

# *The Silent Messenger*

April 2024

## Ring 122 March Ring Report

**M**agicians near and far were drawn from far and wide to be near the widescreen of our Medford Public library meeting space. The occasion? Rick Holcombe as our guest lecturer!

Due to a rogue group of hungry magicians, nameless and blameless save Daniel Barbás, there was a delay in starting our meeting. Silver lining however, as I believe we set a record for the fastest business meeting in club history.

Business items discussed were solely to confirm that all items for our April show were finalized—venue, date, poster, marketing, performers, and volunteers. A big thanks to Mike Lee for producing and organizing things behind the scenes, and to Davy as well for our show poster.

[Rick Holcombe's](#) lecture was a delight, and his performance setup was incredibly well optimized for video, with many camera angles not only for performance view, but for instructional views as well.

He has a motto for the tricks he develops—Minimalist, Modular, Motivational. Truly too many tricks to list here, but be sure to check out his [YouTube channel](#), and the recording will be available to members soon.

A big thanks to Rick for his generosity with his time as he answered our many questions and taught some extra items based on our tangents. Enjoy 25 percent off everything on <https://rickholcombemagic.com> with code **IBM122**

Thus concluded our meeting.

Speaking of great lecturers, you won't want to miss next month's lecturer. Ring 122 alumnus, world traveler, and great magician...

# Felice Ling!



# Spring Show Photos—April 20th







## President's Report

### Experience the Magic!

I feel like every day there's magic happening right in front of our eyes that we fail to see. The greatest thing we can teach our audience is to believe in the existence of magic. To show our audience that magic is always around us, and that it's up to us to notice and appreciate it when it happens. When you come at it from this point of view, magic seems to be an essential part of life and learning. If a person can't imagine something that is not physically possible, then I don't think it's possible for that person to learn, let's say... Algebra. For the last five months, I have been working with ninth graders in an Algebra One class, and you could see where some students struggled with the abstract nature of the curriculum. I advised students to visualize the numbers in your mind working together. It's a magical process when you can quickly do mental math. But there was sometimes too much of a gap in a student's abilities as to what they could understand presented from an abstract point of view.

Performing magic gives us the opportunity to stretch the imaginations and the ability for abstract thinking in the minds of our audience. But let me get back to my original thought which was realizing there was magic happening every day in our lives. While on a vacation this past February to Florida, I tried to demonstrate a mentalism magic square routine that I learned recently from Ring 122 member, John Bach. At one point in the routine, you ask the volunteer to pick a number between 50 and 100. When I asked him if he picked the number 72, he replied that he hadn't picked a number yet. I paused and said "Okay, did you pick a number yet?" He said confidently that he had. I asked if it was sixty-three? He replied, "Yes." I paused a bit, but then went on with the mentalism routine realizing that the routine would be underwhelming now that I just picked his number out of thin air!!! A coincidence? Or was it a magic moment?

Just recently I ran in a race and, following the finish, had an issue that needed to be bandaged up. When I went to the medical tent and sat down, the person working on me asked for my date of birth and it was the same as hers, November 11th! A coincidence or a magical moment?

A recent Monday found me helping at the Boston Marathon. Three running friends from the Greater Lowell Road Runners and I went out to breakfast during the lull before the start. Our server asked if we were helping with the Lowell finishers after the race? Yes, we were. (The club rents a suite for the day for the returning runners to recover in.) It turns out that our server was best friends with the massage therapist working at our club's suite! You can call that another coincidence, I call that another instance of magic in everyday life!

So, to repeat, I think one of the greatest things we can engage our audiences in is the existence of magic, that it really happens to people, and that it can be seen in different forms if you open your mind to the possibility. I don't believe in coincidences, like a police detective doesn't believe in coincidences. Only the detective



**IBM Ring 122 President  
David Penn**

Recently sighted at the Boston Magic Lab. Check it out and maybe you can meet this cool crew!



# Upcoming Meeting Themes

**May:** Election nominations and Lecturer **Felice Ling**  
**July:** No Meeting  
**June:** Elections/Present an Original Effect  
**August:** Summer BBQ/Show/Magic Auction

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 29th at 7 PM on Zoom only!**

**The theme is Magic you purchased but never performed before**



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