



Words from the Secretary

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We will be meeting again in person/live on November 9th at 7PM. We will be meeting at:

Washington Insurance Alliance which is located at: 18521 76th Ave W Ste 108, Edmonds, WA 98026. Thanks to Tony for finding the place. [Click here for more information](#). We will still have Zoom for those who don't want to meet in person yet.

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Meeting November 9th, 2023

We are having our Live MAGIC CLUB Meeting of the NW Ring of Fire in Lynnwood on November 9th at 7pm

We are meeting at:

Washington Insurance Alliance
18521 76th Ave W Ste 108,
Edmonds, WA 98026

Thanks to Tony Blei for his hard work in finding this place.

The Zoom meeting will also happen for the safety and convenience of members who do not want to meet live yet.

Google map link: <https://g.page/insparkcowork?share>

Zoom meeting info below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/736296076?pwd=Sm4ybzA4SENCZnNZMk9odVN0QnF5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 736 296 076

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Passcode: 8042240358

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdxekbqBLi>

Message from the President November 2023 IBM Ring 339 Ring of Fire

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It Has Been an Honor to Serve as President 2021-2023

I am honored to have had a chance to serve as your president and I want to thank everyone for your support, advice, suggestions, and your criticism. All of your feedback has made me a better person and a better Magician.

Traveling 6000 miles or more every month has got me to thinking more about the advice I have gotten from senior Magicians in our club about “Pack Flat ~ Show Big” Magic shows. A lot of thought has gone into my plans for my “Really big show” that will fit in a carry-on bag. This was especially evident when I landed in New York and United Airlines sent me a message letting me know I could pick up my baggage containing my one-hour Magic Show at baggage carousel number 3 in Chicago.

As the lockdown changed our club started offering an opportunity to meet live as well as online as I came into office as president. Most Magicians should have a really big show and be developing another one. In my case, I had decided to be a full time Magician before the covid lockdown and so I spent the 18 months performing and developing my Quantum Magic show.

November 14, 2019, I joined the IBM and came to my first Ring of Fire club meeting. I had already performed over 250 Magic shows as a child Magician, and I had been working as a public speaker and musician for decades. I just needed to learn to do Magic again and do it well. The Magicians in this club helped me get relaunched in 2019 and re-relaunched in August of 2021. I was given advice and props, lots of old Magic you all were never going to use got into my show.

Re-re launching my business as a full-time performing Magician was tough in the post covid world. Doing Magic shows while wearing a mask, gloves and a face shield was very interesting. It did make me a better magician and as I was fumbling with cards and surgical gloves I thought about Cardini in the trenches of WWI wearing leather gloves and doing card tricks. I had it easy.

I was advised to find a place where I could “perform Magic shows for free every week” and I could not find any. During covid the many free meeting places had been closed and converted to covid cleaning and PPE storage rooms. All of the public library spaces were NOT available. Even street performing was not allowed. As we came out of that, most of the places that used to be free started to become available with an additional “sanitization fee” So there was NO Free Lunch as far as meeting space went.

August 2021 I was able to book and perform 5 Magic shows while wearing the most ridiculous amount of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and the shows went well. By December 2021 I was doing 30 shows a month and LOVING it. A little over 600 Magic shows since the Re-Relaunching of my Magic business has been the most fun of my life. If you have never performed live in front of an audience, do it. Do it at our next meeting. Bring a trick and ask for help. Our club is a safe place for you to develop your Magic art and skill. Do free shows, consider busking (street performing), do shows that will fit the budget of the person who is hiring you. You will be glad you did.

We need new officers to serve. Join the team, it will be fun and satisfying especially with the IBM convention in our backyard. The 2024 Convention Committee will need a new chairman. Now that I live in New York I believe a local person should be heading this up.

IBM (International Brotherhood of Magicians) I.B.M. Magic Convention

In Tacoma in 2024. A discount is available until February.

I have reached out to the national office to set up a liaison relationship with the convention committee. Oscar Munoz is the chair of the committee, and they are very pleased we are willing to work with them to have the best convention ever. The convention will be at the Marriott Tacoma Downtown 1538 Commerce St, Tacoma, WA 98402 July 10-13, 2024.

<https://www.magician.org/convention/online-registration-2024>

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Let me know if you would like to volunteer to help plan the convention and if you want to help during the convention. Let me know if you have anything you would like to contribute specifically. If you are interested in being on the Convention Ad hoc Committee let me know and I will reach out to you when we are having conference calls etc.

Let me know if you have any suggestions or need anything.

Share a little Magic with the World One Audience at a Time.

Warm regards, Monty K Reed President 2021-2023 www.MagicMontyReed.com

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Warm regards, Monty K Reed

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Conventions for Magicians

The Magic of Giving

Marc Dunston

Illustrated by Katie Cantrell

Children's Book

Book 10" X 8" 32 pages

14 color illustrations 2 color photographs

\$16.99

ISBN: 9781589808058

Pelican Publishing

<http://www.pelicanpub.com>

Reviewed by Payne

No, this is not the highly anticipated and recently released treatise on Gift Magic by the gang at Mystery School. No, this is a recently released picture book for children with a magic theme. But the message is much the same.

The story follows a little boy named Marc in his quest to find a suitable talent to display in his school's upcoming talent show. All of his fellow classmates are blessed with talents of their own. But Marc seems to have no one to call his own. Fortunately for him, as well as the overall plot of the story, Marc comes across a book on magic in his school's library. He checks out the book and quickly works at learning the tricks it contains. Not to give away the whole plot but Marc, with the aid of his family and friends in two weeks creates a workable act complete with props, music and the requisite top hat and cape and of course wins the talent show through hard work perseverance and most importantly, practice. He wins the \$100.00 prize and uses it to treat a friend's family whose father has recently lost his job to a fantastic holiday feast.

Those of an acerbic or curmudgeonly nature might find this tale overly maudlin and trite. But there are valuable lessons to be learned from the story. The benefits of practice and perseverance. The value of sacrifice and of course the never-ending benefits one can find in the performance of magic.

So, if you've got a little one in your life that needs a gentle nudge into the art of magic this book might be just the thing. Especially if you include a nifty magic kit in the deal.

October's meeting report of The NW Ring of Fire

Before the meeting started there was discussion among the members about using electronics and magic and magic items the good and bad and ugly.

During the business part of the meeting, it was brought up on the 3rd of November Lance Burton will be performing at the Angels of the Winds casino. On November 4th David Harita will be producing his show with performers from the club at 7:00 PM in Mill Creek. We also talked about the upcoming year as our president Monte Reed have served for two years and we need to elect a new president. We're looking for someone that would help with making the club stronger. James Donahue made a motion to wait until November to make the decision. There was a request for a list of officers. It was asked that the secretary make a list of members and send it out to everyone for people to make decisions on nominations. The list of officers that we are looking at is president, vice president, 2nd vice president, treasurer, secretary, and Sergeant of arms.

To start off the magic section Eric Stevens had a three phase routine was the cards magic you can't see skill that you can't see choose a card joke in the box drop cards and deck with the jokers card ends up between the two jokers umm vanished the card in hand and made it appear in the middle of the deck shuffling cuts three cards three cards in hand kings appeared on top of the deck didn't put the kings in the box Joe curse in between hands card goes from box to hands between the jokers.

Mike Losk had a box with 4 die inside and the box was locked. The volunteer rolled 4 other dice and the numbers rolled matched the ones in the box.

Payne had a ball and vase with an eye as the ball. Performed a routine with the final time the top was removed the eye was replaced with a brain.

Jon Bowne gave three spectators each a deck of cards had them pull out one suit of cards 8 through king and think of a number speak or think of a card spelled that card by dealing a deck from the top to the bottom looked at the now new top card and spell it again and do again and then ask the person for their card all had spelled six all persons had the number six card or card number six.

James Donahue had a volunteer place their hands faced up and he took three cards and placed them on their hands showing that the front of the cards had logs on them and on the back ladybugs. When the spectators' hands were turned face down there was a ladybug on the back of one of the hands. A gentler version of the Web.

His next trick was he had cards picked and was able to determine what the card was using a Si Stevens deck. He then showed a stack called a mirror stack. Next he demoed a brief cup and balls routine on which he was working.

Rich Walters talked about the Shazam magic show that he saw he thought it was good and he described some of the effects that were performed at it he said it was their first show of the series and it could tell they needed some stuff that needed to be evened out. Rich brought out some cards from his collection he got him from the car museum, and it was American dream cars deck, a classic cars deck and a Volkswagen cars deck.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Colombel - Secretary NWRf

See you next Thursday October 12th at 7pm at the
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Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal

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.

Market Magic Shop
Pike Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101
www.marketmagicshop.com

Brian Cook's
WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.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