

# *The Silent Messenger*

December 2023

## Ring 122 November Ring Report



This month's meeting took place in our new location, the [Medford Public Library](#) and we are very excited about this space! We have a very modern AV setup, a huge screen for our Zoom visitors, and an open area for performers and lecturers alike. If you haven't joined us in person in a while, now's the time to stop by and dust off those tricks!



Our business items for the night started with finalizing our December dinner meeting location, deciding on the same location as last year—City Works Pour House. We will be meeting there around 6 PM and starting our meeting (and the Zoom call) at 6:15 PM.

The second item was to confirm our January lecturer. Evan Northrup will be joining us and expound on our theme of originality and creativity in magic. We will also be reaching out to the Magic Lab performers and asking if any of their performers would be interested in a lecture this year or in the future. In March we also have Rick Holcom as a lecturer. Whether these will be over Zoom or in person is to be determined, but we are planning on in person to take advantage of our new space.

Some odds and ends of our meeting location, new board, mailing address, and email address need to be updated with Corporate. David Penn and Daniel Barbas will meet to communicate this to the IBM secretary and update this information in all locations.

Our final item was to discuss our magic show for April. We will be meeting at the same location as last year (The First Church in Belmont Unitarian Universalist 404 Concord Ave, Belmont, MA 02478) at the non-profit rate, but we will need to find a new venue potentially for future shows as our current liaison will no longer be there. We can revisit this next year when planning our show. What remains for planning our April show are finding performers, volunteers, and pre-show performers so we can begin advertising soon. Let us know if you are interested in any of the above!

With business concluded, our frugal festivities could begin. Our night's theme was "Dollar Store Magic."

Kevin Butler started things off by showing off a magic kit he purchased at a dollar store. Even though the price was low, he demonstrated that even the simple gaffs, gimmicks and props therein are perfectly serviceable for other routines than the ones inside by exercising your creativity. This dovetails nicely with our yearly theme.



Bob Filene was next, making his first appearance on the big screen (to my knowledge!) Manifested on the screen was a Bob holding a card cube, a cube made of cards. Since only 6 cards are used, you

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can likely make several before you use up your 100 pennies. "You know, a lot of tricks I know, I remember who I learned them from, and you guys may have all been there when Debbie O'Carroll taught us how to make these boxes" Bob said to a room full of smiles and chuckles before showing off several he made out of playing cards and business cards.

Since you weren't there for live instructions, you can find them in the [September 2006 Linking Ring, page 94](#), written by Steve Schneiderman. A link will be sent to your email, or you can access the archives at **Ask Alexander**

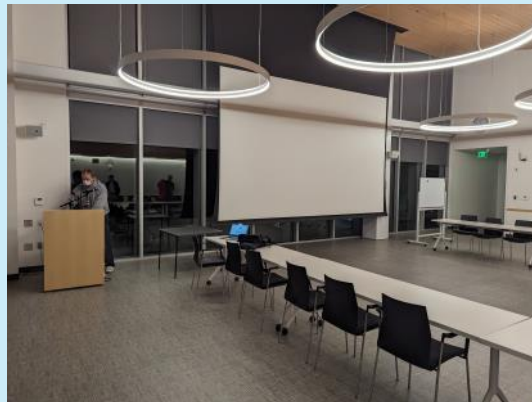
Jim Lustacof brought an alligator from Florida that magically finds your card! A delightful effect, and the cutest alligator I've ever seen. It may only have cost a dollar, but he truly is priceless.

Pat Farenga showed off his lucky scratch tickets and did a trick with them and a signed card. Based on an effect (discontinued) named **Scratch** by Chad Long, he explained that the cards can be purchased inexpensively online in bulk and are great as a final reveal. Check them out!

David Penn demonstrated the versatility of a change bag, one that everyone likely has already. You can dust them off and fill them full of dollar store surprises to delight at children's shows, or anytime if you are Crazy Davy!

Daniel Barbas snuck some snails, stolen from Pat's yard, and used them to predict not only how many SPF (snails per foot) Pat's yard had, but also the specific color of snail shell. A different kind of shell game based on an effect John Bach had explained at a previous IBM meeting. (John if you are reading, let me know what it is called!

Thus concluded our meeting. Join us next time in our palatial space—look at that screen!



**I have updated our website.**

**Check it out!**





## President's Report

### Welcome to Medford!

Feliz Navidad! Happy Holidays! I am looking forward to meeting Ring 122 folks and guests at our annual Holiday Dinner on Monday, January 18th at the City Works Eatery at the Arsenal Yard complex in Watertown. As of this writing, we have 10 people attending which is great! If you are coming and want to participate in the Yankee Gift Swap, please bring a gift of \$20 or less. If we have 15 attendees they will accept a reservation, otherwise we will grab a long table like we did last year. This dinner will also be our December meeting so we will run a Zoom from City Works for those who wish to attend but can make it to Watertown.

Now about our new meeting space in Medford, MA! Thanks to the efforts of the Bybells, we have been able to reserve the 2nd floor Media Room/Auditorium at the Medford Public Library for our monthly meetings going forward. The space is awesome with banks of windows on two sides that overlook the city. A huge movie screen accommodates those who are joining via Zoom, lecturers who are performing over Zoom, and in-person viewers, as well as in-person magi who wish to use video in their performance. All who attended in person at our November meeting were impressed with the possibilities of the generously large and well appointed space. Our meeting time is now 7pm since we have to be out by 8:45pm, and meetings are now on the last Monday of each month (except for July/August and December).

This “home-base” also gives us the opportunity to expand our reach into Medford. With this in mind, I had approached the Medford Brewery regarding members of the Ring performing there and arrangements are being made to try this idea out at their January game night with member John Bach representing the club. Assuming the Ring approves the yearly fee (\$79), we can start a Meet-Up group to advertise and promote the club to the Medford area. I’m sure we can create a list of ways to integrate into the Medford area community to help attract new members to our club. I look forward to seeing the results in the coming New Year!

Lastly, don’t miss the Evan Northrop lecture this coming January on Monday the 29th at 7pm in person at the Medford Library or via Zoom. The business meeting will start at 6:45pm so we can get right to Evan’s lecture at 7pm. The theme for all of our lectures this year is using creativity and originality in your magic.

Northrop, a Brown University graduate has traveled to numerous countries and is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian and Greek. But what makes him especially unique is that magic has been the underlining factor for all of his adventures. Evan states: “I reignite curiosity through immersive storytelling. The worlds and stories I craft encourage people to explore beyond their limitations to uncover the magic in the world around us.” Don’t miss this lecture!



**IBM Ring 122 President  
David Penn**



# Upcoming Meeting Themes

**December:** Holiday Dinner @  
[City Works](#) Pour House (6PM  
EST 12/18)

**January:** Evan Northrup Lecture

**February:** Money Magic Effects

**March:** Rick Holcombe Lecture

**April:** Magic you purchased but  
never performed before!

**May:** Election nominations/  
Lecturer TBD (Potentially Felice Ling  
to discuss her inspirations for her NY and  
other recent magic performances.)

**June:** Elections/Present an Original  
Effect

**July:** No Meeting

**August:** Summer BBQ/Show/  
Magic Auction

Our next meeting is **Monday, December 18th at 7 PM** at the  
[City Works Pour House](#) (6PM EST 12/18)  
and **on Zoom**



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