

NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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ALSO HAPPENING:

- * **New Ring 180 Web site in development**
- * **Youth group being studied**
- * **Ring 180 Library back in business**

Larry Rohr retrieved the library from Charlie Butler. The library is being re-catalogued and will be available at the March Ring meeting.

NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 20TH

The March meeting is on the 20th at 7:40 p.m. at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St.

The theme of the March meeting is "Invisible Thread." You are welcome to present other effects after the theme portion ends. Remember, if parking is tight at the Museum, there is usually space in the volunteer lot or in the DMV lot, both on the east side of the Museum. The guard will direct you to our meeting room.

MAGIC SESSIONS BEING PLANNED

The Ring is planning to have "Magic Sessions" one Saturday each month at **Hun and Donna Woo's** Divine Magic & Novelty store. The session is for practicing magic, or just watching and talking "magic" in a casual atmosphere. Visitors will be welcome.

Divine Magic is already the place to be for magicians of all ages on Saturday afternoons. **Woo** planned for just such events when he bought the shop; the Ring will begin these sessions as soon as Woo clears a space. Watch future editions of this newsletter for details.

As an example, on Saturday, March 8th, Dr. Sheldon Retchin dropped off the magical **Retchin** twins at Divine Magic. They entertained everybody for a good bit. Those at the shop assured Sheldon that his boys could win competitions if he took them to magic conventions. The younger set find it difficult to attend meetings on weeknights; they could attend Saturday afternoon sessions.

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RING 180 ENTERTAINS AT MDA

On Saturday, February 8, **Harry Gallant, Larry Rohr, and Watt Hyer** were at the VA Center Mall for the MDA Fundraising Event, Stride and Ride. Over five hundred people were on hand as the 30 some teams raised \$45,000 with their laps around the mall. Our three magicians performed walk-around throughout the two hour event for participants, their families and friends, and the volunteers. A few die-hard fans kept Harry and Watt busy for an hour after the event ended. Larry transfixed his audience with the hypnotized rope and the magically attached spoons, Harry made sure everybody could count properly and keep track of things with packet tricks and paddle tricks, and Watt linked rings, ropes, and did money tricks.

The Ring got some nice publicity at this event and possibly some new youth members.

—*Watt Hyer*



REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The theme of the February meeting was “Mentalism.” Almost everyone who attended had a pet mentalism effect to show the rest of the group. Those who aren’t into mentalism enjoyed the show.



Watt Hyer used his mental powers to bend spoons. At left, Watt has **Bill Baber** try bending the spoon.

At right, Watt shows you the difference between a regular spoon and a mentally bent spoon.



Lou Dean performed the Szechuan Sampler. Each of four spectators selected a dish from each of four menus. When the price of the dishes was added up, it matched precisely a prediction that had been in full view all the time.

Ron Occhiuto had a selected card mysteriously appear on a Xerox copy of a hand. The picture of the previously empty hand had been signed by the spectator.



Bill Worrell specializes in mentalism and amazed the gathering with several mental effects. After doing some math with a random roll of the dice, the resulting number led to a word which Bill revealed in a drawing. Bill proceeded to name Lou Dean’s first pet (one letter off) and then nailed the name of the elementary school Lou attended. Nothing had been written down.

Hutch did several effects with the well-known ESP cards used by Dr. Rhine at Duke University many years ago. But what Hutch did was not ESP but theatrical magic. ESP cards were put in any position on a board named by the spectators. When the board was turned over, the cards matched cards which were already there. Hutch did several other tricks with the ESP cards.



Larry Rohr performed a trick originated by Australia’s Charles Gauci. Each of 5 spectators took one of 5 balls from a bag. Neither the spectator nor Larry saw each of the balls, yet Larry correctly named the person who took the one and only black ball.

