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NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

The theme for this coming Thursday's meeting is "Stage Magic." According to President **Watt Hyer**, this does not mean humongous illusions. It can be any effect, large or small, that is suitable for performing on a stage. It can even be a close-up effect *if* you can make it play well on a stage. Following performances based on the evening's theme, we'll have time for effects of any genre.

As usual, the meeting will be held at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad Street, at 7:30 p.m. The Ring usually meets in the Discovery Room to the right of the Rotunda. If that space has been preempted, the guard will direct you to the proper room. You may have found out that parking can be difficult at times, but you, receiving this newsletter, are "in the know." You know there is a volunteer parking lot and the DMV parking lot, both of which are free, to the east of the Museum.

JESSICA REED TO LECTURE JUNE 5TH

It's official: Jessica Reed will present a lecture in Richmond on Thursday, June 5th at 7:30 in the Discovery Room of the Science Museum of Virginia. Admission is \$20, with a \$5 discount for active members of the I.B.M. or S.A.M.

Duane Laflin, who presented his own lecture here in April of last year has this to say about Jessica Reed:

"My first experience with the magic of Jessica Reed was as an emcee for a youth stage contest in which she participated. I was immediately impressed with her technique, showmanship, and appearance. She possessed polish and stage presence that was beyond her years! It was a pleasure to work with her.

Since then I have watched her go on to win major stage contests across the USA and become an act that belongs on stage alongside other professional performers. Jessica is a beautiful young lady who does exciting magic. Her combination of appealing appearance, pleasing personality, and skillful handling of props results in a truly magical presentation.

I'm delighted with the well-deserved progress she has made in her career and expect the entertainment world to see much more of her in days to come. For me she gets a "5 Star" recommendation."

-Duane Laflin

You can read more about Jessica Reed, including her biography and awards at:
<http://www.jessicareedmagic.com/>



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RING 180'S WEB SITE BROUGHT UP TO DATE

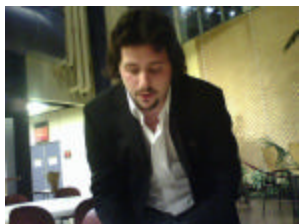
Ring 180's entire web site has been updated with current information. You'll find a home page with basic information about the Richmond, Virginia Ring. There is a page describing our meetings and the theme for each meeting. Another page describes our lectures. Currently there is a feature on our June 5th lecturer, Jessica Reed. There is a page for the history of the Ring, although this has not yet been written. There is a page on how to contact the Ring. That page lists the officers and their e-mail addresses.

The URL of the site is <http://www.ibmring180.org>

If you have ideas for content that should be on our web site contact our Secretary and current webmaster, Lou Dean at secretary@ibmring180.org

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T ATTEND THE MARCH MEETING

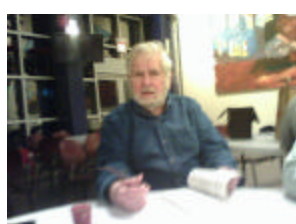
Watt Hyer wrote the following story



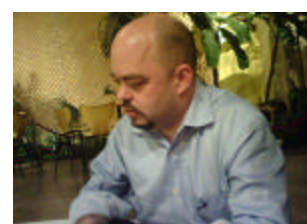
Donovan Phillips entertains



Elmer Deffenbaugh reacts to a trick



Hutch reacts to a trick



Ron Occhiutto demonstrates

At the April meeting, we discussed some ongoing projects: A show at the Shepherd Center involving **Watt Hyer, Lou Dean** and **Harry Gallant**; the Country Club of VA show which is expected in September (this will be formal); the Goochland Co after-school program which is still in the embryonic stage, but is a summer learning experience for Goochland County youngsters. President **Watt Hyer** will be promoting Magic and the Ring at a Cub Scout Meeting in Hanover County. Jessica Reed is scheduled to lecture to Ring 180 on June 5th. Elmer Deffenbaugh gave a report from the MAGI-WHIRL convention. Watt Hyer reported on the MAGA Convention. Elmer gave out high marks all around for MAGI-WHIRL; Watt said the MAGA Convention was a mixed bag, but over all it was a positive weekend and the new convention has great potential.

The magical theme of the meeting was coin magic. Watt discussed several of the lecturers from the Maga Convention and the points they made about coin Magic. After a little sleight of hand he learned from Peter Samuelson, **Larry Rohr** performed Scotch and

Soda for one of our guests. **Jake Dorsey** did one of Eric Jones' routines from his notes and the award winning act he performed at the Maga Convention. (From Dean Dill). **Donovan Phillips** demonstrated several routines using sleeving techniques for regular and jumbo coins. **Harry Gallant** did his Imaginary Coins routine. **Ron Occhiutto** did a Dean Dill Matrix, Greg Wilson's Coin to Glass and Dishonest Abe. **Hutch** did some Irish magic involving leprechauns and their pot "o" gold with euro pennies and a nice Miser's dream routine.

The theme for the next meeting is "stage magic" although there is room for everyone to perform any genre of magic they choose.

Watt reported that Ring 180 in Richmond, Virginia has revised its web site to be as current and up-to-date as possible. All companies seem to be expected to have web sites, so Ring 180 wants to be visible whenever people are looking for the magic club in Richmond, Virginia. You can find the site at <http://www.ibmring180.org>