



# VMC DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Vancouver Magic Circle Members!

Time has flown by so quickly, it really feels just like yesterday we were all together at the 3 of Clubs Convention! Thank you to all who attended, and supported our club, we truly appreciate it! We had a great turn out this year at our Christmas Potluck! Lots of good food, spending time with our magic family, and of course a great competition! All the competitors did amazing this year, Congratulations to Alex Zander on winning, well done! I look forward to seeing what next year's competitors will bring to the stage!



## **A few important notices:**

### **January Annual General Meeting**

As we approach the new year, please remember that our January 26th 2017 Meeting is the Annual General Meeting, One Trick Night and Past Presidents Night This is the night where you get the opportunity to vote on your new Executive Board, Murray Award Recipient, Stan Kramien Award Recipient, and the Best Spread Award. If you have any nominations for the Murray Award and the Kramien Award, please let Bryn know. Your nomination should include Name of Nominee, Approximate Date of Performance, and The reason why you feel they should be nominated for the award. This night is also, One Trick Night! Where you get the opportunity to perform one trick, if you aren't the competition kind of person! A night where we all have some fun!

### **75th Anniversary**

This year marks our 75th year! So please be on the look out for fun events and cool things that are in the works! Share with your friends the excitement, as this is a big thing!

### **Dues**

As always, come the new year, dues are due. Please pay your 2017 dues by February 1st! You can do so in person at the January Meeting, or online!

### **VMC Installation Banquet**

Come February 16th we will be holding our annual Installation Banquet! This year we will be hosting it at Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club (3251 Plateau Blvd) in Coquitlam! We will be having our club photo, an amazing spread of food for dinner, as well as the International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Oscar Muñoz joining us! Tickets will be \$50 and will be limited; available on [www.IBMRing92.com](http://www.IBMRing92.com). This year we are opening the Banquet to the public! So if you have any friends who would like to come please invite them! We are also implementing a fun incentive, for each non-member ticket you sell/purchase for the banquet, you will receive \$5 off your admission to the Oscar Munoz Lecture on February 18th! In other words, sell 4 banquet tickets to your friends and you get a free lecture! We will also be looking for close up performers too, we will make the announcement come January. This is really going to be a lot of fun, and perhaps with some special guests too! Come on our and celebrate the beginning of the best year yet!

Thank you all for a wonderful 2016! Please be safe during the holidays and this crazy weather!

Happy Holidays,

Billy Hsueh

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Billy Hsueh'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **DUES!**

**THAT'S RIGHT IT'S THAT TIME OF  
YEAR AGAIN!**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PAY YOUR  
DUES BY FEBRUARY 1ST**

**YOU CAN DO SO AT THE JANUARY  
MEETING OR ONLINE**



**Installation Banquet  
Thursday February 16th**

**Doors Open:  
Members Event @ 5:30PM  
Public @ 7:00PM**

**Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club  
3251 Plateau Blvd in Coquitlam, BC**



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PCAM / CAM 2017 Combined Convention

# VMC Christmas Banquet



# November Report By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle's annual Christmas pot luck dinner was once again a huge success ! Arriving at the hall early to put up the Christmas decorations were Graham Kita and Alex Seaman. Dennis Chan was in charge of the kitchen duties. He has been in charge of the kitchen for many years. Members and guests started to arrive around 6:00 p.m. President Billy Bales Hsueh welcomed the guests and the members. The buffet table was a gourmet's delight. There was the usual turkey, roast beef and ham. Other dishes included mashed potatoes, hot vegetables, chili, green salads, potato salad, fruit platter, desserts and much more. There was such a large gathering that 98.42% of the food "disappeared" within a short time. Everyone enjoyed the buffet.



The children were given Christmas goodie bags which were donated by Graham Kita. There were plenty of prizes on the raffle prize table. Many thanks to Graham Kita, Dennis Chan, Shawn Farquhar and Tony Chris for donating raffle prizes. Raffle prizes were drawn throughout the evening by Billy Bales Hsueh, Graham Kita and Dennis Chan. The luckiest raffle prize winner of the evening was Kira Nguyen. She won three raffle prize draws and the 50/50 draw of \$60.00 which she promptly gave back to the club. Thank you very much Kira for taking part in this fun event. The winner of the Grand prize draw was Anthony Young. The prize was a silver close-up case donated by Dennis Chan.

The club thanks everyone for buying raffle tickets and bringing the food. There are usually two competitions at the November event: The William Shelly trophy and the Percy Poole trophy. Unfortunately the competition for the Percy Poole trophy which is a competition for junior members did not take place as most of the junior members have now advanced to the adult category. The only competition that took place was for the William Shelly trophy. This is an adult competition. Bryn Williams, our competition chairperson read the rules. Billy Bales Hsueh was the MC for this event. The competitors were Ed Stehr, Matthew Jones, Jessica Chan and Alex Seaman. The winner of the William Shelly trophy for 2016 was Alex Seaman. Congratulations to Alex and to the rest of the competitors Matthew Jones was disqualified for going over the ten minute time limit. Thank you Billy for doing a fantastic job as MC. Karen Eskilson tallied the scores. Walk around magicians were John Ha, Henry Tom and Lon Mandrake. Rosalind Chan made balloon sculptures for the children. Graham Kita provided the snow globe, wreaths, Christmas lights and other Christmas decorations. The helping hands for the evening were Terri Kita, Satoye Kita, Chelsea Kita, Suzanne Gustafson, Florence Lam and Amy Choy. They are non-members who work behind the scenes to help make the evening enjoyable. They help with the kitchen duties, ticket selling, and cleaning up.

Thank you very much everyone. Bryn Williams and Henry Tom took photos of the evening's events. Many thanks to Terri and Graham Kita for doing a lot of "running around" picking up supplies for the pot luck. Terri, Graham, and yours truly Dennis Chan spent a lot of time e-mailing each other coordinating the menu to make sure that there was enough food for everyone. The Vancouver Magic Circle thanks each and everyone of you for attending this festive and fun event. Without you this event would not have been such a success. The Vancouver Magic Circle is hoping to see all of you again in 2017. There were 27 members and 34 guests in attendance.

# MAGIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1) WHAT MAGICIAN LIVED IN A TRANSPARENT CASE SUSPENDED 30 FEET IN THE AIR ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER THAMES FOR 44 DAYS WITH FOOD OR SLEEP?
  - A) KEN LIVINGSTONE
  - B) DAVID BLAINE
  - C) ED MARLO
  - D) HARRY HOUDINI
  
- 2) WHAT FAMOUS MAGICIAN WAS BORN WITH THE NAME EHRICH WEISS?
  - A) LANCE BURTON
  - B) DAVID COPPERFIELD
  - C) HARRY BLACKSTONE
  - D) HARRY HOUDINI
  
- 3) WHAT MAGICIAN DEBUTED ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW" BEFORE TAKING HIS FAMOUS DOVE ACT TO THE PRESTIGIOUS "FOLIES BERGERE" IN LAS VEGAS?
  - A) DAVID BLAINE
  - B) DAVID COPPERFIELD
  - C) LANCE BURTON
  - D) LEE GRABEL
  
- 4) WHAT INDIAN MAGICIAN, MOST PROMINENT DURING THE 1950'S AND 1960'S, WAS KNOWN WORLDWIDE AS JADUSAMRAT OR EMPEROR OF MAGIC?
  - A) P.C. SORCAR
  - B) ERDNASE
  - C) THE GREAT DILSHAD
  - D) GILI GILI
  
- 5) WHAT MAGICIAN DID HARRY KELLER PASS HIS WAND TO IN 1908, THUS EXTENDING THE ROYAL DYNASTY OF MAGICIANS?
  - A) HERRMANN THE GREAT
  - B) DANTE THE MAGICIAN
  - C) LEE GRABEL