

NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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We meet on Wednesdays now

Our new meeting date is the second Wednesday of each month

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The next meeting of Ring 180 will take place on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7 p.m. in Classroom #1 on the IMAX level of the Science Museum of Virginia. All future meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month. Here is the schedule with dates and themes:

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| March 11 | Thread magic | July 8 | Silk magic | November 11 ... | Books |
| April 8 | Magic for kids | August 12 | Props | December 9 | Party! |
| May 13 | Rope magic | September 9 | Gimmicks | | |
| June 10 | Impromptu | October 14 | Sleight-of-hand | | |

When other events are taking place at the same time as our meetings, parking may be tight. Remember to look in the volunteer lot on the east (downtown) side of the building and the DMV lot across DMV Drive. Also, when the Museum lot looks full, there is often parking to the immediate west of the building.

EXTRA SESSIONS RESUME



Ring 180 is sponsoring extra magic sessions each month. These sessions are magic-only, no business. The sessions will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. The sessions will run from 7:30 p.m. to no later than 10 p.m. Ring member Landon Davis, III has volunteered his home in the far west end for at least a session or two to get the concept re-started. You may remember similar sessions were held at the home of former Ring president Steve Fuller. At this time, these sessions are open to all in the area who are interested in magic.

Landon lives at 12801 Leffingwell Ct. Use Mapquest or your GPS, if you have these tools, to find it. These are general directions. Go to Lauderdale Drive. It is off Broad Street directly opposite one of the main entrances to Short Pump Town Center. Or, from Patterson Avenue, turn north on Lauderdale at Tuckahoe Village. Coming south on Lauderdale from Broad, go to Kleindale Drive. It is the next intersection after Church Road. Take a left onto Kleindale. Coming north from Patterson, Kleindale Dr. is the next intersection after Gayton Road. Take a right onto Kleindale.

Turn left on Poplar Forest Drive, then right onto Fox Meadow Drive. Turn right on Leffingwell Place, then left on Leffingwell Court. Landon's home is the gray house at the end of the cul-de-sac. If you get lost, you can call Landon at 364-3879.

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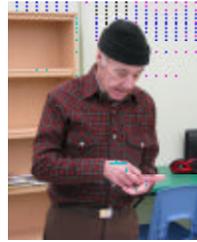
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REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING



The first session in the Classroom, the Ring's new meeting space.



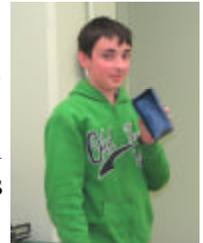
“Mentalism” was the theme for the February meeting. **Watt Hyer** correctly named the color of the M&Ms drawn randomly from the bag. **Clif Land**, a long-time magician, gave one of his rare performances. **Landon Davis** correctly matched random numbers. **Lou Dean** showed “Destination Unknown” in which he could correctly name the one city out of 100 that was merely thought of.



Bill Baber did an effect using cards around a clock face. **Harry Gallant** mysteriously revealed headers on a randomly-selected page of a phone book. Harry also demonstrated his color-changing wand. **Larry Rohr** showed Max Maven's “Designated Thinker.” **Ron Occhuito** showed “Twisted Sisters.”

You might think that with 365 days in a year, the probability of any two people in the room having the same birthdate might be as high as 1 in 365. Landon Davis mentioned that with as few as 26 people in a room, the probability is 50-50. Taking Landon's proposition one step further, if there are as few as 50 people in a room, the probability of two of those people sharing a birthday approaches 100%! Check the Internet for verification.

Two members of the Russell family visited the meeting, one pulling plastic boxes out of an empty bag and the other showing a sponge ball routine.



PAUL GERTNER LECTURE

Paul Gertner, inventor of “Bite Me,” “Heartbreaker” and many other effects, made good on his promise to “think out of the box.” He showed several new and updated versions of old tricks, effectively bringing into the 21st century some stuff gathering dust on the shelf. At the immediate right, Gertner demonstrated his version of “Cups and Balls” using steel balls. At the far right, Gertner comes up with a new use for Ton Anosaka's one-way cards which appear to be transparent from one side but contain an image of a card on the other side.

