

May

International Brotherhood of Magicians



THE Home of MAGIC in St. Louis

The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1
May 2022 Edition



Stage Magic

with Terry Richison

May 4, 2022, at 7pm

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Rd

Creve Coeur, MO 63141



Chris Korn Lecture, *The Senior Tour*, April 2022

President's Message

Welcome to May 2022. This year has been going by fast. Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. We recently had the most amazing convention in our area in Collinsville on April 1-3. You better sign up quick for next year because it will sell out now that everyone knows how amazing it is. I have been to a few S.A.M. National conventions and Magifests. The Senior Tour is a completely different and more fun convention. You can sit around in the lobby and hang with all of the talented magicians and friends, or go eat lunch and dinner with them. Or you could go to a breakout room and learn one on one with some of the best magicians in the country.

You can't do any of this at the big conventions. The only bad thing for me was that I could not stay up all night with these wild and crazy magicians. I made it to about 2 AM on a good night. It's only \$150 for this amazing convention and if you don't stay at the hotel, you will miss out on all the extras like hanging out until all hours of the night.

We are so lucky to have another magic shop in the St. Louis area. Old Time Magic will be opening on April 30th at 2813 High Ridge Blvd, High Ridge, MO 63049. For those that don't remember the owner, Eric Bausworth, he worked at Gibbol's for about 10 years on the Landing in St. Louis. He has more experience than you can ever imagine. Let's help him open with a bang at his Grand Opening April 30th at 11 AM. Sal Piacente was scheduled to lecture at the IBM meeting in June, but due to a logistics misunderstanding, I apologize to Randy and Sal for not being able to book Sal for our Ring 1 meeting. But all is not lost because Sal will be giving his lecture at the Old Time Magic shop! The lecture is on June 2 at 7pm, and seating will be limited to the first 25 people. I already have my ticket and believe half of the tickets have been sold already. They are \$25 each and can be purchased by calling the shop (636-671-7571).

Our last meeting was awesome and with Jonathan Levit. It was great to see his mother and father in attendance. What a wonderful turnout. That was my first time seeing Jonathan, and he was amazing! We have such a fantastic club that shows up in big numbers to our meetings. It gives me something to look forward to each month as we get through the workweek.

For those of you that might have known William Dale Farris, he passed away last week in his mid-90s. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him, but I know a lot of people who did. Several people knew him as a photographer. He sounded like an amazing man. He was from Champaign, IL, and came to a lot of Jubilee's.

Our next meeting will be Stage Magic with Terry Richison. This is going to be exciting, and I have recently heard from a few magicians in our club that would like to learn more about stage magic. This is a must-see meeting for everyone, especially the people asking about stage magic. Terry has been performing stage magic for many years! See everyone on May 4th!

Scott Smith
President of I.B.M. Ring 1
618-610-5947, scott@plato.com



Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

Ring 1 members were really excited to finally have a live lecture. Jonathan Levit, who was a Ring 1 member when he was younger, was in St. Louis on the monthly meeting date. He lives in California now, but his parents Steve and Audrey still live in St. Louis. Steve and Audrey were able to attend the lecture. Randy Kalin introduced Jonathan, and the members were amazed at how talented he is. He is a well-known magician, an actor, a television host, a voiceover artist, a producer, a writer, etc. He also performs regularly at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. First, he performed the Un-Matrix which uses two cards and four coins. This is one of his favorite routines, and he performs it in most of his shows. He then performed a mind reading effect in which he was able to read three volunteers' minds. He used three different methods to reveal their card. He then performed The Stranger which was just amazing. It is an app that can be purchased for a cell phone. According to a review in *The Daily Magician*, the "app that allows you to perform a 'hands-free' miracle anytime, anywhere using just your phone." The members really enjoyed this effect. Jonathan shared that he is releasing a new version soon (but the current version will still work). He then performed his version of *Out of Sight Out of Mind*. Jonathan captured everyone's attention during the lecture. He explained everything so well that even a beginner magician could understand. He did have downloads to sell which he sold at a discounted price. He also shared that he will be visiting St. Louis more often, so the members hope he will be able to attend future meetings.

Dan Todd shared that he is teaching and playing chess live for *Pocket Parks* in St. Louis this summer. These will be held at the Steinberg area in Forest Park every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. He will also teach every Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in the tennis court area in Francis Park, which is in South St. Louis. He has adapted magic effects to use in his chess classes for the students' entertainment. For example, he has adapted *Chess Killer*, *Chess Relationships*, *Chinese Secret*, *Clipped Card*, *Color Changing Chess Pieces*, *Coloring Book*, *Copycat*, *Cue the Magic*, ..., and those are just the ones that start with "C". Dan has always been really creative and talented.

Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt took advantage of her 2020 free time and watched many virtual magic lectures. One of her favorite routines that is also easy was taught by Christopher T. Magician and is called *Rising Cane*, a.k.a. *Wand from Another Dimension*. It's based on the appearing pole trick. Due to the pandemic, she was looking for a replacement for her mouth coil opener. *Rising Cane* is a hit as an opener. She looks for her three magic wands, and the kids go crazy and sometimes jump up and down with excitement when she doesn't notice the long wands magically coming out of a small purse. Audience members have confusedly asked her, "How did those wands fit in the purse?" Jill also spent time at Eckert's Country Store and Farms in Belleville, Illinois, making animal balloons for their Easter event.

Rising Cane performance: <https://www.facebook.com/1115725951/videos/1957374447778495/>

Where to buy the *Rising Cane/Wand from Another Dimension*:

- <https://stores.silkmagictricks.com/products/rising-canes-with-purse-by-jl-magic.html>
- https://www.seomagic-usa.com/product_info.php/products_id/1520?fbclid=IwAR1XHGIJuCXW-AVQuXuJ3CCu7z4k1XatXm3Sd6daBEk5ufQpo-lp2bnMGRk



Welcome Paul Gregor

Paul Gregor joined Ring 1 and attended his first meeting on April 6, 2022. He shared that he began his magical journey at around 10 years of age and has pursued it as a hobby for almost 50 years. As a boy, He enjoyed learning tricks from library magic books. His father would also take him to the local magic shop on the weekends to buy tricks. He has added more props to the collection throughout the years and now has a wide variety of tricks to perform.



His involvement with magic performance as a boy began with performing for neighborhood friends, but he has recently developed his ideas into children's entertainment work at festivals. He combined all of the circus skills that he learned as a boy and rolled it up into his current *A Magical Musical Circus*, where he performs magic, juggles, rides a unicycle, makes balloon animals, and plays his own calliope tunes. When he doesn't take a keyboard to play live, he uses a speaker in his magic table to play his recorded music. It allows more time for Paul to perform magic tricks. The personal touches on his custom built performance table, housing a lot of tricks at his disposal, has everything he needs to entertain in a fun and unique fashion. He aims to be a one of a kind experience that the audience will find entertaining.

Much of Paul's public performance experience has been as a musician of all genres, but he plans to bring more magic performance into his schedule this year. He is also now focusing his composing skills towards providing magicians suitable music that is tailored to fit their needs, whether it be for online tutorial loops or live performance stage music. He is always looking for the next entertainment project to sharpen his skills and change with the times.

Paul enjoys and appreciates both close up and stage magic because he feels they each have something to offer an audience. Paul's trick collection includes close-up and small stage size tricks that he purchased at Devoe's Magic Den, such as *Strat-o-sphere*, which he keeps safe in the vintage collection. Some of his first tricks were *Multiplying Rabbits*, *Magic Crystal Coin Case*, and *Tree of Hearts*. He now enjoys creating effects using just about any object.

Paul is so glad that he has joined the I.B.M. and is looking forward making new friends at the Ring 1 meetings, learning more about magic, and hopefully having the opportunity to bring new magicians to the brotherhood.

Welcome to Ring 1, Paul!!

The Senior Tour Recap and Pitch

by Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke

The Senior Tour/A Close-up Cavalcade of Magic was held April 1st-3rd at the Collinsville Double Tree under the watchful eyes of Steve Buesking and Steve Zuehlke. For those who attended, what can I say? For those who didn't attend, what can I say? I guess I can honestly say you missed one of the best conventions ever. To quote Randy Kalin, "EPIC!" EVERYONE mentioned this entire line-up could be repeated next year and everyone would love it. On the bill were Howard Hamburg, Jimmy Molinari, Mike Powers, Bill Goodwin, Allan Ackerman, Chris Korn, Steve Reynolds, and Doug Conn. The dealers were Andrew and Jessica Hyder from Tennessee Magic

who had a little bit of everything. Each performer lectured, performed, and did a small break-out session teaching some for their favorite effects and routines. EVERY SINGLE performer was outstanding. Every single performer was personal and approachable. All the performers could be found in lobby area, sessioning and sharing into the wee hours. I couldn't have picked a better group if I did it myself! All of the shows were captured on a big screen by Jesse Bader. Randy Kalin kept the whole event running very smoothly, acting as emcee throughout the weekend. We couldn't have done it without you two. A big thank you. Also, a huge thanks to Mike McClure who handled the design of the program and did all the advertising, website design, hosting, and Facebook work!

For those that did not attend, you're in luck. Steve and I have decided to do this again next year. The dates are April 20th-23rd at the same place. The event starts Thursday evening and will finish late Saturday night. Talent includes, but is not limited to, Mike Powers (Editor of *IBM Card Corner*), Jimmy "Cards" Molinari (long time student of Marlo), Doug Conn (a true worker), Steve Reynolds (Host of *Marlo's Card Page*), Allan Ackerman (long time Marlo student and author of numerous books), Bill Goodwin (Magic Castle Librarian, Penumbra Publisher, and outstanding with the pasteboards), Kevin Kelly (Author/Performer/Lecturer/Member of *Marlo's Round Table*), AND Guest of Honor Howard Hamburg (long-time friend of Dai Vernon). Andrew and Jessica from the Tennessee Magic Emporium will be on hand to share the latest effects and books as well. A few more will be added in the near future. You can PayPal or mail a check for \$150.00 to Steve Zuehlke, 131 S Seventh St, Wood River, IL 62095. Registration is limited to 150 and the cost increases June 1st. It's only fair that those in attendance this year get first chance at returning next year. Seating will be limited, so I suggest you sign up early. With the buzz this event created, it will surely sell out again!



The Senior Tour Review

by Trudy Monti

I would like to congratulate *The Senior Tour* organizers for planning and executing a wonderful magic convention. It was really nice, and everyone enjoyed it so much that they actually

coerced Steve Zuehlke into planning another one next year. You should watch for his ad and sign up quickly because seating will be limited.

Harry and I were flattered and humbled to be the Honored Guests, and we had a wonderful time! I was there to enjoy the convention, its magic, and its comradery, so I cannot give you a detailed report on the magic that was done. I thoroughly enjoyed the close-up shows but did not attend the lectures (I visited with magic friends instead!). However, having sat through hundreds of close-up magic shows during my 55 years in magic, I can say that the close-up shows were excellent and truly enjoyed by all. I heard wonderful comments on the lectures and breakout sessions.

St. Louis has had an extremely rich history of magic that was continued at this convention with performances by Jimmy Molinari and Chris Korn. They were excellent and did our city proud. I was also very pleased that several performers specifically referred to Brother John Hamman during their presentations. I truly loved Brother John, and these were special moments for me. In addition, the convention was dedicated to John Mendoza. Both Brother John and John Mendoza were with us in spirit. I would also like to note that Randy Kalin served as emcee and did an excellent job. The convention was blessed to have a truly professional photographer, Jesse Bader, manning the camera, so close-up magic could be shown on a large screen.

Approximately 35-40 years ago, Harry taught a course in magic for a number of years at the University City High School adult night school. Two of his students were Joan Dietrich and Sandy Friedman, and they both attended the convention. Joan is local, but Sandy (aka Sandini) actually flew in from New York to honor Harry. It was so nice to see and visit with both of them. Of course, it was wonderful to see our Magic Castle friends, Bill Goodwin and Howard Hamburg, and it was nice that there was a bit of the Magic Castle in St. Louis. Chris Korn can also be considered Magic Castle since he lives in L.A. and performs at the Castle frequently. In fact, the Magic Castle honored Harry with a special trophy on the anniversary of his completing 50 consecutive years of performing at the Magic Castle, and Chris actually arranged to introduce Harry for his close-up performances that evening – so kind and so memorable.

Other *The Senior Tour* performers/lecturers were Mike Powers, Steve Reynolds, Doug Conn, and Allan Ackerman. All together, it was a powerhouse of talent – a real bargain to see so many absolutely top-notch performances and lectures for such a reasonable registration price. And I heard some wonderful comments about the breakout sessions which gave attendees an opportunity to be up close and personal with the performers and learn even more than in the lectures.

Harry and I also were quite surprised with an extremely special gift. Steve had a hard-back copy of the Erdnase book reprint which has a lot of blank pages in it. He had everyone at the convention autograph it and presented it to us as a gift. That was quite some gift and is a true “treasure!”

This convention was very well-planned, and the talent was extremely capable. There is a lot to be said for smaller conventions. The comradery, in general, is exceptional, and quite often the attendees get to meet and socialize with performers in a way that just is not possible at larger conventions. The hospitality room provided just such an opportunity into the late evening and early morning! Steve Zuehlke and his entire team did a magnificent job and deserve a “standing ovation!” I am looking forward to next year already. Harry and I will be there, and I hope you will be able to join us.



Ring 1 Close-Up Competition on Sep 7, 2022, at 7pm

Please contact Gary S. Chan at ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com to:

- 1) register as a contestant
- or
- 2) volunteer to be a judge

As usual, there will be a beginner/intermediate division and advanced division.

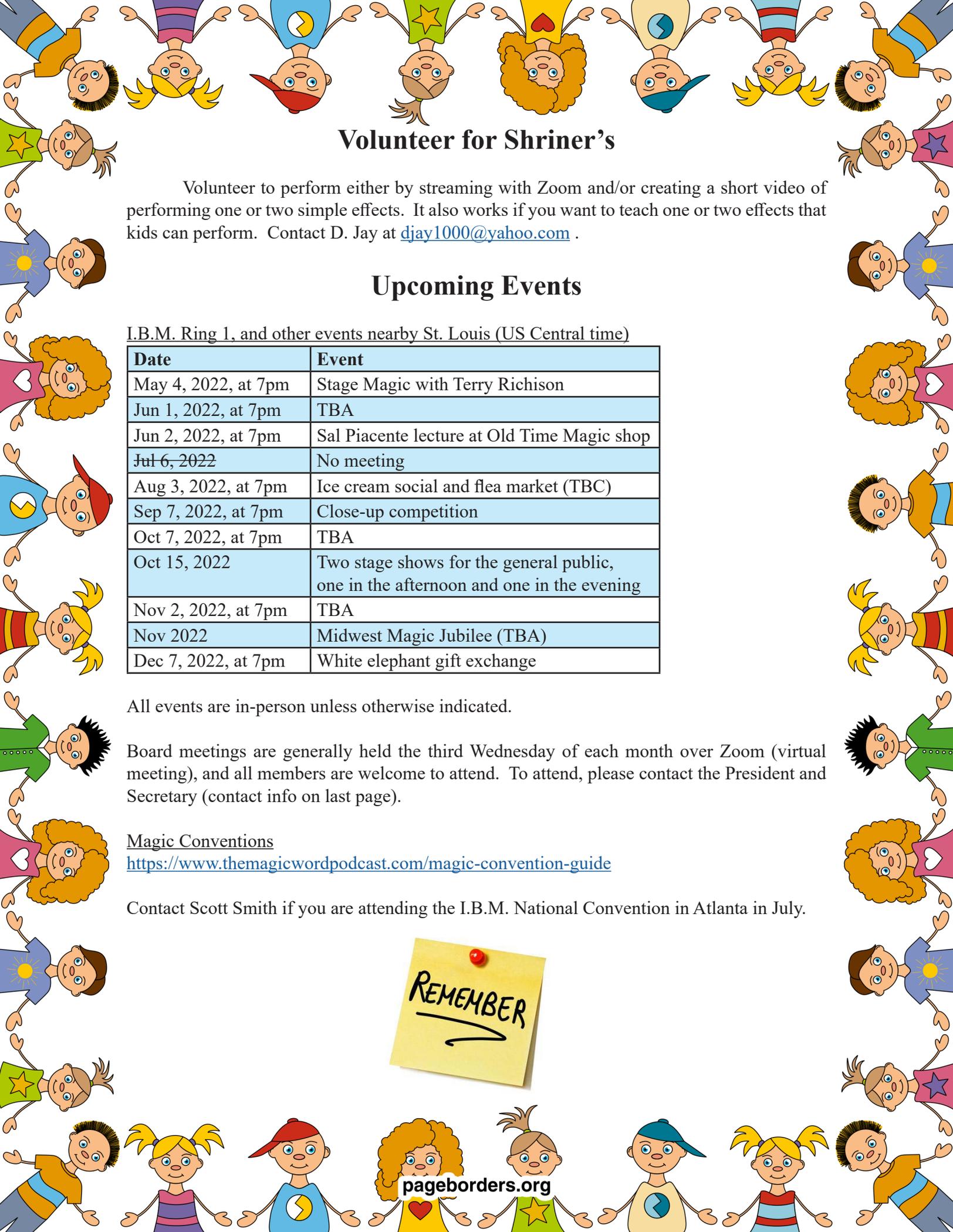
New Officers and Board Members

Terms for officers and board members are from July 1 through June 30 of each year. This upcoming term, Scott Smith will be transitioning to the position of Past President, and Steve Buesking will be the new President. Thank you, Scott, for your work throughout this year! And thank you, Steve, for leading us in the future!

Beginning July 1, 2022, the following roles will be filled by the following people:

Role	Name
President	Steve Buesking
Vice President	D. Jay Lenz
Secretary	Al Zibits
Treasurer	Sandy Weis
Board Member	Steve Finkelstein
Board Member	Terry Richison
Board Member & Webmaster	Michael W. McClure
Board Member & Past President	Scott Smith
Spirit Newsletter	Gary S. Chan





Volunteer for Shriner's

Volunteer to perform either by streaming with Zoom and/or creating a short video of performing one or two simple effects. It also works if you want to teach one or two effects that kids can perform. Contact D. Jay at djay1000@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event
May 4, 2022, at 7pm	Stage Magic with Terry Richison
Jun 1, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Jun 2, 2022, at 7pm	Sal Piacente lecture at Old Time Magic shop
Jul 6, 2022	No meeting
Aug 3, 2022, at 7pm	Ice cream social and flea market (TBC)
Sep 7, 2022, at 7pm	Close-up competition
Oct 7, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Oct 15, 2022	Two stage shows for the general public, one in the afternoon and one in the evening
Nov 2, 2022, at 7pm	TBA
Nov 2022	Midwest Magic Jubilee (TBA)
Dec 7, 2022, at 7pm	White elephant gift exchange

All events are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the President and Secretary (contact info on last page).

Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Contact Scott Smith if you are attending the I.B.M. National Convention in Atlanta in July.



Encore Performance

\$150 PER PERSON LIMITED REGISTRATION
THIS WILL SELL OUT!

The Senior Tour

APRIL
20-22
2023

A MINI CONVENTION
SHOWCASING DECADES
OF CLOSE-UP MAGIC
EXPERTISE

Guest of Honor:
HOWARD HAMBURG



THE DOUBLE TREE by HILTON
1000 Eastport Plaza Dr.
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-345-2800



FEATURING

ALLAN ACKERMAN, DOUG CONN, BILL GOODWIN,
KEVIN KELLY, JIMMY "CARDS" MOLINARI, MIKE
POWERS, STEVE REYNOLDS

SHOWS, LECTURES, PANEL DISCUSSION, INTERVIEWS

STLSTEVE2009@YAHOO.COM

FOR MORE INFO:

<https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour>

I.B.M. Ring 1 Contact Info

Role	Name	E-mail	Phone
President	Scott Smith	scott@plato.com	(618) 610-5947
Vice President	D. Jay Lenz	djay1000@yahoo.com	(618) 462-3675
Secretary	Al Zibits	alan.a.zibits@boeing.com	(636) 273-9974
Treasurer	Sandy Weis	sweis50@yahoo.com	(314) 378-4403
Board Member	Steve Finkelstein	sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net	(314) 409-6869
Board Member	Steve Buesking	svbuesking@gmail.com	(314) 732-5678
Board Member & Webmaster	Michael W. McClure	watson7654321@gmail.com	(618) 826-5125
Board Member & Past President	Terry Richison	terryrich@charter.net	(314) 791-9108
Spirit Newsletter	Gary S. Chan	ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com	(857) 342-2349

