

The Northwest Ring of Fire

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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 published. 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.

****ALERT****

July's club meeting will be back at the Kenmore Library

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Ring of Smoke Report

No meetings during the summer.

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

Richmond Beach's Night Out Against Crime Magic Performance

For many years the Ring has performed at the Richmond Beach Neighborhood's "Night Out Against Crime" party. It is our way of giving back to the libraries who provide the rooms where we meet – we asked Richmond Beach Library what program they would like and they suggested this as the easiest and less "paperwork, approvals, hoop-jumping" program. It's a win-win proposal where they get entertainment and the performers get opportunity to "practice" walk-around, stand-up, and in front of picnic on grass crowd effects. Walk-around only needs two (or more) routines that get performed over and over again to parents & kids or couples. Ralph will bring a "waiter's table" table if you want to stand-up with a surface to perform for a stand-up crowd. We do a 20-minute variety (many performers) show drawn from whoever is there. Basically that means you can do whatever you enjoy or want to perfect, except try on to do the same thing as someone else – for the show you can let Ralph know several days before what you want to do and everyone adjusts. Do we get paid – hot dogs and soft drinks, it is a steppingstone that some have used to do other Night Out Against Crime parties with payment, this is a "pay back from the club to the library related group".

The event is before the next newsletter and meeting, so you'll need to mark your calendars and commit now. Craig will send out a reminder.

The date is August 6th, Tuesday, and it starts about 4:00 or so and runs until dark (come when you can) the show is like 6:00 or 6:30. Casual dress or whatever your persona would wear if you were doing a paid Night Out gig. It is located in the park next to the Richmond Beach Library. It is great fun and a chance to perform for people who enjoy what you give, a great place to try out new variations you want to learn, doing something for and with the club, and it is performing which often gets pushed aside with busy schedules.

Ralph is going to Utah the Wednesday before and flying back on Monday but is reachable by email – ralphzinger@gmail.com – or phone – 206-356-3649, leave a message since he may not be able to answer right away.

June's Meeting Report

June's theme was "Fate"- Perform or Discuss something that results in an impossibly predetermined outcome.

The meeting started with us watching a performance of Johnny Thompson. We saw his performances of Silent Mora's "Balls in Net", Al Bakers' "Coins in Glass Through Table", and a "Coins Across" routine. There was some discussion about activities for the club which I will cover later in this article and coming newsletters. Payne told us about the lecture he gave in Spokane, WA. He told us he will be going to Blackpool Convention to lecture.

Santiago Naranjo brought some props to show the club. The first was a spirit box, a haunted key and a book with the pictures and records of patients from an insane asylum. All for use in a bizarre magic show and he give us his ideas and thoughts on how each will fit into his show.

Jeff Dial had a volunteer randomly shuffled a deck of cards. The volunteer cuts the deck and each packet is shuffled separately. Two cards a chosen from each pack and they matched the predictions. It is "Shuffle Board"

Ralph gave us an update on "BECCA"

David Callahan told us a story about how his father would play "find the Jack" with him to determine if he would do chores. No matter how the game was changed to make it easier for the son to win, Dave would always lose to his father. A good story for a Monte routine with Jumbo Cards.

Payne had a card from a red back deck chosen and replaced into the deck and the deck place into the case. Using a blue elastic when the cards were removed from the case only the chosen card had a blue back. He told us his impressions of a DVD on the Linking Rings. He showed the club the new trick "Animal Tarot". Very Nice.

Evan Shuster reviewed for the club the DeLand Book. He felt that it was a great book and deserved a place in your magic library.

After the meeting we went for food and good company.

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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The Demise of the Lynnwood Ring?
IBM Ring # 339
The Northwest Ring of Fire
R.I.P. (?)
By Evan Shuster

If it's true that the best kept secrets are hidden in print, then I'll be curious to see how many of you will actually see (and read) this. 😊

CLEARLY NOT A SECRET:

I have been asking for the past few months, by way of our club newsletter, and at our club meetings, for each of you to consider the future of our club. Who will lead the club over the next year or two?

With September (and our club elections) quickly approaching, I am hoping to hear from some of you who would like to become more involved with the club.

- **Best qualifications?**
 - Ability to attend/lead a monthly series of meetings.
 - Passion for the performance and history of magic.
 - Submission of monthly "President's Message" to newsletter
 - Submission of occasional, additional newsletter articles
 - Listen... if I can do it, YOU can do it.

To date, we have the following candidates:

- **PRESIDENT: VACANT**
 - Candidates?
- **VP 1: VACANT**
 - Candidates:
 - Jim Rodgers
 - ?
- **VP 2: VACANT**
 - Candidates:
 - Evan Shuster
 - ?
- **Secretary: VACANT**
 - Candidates:
 - Craig Colombel
- **Treasurer: VACANT**
 - Candidates:
 - Brian Melicher
- **Librarian:**
 - Evan Shuster
 - Alternate Candidates:
 - ?

Other candidates are strongly encouraged to contact me directly to be added to the election pool.

Okay... with that said...

I'm looking forward to Magic LIVE, in August. Not sure if I'll do it again next year, but this year should be fun.

Beyond that, I'll be headed to the Genii convention in October (Orlando, FL), and in January I'll be at Magi-Fest (Columbus, OH). The 2020 lecture series is virtually all wrapped up, so I'll be looking to fill the 2021 calendar, or, at least, get a feel for the appetite for this type of lecture tour.

Okay... enough blabbering on. By the time you read this it will already be mid-July, so... I hope you had a happy 4th of July!

****ALERT****

July's club meeting will be held on Thursday, the 11th, at the Kenmore Library, at 7:00 PM (room available at 6:30)

I know that there are a million things that can keep everyone busy, and distract from showing up at every meeting, but I hope you'll find the time to join us this month.

Best regards,
Evan

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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)

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

Is Closed

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

FunkyFun Magic Shop- **Is Now**

Twisted Monkey-Magic Shop

1101 Outlet collection Way

#1261

Auburn WA 98001

206-859-8363

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 are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at jim@earnshawmagic.com. You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

"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!