

# *The Silent Messenger*

June 2024

## Ring 122 May Ring Report



A very brief business meeting preceded our lecturer, consisting of a brief reminder of our upcoming BBQ, and to be on the lookout for an email regarding next month's elections.

With those items addressed, we watched in awe and amazement at our lecturer—[Felice Ling](#). The theme was “On Creativity” pertaining to magic, but can be broadly applied to many arts. We certainly learned a lot, and were energized based on the amount of impromptu magic and discussion after the lecture. It was a refreshing lecture, and great to see a crowd sharing magic afterwards.

With that, our meeting concluded.



## Hear ye, hear ye!

Our club elections are near, and this month's meeting we will be voting. If you are interested in any of Executive board positions, email [Pat Farenga](#).

We will also be discussing how our voting procedures going forward in order to adapt to our new hybrid meeting format. Board roles and responsibilities will also be reviewed and listed for clarity.

## The Executive Positions available are:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Second Vice President**

**Treasurer**

**Editor**

**Secretary**

**Board of Governors**



## President's Report

### Our Ring 122 Magical Community

A letter standing alone has no meaning (apart from the capital letter I), but once letters combine into words, meaning is created. Alone it is hard to measure value, see worth, or feel inspired. But once a person joins a community, personal growth and meaningfulness is inevitable.

A magical community is no different. Without the support and inspiration from our magic peers, it would be harder to find our magical way. It can be difficult for someone with an interest in magic to reach out to our magical community for fear that he/she is not good enough to hang with “real” magicians. I see this in my running communities, as well as often hearing, “well I’m not fast enough or I’m not as serious a runner as you folks are.” I think we do a good job being welcome to new folks that show interest in our group. This coming year, I will focus on bringing new people into our magic community and adding some teach-ins to give current members an opportunity to teach newer members new skills and techniques to practice. Learning magic and becoming confident with new skills raises a person’s self-esteem and will make them feel part of a larger community. Our sense of a magical community is what makes Ring 122 special!

Dan Bybell update! In case you haven’t heard, Dan Bybell is out of the hospital and mending at home following two successful transplants! Now that’s real magic right there!

Also, our fourth annual summer social (BBQ/Show/Auction) is on Saturday, August 24th this year, at Camp Evergreen as usual. The invitation will be out before you receive this newsletter so be on the lookout and check your spam folder if you have not seen it. It will again be a blast!

At the June meeting (which may be held at Snappy Patty’s or on Zoom or both since the library was booked already) will be the confirmation of next year’s officers and Board of Governors as well as a chance for members to show off an original piece of magic (or an original twist on an old favorite).

Lastly, I really liked the idea of a yearly theme for our lectures this year. Everything we did had a focus of creativity and imagination. I would like to propose a theme for our 2024-2025 season. If you have an idea, please email me at [penn.d@comcast.net](mailto:penn.d@comcast.net)



IBM Ring 122 President  
David Penn

Our club member and friend Dan Bybell has returned home from the hospital for some rest and recovery.

We wish him a magically short recovery time so the rest of it can be spent on rest!



# Upcoming Meeting Themes

**July:** No Meeting



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

[Register here.](#)

Our next meeting is **Monday, June  
24th at**

**7 PM on Zoom and at the library!**

Elections, followed by our theme:

**Present and Original Effect**



**IBM Ring 122**  
**Silent Mora-Ray Goulet**



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Meetings take place the last Monday of every month. Meetings are in Person and on Zoom.

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