



Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be publish. Send me emails(accolombel@zipcon.com) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Visit our Facebook page and post. Come to the meetings and lectures. It is time for new officers for the upcoming year. **It is time to pay your dues. Dues helps the club bring lectures to the area.**

We are now meeting at the Kenmore Library at 6531 NE 181st Street Kenmore Wa 98028

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Ring of Smoke Report

No Ring of Smoke Meeting in Dec.

The Ring of Smoke meets the first Sunday of the Month at Shawn O'Donnell's in Everett.



December's Meeting Report

December's meeting theme was – **"Messages & Giving or Garden Paths"**

This is Ralph Huntzinger's last meeting as president of the Ring of Fire. Thanks Ralph for serving for a great 2 years and welcome to Evan Shuster as our new president.

There was a discussion on the yearly party. Some suggestions: 1) Make the party a super Mini day of magic at Shawn's with people buying their own food from the menu (minimum \$10) or 2 drink minimum, have magic theme games (with prizes, fellowship and a magic show.

The Club will work with the Frazier Magic Club and other Puget Sound area clubs to put on the 3 of Clubs convention.

Officers for 2018: President-Evan Shuster, 1st VP- Jim Rodgers, 2nd VP – Richard Waters, Secretary – Craig Colombel, Treasurer- Brian Melicher.

Jeff Dial started the magic with having a volunteer shuffled a deck of card, had a card chosen then lost in the deck. Jeff said certain cards men will pick and certain cards women will pick. He then removed cards using different conditions i.e. Said there were some cards that only be picked on weekends and removing those cards. He continues with different conditions and removing cards until he had only one card left. When he asks the volunteer for the card chosen it matched the remaining card. This was called Sherlock by Pit Hartling.

Evan Shuster demonstrated a false shuffle he has been working on (Dan Fishman's False Overhand Shuffle).

Payne showed us some items he has been reviewing. 1. A card is chosen and lost in the deck and a realistically looking fly is removed, the cards are spread face down and the fly is placed on the cards and moves to the chosen card. Called "The Fly" 2. He brings out a tube of M&Ms minis. Open the tube and removes a silk with M&M painted on it. The silk is vanished and reappears in the M&M Mini tube. The silk is removed from the tube then mini M&Ms are poured out of the tube. 3. A bar of Chocolate is brought out and broken into pieces It is reassembled in the tray it came in. Then one piece is removed, and the puzzle is still whole, this is done three times and the puzzle still fits in the tray with no indication of the missing pieces. The was done with a story about a child stealing pieces and hiding his crime. It is from the 808 Magic Store and is called "Puzzling chocolate".

Rich Waters talk about his Santa gigs and demo some of the magic he used. He told us about stories he made up to tell the kids about the business of Santa. He told a cute story about the reindeer and how they are chosen and their life spans. He showed us his rope routine where he has a red rope and a white rope. Rich (as Santa) twirl the ropes together to show how peppermint candy sticks are made. He ties a knot in the white rope which jumps over to the red rope, then the white knot is removed from the red rope, dissolves and at the end, the red rope has a white section. Rich also shared with us his business cards as Santa.

Come to a meeting a talk, see magic and show off your magic.

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and also visit the clubs Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/4296167377105973>

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President's Message

Hi everyone!

Well... the new year is finally upon us, and I hope you all enjoyed your end of year holiday festivities. I also hope that we can continue to count on your support of the Northwest Ring of Fire in 2018. How can you support?

1. For starters, the 2018 club dues are now due. Your dues enable us to continue to subsidize the lecture series (and the members discount), maintain the club web site, and subsidize our annual get-together. We will also be coordinating this year's Three of Clubs convention, so every dollar counts.
2. Participate in the monthly meetings. Your attendance is greatly appreciated, and you don't have to perform to have an impact. Feel free to observe, or get involved in the conversations, or offer your thoughts/reviews on a new product, or show us a work in progress, or any item that you think may be of interest to the group. Hang out, watch a video, make some friends.
3. Contribute something (anything) to our monthly newsletter. You don't have to write a 20 page essay (unless you want to). Any length, even a paragraph will do. Review a product or performance, share your philosophy, teach a trick, draw a magic comic, etc...
4. Help spread the word. We would LOVE to reach out to new potential members. If you know someone who may be interested in our club, invite them to attend a meeting with no strings attached. If they like what they see they are welcome to join.

The agenda for the next few meetings will be as follows:

- Show & Tell Magic: Part 1 (perform or show something, etc...)
- Club Business
- Watch a video (from club library, or my [or YOUR] private collection)
- Show & Tell Magic: Part 2 (perform or show something, etc...)
- Workshop and/or Teach-In (time permitting)

We'll try it out and see how it goes, and then change it up over the course of the year, based on your feedback.

I haven't quite decided on the full year of meeting themes, mostly because it tends to be too limiting, and most don't follow the themes anyway. I want you to come and show us whatever it is that you are excited about. With that said, the January theme (for the sake of having one) will be "Whudjaget?" As in... whudjaget, either as a gift or for yourself over the holidays.

I hope that you will join us at the Kenmore Library on the second Thursday of each month. We meet at 7:00 PM, but we usually have the room available by 6:30. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

Evan

<http://nwingoffire.com/>

Haec aut bene aut male cedent
 "This may, or may not work."

Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101

www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Terjung's Studio of Gifts

4547 Calif. Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(This is a gift store with a counter in the back where they sell magic)

Lakewood Costumes

5932 Lake Grove ST SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

Dave's Killer Magic Shop

1707 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
360-448-9022

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

FunkyFun Magic Shop

Capital Mall
625 Black Lake Blvd
Olympia, WA, 98502
<http://Funkyfunmagic.com>
Funkyfunmagic@gmail.com

Magical happenings

Magic Monday! Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you want to hone your magic skills, get in touch with Mark Paulson, the producer of this venue (mark2061@yahoo.com). It is a wonderful chance to perform for an appreciative audience. It's been standing room only all year.

If you wish to perform contact Mark at: mark2061@yahoo.com or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thirdplacebooksmagicmonday?fref=ts>

"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!

(Some of) The Best Things in Life are (Virtually) Free

– Part 2

By Evan Shuster

Continuing from where I left off a few months ago... I offer up for your consideration and consumption a second helping of fun, free resources to be explored and (hopefully) enjoyed.

1. CARD COLM

Card Colm was a bimonthly column by Colm Mulcahy sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. This column explored mathematical card principles and effects for fun, very much inspired by the extensive writings of Martin Gardner (1914-2010) on the subject, going back to his seminal *Mathematics, Magic and Mystery* (1956). Even though the site has not been updated in more than a year you will find an extensive archive and plenty of thought provoking material to explore.

Home Page:

<http://cardcolm-maa.blogspot.com/>

2. THE DOUG HENNING PROJECT

Created by magic enthusiast and pop culture writer Neil McNally, this site pays homage to one of Canada's brightest stars. From photos, to stories, to videos, and history, in this regularly updated blog McNally intends to bring Doug Henning to the masses once again through interviews with his master designers, professional acquaintances, and magician admirers.

Home Page:

<https://doughenningproject.com/>

3. MAC KING'S MAGIC IN A MINUTE

Who doesn't love Mac King? Add a little magic & mischief, and the assistance of Lewis T. Monkey, and you have "Magic in a Minute." With an archive dating back to 2011 you'll have a great time reading this magic-themed comic strip created by Mac & Bill King, and probably learn more than a few tricks along the way.

Home Page:

<http://www.gocomics.com/magicinaminute/2017/12/31>

4. LITTLE EGYPT MAGIC

Steve Bryant wrote four of the coolest magic books I own. In his own words: "Little Egypt Magic is the erratically updated web site of Steve Bryant, spawned (the site, not Steve) by a former internet magazine known as The Little Egypt Gazette/for magicians only."

In addition to a monthly newsletter which offers news, reviews, and informed opinions, you can also link to a partial archive of The Little Egypt Gazette (mentioned above).

Home Page:

<http://littleegyptmagic.com/magic.html>

5. iTRICKS

Created by Andrew Mayne and Justin Young, iTricks is a combination of news, videos, product reviews, and an archive of the Magic Week podcasts. The site is updated on an irregular basis, but the news feed tends to be kept up to date.

Home Page:

<http://itricks.com/news/>

And, to bring this episode to an end... I once again refer you to a repeat of my conclusion of part 1 of this article:

6. THE NORTHWEST RING OF FIRE

I would, of course, be remiss if I did not also take a moment to steer you in the direction of our very own club website. Here you will find some helpful links at the bottom of the home page, as well as a page that outlines the current month's calendar of local events, a complete archive of the club's monthly newsletters dating back to 2004, a page for The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series, and... a page devoted to our club's **lending library**, which hosts a large variety of books, DVDs, and even a few VHS tapes which are available to all club members.

Home Page:

<http://nwringoffire.com/>

Library:

<http://nwringoffire.com/library.html>



So much good news!

1) Our MONSTER LINEUP is in place: [David Stone](#), [Richard Osterlind](#), [Rocco Silano](#), & [Pop Haydn](#). are all coming to this year's PMJ! (It took 3 months to put together a lineup this fantastic!)

Stone is flying here from Paris; Osterlind is a master mentalist; Rocco is a master of elegant manipulation; and we're bringing back classic medicine-show marvel Pop Haydn because he's one of our all-time favorites!

2) [Registration is finally open!](#) We've already had 20 registrations since I announced this 2 days ago FB. **Don't delay**, because the current \$120 weekend price will be raised within a week. (Seriously, the \$120 Paypal button went up before I agreed to pay big bucks to fly Stone here from France. I'd change it now if it wasn't such a hassle!) *Remember you get a full refund if you prepay and need to cancel*

3) Our special [hotel room rate](#) at the **Airport Sheraton** is now available. It's good until Dec 22 or until they sell out our block. (Note there's another big group at the Sheraton that weekend.)

4) Both Rocco and Osterlind will be offering **extra-fee private workshops on Sunday**. The details (timing, price, length, min/max # of people) won't be finalized until the event weekend. We had great interest in Asi Wind's and Banachek's workshops last year!

5) Email me right away if you might be interested in a **David Stone private workshop** on Thurs night or Friday afternoon. (He has to fly home Sunday morning.) I have no info on any of the specifics.

See www.PDXMagicJam.com for all this and more info, including the [Schedule](#), [Contest](#), [Dealer's Tables](#), and link to the [\\$15 Show Tickets](#).

Please help **spread the word** to all the magicians you know who will enjoy this great weekend! It's your support that's helped this grow to the iconic event it is today!



MAGIC OF MAC KING at Everett Theatre on Mar 3, 2018 8:00 PM

Mac King is a comedy magician who has performed on television specials, often as a co-host. He has his own family-friendly show, "The Mac King Comedy Magic..."

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6990595/magic-of-mac-king--everett-everett-theatre?cobrand=everetttheatre>

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or  

iPic Entertainment is hosting a special magic show called Mind Control with magician Franco Pascali. There is a 6:30pm and a 9:45pm performance each night on Friday 1/19 and Saturday 1/20, at the iPic Theater in the Redmond Town Center. <https://www.ipictheaters.com/#/mindcontrol>