



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

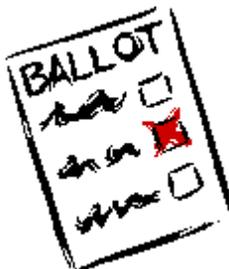
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

THE MAGICAL MINUTES



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JANUARY 27TH MEETING - A.G.M. & ELECTIONS NIGHT



The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, January 27th, 2005 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. It is our Annual General Meeting & Elections Night. Doors will open a little after 6:00pm for socializing and a workshop by **Shawn Farquhar** will get underway at 7:00 pm.

The business meeting is scheduled for 8:00pm, and as usual, will be followed by light refreshments. Afterwards, **Shawn Farquhar** will be hosting a mini auction that will feature a number of interesting surprises. Be sure to bring along a few extra \$\$\$ to maybe pick up some magical treasures.

VMC ANNUAL DINNER AND STAGE COMPETITION IN NOVEMBER!

Our November meeting is also our Christmas dinner as so many members are busy working the holidays over the Christmas/New Years hectic 10 day period.

Have you ever eaten your dinner backwards? That is how Ring #92 treated November. First for dessert we had David Copperfield, here in Vancouver at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, performing for 2 days with the most incredible illusions show you will ever see. He must have over a million dollars worth of effects on the stage during the show.

Next was our Annual Club Christmas dinner, a buffet affair with the club providing the turkeys and members bringing the food to build a traditional festive feast.

Dennis Chan, our perennial chef, would like to thank **Karen Eskilson's** friends for their fantastic help in the kitchen and also past President **Ray Medway's** assistance in setting up the dessert table.

Hotel G.M. **Craig Prystay**, wife Kim, and the hotel staff have to be complimented on shoehorning 148 members and guests into the ballroom-a major feat itself.

Steven Best, last year's winner, M.C.ed the Wm. Shelley Trophy for Adult stage magic and the Percy Poole trophy for junior stage. The junior event was contested by **Cameron Fisk**, **Chris Pataki** and 7 year old **Jack Chow**.

A good show but the smooth performance of Cameron took the day.



Cameron Fisk and Kelvin Ng 2004 Stage competition winners

The William Shelley trophy started with **Andrew Yeo**, **Dustin Anderson**, **Trevor Watters** and Lorena, **Jose Almenares** of the beautiful hands, **Michael Glenister** and finally **Kelvin Ng**, just a year up from junior ranks. Kelvin carried the evening with a beautiful dove and silk act.

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ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT 1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. (unless otherwise stated)



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NEW MEMBERS INITIATED AT SEPT. MEETING

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Stan Kramien's 18th Annual Northwest Magic Jamboree is only about a dozen weeks away (see Conjurors Calender) and Stan hasn't been shy about telling everyone that he's pulling out all the stops this year in celebration of his 80th Birthday. Still one of magic's best kept secrets, why not make this the year to find out what everyone is talking about.

Congratulations to all the members of Vancouver's S.A.M. Club and it's President **Lon Mandrake** for another wildly successful week long run of magic at Vancouver's Science World. Record crowds and delighted audiences have turned this event into an annual favourite during the Christmas Holidays.

Ray Roch had an article on safety published in the January issue of the Linking Ring magazine. Linking Ring readers from all over the world will recognize Ring #92 as a safe and enjoyable club! Thanks Ray!

Juliana Chen has been in town for the last month preparing a big show at the Pacific Coliseum for Chinese New Years, February 4-8. She will be performing along with award winning magicians, Kevin James, and Ardan James. For more information on tickets, call ticketmaster at 604-280-4444.

Shawn Farquhar, home in Coquitlam for the holidays, has been busy working on the P.C.A.M. 2005 Convention. Now added to the already unique cruise conference is a Bon Voyage Party, here in Vancouver the night before sailing. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of magic & fun (location TBA). Also of interest for P.C.A.M. Registrants, an extra cost event has been added at the end of the cruise, a special visit to the World Famous Magic Castle complete with transportation & luncheon. Be sure to sign up before it sells out.

Peter Haddad, owner of Gizmoz magic, located in the metrotown shopping centre in Burnaby has announced they will be moving their shop to a better location on the first floor of the mall. The Grand opening for the new shop with an expanded selection of magic is expected to be in early February.

Jiri Slovenick is currently selling off his illusions for low prices. Some of his illusions include: Shadow Box, Kub-Zag, Twister, Broom Box, Sword Treasure Box, and a Chair suspension. He will also be selling other items such as: 2 almost brand new popcorn machines, Yamaha speakers, an ATA case, a smoke machine and more items. For inquiries, please contact Yeeri at 604-336-6229 or visit his website at www.yeeri.com.

Out of town member **Clinton W. Gray** tells us he's organized an informal magic group up in Kamloops that has been running for a little over a year now. If you are ever in the area, the half a dozen or so magic enthusiasts would love to have you visit their group. call Clinton @ 250-314-8003 or check out his website: www.laughatcanada.com

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NEW MEMBER!



Juliana Chen - World Champion Magician

FROM THE DESKTOP OF THE PRESIDENT...

“Happy New Year everyone and welcome back!! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and ready to slide into 2005. We finished off the year with a packed Christmas Dinner & Show, unfortunately a victim of our own success... we couldn't fit all the members, guests AND the regular stage in the room so we opted for a smaller stage. The board of directors has discussed this and they have come up with some ideas to deal with this problem next year. Congratulations to all the competitors who did so well with so little and thanks to the audience for looking the other way while each act set-up. It is such a big job to get a dinner & competition to run smoothly so I would like to thank some people for their work & contribution to the night.

I would like to thank Craig & Kim Prystay (and the Sands Hotel) for providing us with all the extras from cutlery & linens right up to the coffee & tea... as well as adding tables & chairs when it didn't seem there was anymore room. The kitchen ran smoothly thanks to Dennis 'The Bulldog' Chan & his lovely helpers.

Our busboys for the evening, Ray Roch & Dennis Hewson & a few others did a great job! Thank you to David & Cheryl Wilson for arranging for Door Prizes, which David handed out throughout the evening. Thanks to our Stage Manager, David Watters, who managed to make a small stage work almost like a big stage. A big thanks you and apology to our Santa Claus, who looked fabulous but due to our error, had no treats to hand out to the kiddies. It won't happen again Santa! Thank you to Steven Best, last year's Stage winner who returned to MC the Competition & a big thank you to Jose Almenares for being prepared to take over the MC spot just in case!! And of course thank you to the members who participated in the competition and those who made up the audience... we can't perform if there is no one to perform for!

On a sad note, we said goodbye to a long time magic friend, George Patey. David Wilson and Ray Medway performed a broken wand ceremony for George's memorial at the Sands Hotel earlier this month. The obituary is reprinted here in the Magical Minutes. Our condolences to Bill Eliason, George's family and his many, many friends.

We are going to try something new this year, a fun social night at a local Pub to raise some money for the club. We took a bit of a financial beating this past year... (and no, I didn't spend it on presidential shoes) so to bring us back up to a healthy level this was suggested. It is also an opportunity for anyone who would like to try a little table hopping, or just show off a new card or coin trick perhaps in an informal 'pub' style venue. No pressure, just fun with friends.

We will tell you more about it at our January meeting, which by the way is election night. If you have considered running for a position, please contact Nominating Chair, Munro MacKenzie 604-325-5735 or have someone nominate you from the floor at the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Karen Eskilson
President



Jack Chow



Chris Pataki



Santa (Joe Ward) & Dennis Chan



Jose Almenares



Andrew Yeo



Dennis Hewson



Ray Roch helping out



Len Lauk, Eric Lenz, & George Patey

NOVEMBER REPORT

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Mike Norden aggressively sold 50/50 tickets so John Collins, Guest of **Francis Martinaeu**, was able to win \$161. Mike also seconded as the main dirty dishes gatherer. There were a ton of door prizes and Santa made a too brief appearance. Most of us did not recognize **Joe Ward** as the man in the red suit he does such a good job.

While the scores were being tabulated **Steven Best** and his gorgeous partner Casandra, entertained with a first class show. Ask **Jens Henriksen** how he enjoyed being in the cloak of darkness with Steven's beautiful red clad assistant.

While waiting for our table to be called to the buffet line, **Ray Roch** and **Chris Pataki** kept us amused by table hopping with magic. Ray Roch, as safety officer, also warned the people near doors to jump if an emergency occurred.



David Watters with jumbo silverware



Trevor Watters



Michael Glenister

Cathy Watters commented that last year her table was last to be called. This year, her table was called second from last. Next year she hopes to move up considerably as the food selection was getting a bit sparse when it came her turn.

The next day was the A.G.M. of the Sunrise Community Centre. Club Treasurer **David Wilson** had bought memberships for all in-town members and we were encouraged to attend. There was a rumor of a hostile takeover attempt and we would have been without a meeting hall if successful. As it turned out The Vancouver Magic Circle could have taken over as so many of our members turned out to support the existing Sunrise Community Association executive.

So we all look forward to another year of magic in 2005. January marks our election of new officers and I have been appointed head of nomination committee. We wish all members of the I.B.M. a safe and healthy 2005 filled with the mystery of magic.



Ray Wong and Aym Amlani

Munro MacKenzie - Ring Reporter



David Parker and Trish



Jens & Linda Lee Henrikson



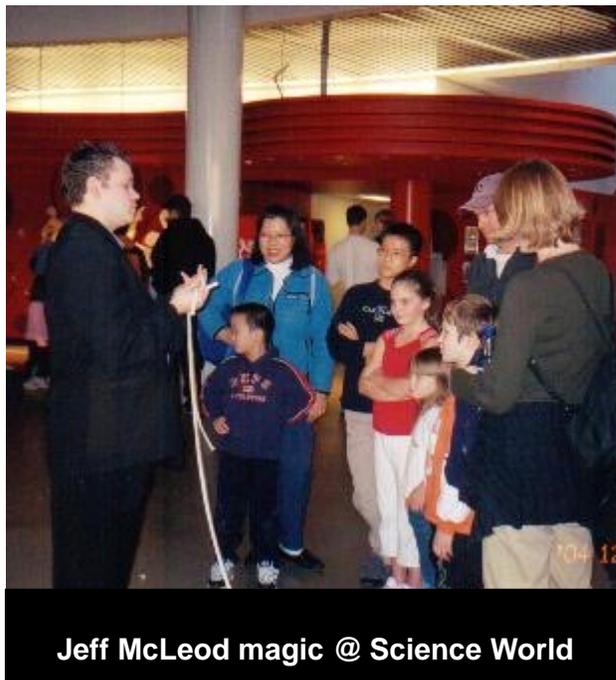
Dustin Anderson

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

There is no official meeting nor magic from Ring #92 during the month of December, but dig this month's agenda fellow magicians.

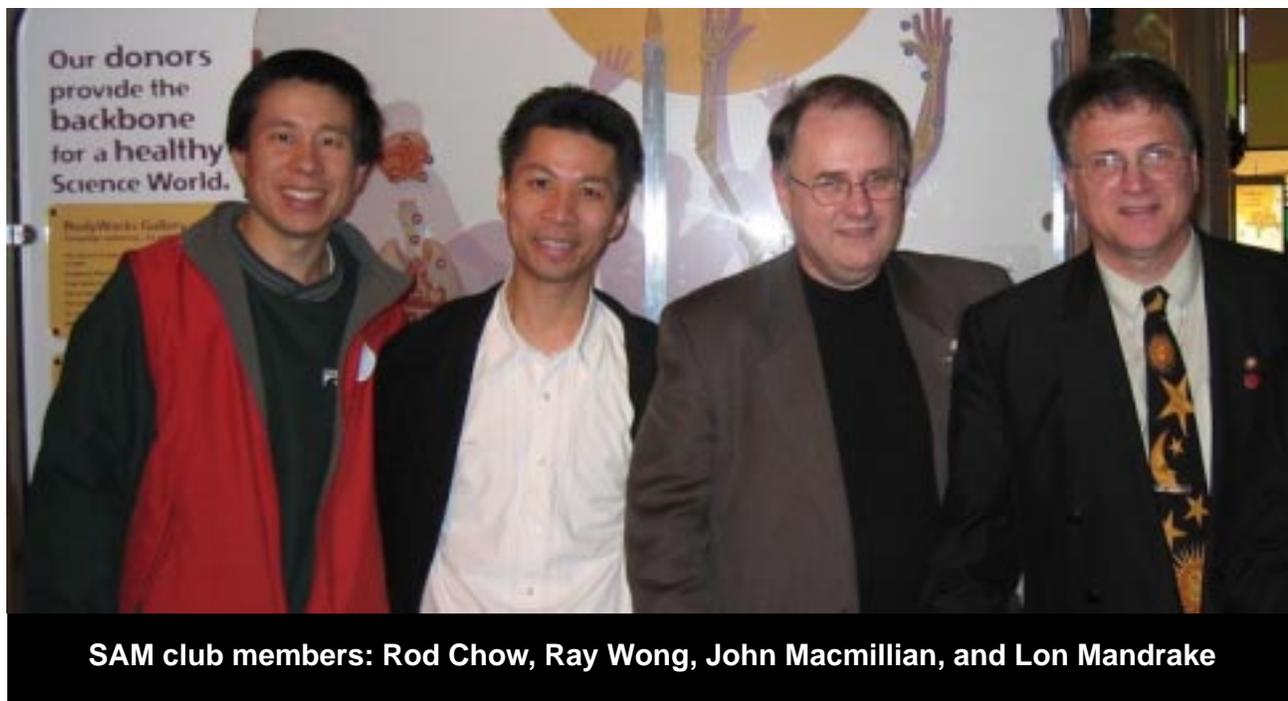
At Vancouver's Science World, the local S.A.M. Assembly #95 the Carl Hemeon Assembly under the direction of **Lon Mandrake**, supplied the Science World crowd with a gourmet edition of Christmas magic. Four stage shows a day in the Weyerhauser Science Theatre plus three roaming magicians on the second concourse.

The stage shows were headed by the art of **Shawn Farquahar**, his wife Lori, and his three year old daughter Hannah. Hannah helps her Mom and Dad on his cruise ship tours. She is becoming multi lingual. When I greeted her in French she unhesitatingly promptly responded in French. As a volunteer there I came down on my off days to sponge up the gravy from this wonderful table of magic. Ten days of wonder and entertainment. It was interesting to note that of the 27 members of S.A.M. Assembly who performed, 25 were also members of Ring #92. Cooperation between societies.



Jeff McLeod magic @ Science World

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SAM club members: Rod Chow, Ray Wong, John Macmillian, and Lon Mandrake

From The Vancouver Sun -Friday January 7th, 2005



George Patey

DEATHS

P A T E Y , G e o r g e
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It was a sad day December 26th 2004 when the curtains closed for George Patey while holidaying in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born in Lethbridge, Alberta moved to Vancouver where he and his partner Bill Eliason started the successful jiffy Felt Markers and Xpressions Unlimited but

his true passion was always entertainment, first as a dancer then moving on to conceiving and promoting a variety of shows. Among them for many years the Haunted House at the Pacific National Exhibition. He also created and developed the story book caravans such as Pinocchio and Alice in Wonderland which were set up in major shopping centers throughout North America. As the centennial coordinator for the city of Burnaby he staged fake stage robberies for visiting dignitaries. Always the story teller he did warm up for such major stars as Lena Horn and Mitzi Gaynor. And worked Izzy's and the Cave night clubs for many years. His scrap book includes shots of he and Marilyn Monroe when they worked together on River of No Return. George was also an active member of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Never missing a beat he gained notoriety when he purchased the St. Valentine Massacre Wall out of Chicago which led to many television interviews. An entertainer to the core. All who met him were attracted to his wit and charm he was the master of "always leave them laughing". Heaven is going to have a good time when he gets there. He has left a large empty spot in the hearts of many; particularly his good friend and partner Bill Eliason, sister Biddy (Bob) Jacobs, brother Alan (Liz) Patey and sister Betty Lou (Merv) Pinkerton. He was a favorite uncle to David, Dana and Kendal Pyke, Kirsten, Stephen and Lisa Patey and Tim and Tracey Pinkerton. Bring your memories to a celebration of his life at the Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street Vancouver B.C. on Monday, January 10th 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 604-682-1831 Ext 1137 advising your attendance. Condolences may be emailed to: firstmfs@telusplanet.net.

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Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2005

IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
JANUARY MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ELECTIONS NIGHT
7:00 - Workshop
8:00 - Business Meeting
9:ish - Mini Auction

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 2005

IBM RING #183 THE VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL DINNER & SHOW - Featuring the
Magic and Illusions of TREVOR WATTERS & LORENA
Edelweiss Hall, 108 Niagara Street, Victoria, B.C.
Tickets: Ring #183 Members \$25 & Non Members &30
info: Ring #183 Pres. DAMIEN CARRIERE 250-381-8749

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th to MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2005

8:00 pm Nightly - CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
Featuring the Artistry and Masterful Magic of
JULIANA CHEN, KEVIN JAMES & ARDEN JAMES
PACIFIC COLISEUM, 100 N. Renfrew Street, Vancouver
Tickets available through TICKETMASTER 604-280-4444

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2005

IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
2005 INSTALLATION BANQUET / ANNUAL GROUP PHOTO
@ The BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.
6:00 pm - Doors open / Happy hour
7:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 pm - Installation Ceremony followed by
taking of the 2005 GROUP PHOTO
9:00 pm - Comedy Magic Competitions
CECIL ACKERY COMEDY TROPHY - Adults
RICK HONEY COMEDY TROPHY - Juniors

STAN KRAMIEN PRESENTS

the 18th ANNUAL NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE
FRIDAY, MAY 6th & SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 2005
at the BIG TOP RANCH, NEWBERG, OREGON
Registration: Magicians - \$125.00 U.S.
Juniors under 16 / Spouses - \$60.00 U.S.
Contact: stankramien@yahoo.com , 503-277-2478

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 2005

IBM RING #92 THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
Presents the 2005 MAGIC FOR YOUNGSTERS SHOW
(Competition for the WILF RUTHERFORD TROPHY)
STUDIO THEATRE at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

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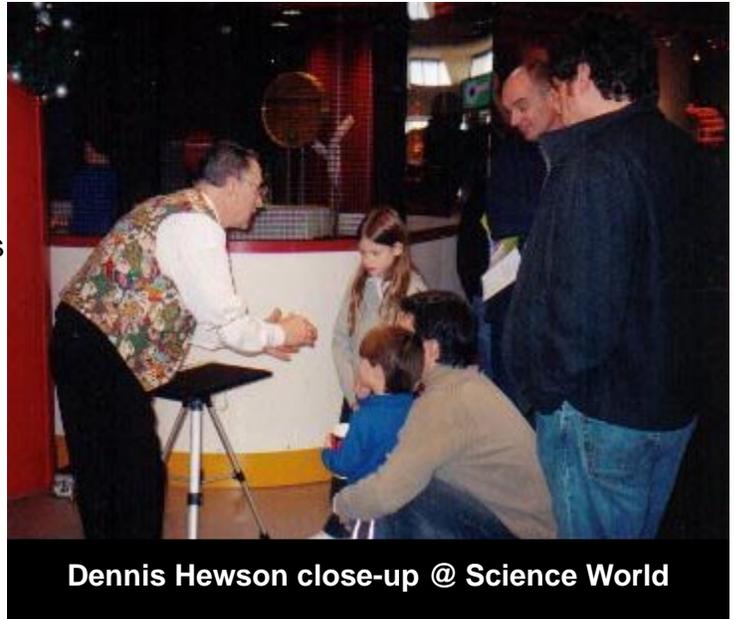
Next up was the incredible cross Canada tour of Murray Hatfield's Illusions "Magic n Miracles" show with the help of Teresa. He had a wonderful cast including Oscar Munoz, the Toast of Texas; Paul Romhany of New Zealand with his Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp act; and up and coming young Dan Sperry with one of the best bird acts around. Not only did his doves appear flawlessly but they also disappeared flawlessly.

Murray also had a most highly energetic corps de ballet that really epitomizes the high energy level of the entire production. What a great major family show. Thanks Murray.

The busy Month came to close on a sad note with the death of longtime Ring #92 member **George Patey**. George had had major bypass surgery earlier in the year and after a tough painful recovery was so looking forward to his yearly holiday in Hawaii with his partner Bill Eliason. On 26 Dec. 2004 in Hawaii, George suffered a fatal heart attack some time during the night and never woke up from his sleep. He was a really well known and talented member of the North American entertainment scene. He started as a dancer, actor, magician and renowned entrepreneur. He was my phone responsibility in contacting members of Ring#92 about club activities. He always listened politely to my message then proceeded to follow his show business ethic by "always leaving them laughing". It was a real hoot to talk to George and he will be sorely missed. All who have met him were attracted by his wit and charm. Heaven is going to have a good time when he gets there.

Meanwhile in spite of our sadness Ring #92 wishes all members of I.B.M. a safe, healthy and happy magical New Year.

Munro MacKenzie-Ring Reporter.



Dennis Hewson close-up @ Science World



Lon Mandrake welcomes the kids with some balloon twisting art at Science World