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NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

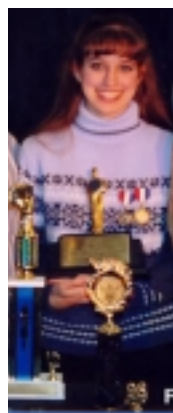
The theme of the next meeting is "Coin Magic." The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is usually in the Discovery Room on the right side of the rotunda; if it's in another location, the guard will direct you. If you find parking tight, there is usually room in the volunteer lot or in the DMV lot, both on the east side of the Museum.

TWO PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED FOR RING

Ring 180 has had requests for two performance. Both were announced at the last meeting. The first is at the Shepherd Center of St. Mary's Church, Gayton and Gaskins, on Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30. **Watt Hyer, Harry Gallant and Lou Dean** have agreed to perform. If you are a member of Ring 180 and would like to perform at this event, contact **Watt Hyer**.

The Ring has also been invited to provide performers for a fund-raising event at the Country Club of Virginia on Saturday, September 20th. You will be paid for this job. Again, only members of Ring 180 are eligible. If you are interested in finding out more, contact **Watt Hyer**.

LECTURE BY JESSICA REED IS POSSIBLE



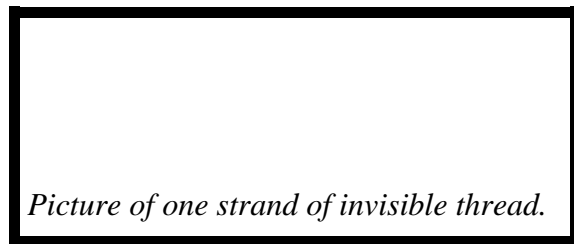
Jessica Reed is 22 years old and hails from Eaton, Ohio. She is a member and past-secretary of I.B.M. Ring 324. She competed in magic conventions in Columbus, Oh. (Magi Fest), Canton, Oh. (The Battle of Magicians), and Las Vegas, (World Magic Seminar). Also, Orlando, Fla. (IBM National Convention) where she took First Place in the junior division and was also a Gold Medal Finalist. Jessica also took first place at Abbott's get-together in Colon, Michigan. In 2002, she won the International Battle of Magicians in Canton, Ohio. Jessica also performed on the "Stars of Tomorrow" show in New Orleans and at the prestigious Magic Castle in August 2002. If things work out, she will appear in Richmond on either June 5th, 6th, 9th or 10th. Stay tuned!

REPORT ON THE MARCH MEETING



There were so many guests interested in magic at Ring 180's March meeting that we took an unusual, time-consuming step of having everyone introduce themselves and tell how they became interested in magic. There were the usual stories of someone showing them a trick when they were a child, kindling a life-long interest in magic but there were a number of unusual stories as well, along with a few now-humorous first mis-steps. A number of the guests filled out applications to join the national I.B.M. as well as Ring 180.

The theme for the meeting was "invisible thread."



Here is a picture of invisible thread on a spool:



It looks like ordinary thread except that it can be separated strand by strand until finally there is only one thin strand, invisible under most circumstances but strong enough for a "haunted deck" of cards to cut itself and reveal a selected card or to float a dollar bill.



Elmer Deffenbaugh demonstrated his "sympathetic matchbox" routine: whatever Elmer did to one matchbox drawer had an effect on the other matchbox drawer.

Harry Gallant used the evening's theme to make a selected card rise.

Andrew Clarke showed a floating card.

A "butterfly" flew out of **Watt Hyer's** wallet as he was opening it to get a dollar bill. Using the dollar, Watt made an origami bird which then proceeded to fly.



Following the theme section of the meeting, Hutch demonstrated Scott Francis and David Allen's "Incredible Dancing Paper Napkin."

Hutch also made a spirit form take shape under a handkerchief previously shown empty.

Donovan Phillips showed his spooky Psi Key, which flipped over in **Bill Worrell's** hand on command. Nothing was touching the key.



Mike Dupree changed a one dollar bill into a five dollar bill.

Ron Occhiuto did a routine with a dollar bill, serial number noted, which disappeared and appeared in a number of places.