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The Magical Minutes

the Charles Howard Ring

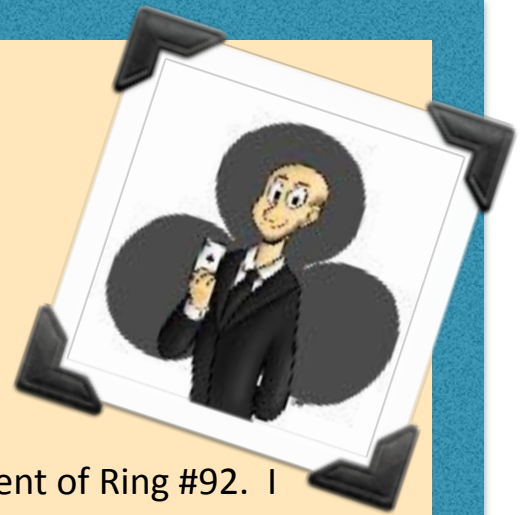
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Circle



It is with great pride that I begin my 2018 term as President of Ring #92. I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking the outgoing members of our executive that have contributed their time and expertise to the betterment of our Circle.

“It’s not a Club, it’s a Circle”

A very wise man once made this distinction for me and I’ve carried that message with me ever since. As a member of a Circle, each of us is an equal and integral part of the overall structure. A circle is only as strong as the members who stand within it and for it. A club implies that there is a leader or hierarchy of importance. In a circle, every member is just as important, the strength of a circle lies in the equal sharing and reliance of every single member.

As we move into another magic-filled year, I would like each of us to ask ourselves, “**How can I be the best member I can for the Circle?**” For each of us that may be a different thing. **What are the strengths and attributes that you bring? Are you willing to offer those talents to the circle?**

As a member of our circle, I want to help support and encourage members to step up their involvement and responsibilities within our circle. That is how we will grow and stay as strong as the IBM Brotherhood we represent. We can’t have a Circle without YOU. I would love to speak with you and talk about ways that you can help support our members and our circle. Thank you.

Bryn

The March meeting is our comedy
competition night for the

Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy

as well as the

Rick Honey Comedy Trophy
for Juniors

Juniors, please note - the Rick Honey Trophy
only needs a minimum of ONE competitor.
If you are the only competitor, you will
automatically win if you score 70 or higher.
So come on out and show us your stuff!

The Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy
will need at least 3 competitors to be
awarded

If you would like to enter either competition,
please contact Yoosik Oum
at least 24 hours before the competition.



Don't miss the special jam session starting at
7 pm

Theme: Ambitious Card

led by Henry Tom

Come and learn one of the best card routines
for lay audiences.

Share your favour moves or handling

Meant to be an interactive format to learn as well
as share ideas and presentation



January Report

By: Dennis Chan



The Vancouver Magic Circle's meeting started off with a lecture by Ryan Pilling. Ryan is a Canadian entertainer from Calgary, Alberta.

This was Past President's night, an occasion where Past Presidents are invited to join in the fun and present one trick to the Circle that they helped build. Past President Alex Seaman presented his one trick. This was also one trick night where members are invited to perform a magical effect. Bryn Williams was the moderator for this event. Members performing their effects were Matthew Jones, Ed Goldberg, John Stenning, Wiley Allen, Rod Chow and Anthony Young. Guest Ki-Seon Peck did a card effect.

Unfortunately the Kramien and Murray awards went uncontested this year as no nominations were made. The Kramien award is for showmanship in a performance during the course of the year. The Murray award is for the most creative magical performance during the course of the year.

During the business portion of the meeting it was announced that the 2018 installation banquet awards and show will be held on Thursday, February 15 at the Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club in Coquitlam.

This was also election night for the 2018 club executives. Karen Eskilson presided over the election process. Positions to be filled are President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

The candidate for President was Bryn Williams, 1st Vice-President, Henry Tom, 2nd Vice-President, David Yoo, Secretary, Rosalind Chan, Treasurer, Wiley Allen, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Dennis Chan. Karen Eskilson invited additional nominees from the membership for the above positions. There were no other nominees. All executive proposed were declared elected by acclamation. Congratulations to the new executive for the 2018 magic year. They will be sworn in at the installation banquet.

This was also new members initiation night. To be accepted as full-fledged members, applicants must perform three magical effects at a designated Vancouver Magic Circle meeting. Upon acceptance of the performance of these effects by the membership, the applicants will be invited to take part in the Vancouver Magic Circle's official Initiation Ceremony. Henry Tom was the M.C. for the three magical effects. Performing their three effects were Kaj Eijlers, Mike Vetterli, Robert Teszka, Scott Jansen, and Werner de Schaetzen. Presiding over the initiation ceremony was Alex Seaman. The aforementioned are now full-fledged members of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Congratulations and welcome to the club.

Jens Henriksen was in charge of the sign in sheets. Jens Henriksen and Dennis Chan sold raffle tickets. Graham Kita was the winner of the 50/50 draw. Karen Eskilson provided the refreshments for the evening. Bryn Williams, Henry Tom and Graham Kita took photos of the evening's events. There were 42 members and 8 guests in attendance.

Dennis Chan Karen Eskilson Graham Kita



February Report

By: Dennis Chan



The Vancouver Magic Circle held its prestigious banquet and awards show on Thursday, February 15 at the Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club in Coquitlam. Arriving early to the venue to set up the sound, lighting, staging, and backdrops were Billy Hsueh, Tony Chris, Shawn Farquhar, Alex Seaman, Chris Funk and his assistant Mike Tanasychuk.

The evening started off with the club's annual photo which was taken by a Westwood Plateau staff member. Next up Billy Hsueh thanked the members and guests for attending this event. Then we had a fabulous buffet dinner consisting of green salads, mussels, shrimps, yams, corn, rice, pasta, salmon, roast beef, desserts and much more.

Billy Hsueh was the M. C. for the evening. He handed out the certificates and awards. The recipients for the Helping Hands were Terri Kita, Suzanne Gustafson, Rangie Sylvestre, Chelsea Kita, Chantel Allen, Jennifer Nguyen, and Mike Akazuki. They are non members who helped behind the scenes to make our gatherings a success. Thanks everyone. The Wand Holder's Degree went to Kim Fabbro. The nominees for the Dave Culos Memorial trophy for the Golden Rabbit award were Shawn Farquhar, Henry Tom, Graham Kita, Dennis Chan, Bryn Williams and Wiley Allen. Graham Kita was the winner of the Golden Rabbit trophy. Congratulations Graham. Unfortunately, Ray and Judy Culos were not able to attend this year's banquet to hand out the award due to other commitments. Presenting the award was Billy Hsueh. The President's award went to Karen Eskilson. Karen Eskilson also supplied the names of the winners for this report. Some Vancouver Magic Circle trophies were on display for all to see.

After the delicious buffet, it was time for the swearing in of the new officers for the 2018 magic year. Presiding over the swearing in ceremony was Vice-President of the I.B.M. Alex Seaman. The new officers for the 2018 magic year are President, Bryn Williams, First Vice-President, Henry Tom, Second Vice-President, David Yoo, Secretary, Rosalind Chan, Treasurer, Wiley Allen, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Dennis Chan.

To complete the festivities for the evening was our featured performer Chris Funk, the Wonderist. He presented a fun filled magical programme with plenty of audience participation. Chris thanked the Vancouver Magic Circle for inviting him to the installation banquet. He also spent some time signing autographs. Thanks Chris.

Receiving their Vancouver Magic Circle's five year loyalty pin were Dennis Bauyon and Margaret Li. Receiving their Vancouver Magic Circle's ten year loyalty pin were Rosalind Chan, Ed Goldberg and Bryn Williams. Congratulations everyone.

There were plenty of prizes on the prize table which was set up by Graham Kita. Prize draws were done throughout the evening. Some prizes were magic and some prizes were non magic. Dennis Chan, Graham Kita, Billy Hsueh, Chris Randall and the Great Zucchini donated prizes. There was also a 50/50 draw. Thanks everyone. Wiley Allen, Billy Hsueh, Alex Seaman, and David Yoo sold raffle tickets. Rod Boss, Graham Kita, Rod Chow and Shawn Farquhar did walk around magic. Graham Kita, Alex Seaman, Shawn Farquhar, Marianne Dumay and Bryn Williams took photos of the evening's events. Dennis Bauyon made a fabulous balloon rose sculpture which was raffled off as a door prize. He also donated a balloon DVD. Thanks to Tony Chris who was the sound technician for the evening.

Many thanks to Shawn Farquhar for picking up Chris Funk and his assistant Mike from the airport and bringing them back to the airport. Many thanks to Billy Hsueh for all his hard work and dedication as the event organizer and making all the arrangements to hold the installation banquet at the Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club. This was the second year for the installation ceremony at this venue. The buffet and service was excellent and first class. Many thanks to all the staff at the Westwood Plateau. The Vancouver Magic Circle thanks all those who attended this year's installation banquet and awards evening. It was truly a prestigious and successful event. Twenty-seven members and fifty-five guests enjoyed a fantastic evening.

Dennis Chan and Graham Kita