!



Join us at our first meeting of the season on **Wednesday, September 30th, 7:30pm**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Watertown, 35 Church Street.

This month's From the President (page 2) tells you all that's new. And, see page 4 for our schedule of events!



A Great Evening of Sharing Tricks and Tips!

Ring 122's June 24th meeting featured our popular member Teach-In. Four compeers organized mini-lectures on specific magic topics. They spoke and performed simultaneously for 15 minutes and, when done, the audience would just change from table to table and the lecture repeats. The lecturers stood behind tables with the audience seated on the other side, and it was a lively, convivial evening of tricks and tips.



Jerry Schiowitz prepared a bunch of handy tips for coin tricks and sleights. He demonstrated and explained little things you can add to what you're doing with coins, such as changing a coin to a bolt as a finale to Scotch and Soda.

In some effects, Jerry finds plastic coins easier to handle, and he shared a bunch of them with us. He also showed us a card-through-deck routine he devised, some Okito box and expanded shell moves, and some Miser's

Dream moves. Jerry showed how he created a magnetic gimmick that allows him to repeatedly produce a steel core coin for the Miser's Dream, too.



John Sanbonmatsu discussed and performed mentalism effects. He did a divination card trick, Sympatico by Ned Ruttledge. Then he did a billet trick from Anneman's Practical Mental Magic. Both explanations revealed some neat trickery and clever ruses.

Bruce Fenton brought a variety of regular and gimmicked sponge balls to share and explain, as well as some incredible handouts (props, DVDs, reference lists, YouTube video links). Adding humor and surprise to sponge routines is easy with Bruce's squeaker shaker and the other ideas he shared.

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Bob Filene had a well-prepared presentation and detailed handouts for a multiple card force by Jim Sisti and a fantastic multiple card revelation, Jimmy Cieslinski's Three Card Cut-Out. Bob revealed the three cards by cutting a piece of newspaper first into the 8 of Hearts, then into the 8 of Spades with one more snip, and finally into the 4 of Diamonds with a final snip of the scissors.



Our teach-ins keep getting better and this one raised the bar again.

—Patrick Farenga
Photos by Bruce Fenton

It's That Time of the Year! Time to Pay Your Dues

Dues are \$35 to receive the Silent Messenger by e-mail, \$45 to receive a hard copy by US Postal Service. Please make checks payable to "IBM Ring 122".

Please bring your dues to the September meeting, or mail them to:

Daryl Vanderburgh
31 Stonebridge Rd
Wayland, MA 01778

Thanks!

From the President

You Asked for It ...



This new wand really works! A single spin and June becomes September. Promise, I won't do that again, but now that we're here on the cusp of Autumn, the anticipation of a new season of magic is definitely in the air.

Thanks to your input, we are initiating a few changes to our monthly meeting agenda and activities. You asked for more magic and shorter business meetings. This year we will *begin* each meeting with a member performance, so get your best material together and show us your stuff.

There will also be more opportunities to perform in public. In addition to the "Stage and Parlor Troupe" we will form a "Close-up Crew". Both units would be available for paid and/or charity events for the public. This is a great opportunity to hone your craft with a real audience, while spreading cheer to those in need. More on this at the meeting.

Plans are in the works for special guests, lecturers and other surprises that will make for a very exciting year. You never know who might show up this year.

Recruitment of new members is still a priority, and we ask you to do whatever you can to introduce others to the joys of magic. In this effort, we will expand our social media presence to new areas such as, Meetup.org.

We will need a Commissioner of Cookies ... and don't forget to bring a book or DVD for the lending library.

It will be great to see all of you again on September 30th!

—Bruce Fenton

Cards Promoting Membership in Ring 122 will be Available at the September 30th Meeting!



Be sure to get some to display in conspicuous places and hand out to prospective members. This is a tool to increase our membership. *They don't work if they are sitting in a box, so please help us to get them into the right hands. Thanks.*



Magicians' Birthdays in September

- 01- Bill Neff
- 04- Al Baker
- 09- Burling Hull
- 12- Walter Gibson
- 13- S.S. Henry
- 16- David Copperfield
- 22- David Abbott
- 22- Chevalier Ernest Thorn
- 23- Will Goldston
- 25- Maro
- 27- Carl Ballantine
- 27- Harry Blackstone Sr.
- 29- Jasper Maskelyne

Secretary's Report

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our president, Bruce Fenton.
- The secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted by the members.
- John Sanbonmatsu volunteered to be our lectures chairperson for next year.
- We thanked Bruce Fenton for sharing the video of our May 16th show with the performers.
- Ray Goulet asked us to schedule an auction for next year.
- Ray Goulet moved that we accept the slate of officers for 2015-2016 and Pat Farenga seconded the motion.
- **Elected officers are:**
 - Bruce Fenton** - President
 - Kevin Butler** - First Vice President
 - John Sanbonmatsu** - Second Vice President
 - Daryl Vanderburgh** - Treasurer
 - Debbie O'Carroll** - Secretary
 - Bob Filene** - Sargent-at-Arms
- Our Board of Governors was also elected:
 - Alan Wassilak** (serving for three years), **Pat Farenga** (serving for two years) and **Jerry Schiowitz** (serving for one year).
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

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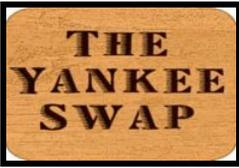
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I.B.M. RING 122 EVENTS: 2015-2016. (Events and meeting dates are subject to change.)

Meeting Date	Event	Notes
September 30 th 2015		<p><u>PERFORMANCE</u></p> <p>Members perform science-based magic.</p>
October 28 th 2015		<p><u>PERFORMANCE</u></p> <p>Members perform effects learned from <i>The Linking Ring</i>.</p>
November 25 th 2015		<p><u>LECTURE</u></p> <p>Lecturer to be announced.</p>
December 30 th 2015		<p><u>YANKEE SWAP ...</u></p> <p>... and member performances.</p>
January 27 th 2016		<p><u>TEACH-IN</u></p> <p>Members share tips and tricks.</p>
February 24 th 2016		<p><u>TALK-IN</u></p> <p>A discussion of magic performance.</p>
March 30 th 2016		<p><u>LECTURE</u></p> <p>Lecturer to be announced.</p>
April 27 th 2016		<p><u>AUCTION</u></p> <p>Another great Ring 122 auction.</p>
May 25 th 2016		<p><u>PERFORMANCE</u></p> <p>Performance of tricks that we adapted to suit an audience different from the one for which the trick was created.</p>
June 29 th 2016		<p><u>TEACH-IN</u></p> <p>Members share tips and tricks.</p>