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NOVEMBER MEETING THEME: BOOKS

The theme for our meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 is "Books." A similar-themed meeting last November was less than perfect because of the venue. The books that were presented, however, were outstanding and instructive. Bring your favorite books for this year to our November meeting, 7 p.m., Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad. Following the theme, you can participate in our "Teaching Tables," sell or swap magic, and practice with your friends and colleagues.

HEADS-UP: DECEMBER IS PARTY TIME

Last year's December party was so successful that those attending the business meeting voted to party in December once again. An auction of no-longer-wanted magic may be a part of the event. Full details will be sent to all members of Ring 180.

BUSINESS MEETING ACTIONS

Several items affecting Ring 180 were discussed at our monthly business meeting, always held on the first Tuesday of each month. Among the items: a proposal to increase dues, nominations for officers of the Ring for 2010, themes for next year and possible lectures.

2010 RING OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Ron Occhiuto has changed jobs. The new demands on his time keep him from continuing as Vice-President. **Watt Hyer** initially did not want to serve another year as President but after a discussion by those present was urged to seek a third term. **Eric Jones** has been tapped to be Vice-President in charge of lectures. This is an appointment and not subject to a vote.

The slate which was nominated at the business meeting is:

President: **Watt Hyer**; Vice-President, **Joe Duck**; Secretary and newsletter editor, **Lou Dean**; Treasurer, **Landon Davis, III** and Sergeant-at-Arms, **Randy Earley**.



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PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

There was a proposal at the November business meeting to increase annual dues for Ring 180 to \$25. This will be voted upon by the membership in December.

REPORT ON THE OCTOBER MEETING

The theme for the meeting was “sleight of hand.” Watt Hyer showed a Peter Samuelson coin manipulation.



Eric Jones, a member of our Ring who has several DVDs currently published and who has received national attention, showed an effect in which a chosen card suddenly appears sandwiched between two other cards. Eric also showed an impromptu version of “Digital Dissolve” in which two coins change places. Eric’s version, however, uses ungimmicked coins. Lou Dean showed Barry Taylor’s “Half Gone” which popped a few eyes. It is a new effect on the market which hasn’t been widely seen yet.



Harry Gallant performed several paddle effects that he has originated. Gallant also showed a Halloween packet effect based on Al Cohen’s “Dots Impossible” and finished with a

Penrose knot effect. Mike Dupree performed a routine that involved a bill in a balloon combined with Gregory Wilson’s “Pointless” pen which has the tip constantly moving from one end to the other.



Siwei Li visited, quickly cutting to any card named. It’s not often that a guest completely fools all the members. Siwei performed at the Richmond Folk Festival and was invited to a Ring meeting.

Ring 180 began the use of “teaching tables” at each Ring meeting. At the October meeting, Joe Duck taught “The Gadabout Coins,” found on page 182 of Bobo’s *Modern Coin Magic* and based on an effect originally published in *The Linking Ring* in 1950. This is a professional improvement on the presentation of the “two in the hand, one in the pocket” coin trick most of us learned in our early years. At another teaching table, Watt Hyer taught the finer points of the Chop Cup. At a half-way point, the participants remained at their respective tables while the teachers swapped tables.



Larry Rohr demonstrated his version of the multiplying billiard balls while John Smallie did a very different ambitious card routine.



MEETING THEMES FOR 2010

January:	Home-made magic	April:	Mentalism	July:	Magic for kids	Oct.:	Character magic
February:	Fire	May:	Silks and Ropes	August:	Stage magic	Nov.:	Close-up, sleight of hand
March:	Challenge	June:	Table	Sept.:	Impromptu	Dec.:	Party

SPECIAL SHOW FOR CARITAS

At the invitation of Ring member Michael Dupree, members of Ring 180 performed for CARITAS. CARITAS stands for Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter. The group was organized in the early 1980s to respond to the huge unmet need for emergency food and shelter for homeless adults in the cold winter months. With its name derived from the Latin word for charity, today CARITAS is the largest emergency shelter program in the Richmond community. More than 170 faith communities provide over 37,000 nights of shelter. The CARITAS congregation-based model mobilizes thousands of volunteers annually.

Members of Ring 180 volunteered their time and talents to perform at Winfree Baptist Church in Midlothian on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 7 p.m. Our Ring members entertained a group of homeless people, mostly women and children.



Joe & Amy Duck, Michael Dupree, Watt Hyer Harry Gallant



Watt Hyer performs Duane Laflin's Russian Rings



Joe Duck; Squibbles, the duck puppet; and Amy Duck



Harry Gallant with a self-correcting Rubik's cube



Michael Dupree with Botania



Michael Dupree, Watt Hyer, Harry Gallant, Amy & Joe Duck