

# NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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## NEXT MEETING FEATURES PROPS

President **Watt Hyer** says the theme for the next meeting is “props.” He defines a prop as anything the audience sees us use. Sometimes the prop IS the magic, sometimes we use the prop to make the magic. So bring what ever you like for people to see you use. (The theme for September is “gimmicks” which can be defined as what the audience *doesn't* see that helps you do the magic.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St. The meeting should be in the Discovery Room on the east side of the Rotunda. If there is a change, see the guard. If parking is tight, try the volunteer lot or the DMV lot on the east side of the building.

## JIM PACE LECTURE SEPT. 19TH

Jim Pace says, “My lecture is about 2 hours and I have a lot to talk about. Mainly on keeping the magic we do as visual as possible. I will teach many effects and discuss (while performing) my reasons for doing visual magic.”

His lecture includes these effects:

Turn back the time on someone’s wristwatch while it’s held in their hand. Unravel a spectator’s tie. Poke your finger through somebody’s shirt and leave no hole. “Quick o chink,” the fastest “chink o chink” ever. Pro Nightmare, a strolling version of Professor’s Nightmare that audiences just love to watch and so do magicians. Produce a glass of water from nowhere. Shove your finger through a dollar bill with no damage to the bill. Crush a soda bottle flat, then stretch it back into shape—your audience will not believe this. “Punishment” is a 3-coin production where just after the last coin appears all the coins vanish instantly.

An entire section of Jim Pace’s merchandise is devoted to fire effects.

The lecture is scheduled for Friday, September 19th, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Eureka Theater of the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad in Richmond.



## YOUTH PROGRAM BEGINS



**W. R. “Hutch” Hutchinson** has accepted President **Watt Hyer’s** appointment as the Director of the I.B.M. Youth Program for Ring 180. Hutch has high praise for the International Brotherhood of Magicians guidelines for managing a safe and practical youth program.

Hutch’s background uniquely qualifies him for this job. His career has been spent as a professional director of Boys Clubs and he was the director of the Boys Clubs of Richmond for several decades. Hutch is also an actor, a theatrical producer and director. Hutch will be starting the program in the next few weeks.

## REPORT ON THE JULY MEETING

The theme for the July meeting was “silk magic.” **Watt Hyer** demonstrated a silk rose and a silk fountain. Also showing a silk fountain was **Mike Dupree**. Some of the silk fountains used were by Duane Laflin and Jay Scott Berry. **Donovan Phillips** demonstrated his “cane to silk” and **Hutch Hutchinson** showed a type of Blendo using an eclipse thumb tip.

The club played host to several guests including Joe Duck and Amy, John Moran and his grandson, Chris. At the meeting the new Constitution and By-Laws were approved after some discussion. At a later business meeting the group agreed to go ahead with incorporation to protect individual club members from any action against the club.



*Watt Hyer produces a string of silks, one from another*



*Mike Dupree shows off a silk fountain and produces a clown silk and a bunny silk*



*Donovan Phillips turns a cane into silks*



*Hutch makes 3 separate silks*



*The making of a silk fountain tie together*

## TROY HOOSER CONTACTED



**Watt Hyer** contacted Troy Hooser who has agreed to lecture for the Ring sometime in October, the exact date to be announced.

Troy has lectured here before and was a hit with his handling of a flipper coin and his Charming Chinese Challenge in which 3 Chinese coins come free from a ribbon one at a time

## SEE OUR WEB SITE

Ring 180 now has its own web site. The URL is <http://www.ibmring180.org>

The site features a short explanation of what an I.B.M. “Ring” is, where our meetings are, how to contact officers of the Ring and news of any lectures. You will also find our monthly newsletters archived on the web site.

In addition, there are links to the International Brotherhood of Magicians and to Donna and Hun Woo’s Divine Magic & Novelties, our local Richmond magic shop.

The site is maintained so that it is always current and not out of date. If you have any suggestions contact **Lou Dean**. His e-mail address is on the front page.

## MAGICIANS NEEDED

The director of the “Pumpkin Palooza,” a charity fundraiser, is looking for magicians to perform at their event at the Science Museum October 18. This is an event for autism awareness. They were at Dogwood Dell last year and over a thousand people came. The event can accommodate walk-around and/or stage magic. There is no pay involved, just exposure and practice. Let **Watt Hyer** know if you are interested.

# HYER'S PICTURES FROM THE CONVENTION

Watt Hyer, Larry Rohr and Randy Earley from our Ring attended the combined I.B.M. / S.A.M. convention in Louisville, Kentucky in early July. The convention was the largest ever. Can you imagine several thousand magicians overwhelming the Galt House Hotel where the convention was held? Yet, according to Watt, there were two other almost equally large conventions going on simultaneously in the same hotel!



*Our gang: Watt Hyer, Becky Hyer, Randy Early and Larry Rohr*



*With Mike Heckenberger from Ring 103 with International President Joan Caesar*



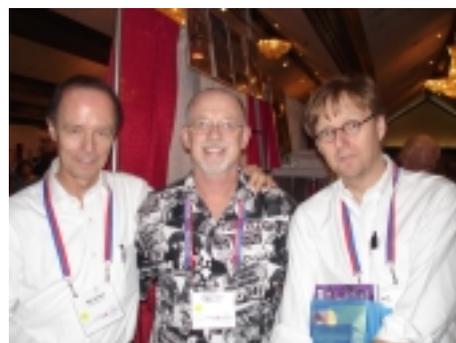
*With Bev Bergeron, past IBM president .a.k.a. Rebo The Clown*



*With Max Maven*



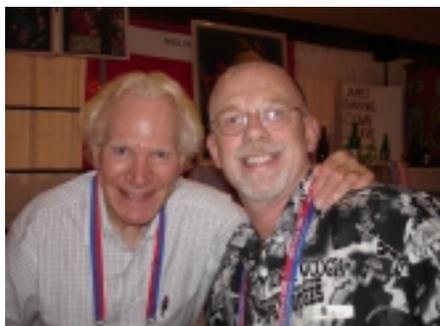
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*With Dale Salwak and Mac King*



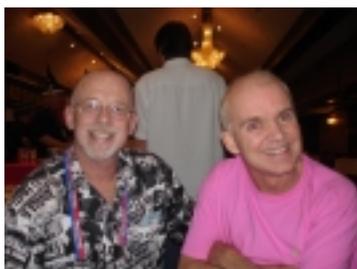
*Becky, Randy and Watt with Walter "Zaney" Blaney*



*With Norm Nielsen*



*With card expert An Ha-Lim*



*With Wayne Dobson*



*With Phillip Morris*