



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora-Ray Goulet Ring 122

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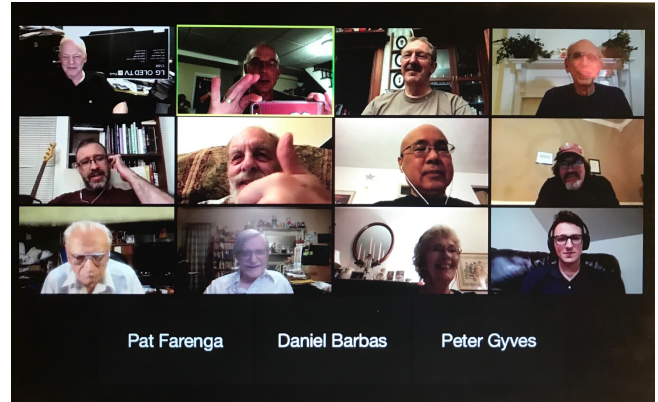
September 2020

Ring 122 August Meeting Report

We had a busy meeting way back in August! First of all summer meetings turned out to be a hit and were well attended. So much so that the Board has decided to hold meetings year round which means a newsletter year round! The meeting began with the election of officers and the three At Large Members. The results were shared via email and are at the bottom of this newsletter. Congratulations to all! Thanks go to the nomination committee for their fine work, **Fred Sears**, **Alan Wassilak**, and your temporary editor, **David Penn**.

We also congratulated Ring member **Alan Wassilak** on his achieving The Order of Merlin Shield for his 35 years of service to the IBM. He received a pin and a certificate. If you receive your 10-year, 20-year, etc. pin and letter let your editor know and we will announce it to your compeers! It's worth celebrating! Some of our members have put in more than 50 years into the IBM, like **Jim Rainho**!

And then we got down to some fun magic! First up was **Bob Filene** with his every card has a name effect. His "favorite" card was Andy! **Mikey Lee** did a card prediction effect, **Bruce Fenton** showed us an odd ball deck called the Alpha Deck which comes with a book and a great routine. Bruce also mentioned that he was able to do an outdoor duo performance at a nursing home in August with a Bruce performing magic and then a person on keyboards playing songs. Bruce has kept up his magic chops practicing effects--in a social distant manner--with the five-year old that lives next door to him! Then someone whose name I failed to record (sorry!) performed a telephone effect similar to metaphysical by **Eugene Burger**. Your temporary editor did a quick "Spell It" card effect using 9 freely chosen cards, and **Fred Sears** does a similar card effect but he pretends to get the wrong card but when the volunteer does the effect, the correct card is found! And former Ring 122 president **Rogue** stopped in to our Zoom meeting to say "hi," and told a story of meeting magician David Ginn years ago to which Jim Rainho said, "That sounds like Rogue!" They hadn't spoken in a long time! See you all this month for our Teach In!



Teach Me Something New!

This month's meeting theme is a **Teach In!** Debbie and Andrew have volunteered but we need others too! What effect could you teach a member via Zoom? Card effects welcome but creativity is encouraged. Remember, it's a Teach In so feel free to type up your notes or post a video link. See you Tuesday, September 29th at 7:30pm on Zoom!

Dues Are Due!

Your yearly IBM Ring 122 dues of **\$35** are due this month. Please mail a check made out to **IBM Ring 122**

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President's Message – Ryan Lally



In 1997, when Blockbuster dominated the United States video renting industry, Netflix entered the scene. It took a few years for Netflix to seriously compete with Blockbuster, but by the mid-2000s it was a dominate player in the industry. As their video rental service continued to capture customers, they introduced video streaming in 2007.

In the coming years, Netflix would notice a quiet shift in the market. The technology that allowed for streaming videos was becoming more and more common, and their customers were growing more interested in streaming.

Instead of continuing with their original business model of DVD rentals, they seized on this new opportunity and switch their focus to video streaming. This would allow them to crush Blockbuster once and for all and allow them to become one of the most profitable entertainment companies in the world. Magicians all over the world are in a similar position. Faced with a brick wall between ourselves and the physical stage, now is the perfect time to pivot our shows and switch to a streaming model. Streaming a magic show—using a service like Zoom or Skype for live interactions—has a surprising number of benefits. The setup is a lot easier since you can leave most (if not all) of your major equipment (like a backdrop and tables) set up; you don't need to spend the time traveling too and from gigs; audience interaction can even be simpler than a live show in some cases.

A number of magicians have successfully pivoted to this model. The Boston Magic Lab (headed-up by compeer Felice Ling) has done a great job at turning their intimate magic show into a Zoom event. Mentalist Paul Draper has reached new levels of success with his show as well. (Editor's Note: This coming Sunday, 9/27, there is a virtual magic convention at <https://unconventional.fun> where you will amble over (virtually) to anyone of several tables to watch a magician just as you would at a live convention!)

The International Brotherhood of Magicians has always been on the forefront of innovation in magic, and this year is no different. We are in the works of producing a virtual magic show in lieu of our traditional stage and close-up shows. This is a new endeavor for our organization, so if you have any thoughts or advice, please let us know at our next meeting! We will be discussing the idea then. Cheers! *Ryan*

Monthly Meeting Themes!

Special Thanks to Bob Filene for volunteering to be our Lecture Chairperson. Here's the schedule!

Sept: Teach-in

Oct: Halloween magic

Nov: Lecture

Dec: Holiday magic

Jan: Lecture

Feb: Linking Ring night

March: Lecture

April: Tarbell Night (Dan Bybell will send you an effect.)

May: Lecture

June: Elections

July: Lecture

August: Summer Social

Ring 122 Halloween Magic Showcase Zoom!

Due to interest shown in the August meeting, several members including some from the Board, have been working on plans for a Halloween Magic Showcase to be done on Zoom. Expect an email a week or so prior to the show and there will be more information in the October newsletter. The date and time are October 31st at from 2pm-3pm. Don't miss Ryan, Debbie, Mikey, Felice, Pat, and Crazy Davy's performances! We are in need of 2-3 more volunteers to help with stage direction and an assistant to Daniel Barbas, our technical director. Please email penn.d@comcast.net if your are interested in helping out!



The September Ring 122 Zoom Membership Meeting is this Tuesday, 9/29/20, at 7:30pm!!!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7196439728>

Meeting ID: 719 643 9728

September's theme is Member Teach In Night!

Teach a fellow Ring 122 a Magic effect!

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