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WHAT YOU MISSED IN DECEMBER

Great food. Good friends. Shared magic. New members. How's that for a start?



New member **Eric Jones** donated a door prize won by new member **Linda Barrett**. Eric also brought copies of his new commercial coin DVD, "Mirage Et Trois" for all to



see. More members than usual came to this first annual Christmas party. Food was provided by the Ring's treasury, **Amy Kelekian-Duck** and **Watt Hyer**. You won't want to miss the party next December.

THEME FOR JANUARY MEETING

Close-up magic is the theme for our January meeting. Many performers have discovered that the most powerful effects are those performed in the spectator's hand. Come with your sponge balls, coins, apparatus, whatever you consider close-up effects. The meeting is on Thursday, January 15th, at 7 p.m. at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad.

At the last business meeting we decided announcements would take no more than ten minutes, followed by the theme of the evening, followed by teaching tables and general magic.

KARL HEIN LECTURE JANUARY 18TH

The Sunday following our regular Ring meeting, Karl Hein will present a lecture. The lecture is sponsored by I.B.M. Ring 180 and will be held at Hun Woo's Divine Magic & Novelty Store, 5409 Lakeside Avenue in Richmond, Sunday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m.



The price is \$20. A discount of \$5 is given to I.B.M. and S.A.M. members. Family members accompanying an I.B.M. or S.A.M. member are admitted for half the general admission: \$10. An added bonus is a "Couples Price;" a couple may attend for a total of \$30.

Karl will be performing and explaining effects with cards, coins and other money, and ropes. For a full description of Karl's entire lecture giving you plenty of reasons to attend this one, see Ring 180's December newsletter. The newsletter is also available on-line at <http://www.ibmring180.org/pdf/dec08.pdf>

YOUR DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

Dues are now payable in January each year. Members joining in mid-year have their dues pro-rated at \$1 per month left in the year. Please see Treasurer **Landon Davis, III** to stay in good standing with the Ring. Please note that members of Ring 180 must also be members of the I.B.M. which has somewhat different policies on dues.

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MAGIC PARTY AT THE HOME OF HAROLD WOOD



Harold Wood

Harold Wood is a member of I.B.M. Ring 103 in Norfolk, Virginia. He lives in Newport News (this side of the tunnel!), and for the past 18 years has hosted a magic party in his home each January. Magicians from all over the state have come including **Lou Dean**, **Steve Fuller** and **Bill Worrell** from Ring 180. Harold extends an invitation to all magicians to attend.

It is a "pot luck" affair and most people bring something to share. We also put on a show. It is an open mic event where people perform a trick or two. So bring some magic, bring some food, bring your wife or girlfriend (but not both) and have a good time. The fun starts around 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Harold's address is 96 Waterview Drive, Newport News, VA 23608. If you use mapquest.com or have a G.

P.S. it's easy to find. If you do not, Harold recently bought a M.A.P. and you can contact him for directions:

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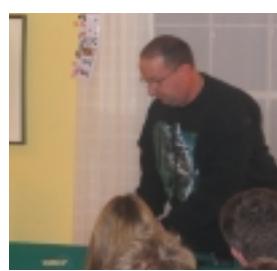
Among those performing in the past are:



Al Albers, Ring 103



Jonathan Austin



Mike Hechinger, 103



Jack Shea, Ring 103

DECISIONS AT THE JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

Ring 180 has taken a step closer to incorporation, which should offer a measure of liability protection for the Ring's activities, such as its Youth Program and performances for outside groups. **Amy Kelekian-Duck** has volunteered to be the Ring's Registered Agent, a position required by the State Corporation Commission.

By way of explanation, the State Corporation Commission requires that a lawyer must represent a group if a member of the group is not the representative. However, any member of the group may serve as the group's Registered Agent.

Those in attendance at the business meeting, a quorum of members, agreed with Treasurer Landon Davis, III that three people should be authorized to sign checks on the Ring's checking account. They are President **Watt Hyer**, Vice-President **Ron Occhiuto** and Treasurer **Landon Davis, III**. This should assure that checks can be signed promptly as necessary.

Much discussion centered around the agenda for our regular third Thursday meetings. The group decided that no more than 10 minutes would be devoted to announcements at the beginning of the meeting so that the group could get to magic as soon as possible. Following the theme for each evening, there would be teaching tables for those who want them and general magic of all kinds enjoyed by those attending. It was also suggested that we have a "selling table" at each meeting where any of our members can offer for sale used equipment they no longer want.

The group also discussed getting together for informal magic sessions at times other than our regular meetings. This was done for a time under the presidency of **Steve Fuller** at his home, but later abandoned. If you have some ideas on where we might hold such sessions, please contact an officer of the Ring.