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IBM Ring 180 Newsletter

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Meeting Location

We meet at Divine Magic and Novelties the 2nd Weds. of each month, 5409 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228, @ 7:00.

January Theme

The theme for January will be on “Self Working Magic”. That is magic that works simply from following a procedure that is known to the audience. It requires no secret set-up, trickery, sleight of hand, hidden objects or moves. The audience can be told every step, and can even repeat the trick.

Welcoming Our New Secretary

We are pleased to welcome Michael Douglas as our new Secretary for 2011. Congratulations again Michael.

Upcoming Events

On January 15 at 7:30, we will be having Wayne Houchins as our featured lecturer at Divine Magic. Wayne has been described as being a cross between a con man and street magician. Don't forget to pre-pay 24 hours in advance through PayPal or through one of the Officials to get your discount.

Crossroads Art Center

We will be performing walk around and table magic once again at Crossroads Art Center on January 21st from 6 to 9 pm. Please help to promote Ring 180 by joining us and demonstrating your talent as a magician. They have been kind enough to publicize for us and we want to support them.

Art 6

Thank you Watt Hyer and Harry Gallant for performing at Art 6, they really appreciate the support of Ring 180!

Dues

It is time once again to collect dues; the membership price is 18.00 and will be collected on Wednesday January 12, 2011. Thank you!

Our Officers:

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Our new website is now up, check it out! ibmring180.org

Themes For 2011

Self Working Magic
Books: With a Demo
Impromptu
Fire Magic
Close-Up/Sleight of Hand
Magic with a Message
Paper Magic
Silk And Rope
Classics
Cards and Packet Tricks
Mentalism
Christmas Party

What You Missed In December

**Our Christmas party was a huge success this year!
Watt Hyer shared his beautiful new home for this
special Ring 180 event and Lee Standard once again**



did a terrific job catering.

**Bud Smith started off an
evening of entertainment**

**with a very humorous and enjoyable “Eleven Dollar Repeat”,
using Bill Baber and Linda Barrett as his assistants.**

**It seemed that no matter how he
distributed the money from one
assistant to the other, he always
ended up with the same amount**

of bills in his hand. Better yet, he did the same effect in



**the assistant’s hands and the
same thing happened!**

Bud then went into an effect

**with Michael Douglas as his assistant, using a die, a box
and a deck of cards. The laughs continued on as**

Michael rolled the die repeatedly into the old box to

randomly eliminate cards and eventually come to the predicted card.





Bud's Final effect of the night was a challenge. Watt Hyer was dressed in "rain gear" and given his favorite soft drink in a large mug. Unfortunately, he was initially unable to drink through the mug without making a mess until he solved the puzzle. Eric



Jones joined in to investigate the trick mug and had to solve the puzzle as well.



A member of SAM from Williamsburg, VA, William "Penn" Russell, Jr., was a much welcomed guest for our Christmas celebration. He performed his version of the Linking Rings wonderfully using Amy Kelekian-Duck as his assistant. His routine consisted of five Linking Rings.

We also welcomed Rick Smith, Jr. who holds the Guinness Book of World Records title for Card Scaling. Watt Hyer and Mike Dupree assisted as he proceeded to sever a celery stalk with a playing card. He then gave us all a lesson in "scaling".



Christmas Party Photos



For those of you who missed the Justin Miller lecture, it turned out to be a dual lecture as Justin and B. Smith took turns explaining a multitude of effects. such as Rizer, Snow Days, Cypher, Freedom Pack, Vapor, Autograph, Cell Block and Smile.

Both performers also gave their ideas for openers and audience management. Once again Hun Woo provided a delicious array of food for the Ring.



B. Smith and Joe Duck in Vapor



Watt Hyer and B. Smith in Rizer



Justin Miller and Amy Duck in Autograph