

# *The Silent Messenger*

May 2023

## Ring 122 April Ring Report

We are back at our new location and we have increased Zoom video capabilities due to Davy's perseverance in keeping a spare TV in his car so that we can better see and interact with our Zoom participants. Reminder that all our future meetings will be hybrid (Zoom or in Person).

Those of us that were able to make it to Debbie's Broken Wand ceremony said that it was well attended and was a wonderful ceremony. We were told that Debbie only wanted the Broken Wand ceremony in place of another memorial. We are glad to have known her, and Tom O'Carroll expressed his gratitude to those who attended and were there in spirit to share in her memory.



From top left, clockwise: Kevin Butler, David Penn, Daniel Barbas, Rob Kinslow, The Rogue, and Bob Filene

Our next order of business was to finalize our plan for the upcoming IBM Spring Family Friendly Magic Show in Belmont. We have completed our promotion of the event, between Mikey Lee's posts on WhoFish; Davy's local outreach, poster creation, printing, and distribution, and Daniel Barbas with the Eventbrite page for ticket sale estimates.

Additionally we plan on making paper wands to giveaway to kids during our show. Daniel and Davy will coordinate on updating the information on the wand template that Davy has. Rogue mentioned that we should have some applications handy for when guests are interested in joining our club.

Daniel Barbas proposed the idea of reaching out to local magicians and other magic groups to compile a repository of performing magicians (and their promotional materials) to attract more interest among the existing magicians. Bob Filene agreed and suggested we consider looking for more ideas to generate interest in club membership and make it worthwhile. If you have any comments, feel free to email us at [ibm.ring122@gmail.com](mailto:ibm.ring122@gmail.com) with suggestions.

A club member mentioned that Harry Lorayne had passed and it had slipped through the cracks as a number of us were surprised to hear. Dust off your books and take a trip down memory lane in his honor. He will be missed.

As an add-on to the above, we will need to schedule a Broken Wand ceremony for Anne Goulet and Gil Stubbs. Bob and Mikey offered to reach out to the families again to plan something.

We discussed our August BBQ which we plan on hosting in August (date to be determined) and it will be the same venue and format as last year. Gather the tricks that have been gathering dust and bring them to the BBQ for our flea market to get a new life! We will also be having a magic show to conclude the evening, so let us know if you would like to perform or volunteer in any capacity.

A big Congratulations to Rob Kinslow on his Order of Merlin award for 25 years of membership in the IBM. With his new title, he has been approached to do some magic mentoring and opened a discussion up regarding pricing for lessons. If you have any input for Rob or to share in our next newsletter, send us an email.

Our speaker next month is DJ Edwards from Ickle Pickle as we needed to reschedule his previous appearance. The old switcheroo! This led to a sidebar about how Davy loves the clearance section of Ickle Pickle, and also purchased some dragon's breath to test. He is still looking for an atomizer that will deploy it well.

Onto our Theme—Favorite Gimmick or Book (Test).

- ◆ Kevin Butler performed the "Between the Lines" book test from Ted Anneman's *Practical Mental Magic*. It is a great trick utilizing the Si Stebbins stack and can be done with any book! (with a bit of mental work)

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- ◆ Daniel Barbas showed off *Lim-Tricks* by Jeff Sheridan (and with help from Richard Kaufman and Alan Greenberg). This silly book of bar bets, tricks, and riddles is all in the form of limericks!
- ◆ The Rogue brought his Big Friendly Book puppet which he has gotten lots of fun and use out of, plus librarians love it for teaching kids about the library! It is still in production from [Axtell Expressions](#)
- ◆ Bob Filene demonstrated his favorite Book Test from Aldo Colombini involving some clever limited permutations using any book selected beforehand. If you know the name of the trick please pass it along!
- ◆ Rob Kinslow demonstrated his favorite dollar bill tricks since they carry easily - [“Two Dollar Window”](#) by Jay Noblezada and a cocktail napkin/dollar bill penetration by Ken Kuroki. Some impressive and clever work!



David Penn shows a picture of his adorable assistant from his last show — his grand niece!

Thus concluded our magical evening. Until next month!

## Editor's Note

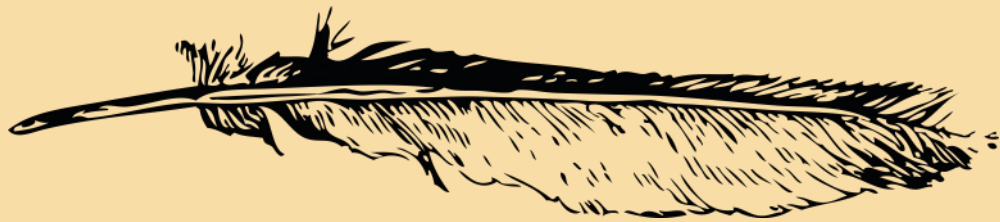
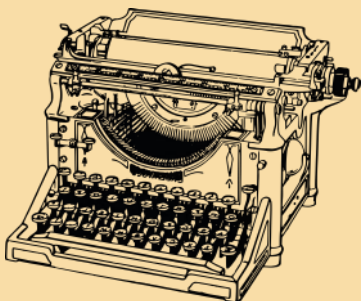
We are always looking to improve our club's offerings, so we would love to hear your suggestions! Do you want more lectures? More performances? More magic teach-ins?

If you are a performing magician, send us your website so we can include it on our site and send business your way when people ask to book magicians at our events.

A personal goal of mine is to collect more about our club's history, traditions, and general Ring 122 ephemera, videos, pictures and the like. One of the things I love about magic is the rich history and how so many tricks can be traced from magician to magician. If you have anything of interest that you would like me to place in our Ring 122 Time Capsule, please email it to me or bring it to our next meeting.

Thank you.

Daniel Barbas



**Ring 122 is looking for a new Secretary.**

**If you are interested, please let us know by email at [ibm.ring122@gmail.com](mailto:ibm.ring122@gmail.com)**



# President's Report



**“We get to make some kids smile today.” Rob Kinslow**

I may not have this quoted exactly, but an hour before Ring 122 members put on a fantastically successful family magic show on 5/20/23, this was what Rob offered.

That’s the kind of spirit I think that will continue to make Ring 122 successful. Not only did over 150 people enjoy ninety minutes of magic at our show, but over a dozen of our members participated either as performers, ticket sellers and handling Venmo and cash transactions, or by being audience members. We also raised approximately \$900 (after expenses) which will, in part, go to fund our 2023-2024 lecture series. I would like to thank Mikey Lee for organizing the event, Rob Kinslow for finding the perfect space to hold the event and for being the MC, all of our performers (Mikey Lee, Ryan Lally, Marc Ross, Pat Farenga, Rob Kinslow, and John Bach), as well as Daniel Barbas for videoing the show and having an amazing table of wonders for kids to play around with pre-show.



**IBM Ring 122 President David Penn**



Most of all, I would like to thank Mother Nature for all the rain that day which sold at least another 40 tickets as families looked for alternate indoor plans for their Saturday! Post-show, fourteen of us went to Greg's Restaurant

for socializing and the early bird special!

I would love it if we were able to do a similar show this coming October with a Halloween-based theme and then rotate between both shows for the foreseeable future. It’s a great way to raise awareness about our club and to connect with people that we don’t know who are interested in magic. Perhaps a membership or two will be developed in this manner.



**Pat Farenga performing**

Connecting with local magicians is one of the things that make our club special, and on Sunday, 8/27/23, we will be having our summer BBQ at Camp Evergreen. This year, I am actively trying to get both local SAM chapters involved with the BBQ so we can have more people and more fun! I hope to have much more information about the BBQ/Auction/and Show in next month’s Silent Messenger.



**A cadre of magicians enjoying some early bird dinner at Greg’s Restaurant.**

**Our next meeting is Tuesday,  
May 30th  
at 7:30 PM in person and on  
Zoom!**

This month's meeting will be a  
lecture by DJ Edwards of  
Ickle Pickle Magic!

We will be meeting at Temple  
Beth Shalom  
21 E Foster St  
Melrose, MA 02176

He's a master magician prom-  
ising a vacation from reality!  
We hope to see you there, and  
you'll be glad you did.

### Upcoming Meeting Themes

**June: Elections, Group Trick Creation (Hybrid)**

**August: Summer BBQ (Hybrid)**



**All future meetings will be hybrid—join us via Zoom or in  
person**

**If you have ideas for future themes, let's hear them!**

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