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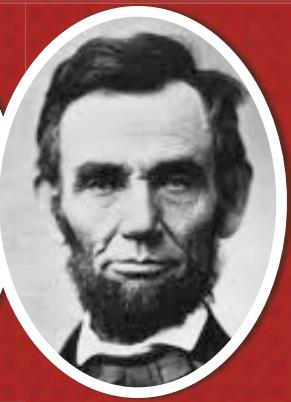
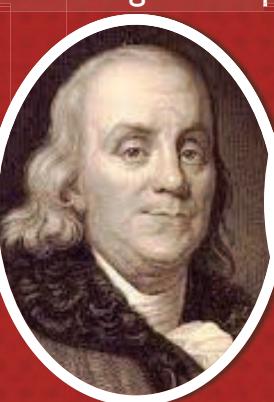
Since 1942

Happy 2013 Vancouver Magic Circle!

Oh what a year it will be...

Past Presidents & One Trick Night!

The fun starts on Thursday, January 24th with our monthly meeting. Doors open at 6:30 PM at the Sunrise Community Hall for a Jam Session followed by the ever-popular Past-Presidents & One Trick Night. Bring out your latest and greatest, knuckle-busting, gasp-producing, hangover-healing feat of prestidigitation!



We look forward to seeing you there!

Then...on Friday, February 22nd, join us for a fantastic lecture by

Peter Samelson

The soft-spoken
conceptualist
of sorcery

7:30 PM at Douglas College, 700 Royal Avenue,
New Westminster



PRESIDENT'S

Happy New Year Vancouver Magic Circle!

Welcome to 2013! The continuation of the Year of Prestige! The Vancouver Magic Circle Board of Directors has an incredible year planned for us that promises magic-packed meetings, record-setting business meetings and more!

Our new year will kick off with the January 24th Annual General Meeting. This is an extremely important meeting and I sincerely hope you all will attend. The schedule for the January Meeting is as follows:

- 6:30 - Doors Open
- 7:00 - Jam Session
- 8:00 - Refreshments
- 8:15 - Past President's and One Trick Night
- 9:00 - Election of Executive Officers
- 9:30 - Initiation Ceremony

The Board of Directors has agreed upon a slate of individuals who they consider to be excellent candidates for the following positions: (Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting as well)

President	-	Alex Seaman
1st VP	-	Graham Kita
2nd VP	-	Gord McIntosh
Secretary	-	Billy Hsueh
Treasurer	-	<i>vacant</i>
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Dennis Chan

It's Past President's Night and One Trick Night! We invite all Past Presidents to join in the fun and present one trick to the circle you've helped build. As you know, to maintain Active Membership, everyone must perform at least once during the year. Make sure to take advantage of One Trick Night to fulfill your membership requirement without having to enter in a competition setting later in the year! We will then hold a concise Business Meeting for the election of new Executive Officers. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the meeting and Active Members will cast their vote for the leadership of the Vancouver Magic Circle, as well as the Murray Award for Creativity and the Stan Kramien Award for Showmanship.

Once every year, we hold our top-secret Initiation Ceremony following the January elections. Associate Members will be interviewed by the Membership Committee prior to the Initiation Ceremony and, pending their acceptance, will be initiated to status of Active Member of the Vancouver Magic Circle. If you are an Associate Member, you **must ensure** you attend this meeting.

But the fun doesn't stop there! The Vancouver Magic Circle is bringing in Peter Samelson to perform for us in February. Make sure to reserve some special dates in your calendar, you won't want to miss this!



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OFFER TO DEMONSTRATE BY ASKING THE AUDIENCE TO SHOUT OUT A COLOR, AND NOT JUST ANY COLOR, BUT A REALLY TOUGH ONE, LIKE PRUSSIAN BLUE, CADMIUM RED OR PERIWINKLE. NO COLOR IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR THE MAGICAL MARKER.

FINALLY, WRITE OUT WHATEVER COLOR HAS BEEN NAMED YOUR MAGICAL MARKER HAS PERFORMED AS PROMISED. YES, IT'S A SILLY TRICK. WHY DO YOU THINK I HAD A MONKEY DO IT?

Mac & Bill King

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Magic...the universal language:

Magic may have universal appeal, but unless you have a silent act you will need some basic vocabulary. With this handy guide, you can identify yourself as the 'Life of the Party' wherever you may travel.

85 Ways to Say MAGICIAN (part 2 of 3):

34. Ibo - Onye Amuma Ogwu
35. Icelandic - Sjonhverfingamadur
36. Igala - Ache Ogwu
37. Italian - Mago
38. Japanese - Tejinashi
39. Kanada - Jadoogar
40. Kashmiri - Bazighar
41. Korean - Masulsa
42. Kurdish - Cedû
43. Lappish - Calmmegeaidi
44. Latin - Magus
45. Latvian - Buruju mäkslinieus
46. Lithuanian - Burtininkas
47. Loa - Nark man ya konh
48. Macedonian - Volshebnik
49. Malay - Pensilap
50. Malayalam - Manthrikan
51. Maltese - IlluZjonista
52. Mandarin - Moshusi
53. Nepali - Chataki
54. Norwegian - Tryllekunstner
55. Pashtu - Jadoogar
56. Persian - Magii

Part 3-next month

November Ring Report

By: Munro MacKenzie & Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle

I.B.M. Ring #92

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m. President-Alex Seaman

The club's annual Christmas dinner took place at the club's meeting hall on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012. The hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas, complete with a full size balloon snowman and unbelievably intricate balloon centrepieces on each table, all twisted up by Adam Kozilec and Mike Akazuki from Party Empire party store. Our President Alex Seaman was in charge of the event to make sure that everyone was having a good time and making sure that things were running smoothly. Thanks Alex.

The kitchen was very busy with all kinds of help preparing the food. There was plenty of desserts, salads, turkey, ham, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and other goodies, too numerous to mention. After the dinner, Adam Kozilec and Mike Akazuki made balloon animals and other balloon sculptures for the kids. There was also a secret Santa gift exchange. During the course of the evening, Billy Hsueh sold raffle tickets and John Smithman took photos of the evening's events. Contest time! The competition was for the William Shelly Trophy, in recognition of excellence in stage magic performed by an adult member. Bryn Williams read the rules. Last year's winner, James Hanson was the MC for this event. The contestants were Gary Savard, who did a bird act, Matthew Jones did a rope routine, John Stenning did a mentalism act, Leo Robinovitch did a card effect using six assistants and Ray Roch did linking coat hangers. The winner of the William Shelly Trophy was Leo Robinovitch. Congratulations Leo! And congratulations to all the

competitors. James also did some magic between the acts to keep the contest flowing. Thanks James.

Lots of prizes were won during the raffle draws throughout the evening. The helping hands for the evening were Lori Farquhar, Melody Hewson, Paddy Jonas, Joanna Williams, Jennifer Kita and her fiance Jesse Vartiainen and Pat Roch. Thanks everyone. Thanks to Adam Kozilec and Mike Akazuki for supplying the balloons and thanks to all who donated to the food bank. There were 32 members and 32 guests in attendance.

The Vancouver Magic Circle extends a huge thank you to Graham Kita and Dennis Chan who spearheaded the event planning and made sure everything came together.

Filling in for Munro MacKenzie...

I'm Dennis Chan.



VMC CHRISTMAS DINNER 2012



Please visit www.ibmring92.com to view John's phantastic photo gallery!

Welcome to 2013!

What a wonderful time we live in. Although, life was a bit more interesting 500 years ago. In honour of the new year, we offer you...

Some interesting facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour, hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then, the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw - piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained, it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence, a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.



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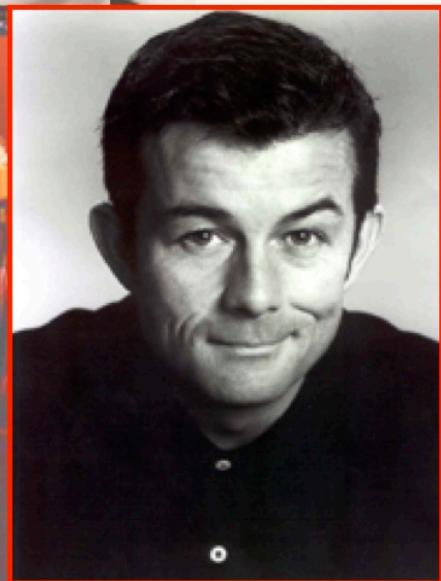
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President's column continued...

But the fun doesn't stop there! The Vancouver Magic Circle is bringing in Peter Samelson to perform for us in February. Make sure to reserve some special dates in your calendar, you won't want to miss this!

Peter Samelson Lecture -

7:30pm, Friday February 22, 2013,

Douglas College, 700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster

Installation Banquet and Show - 6:00pm, Saturday, February 23, 2013,

Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver

The Vancouver Magic Circle Installation Dinner will feature a full catered dinner, the annual Circle photo, and a feature magic show by Peter Samelson. Registration for the event is \$45 (\$40 for Members, \$20 for Juniors) and will be available at the January Meeting as well as on our website www.vancouvermagiccircle.com shortly.

At this time, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has donated so much of their time over the past year to make our Circle such a success. The individuals who sit on our Board of Directors both as Directors and Executive Officers are some of the most dedicated people I've had the pleasure of working with and I know we are in good hands for the coming year. To all of our members, I thank you for your continued support and participation in the Vancouver Magic Circle.

See you all at the January Meeting!

Alex Seaman

President
Vancouver Magic Circle
I.B.M. Ring #92, The Charles Howard Ring

SHARE THE MAGIC

On Thursday December 20, 2012 our own President Alex Seaman hosted his production of the "SHARE the Magic" programme as producer, emcee *and* performer. The featured performers were the Vancouver Magic Circle's very own Tony "Zany Zack" Chris who did children's comedy magic and Bruce Meyers, along with the always lovely Jennifer, performed his award-winning Vaya Con Huevos Egg Act. After intermission, stunt magician and comedian Wes Barker wowed the crowd as he walked across glass. In between the acts, Alex did a prediction routine and rope magic to keep the show flowing. The Grand Finale was a stage illusion performed by Alex and his assistant Hannah Henney. Despite the inclement weather, there was a large audience and everyone was thoroughly entertained. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to bring the show together, along with the show sponsors and everyone who attended, Alex raised over \$1500.00 for SHARE Family and Community Services, along with an additional 20 boxes of food for the Food Bank. The Vancouver Magic Circle was very proud to support the show in attendance and wishes him all the best in his future years of the production.



“Magic of the Holidays”

Photo Contest

The Holiday season is such a very special, and yes, “magical” time of the year. A time to celebrate with close friends and family. A time to give thanks for all that we have and to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate. It is also a VERY busy time of year for many magicians who find themselves booked morning, noon and night with performances.

The Vancouver Magic Circle is looking for a photo that best captures the “Magic of the Holidays”. Whether you are pulling a rabbit out of Santa’s hat, or making a smile ‘magically’ appear on children’s faces, we want to see it!!

A panel of judges has been selected to carefully sort through the many submissions we expect to receive. (OK, really it’s just me and a drinking buddy). Select finalists will be published in the February edition of the Magical Minutes where VMC members (in good standing), will have the opportunity to vote on a winner.

One lucky winner will receive a PICTURE of a BRAND NEW CAMERA!

Please email submissions to the Editor at
newsletter@ibmring92.com.



December's Mystery Mug

What a busy time of year December is for our club members. Whether performing night and day or spending time with family and friends (or both). In fact, it has been so busy that no one had time to even hazard a guess at who this month's Mystery Mug was.

Well...we don't want anyone to miss out, so we are running it again! Please have a look on page 12 to see what you can see!!



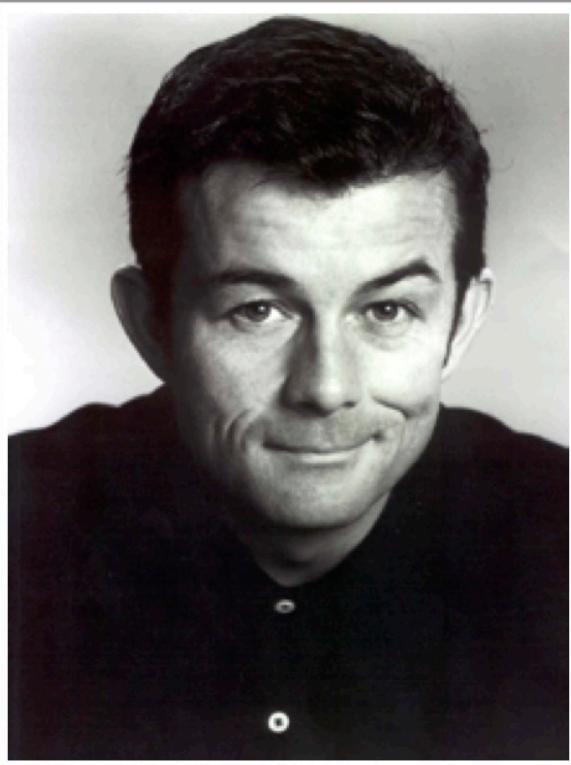
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- * Nominated BEST "ONE MAN SHOW" Category 2004 Canadian Comedy Awards
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When it comes to the field of Magic David has been asked to perform at some of the most prestigious Magic events in the world for his peers. He has appeared at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, has hosted the Gala Show at Siegfried and Roy's World Magic Seminar Convention in Las Vegas. He performed on Greg Frewin's Show "Beyond Belief" when the Society of American Magicians convention bought the house out for its annual get together. He has performed at the International Magic Convention in London England, Abbott's Magic Get together in Colon Michigan, the Daytona Magic Convention, twice at the Canadian Association of Magicians convention in Kitchener, the Battle of the Magicians convention in Canton Ohio, the NYCAN convention in Toronto, the Ultra Exclusive "Invitation Only" FFFF Close Up Convention in Batavia NY, the MAWNY convention in Buffalo, the Niagara Comedy Magic Seminar in Niagara Falls and for six years in a row was asked to perform and host spots at Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, in Massachusetts.

Lecture

Date:	Monday, January 28, 2013	
Time:	7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)	
Venue:	Douglas College Room #2203	
Location:	700 Royal Ave., New Westminster, BC	
In Advance:	VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members:	\$20.00
	Non-Members:	\$25.00
At Door:	VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members:	\$25.00
	Non-Members:	\$30.00

When not performing on land David is a regular on Norwegian, Princess and Holland America cruise ships having performed with them on the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Aegean, the Gulf of Mexico, the Alaskan Inner Passage, the Sea of Cortez and the Mediterranean.

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Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of "holding a wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins was found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was "considered a dead ringer."

Now, whoever said history was boring? So get out there and educate someone! Share these facts with a friend. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'

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Mystery Mug WHO COULD IT BE?

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Email submissions to the editor at newsletter@ibmring92.com.



Can you locate the 4 typos that were purposely placed within the text of this Newsletter as a skill building exercise?
If you find them all, please email your Grade 3 teacher...she will be so proud!