

NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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NEWS OF DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of I.B.M. Ring 180 is private.

Our meetings are usually open to guests and those interested in magic. For December 2009, however, the meeting is private and closed.

All current members have received full details by e-mail. If you are a member without e-mail or have questions, contact the Ring Secretary at the number in your records.

THE DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Several items which affect our members were discussed at the December business meeting on December 2, 2009.

OFFICERS

Officers for 2010 are:

President: **Watt Hyer**
Vice-President **Joe Duck**
Secretary **Lou Dean**
Treasurer **Landon Davis, III**
Sgt-at-Arms **Randy Earley**

Article VI of the Ring's By-Laws state: *Nominees named for elected offices who are uncontested shall be elected without balloting.* There being no contested offices, there is no need for an election. Those listed above, and whose nominations and pictures were published in November, will take office in January, 2010.

Dues

The Executive Committee voted to raise the annual dues to \$18 a year, effective this coming year.

Some in the Ring have advocated raising the dues to \$24 a year, just \$2 a month. Others would rather keep the dues unchanged. A compromise was reached at the business meeting to raise the dues to \$18 annually. The Ring has been losing money on lectures. We also have a small annual expense for our web site. This was an attempt to keep our treasury on the positive side of the ledger. No one at the meeting could remember the last time dues were raised.

Marketing names

As our Ring seeks to do more public performances for non-profit groups such as the Science Museum and more especially for the public as fund-raisers for our Ring, we need a catchy marketing name. Names have already been submitted, although it's not too late. Contact the Ring Secretary.

Name tags

We intend to have name tags at our meetings so that guests and other newcomers know who we are and feel more comfortable interacting with us.

Meetings will begin at 7 sharp; **Announcements** will be kept to no more than five minutes, according to Business Meeting consensus.

See list of themes for 2010 on the next page

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REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER MEETING



The theme of the November meeting of Ring 180 was “Books.”

Watt Hyer recommended *The Royal Road to Card Magic* and *Abbott’s Encyclopedia of Rope Tricks*. Watt also showed Al Baker’s *The World of Al Baker* and some exhibition card fans

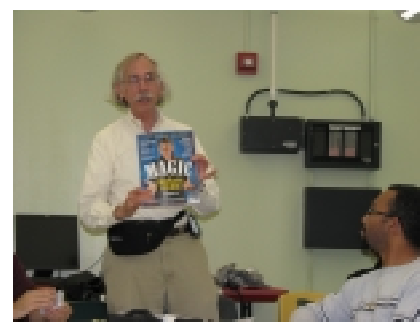
Lou Dean brought in the bible of coin magic, Bobo’s *Modern Coin Magic*. Lou also brought in the same book he recommended last November, Mac King’s *Great Big Ol’ Book –O– Magic: A Complete Magic Kit in A Book*. Although written for children and beginners, the principles are those all of us use.

Mike Dupree (above) showed *Anatomy of A Gospel Magic Show* by Duane Laflin; Barry Mitchell’s *Let Me Tell You A Story*; *Magic of Jon Allen*; Ed Marlo’s *Amazing, Isn’t It?* Mike also recommended *Greater Magic* and *Drug Store Magic*.

Linda Barrett (below) showed a fortunate find. Linda was browsing the inventory at the Green Valley Book Fair, a seller of off-price, remaindered books, when she found *Mark Wilson’s Cyclopedia of Magic: A Complete Course*. This 638-page book sold for just a few dollars. Linda also had *Dollar Tricks* and *World’s Greatest Coin Tricks*.

Mickey Moore talked about Don Drake’s *Black Art* and the Wizard’s Table.

Bill Baber (below, right), showed *Magic: The Complete Course* by Joshua Jay. Bill also had a list of some nineteen other books he heartily recommended for various purposes.



THEMES FOR 2010 MEETINGS

These themes were listed in the November newsletter. Here they are again, at the bottom of the page, making it easier for you to tear it off and keep it handy as a reference.

January Home-made/Dollar Store
 February Fire magic
 March Challenge Night
 April Mentalism
 May Silks & Rope
 June Table Hopping

July Magic for Children
 August Stage Magic
 September Impromptu magic
 October Character magic
 November Close-up/sleight-of-hand
 December Party