

# NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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### Ring 180 Officers

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**Watt Hyer**  
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**Larry Rohr**  
Secretary:  
**Lou Dean**  
Treasurer:  
**Harry Gallant**  
Sgt.-at-Arms:  
**Randy Earley**

## NEW EARLIER MEETING TIME: 7 P.M.

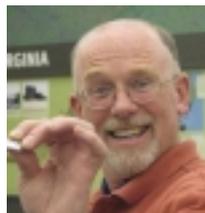
At the November meeting of Ring 180, the majority of members voted to begin all meetings at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30. Don't be late!

## DECEMBER MEETING: PARTY!

All members of Ring 180—and those signing up to be members—are welcome at our first annual holiday party! Food will be provided by the Ring and various members who have volunteered. Bring your appetite and your magic to the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St. at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th. If we are not in the Discovery Room, the guard will direct you. If parking is tight, try the volunteer lot or the DMV lot on the east side of the Museum.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009

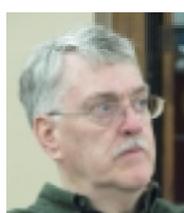
The following people have been nominated to be officers for 2009: President, **Watt Hyer**; Vice-President, **Ron Occhiuto**; Treasurer, **Landon Davis, III**; Secretary, **Lou Dean**; Sergeant-at-arms, **Randy Earley**. The election will be held at our next meeting on December 18th. See above.



Hyer



Occhiuto



Davis



Dean



Earley

## MEETING THEMES FOR 2009

January .....	Close-up	July .....	Silk
February .....	Mentalism	August .....	Props
March .....	Thread	September .....	Gimmicks
April .....	Magic for kids	October .....	Sleight-of-hand
May .....	Rope	November .....	Books
June .....	Impromptu	December.....	Party!

## FAISON SENDS NOTE OF THANKS

*I wanted to thank the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 180 for performing at the third annual Bon Secour's Presents Faison's Amazin' Pumpkin Palooza. We had over 6,000 people attend this year's event! Without your support, our event would not have been as successful. The magicians were so much fun to watch and we greatly appreciate your time and support.*

*I hope that you will consider returning next year. I will be in contact in 2009 with the hopes of including Ring 180 on our schedule. We plan on keeping the event at the Science Museum and will continue to improve the experience. Thanks again for participating. You are amazing. —Lynne Faison*

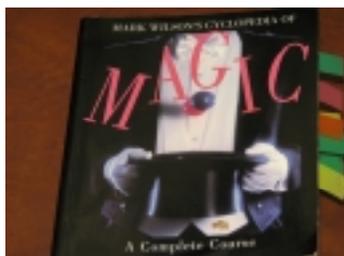
## REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER MEETING

**WHAT YOU MISSED:** The theme of the November meeting was “books.” Nine regular members attended, sharing their book recommendations with each other and with several guests, including two youngsters and their parents.

Most of us got our start in magic by learning from books. Many of these “starter” books have stood the test of time, are constantly referred to and, today, are the basis of so-called “new” effects.

These days we have DVDs in addition to tape cassettes and books. Which is easiest to learn from? Each method has its merits.

Here are the books that greatly influenced the members of Ring 180 who were at the meeting:



**Watt Hyer** recommended “Mark Wilson’s *Course in Magic*.” Mark Wilson was one of the first to bring magic to television in “The Magic Land of Al-

lakazam.” The basic effects featured in this book are a good introduction to magic.

**Lou Dean** recommended Mac King’s “*Great Big Book –O– Magic*.” It’s written for teenagers and contains all the props necessary to perform the effects. The book also contains a DVD. This book is



a reminder that the simplest effects we learned when we were starting out are still baffling today



when presented with the skills we’ve learned over the years.

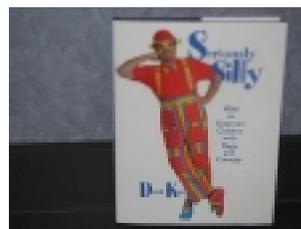
“*Magic for Dummies*” is more than an overview for casual readers; it allows the serious amateur to become a real magician.

The cover of Professor Hoffman’s “More Magic” makes it look mysterious and, indeed, the book delivers a basic grounding in performance magic.



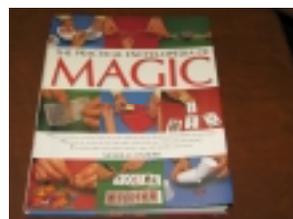
**Ron Occhiuto** displays one of his favorite books, one among many which has guided his career in magic.

“*Seriously Silly*” by David Kaye is devoted to magic for children.



“*The Practical Encyclopedia of Magic*” has guided magicians for years.

Also included was a catalog from Al’s Magic Shop in Washington, D.C.



William R. “Hutch” Hutchinson

## BROKEN WAND: “HUTCH” DIES

Our Ring has lost a member and friend. **W. R. “Hutch” Hutchinson** died Thursday, December 11th. Hutch was a long-time member of Ring 180 but dropped out for a while in frustration over not being able to start a youth program. The liability and insurance problems that plagued the early effort were solved, Hutch was asked to head up the newly-formed Youth Program, but he passed away before our Ring could be incorporated to satisfy the liability issue. You may not know he was the Director of the Boys Club of Richmond for 4 decades and the head of Richmond’s International Food Festival upon which all other Richmond food festivals are based. His talents will be missed.

## GUEST AND VISITORS POLICIES OF RING 180

Ring 180 welcomes guests to all its meetings. Visiting members of the I.B.M. and S.A.M. are especially welcome.

All others who are interested in magic are encouraged to visit. "Interest in magic" may be as a beginner, an amateur, a hobbyist, a collector or as a performer. Ring 180, however, is a membership organization and membership is encouraged. To this end of encouraging membership, we ask that a guest attend no more than three meetings before applying for membership. After applying for membership in the I.B.M., a guest may continue to attend Ring 180 meetings while the application is working its way through the approval process. Advantages of membership, which we would like to keep for members only, are association with others who share the same interest, camaraderie, help in learning magic and discounts for lectures.

## NEXT LECTURE: KARL HEIN JANUARY 18, 2009

Karl Hein comes to Richmond to lecture for Ring 180 and its guests on Sunday, January 18th, 2009 at Divine Magic & Novelty, 5409 Lakeside Avenue at 7:30 p.m.



- **Heinstein Shuffle** - Karl demonstrates and explains in detail the famous shuffle behind many of his card routines. Karl will give some tips and variations that aren't on the video or DVD. Karl also performs and explains the "Heinstein Triumph" which is an in-the-hands triumph effect with an incredible ending.
- **Don't Play by the Rules** - One of the best full-deck story routines ever created. This routine is entertaining even if you are not. Karl goes over all the moves he uses and explains some very simple false cuts and shuffles for beginners.
- **That Would be a Freaking Miracle** - An easy to do three card selection that gets everyone involved and makes a spectator a hero. Just when you think it's over, the kickers keep coming.
- **My Favorite Opener** - Karl's favorite routine for the restaurant environment. This routine contains an amazing color changing deck sequence and a very baffling deck switch that happens right under their nose. The routine is segmented so that it can end at any point and still be a strong finish. It is also a great lesson in audience management, timing, and improvisation.
- **Grandmother's BLT** - An easy to do sandwich effect that has made many top magicians feel that moment of astonishment they haven't felt in years. The ending is a total surprise that you will use on all your magician friends that did not attend the lecture.
- **Give Me Five** - A quick trick using a little money that you will use all of the time, not just for fun but to also help increase your tips in a very subtle manner.
- **Heinstein's Dream** - Karl's new versatile Torn and Restored Card effect.
- **It's a Rabbit** - An easy to do family rope routine that plays big and is baffling for both kids and adults.
- **International Frequent Flyer** - A routine using the classic copper/silver/brass transpo gimmick - updated for the 21st Century.
- **Just Say Twinkie** - A very entertaining, very strong, easy to do bill routine that makes sense.
- **Heiny 500** - Karl's variation of Patrick Page's "Easy Money" and Greg Wilson's "Hundy 500" is one of the cleanest and most magical effects you will ever see.
- **Heinsight** - An open prediction with an impossible change and kicker ending.
- **Heinstein's Dream** - A named selection is signed, folded, torn into pieces and restored. Karl's handling allows you the versatility of performing a flash restoration, piece by piece restoration, or a restoration in the spectator's hand. Easy, clean, versatile, repeatable, minimal setup, no placing pieces in your hands or pockets, and the restored card can be given as a souvenir. Karl's newest and most popular effect!



## ERIC JONES RELEASES DVD

Eric Jones, our friend from Charlottesville who gave a free lecture for Ring 180, now has a DVD of three of his selected coin tricks meant to be shown as a single routine. Titled "Mirage Et Trois," the DVD shows how to do an appearance, a transposition and a vanish of 3 coins. Eric is at Divine Magic on Saturdays; buy the DVD from him and he may give you a private lesson.