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The new VMC Officers for 2014 are: President-Graham Kita, Past President-Alex Seaman, 1st VP-Phil Razon, 2nd VP-Billy Bales Hsueh, Secretary-Steven Braybrooke, Treasurer-Wiley Allen and Sergeant-At-Arms-Dennis Chan. Join us on February 27th at our annual Installation Banquet as they are sworn-in to office.

THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since beginning my term as President in 2012 I have had the fortune of working alongside an excellent team to help develop one of Canada's oldest and largest magic circles into the experience we all know it can be. With the initiation of the new Executive Officers and President-elect Graham Kita, I am confident in the strength of individuals this Circle has behind it as we move into 2014. I look forward to continuing my service to the Vancouver Magic Circle as Past-President and am optimistic for the months ahead.

This year's team has planned to start off with an outstanding Installation Banquet & Show by Alan Sands! If you've seen Alan perform before, then you likely already have your ticket purchased! If you haven't, come see this pro work! An event ticket to the Installation Banquet & Show (limited event tickets available) includes a gorgeous plated dinner, the installation of new officers and awards, and a full evening show by Alan Sands.

All this at a pre-pay price of only \$30 on PayPal! It's a steal! Last year's installation banquet is one of the most memorable highlights of the Vancouver Magic Circle events with massive tables of raffle prizes and more. With only 60 tickets available, just imagine how fast these tickets are going when each one includes one member admittance to the Alan Sands lecture the very next night! Yup, a \$25 value included for FREE with PayPal purchase of your installation banquet ticket! What a way to ring in the New Year!

While I do my best to thank those who work with so much dedication for the circle, I feel it important to ensure we all take a moment to recognize some of those who make this circle so strong. The Executive Officers and Board of Directors have held strong through many stressful deadlines of pulling events together and bringing magic to our membership. I would say undoubtedly they have done an outstanding job.

I would like to specially thank our Webmaster Clinton W. Gray for his consistent connection to our membership and their ability to stay in the loop. The website that Clinton has managed for us all this time is a major asset to the circle by allowing us an easy method to register for a variety of magic events. I encourage you to explore www.ibmring92.com and find the ever accessible record of all our prestigious awards and trophies as well as a multitude of Vancouver Magic Circle library resources including nearly 100 new DVDs added in the last 2 years!

Though we all know the VMC has yet another way to reach our friends. The monthly publication "The Magical Minutes" brought together by the genius that is our very own editor-in-chief Rabbi Don Pacht! Not only does this man pull together pages upon pages of entertainment and knowledge from our months current events and upcoming news, he regularly jumps at the chance to contribute and boy does he ever! Don't get me wrong, I like The Linking Ring and I enjoy MAGIC magazine. But I love turning through The Magical Minutes!

So who could forget Billy? As the circle's Secretary, he has maintained an invaluable account of our work throughout each month over the past years and has been a driving force behind events and ideas through leadership and understanding. As a friend, he has been an ever-available ear and consistent shoulder-to-lean-on in helping to ensure the smooth running of this group. I can say with the utmost sincerity that if not for Mr. Billy Hsueh, I would not have been able to play a part in what has been such an outstanding year in magic, camaraderie, and fraternity.

Thank you to everyone for all the laughs and magic memories thus far. Let's keep the race going as we adventure forward together as the prestigious Vancouver Magic Circle!



Alex Seaman,
President Vancouver Magic Circle, IBM Ring 92



One Trick Night 2014!



THANK YOU TO JOHN SMITHMAN, OFFICIAL VMC PHOTOGRAPHER, AS WELL AS THE MANY 'FACEBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS' FOR POSTING YOUR PICS ON THE VMC PAGE!



“How I Got Started in Magic”

Meet Steve Dickson

RABBI DON: So Steve; tell us how you first became interested in magic:

STEVE: My grandfather, Hugh Dickson, A Past President of the Vancouver Magic Circle (1954), had a 1-hour touring show with my grandmother from around 1927 – 1964. Through them I was introduced to magic. While I first started learning magic at 8 years old, I stopped at 13, only to come back to magic as an adult.

RABBI DON: Yeah, that is not uncommon. It is probably one of the things that I love most about magic, the magic-bug never really disappears, even if it is dormant for a few years. What brought you “back into the fold”?

STEVE: I Returned to magic at age 18. I was in a bar in Calgary and people were doing “Bar stunts” and when it was my turn I performed magic. It went over well and I was hooked again.

RABBI DON: Do you have a favourite genre or style?

STEVE: My favourite has always been Close up magic. It was the easiest to perform often and because I did perform often-improvements and successes came fast. In the last 5 years I have moved to performing stage and am enjoying that too.

RABBI DON: Can you share your most ‘magical’ or memorable experience in magic?

STEVE: That would have to be winning the 2010 PCAM Gold for Close-up magic on the Mariner of the Seas cruise ship. Also winning the Ray Gamble trophy and having my name on the same trophy my grandfather won back in 1957.

RABBI DON: WOW! That IS special. One last question, what do you enjoy most about magic?

STEVE: What I have most enjoyed about magic is the thinking behind it, the use of “direction” or misdirection, time delay, and many other stratagems used to create an effect. Also the history and who came before us (upon whose shoulders we stand).



POP GOES THE MAGIC



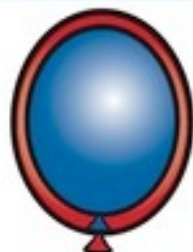
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HOWDYDOIT?

FOR THIS TRICK, YOU NEED TWO DIFFERENT COLORED BALLOONS. INSERT ONE INTO THE OTHER. BLOW UP THE INNER BALLOON AND TIE IT OFF. THEN INFLATE THE OUTER BALLOON SO THAT IT IS A BIT LARGER THAN THE BALLOON INSIDE, AND TIE IT OFF. WHEN YOU REACH INTO THE BAG, POP THE OUTER BALLOON WITH YOUR FINGERNAILS. ONCE YOU'VE REMOVED THE INNER BALLOON, GIVE IT TO YOUR FRIEND, SO HE CAN EXAMINE IT. WHILE HE'S DOING THAT, FOLD UP THE BAG AND STUFF IT BACK INTO YOUR POCKET TO CONCEAL ANY EVIDENCE OF THE OUTER BALLOON.



X-RAY VIEW

TIME-MANAGEMENT ADVICE

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.



The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.



The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.



'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your

family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.'

The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner.

Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.



January Report

By: Dennis Chan

The January meeting started off with a jam session. This is also Past President's night and one trick night whereby members must do a magical effect to fulfill their obligations as a member of the club. Past Presidents performing their one magical effect were Gord Boyes, Shawn Farquhar and Juan Garcia. Other members performing their one magical effect were Dennis Chan, Jackson Doyle, Wiley Allen, Gord Boyes, Bruce Pan, Jessica Chan, Shawn Farquhar, Rod Chow, Adrien Pierard, Henry Tom, Dennis Bauyon, Michael Nemeth, and Joji Yamashita. Ballots for the Kramien and Murray awards were handed out. The nominees for the Kramien award were Tony Chris, Steve Dickson, Henry Tom and Matthew Jones. The nominees for the Murray award were Steve Dickson, Tony Chris and Jessica Chan. The winners will be announced at the annual installation banquet on Thursday, February 27th at the meeting hall.

The business part of the meeting included the Woody Aragon lecture which has now been cancelled because of illness. The installation banquet will be held on Thursday, February 27 at the meeting hall. Alan Sands will be the guest performer. Alan will also be doing a lecture on Friday, February 28th. This is also the month where we have the elections of new officers for 2014. The new officers for 2014 are President-Graham Kita, 1st VP-Phil Razon, 2nd VP-Billy Bales Hsueh, Secretary-Sтивен Braybrooke, Treasurer-Wiley Allen and Sergeant-At-Arms-Dennis Chan. They will be sworn in at the installation banquet. Congratulations everyone!

This is also initiation night for new members whereby they must have performed three magical effects in order to become full fledged members of the Vancouver Magic Circle ring 92. Presiding over the initiation



ceremony was Shawn Farquhar. The newly initiated members are Adrien Pierard, Margaret Li, Bruce Pan and Chris Yuill. They have performed their three magical effects during the course of the year before being initiated. Congratulations to the new members. The club welcomed a new guest, Yoosik Ethan Oum. He also plans on joining the club.

Many thanks to Tony Chris for doing the refreshments. He made his famous chile which everyone enjoyed. Jessica Chan brought guacamole and Jennifer Meyers brought chocolate squares. Thank you everyone. Dennis "the Bulldog Chan" sold raffle tickets. And as usual, John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events. There were 35 members and 4 guests in attendance.

-I am Dennis Chan

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Friday, February 28TH. 2014



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Inside the Briefcase
Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

Hello Everyone!

I will keep this one short and sweet, not much to report to you about, Just one or 2 Major things so here we go!

Remember that February 27th is the Installation Banquet, Tickets are \$30 which includes dinner, show, AND a Lecture! Quite a deal for such a fun event! So hurry to www.ibmring92.com to purchase your ticket(s) before they are all gone, since we have a limited number of seats due to food availability! If you want to be included in the Club Photo, please arrive by 6:15pm.

The order of events is as follows:

6:00pm - doors open

6:30pm - Photo

7:00pm - Dinner

8:30pm - Installation of Officers and Awards

9:00pm - Alan Sands

If you are free on February 27th, come join us at the Sunrise Community Centre and help us set up and decorate the Hall so that it looks nice and pretty for the Evening! We will be there from 2pm on! See you There!

Alan Sands will be tickets (\$20) to that this lecture is
We are

Lecturing on the 28th at Douglas College so be sure to get your too, unless you are going to the installation banquet (\$30) then FREE!

proud to announce that we have submitted an application to become a Society! Yay us! What it entails is that we will be able to keep rental of space low, and be able to get good deals since we will a non-profit society, once it gets approved!

That is pretty much it! I will see you all at the Installation Banquet on the 27th!

Over and Out,

-Billy





Yeah...we don't get it either...

No one remembers who says no; we only remember who says yes.
-Dr. Peter Legge OBC

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"How I Got Started in Magic"

New to the Magical Minutes Newsletter!

Do you have a great story about how you first got started in magic? Is it funny...heart-warming...boring, but still interesting to you and your family (although, I suspect your family is past it-at this point they are just humouring you).

Well...you are invited to share it with the Vancouver Magic Circle.

Please email the Editor at newsletter@ibmring92.com.

Check out the feature on page 5!

