



## October's monthly meeting

is our annual Halloween themed meeting and features the TipTop & Tootsie Competition. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24th.

Social Hour starts at 6:30pm where we will have tables and close up mats for all. Make sure to bring a deck of cards, your new set of coins or whatever you've been working on to come show off a new idea and learn a whole lot more!

## The TipTop & Tootsie Competition

The TipTop & Tootsie trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in Halloween Magic by an Adult or Junior Member. One trick or effect of a Halloween Theme must be performed within a 10 minute time limit. The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the field of Halloween magic. A favorite of George Patey and Bill Eliason, for whom the trophy is in honour of.

The trophy is named after a pair of aristocrat tramp characters "TipTop & Tootsie" created by Bill and George. The trophy top is a statue given to them by their good friend Doug Henning (Cousin of Magician Doug Henning) and donated by David Wilson, nephew of Bill Eliason. The base was donated by Craig Prystay. (Read more about Bill Eliason on page 5).



Please read the [General Competition Rules](#) prior to participation in this contest. You must register at least 24 hours in advance to compete. Please contact our Competition Chair Henry Tom at [henrytom@shaw.ca](mailto:henrytom@shaw.ca) for more details.

Just a reminder, that if you would like to nominate a VMC member for this year's Murray Award for "The Most Creative Magical Performance" (say maybe a Rabbi you might know), or for the Stan Kramien Showmanship Award (perhaps you are thinking of a certain Newsletter editor), please contact Henry as well.

# Tri - City 3 of Clubs **Magic** Convention

## Last chance to get in on the **Fun!**

The Vancouver Magic Circle is proud to host the annual Tri-City 3 of Clubs Magic Convention for 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia and welcomes you to come and join in the fun!

The basic registration includes six lectures, two shows, contests, two game shows, the SAM Cut-a-Thon and **\$75 magic gift bag!**

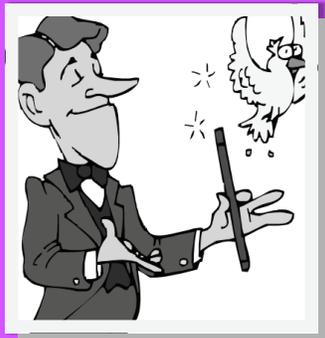
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Halloween!!!

Welcome to the Halloween edition of the magical minutes! Well I would normally take this opportunity to talk about Halloween awesomeness, you will get to see all of that fun throughout the newsletter...

Instead, I wanted to take some time to talk about what many consider the magic world's absolute highlight. That's right guys, I'm talking conventions! If you have to think back to how long ago you attended your last convention, it's time for you to go to another. A well-organized convention may include lectures, occasional competitions, Gala shows and more promises to be the highlights of each and every year. With a range of sizes of conventions being mounted across the continent, there are always differences to take into account when choosing your magical getaway:

Small-scale conventions, usually up to 150 registrants and costing approximately \$100-\$200/person (i.e. Kramien's Magic Jamboree, past Weekends of Magic, and the 3 of Clubs conventions), offer an excellent balance of quality talent, lectures, and an opportunity for those within a relatively regionalized Magic community to better extend the network of their family. A medium convention of around 250 registrants at approximately \$200 (i.e. PCAM), offers the benefits of a socially inclined schedule, as well as a budget capable of bringing in an incredible caliber of talent. Contrasted with large scale conventions like IBM, SAM, and MAGIC Live whose budgets and capacity is often designed for around 400+ registrants at \$400 registration, thus providing an often incomparably high grade of industry pros to the talent list. These larger scale events sometimes risk the loss of the all important family factor that binds us convention goers together upon each return.

Every year, The 3 of Clubs convention rotates between our circle, Victoria Magic Circle, and the Lynnwood ring of fire. After last year's unforgettable fun in Victoria, it's our turn to step up to the plate with the 3 of Clubs convention 2013 from November 8-10th. This convention has been well over a year in the making and is going to prove as one of Vancouver Magic Circle's most incredible events of the year. Our convention chairman Mike Norden has been working tirelessly to provide the best of all convention worlds with a weekend of packed lectures, evening shows, and a talent lineup that rivals the top conventions around (Daryl??? Shoot Ogawa??? Seriously?!?), all for the hometown convention price of only \$130!

The Vancouver Magic Circle works hard through the year for the members who work hard for the circle. As our turn to host the convention, there is no doubt we will be in need of winning hands to help with jobs over the weekend-just as we came together to make the PCAM/CAM convention a massive success. Please contact Mike and let him know how you would best like to help out so you get a job you'll enjoy! How about driving some of our unreal talent? Extra hands for stage coordination? We want to hear from YOU!

If you haven't already registered for your own circles' convention in only two weeks, race to [www.IBMring92.com](http://www.IBMring92.com) to get all of your registration information and hotel convention rates! With TONS of magic flying out the doors of our convention, you've got to be a part of it! To fully experience the magic convention feeling, make sure to book your room, as we all know some of the best convention memories are made in the impromptu jam sessions. The last thing you want to do is to be spending tons of gas and time going to and from the convention at the Executive Inn in Coquitlam! We are already nearly at capacity with nearly half of the registrations being snatched up at Victoria's convention last year so get to it!

Well, those are my limited words of wisdom for this month. Read through Rabbi Don's masterpiece of a newsletter to keep yourself in the loop with the continuation of our magic-packed year!

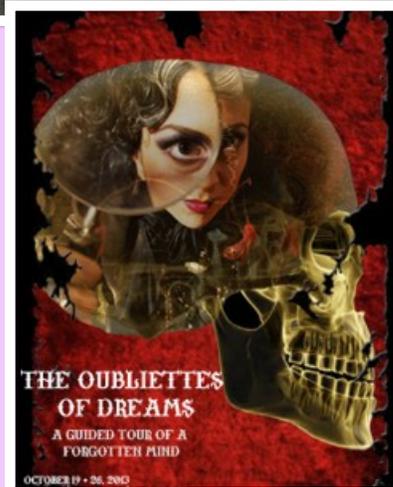
*Alex*

Alex Seaman, President Vancouver Magic Circle

VMC Members always seem to be enjoying themselves!  
Thanks so much for sharing your photos and memories on our Facebook page.



And...a couple of upcoming events!





# “How I Got Started in Magic”

*New feature to the Magical Minutes Newsletter!*

For this first installment of “How I Got Started in Magic” (or HIGSIM, for short), intrepid Magical Minutes reporter, Rabbi Don Pacht sat down with VMC Life Member David Wilson (well, he didn’t really sit down WITH David...they spoke over the phone.



An actual likeness of David Wilson

NOT an actual likeness of David Wilson

BUT-he was seated for almost the entire time!), to hear about how he first came to love magic. Here it is in David’s own words:

“I have an uncle by the name of Bill Eliason, he was a magician. Years ago, he worked the PNE with Leon Mandrake and was an accomplished performer in his own right.

Well, when I was 5 years old, he was pretty much the greatest person in the world in my eyes. He was so dynamic and poised...AND he would pull coins out of my ears. HE is the reason I went in to Magic!

For my 10th Birthday, he gave me a few classic magic tricks as a gift. Some Imp Bottles, a Grandma’s Necklace and a few other beginner tricks. Then he took the time to teach me how to perform each trick and helped me prepare for my debut performance.

Well, my first show was a sell-out, attended by BOTH my mom and dad in the living room of our home. I’ll say that I received some ‘encouraging’ reviews (not to be confused with ‘stellar’). But the bug had bit! I knew that I wanted to continue to pursue the art of magic.

In 1976, my uncle took me to my first Vancouver Magic Circle meeting. It was AWESOME. All of the older (read that as ‘more experienced’), members were there to share with me AND they listened to what I had to say too. I met Percy Poole, he was a mentor to the juniors. There were only 3 or 4 of us at the time. I really loved how everyone was so willing to share their knowledge and experience with the young’ns.”

*[Editor’s Note: in 1978 David Wilson won the the Percy Poole Trophy, along with Dan Odobas, awarded to a junior member for excellence in stage magic. The trophy was named for Mr. Poole in recognition of his dedication to mentoring the next generation of magicians.]*

“After one or two meetings, I put in my application to become a junior member of the VMC and, well, the rest is history!”

*As we go to press, the Editor of the Magical Minutes Newsletter was informed of the passing this week of Bill Eliason, after a long illness. Our sympathies and expressions of comfort are extended to David Wilson and his family. We will feature a full Obituary and Broken Wand in a future issue.*



L to R: George Patay, A big Bunny, Bill Eliason and David Wilson at the 1979 PCAM Convention in San Fransisco, CA.



Mac & Bill King

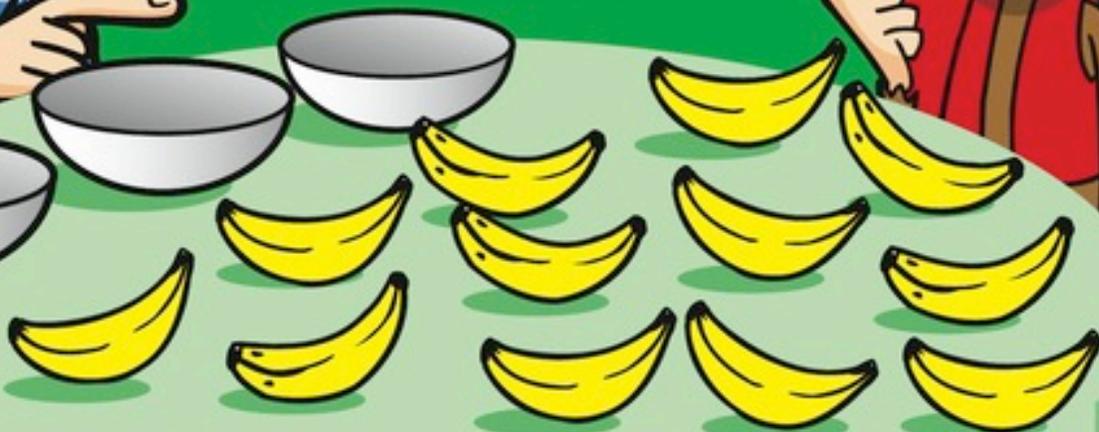
# BANANA BONANZA

TRY TO SAY THAT 3 TIMES REAL FAST!



I HAVE 3 BOWLS AND 12 BANANAS. LEWIS LOVES BANANAS, SO I'VE TOLD HIM THAT HE CAN HAVE THEM ALL IF HE CAN SOLVE THIS PUZZLE. I'VE CHALLENGED HIM TO PUT THE BANANAS IN THE BOWLS SO EACH BOWL CONTAINS AN ODD NUMBER OF BANANAS. SEE IF YOU CAN SOLVE LEWIS' DILEMMA AND PROVIDE HIM WITH A BANANA BONANZA.

HMMM.



## HOWDY DO IT?



PUT 5 BANANAS IN THE FIRST BOWL.



PUT 3 BANANAS IN THE SECOND BOWL.



PUT 4 BANANAS IN THE THIRD BOWL.



PUT THE SECOND BOWL IN THE THIRD BOWL. NOW IT CONTAINS 7 BANANAS AND ALL OF THE BOWLS CONTAIN AN ODD NUMBER OF BANANAS.

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# FRASER VALLEY MAGIC CIRCLE PRESENTS CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND SHOW (AND LECTURE)

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2013**  
**FEATURING THE DANGEROUSLY DEXTEROUS**  
**FARRELL DILLON**

This year the lecture will be held the same day as the Banquet, making it easier for people to attend both, and we've held the combination price down to the same price as last year.

Banquet - \$40

Lecture - \$25

Combo pack - Banquet & Lecture - \$55

Banquet and lecture will take place at the Abbotsford Curling Club - 2555 McMillan Road.

2:00pm - Doors open for lecture

2:30pm - Lecture begins

5:30pm - Doors open for Banquet

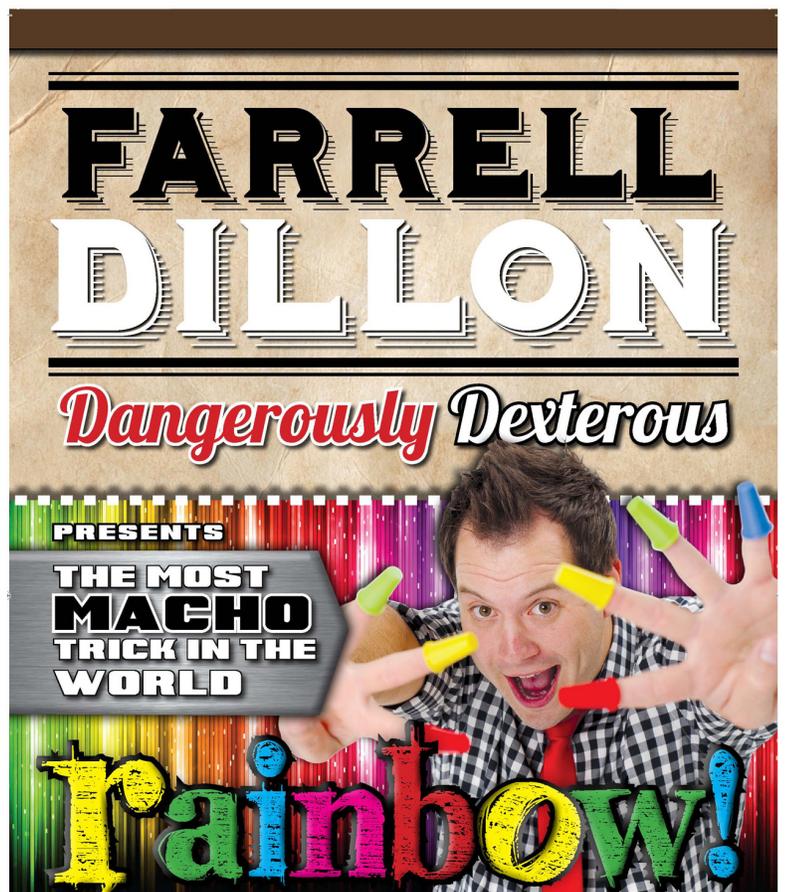
6:30pm - Christmas buffet is served

8:00pm - Headline show starts

For more information or to purchase tickets,  
please visit [www.fvmc.ca](http://www.fvmc.ca) or email [Treasurer@fvmc.ca](mailto:Treasurer@fvmc.ca)

Farrell Dillon is quickly becoming one of the most sought after magical entertainers in the world. Over the past decade Farrell has performed for hundreds of thousands of people. He has been seen performing for clients like; The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Pepsi, Coca Cola, Harrah's Entertainment Properties and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, just to name a few. He is a cast member of the major international touring magic show The Masters of Illusion LIVE! You may also have seen him on television, on the show Masters of Illusion or in guest appearances in music videos on MTV.

Farrell is a rare honors graduate of the Chavez Studio of Magic, the most prestigious magic school in the world. Through this course Farrell was taught the methods and techniques of the world's master magicians. Farrell has a unique style that creates a perfect blend of magic, comedy, skill and illusion.



# September Ring Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle

I.B.M. Ring #92

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m.

President-Alex Seaman

After a very busy summer of magic, things went back to "normal." The September meeting is the Vancouver Magic Circle's annual auction. Therefore there wasn't a workshop or a jam-session. This is a member's only event. This is the night where members auction off some of their magic equipment that they don't use or want anymore. Some items are brand new and some items are "collector's" items.

Items ranged from "box" magic, silks, books, DVDS, children's magic, close-up effects, and stage equipment. There are no demonstrations on items being sold. Dave Carlson and Alex Seaman were the auctioneers. Sellers are limited to 20 items or bundles. There was also a "special VMC table" full of magic and books to be auctioned off. Needless to say, all the items on this "special table" were sold.

Karen Eskilson was on her computer ably assisted by Nancy Wong making sure that all items being bought and sold were recorded properly in order to avoid any mix-ups or missing items and that the costs matched the items. The auction is always a fun filled event. I could almost swear that a lot of buyers spent their "month's grocery bill" on magic "stuff." Mike Norden was the "official" runner making sure that the buyers received their correct items. The bidding of the most popular items-DVDS and the "grab bags"-was fast, furious, and hilarious. The "grab bags" contained a lot of good magic, books and lecture notes. There were plenty of "bargain basement sales" for everyone.

Members were reminded of the Halloween party, the 3 of clubs convention in November, the Christmas party and the 2014 roster book.

Refreshments were provided by Margaret Jones. She prepared two meat platters, a cheese tray, salad, buns, pickles plus cookies and soft drinks. She wasn't able to make it to the meeting so Matthew, her son, brought the refreshments to the meeting. Thank you very much Margaret and Matthew. Jessica Chan brought some popcorn

and Dave Carlson brought some cookies. Thank you everyone.

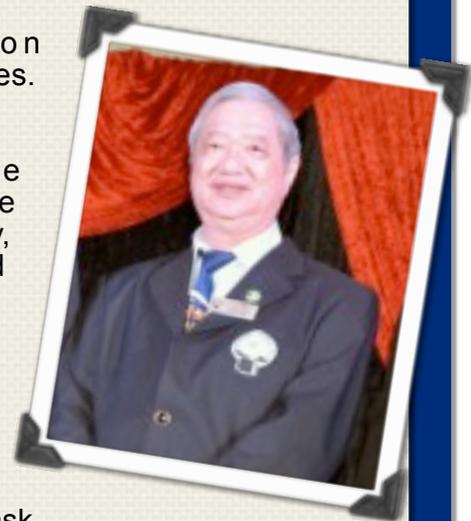
Re-joining the Vancouver Magic Circle were Gordon Humeny, Gary Savard and Jonathan Hamilton. New members included Adrien Piedard, Trent Tinney, Rick Harkness, Chris Yuill and a new junior member, Cameron Minsk.

There was a special draw for Magic Live merchandise which included a magic magazine, a signature messenger bag, a binder full of all lecture notes from this year's Magic Live convention, a full set of convention-exclusive trading cards and a one year subscription to MAGIC magazine. Whole package was worth well over \$100.00. The ever-affable Mike Norden won the Magic Live package. Congratulations Mike! There were also two special "3 of Clubs" convention items at the auction. A bottle of signature Three of Clubs convention wine (yet another one of this year's fantastic raffle prizes), and a full convention registration WITH additional dinner (a \$160.00 value). The convention registration bundle went to winning bidder Dennis Bauyon at \$100.00 (a steal of a deal)-Congratulations Dennis! There were plenty of raffle prizes.

Many thanks to Billy Hsueh for selling raffle tickets. And, as usual, John Smithman-the club's official photographer, took photos of the evening's events. Wily Allen looked after the sign-in sheets. There were 36 members and 4 guests in attendance.

- Dennis Chan and Alex Seaman

*Correction: In the July/August report, I stated that Jackson Doyle went to Magic camp. Little did I know that at the time of writing he was unable to make it to Magic camp so a very surprised and happy Jason Verners from Victoria took Jackson's place.*



# SEPTEMBER'S AUCTION WAS A SELL-OUT!!



## Inside the Briefcase

### Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

So, on a nice evening on the second Thursday of October we gathered to discuss upcoming events happening in the VMC.

To start things off we gained 6 members at the Auction this year! Yay us! Even better, we have been getting a lot of requests from people who want to join the VMC so, we are going to be making the memberships forms available online ASAP. If you know any magicians who are not part of the Vancouver Magic Circle, please invite them using your brand new Guest Invite Cards that you received at the September Meeting. If you don't have one, don't worry! They will be available at the October Meeting!

I'm excited to have Ray Wong do a workshop on Restaurant Magic at the up coming meeting on October 24th, make sure you mark that date down! It is also our Monthly meeting date! **October 24th 2013 @ the Sunrise Community Hall (1950 Windermere St)**. BE THERE! As with all Halloween meetings, we will be having our Costume Contest AND our beloved Tip Top & Tootsie Competition, please email Competition Chair Henry Tom for more information.

We will be having a lecture by none other than Alan Sands! When, you ask? On Friday, **January 24th 2013**, the day after our AGM. Which brings me to this point, if you attend the 2014 AGM on **January 23rd 2014** the Vancouver Magic Circle will pay your Lecture Fee for the Alan Sands Lecture! How cool is that?

It is almost that time of year again! That's right, it is almost Roster Book season!!!! Check through this year's (2013) Roster Book to check for any changes you may want to make for 2014, or any information that you want to update for the 2014 roster. More information to come in the next few months, so stay tuned!

Christmas is around the corner! Especially for the VMC, our Christmas Pot Luck is going to be held, once again, at the **Sunrise Community Hall (1950 Windermere Street)** on **November 30th**, the fun starts at **6:00pm**. Contact Graham Kita and let him know you are coming and what you are bringing! We are also having our Secret Santa happening so please let Graham know if you are going to be participating :)

Lastly, the VMC now has an OFFICIAL Fan Page! So if you have to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search it up "Vancouver Magic Circle Fanpage".

Also, if you haven't already done so, head over to [www.Facebook.com/groups/VancouverMagicCircle](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/VancouverMagicCircle) and join our Members only Facebook Group! Two great ways to keep in the loop on what is going on in the VMC!

To recap, here are the things you need to do this month:

1. Dress up for the October General Meeting on **October 24th**
2. Sign up for the Tip Top & Tootsie Competition
3. Contact Graham to sign up for the Christmas Pot Luck
4. Save the Date! January 23rd - AGM
5. Save the Date! January 24th - Alan Sands Lecture
6. Like the VMC Fanpage, and join the VMC FB Group!
7. Show up in your Halloween Gear to the October Meeting on the **24th**

Facebook, head over  
Ring 92



# Magical Mentorship

From Trevor & Lorena's week-long mentorship with Johnny Thompson.



## Day 4: Tuesday, April 15th

On Tuesday, our day with Johnny started later in the evening as he works with Penn & Teller during the day. To fill that time, Johnny contacted Mac King and made arrangements for us to attend his afternoon show.

Now we have seen Mac perform in the past many times before, but I got to say, his show is always so hilarious. It was even more fun as we were selected by Mac to help him on stage for one of his world famous routines. *"The Cloak of Invisibility!"* We've seen this before, but only from the audience, never from on stage! It was fantastic!!!! That's right fun and fantastic together.



After the show we had an opportunity to meet and talk with Mac. He's such a nice guy and we were honoured to have a chance to speak to him about our time in Las Vegas and our work with Johnny. Lorena wanted to add she got her "Lunchbox-O-Magic" signed too!

We arrived back to our hotel and received a phone call from Johnny indicating he had just finished up with Penn and Teller and was on his way over. Boy, this guy never stops! What energy! He arrived at the hotel room and we spent some time talking about the past two shows we had just seen (*Pen & Teller / Mac King*). We discussed what "best" we enjoyed in their performances from staging to set and design of each theatre. Johnny also shared his insight as how performers in Las Vegas manage their bookings and general advertising for shows in casinos showrooms. For Lorena and I, we found this topic to be an eye opening experience and we both gained an appreciation to the hard work it takes to be successful.

After our conversation we continued to work on our performance. This was Lorena's chance to shine as we now concentrated on her solo performance. Johnny assisted Lorena in showcasing her body language as well as her visual emotions while performing her silent routine. At one point we took a small break and all 3 of us started to practice making comedy faces in the mirror. This was *funny*, and scary at the same time! Lorena had this down pat as I catch her making faces at home in the mirror all the time, but I found I need to relax more and not force the faces and emotions out.

After a few hours of working on our routine with Johnny, he received a call from Mike Hammer, who was performing at the Four Queens Casino. Mike invited us all down to see his show. What a great way to introduce a break. We then piled into Johnny's Cadillac and headed down to Fremont Street. Mike's show was hilarious and had everyone in the audience roaring and laughing. What a funny guy!!

After his show we had an opportunity to meet and talk with Mike. He was very nice and we enjoyed the quick conversation we had with him. As we were saying our good night, Mike commented to us, *"You guys are working with the master!"*

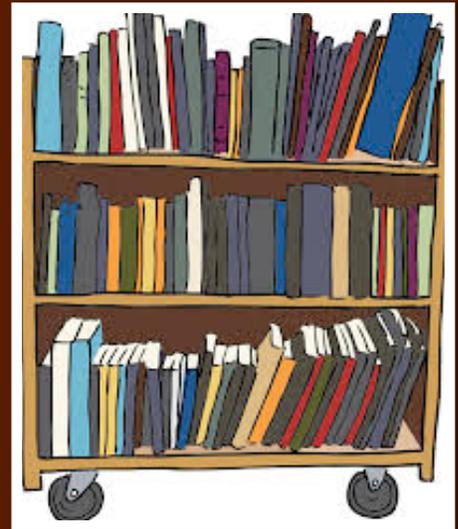
We returned back to our hotel and discussed the evening's performance and planned our activities for tomorrow's session. We were so caught up in the day's activities we all realized we had not eaten dinner. We closed out the night with some great room service, and Johnny shared some amazing stories of his years in Vegas. Lorena and I could not agree more with Mike's comment: Johnny Thompson is truly a master in the entertainment industry and a fantastic individual.



A Public Service Announcement from our club Librarian:  
Hello fellow magicians:

With the ever popularity of magic DVDS, the DVDS in the club library is growing at a very fast rate. During the months of December and January I will be doing a massive overhaul and inventory control of the DVD library just to make sure that everything is in order and up to date and that nothing is missing. So, if you know you have any DVDS, please have them returned by the Christmas dinner, Saturday, November 30.

If you are unable to attend the Christmas dinner, please bring them to the October meeting. I do know who has DVDS. I'm not too worried about the books. Thanks....Dennis.



*SAVE THE DATE:  
CHRISTMAS DINNER...SATURDAY  
NOV. 30th. POTLUCK, SECRET  
SANTA...CONTACT GRAHAM KITA FOR  
DETAILS.*



"It's not the hours you put in your work that counts,  
it's the work you put in the hours." -Sam Ewig

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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 humoring you).

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

Please email the Editor at  
[newsletter@ibmring92.com](mailto:newsletter@ibmring92.com).

Our first feature is on page 5!

