



# *The Silent Messenger*

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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## Ring 122 March Meeting Report

**Ryan Lally** was not able to attend due to his ongoing magic gig at Uno's in Nashua, and asked me to kindly step in for him. This month's theme was **Green Magic!** Perhaps due to the absence of a guest speaker, turnout was light, however, it was nice to see **Debbie O'Carroll**. Under New Business, members pointed out



that we might have to change the meeting night to accommodate members who may be committed on Tuesdays; something to continue looking into. Also, we are expecting to return to in-person meetings starting in May. We would still run a Zoom link for the meeting so members could join remotely, however, we may need to look into a conference microphone system or some other way to capture what is being said in the room. We would also need to make certain that a member was responsible for monitoring the chat

and tech side.

Next there was a discussion about magic opportunities/gigs starting to open up as Covid restrictions are lifted with some events held outdoor while others seem to be ok with indoor functions. Expect a mix of both through the summer is our best guess.

And speaking of summer, we hope to have another summer BBQ event! Date: TBD.

With there being no other New Business, it was time for magic with a Green Theme! **Bob Filene** went first with a "Print a Banner" effect. Using scissors and a length of paper, Bob turned gibberish nonsense words into the phrase "Green Theme." It's a new twist on an effect called Clippo originated by **William H Wison**. Bob liked that you could customize it the effect for any event. Next to perform was **Rob Kinslow** who discussed how he teaches children to make their own magic box. He found four cardboard boxes at a craft store that were all black inside and turned them inside out. Then using stick on white dots, it became a die! He keeps his sponge balls in it since magic belongs inside of something that looks magical! If you already have boxes you can use for this purpose, it would be recycling—which made this idea eligible for our Green Theme! ☺ Then Rob performed a **Scott Robinson** effect from his book *Pure Imagination* called "The Magic Toy" that we all enjoyed. Rob added that he incorporates magic into his Sunday pastor duties and calls the segment "Magic with a Message." Rob demonstrated how he taught younger members of his Sunday services how to make a unique mini wand using the caps off of two Chapsticks and a rolled playing card. \*See recycling comment above ☺. This card could also be used as a reveal card! Next up was magi **Pat Farenga**, who has been missed but was back for this Zoom meeting! Pat did a St. Patrick's Day effect by making a magic Irish potion. He used an egg bag type mat to produce a green liquid that he mixed into a large metal vase. Then smoke came out! Pat described the effect as sort of a sideways "Think a Drink." The effect is called "Vortex of Refreshment" by **David Regal**, but Pat's take on it was perfect for our Green Theme! **Crazy Davy** closed out the performances by performing a sucker effect using a see through change bag. A volunteer can't seem to pull out a stamp-sized picture of a four-leaf clover, always pulling out a three-leaf clover even when given multiple chances, but other volunteers can do it on the first attempt. Finally, by saying the correct magic word, the volunteer to their relief is able to produce a four-leaf clover.

**This month's membership meeting is April 26th, 2022, at 7:30pm, on Zoom!**

**Guest lecturer Matias Letelier on mastering virtual presentations, including tech tips/advice!**



## ***President's Message by Ryan Lally***

Hello Compeers,

April has flown by! I can't believe it's almost time for our next meeting. And this one will be a great one. We will be having a lecture from former Ring 122 member and current NYC magician Matias Letelier, which will focus on virtual performing. Matias has performed over 500 virtual shows, so this is a must-see event for anyone who likes performing Zoom shows!

Unfortunately, I will be missing this meeting due to a gig. VP Mike Lee will take the helm of running this meeting.

Whether you're performing an in-person gig like I'm booked to perform, or a virtual show like the 500+ Matias has performed, creativity plays a huge role. Even if all of your tricks are standard pieces of magic that anyone can buy from a store, your personal, creative touch will be what turns them into a series of entertaining miracles.

But keeping your mind sharp for creative endeavors is challenging. At some point, you hit a sort of "writer's block" with your creativity. Maybe you get hit with a wave of tiredness, or maybe you just run out of ideas.

Two great minds would run into the same problem, and they both had the same, very interesting solution. Salvador Dali and Albert Einstein would take a nap in the middle of the day to kickstart their creative thinking. However, this nap wasn't a 90 minute nap, or even a 20 minute power nap. They would both take a *one second* nap.

They would sit down in a comfy chair. In their hands, they would hold a key; on the floor, below their hands, would be a plate. When they doze off and fall asleep, the keys would drop and hit the plate, thus waking them up.

But why does this work?

Sleep has five different stages, and you cycle through them every 90 minutes or so. Stage One lasts for approximately 2-5 minutes and transitions you into sleep. It's in this state that your mind loosens up, and the creative juices start to flow. This state of sort of wakeful dreaming has been used by artists and thinkers to cultivate rich ideas.

Stage Two is when you actually fall asleep. Using the one second nap technique, you allow yourself to go entirely through Stage One, and wake just as you enter Stage Two. So you won't feel rested like you would from a 20 minute power nap, but you're loosening up your mind. The whole process takes under 10 minutes for most people. You can see why creative types might adopt this strategy.

If you decide to try it out, let me know how it works!

Cheers,

Ryan

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***SAVE THE DATE!***

***SAM 9 cordially invites IBM Ring 122 to***

***A Zoom Lecture by IBM National Past President Shawn Farquhar Lecture***

***Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 7:30***

***The link will be sent in a future email.***

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## Our 2022 Monthly Meeting Themes!

**April:** Matias Letelier Lecture  
**May:** Teach In

**June:** Panel of Experts/Best Magic Tales  
**July/August:** Summer BBQ, Date TBD.

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