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VMC 2003 CHRISTMAS DINNER IN NOVEMBER!

I.B.M. Ring #92 - The Vancouver Magic Circle will be celebrating Christmas in November when it hosts it's annual Christmas Dinner & Show on Sunday, November 23rd / 2003 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie St. in Vancouver. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for Happy Hour & Table hopping Magic. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the show will follow sometime after 7:00 p.m. All V.M.C. Members & their families are invited to attend this evening of Fun, Food, Merriment, and Magic.

Cost of admission is to bring a food item to help build a buffet. The club is providing the turkeys for this traditional festive feast while those attending will bring everything else. If you are planning to attend but haven't signed up yet, please call dinner coordinators **DAVID & CHERYL WILSON** at 604-467-7887 to see what is still needed. We will also be having a box out again this year for the food bank. Everyone is encouraged to bring along some extra canned or dry goods to donate to those who may not be as fortunate as us during this special time of year.

The after dinner show is actually our annual competition for stage magic with honors being handed out in both Jr. & Adult categories. Juniors will be vying for the **PERCY POOLE TROPHY** while adults will be contending for the **WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY**. **JEFF McLEOD** will be acting as Master of Ceremonies for the show. Any members wishing to compete are asked to call **GLEN LaBARRE** at 604-468-6265 to sign up.

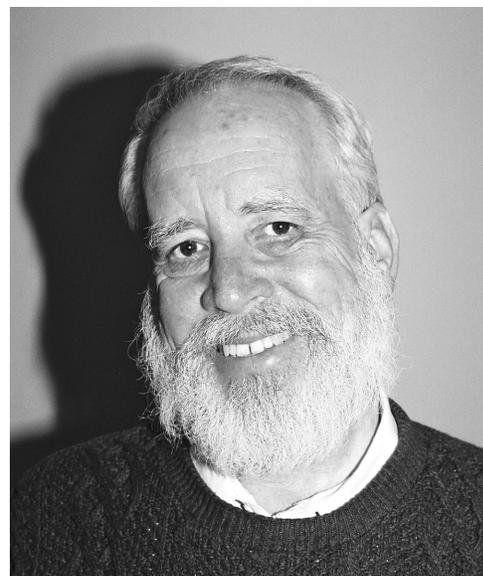
Of special note: Confirmation has arrived from the north pole that Santa Claus will be taking time out of his hectic Christmas schedule to put in an appearance at our dinner. Be sure to bring your Christmas wish list & a camera to take a photo with him.

IBM RING #92 LOSES SGT. OF ARMS DOUG SMITH

We are very sad to report that Vancouver Magic Circle Sergeant-at-arms **DOUG SMITH** passed away on Tuesday, November 11th / 2003 after loosing an ongoing battle with cancer. He was 56 years old. Doug joined the V.M.C. in 2000, coming to us as a seasoned performer after playing the trade for many years as "Puffy the Clown". Through his company, Active Events, he was also hired out as a very jovial Santa Claus during many christmas seasons.

Doug enjoyed attending our magic meetings, so much in fact that he accepted the nomination and was elected Sergeant-at-arms in January. We will all miss his unique sense of humor that he brought to the office.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Deborah, step Daughter, Step Son & Family. There will be a memorial Service on Saturday, December 13th / 2003 - 2:00 p.m. at St. Cuthbert Anglican Church 116th & 82nd Avenue, Delta, B.C.



ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT
THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT
1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. (unless otherwise stated)

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ANNUAL AUCTION IN OCTOBER MEETING!

Our October meeting is actually auction night so the doors opened early for the sellers to set up and the buyers to ogle the merchandise in anticipation of making a wonderful buy. Our rule is first to arrive is first to sell, 10 items and then rotate.

President David Wilson called the business meeting to order promptly at 7p.m. then turned the meeting over to the auctioneer – **GRAEME KINGSTON** of the voice that could shatter glass. The auction proceeded swiftly. 16 sellers sold 115 items to 29 eager buyers for a total of \$2012.00 of which the club netted 10%.

The largest item sold was **GARY SAVARD'S** Blammo Box Illusion to **MARIANNE DUMAY** for \$360.00. The least expensive item was **MARTIN SWANSON'S** a "Pop and String" effect to **DAVID CAMERON** for the grand sum of \$1.00. About midway through the evening, we had a social break with food supplied by **CLINTON LEE**. Delicious too!

We also broke for the Halloween costume contest. Four years ago we only had one costume - (mine) but this year we had a plethora of efforts. The semi-finalists were **KAREN ESKILSON** as the Queen of Hearts in an Elizabethan style dress she made herself complete with sparkly red shoes. **JOE WARD** came as a Mickey Mouse wizard in a splendid cape and hat; **CRAIG PRYSTAY** as a well dressed ghoul/mummy complete with black spiders and the eventual winner **DAVID WATTERS** in a western outfit featuring a 100-gallon hat. There was a prize awarded by that legendary magician – **ERIC LENZ**. It was a fun night and only cost me \$34.00

MUNRO MACKENZIE. Ring reporter.



LtoR: Ken Aitken, Gary Savard, Karen Eskilson, Glen LeBarre



Cowboy Dave Watters



Mummv Craia Prvstav



Eric Lenz Floating Skull



M.M. Wizard Joe Ward



GRRRRR! Juan Garcia

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



As some of you know, the Rafael Benatar Lecture originally scheduled for Thurs, November 13th / 3003 was cancelled at the last minute due to a mix up in travel documents, resulting in him being turned away at the Canadian border. Everyone who registered ahead of time for the lecture was notified by telephone of the cancellation. Mr. Benatar extends his apologies to all.

Ring #92 Treasurer DENNIS "The Bull Dog" CHAN would like to inform everyone that collections for 2004 club membership dues have now begun. Remember: Paying your dues promptly will avoid a "Hounding" by "The Bull Dog".

ROD CHOW & his family were prominently featured in the September 2003 issue of Insurance West Magazine. The 8-page article talked about the personable Chow family, their World Famous Building, and the continuing success of their insurance store chain. Rod was also featured in an accompanying 2-page article, which talked about his talents & achievements as a magician.

DAVID WILSON would like to publicly apologize to Vancouver Magic Circle Webmaster ANDERSON CHOW for failing to identify him as Webmaster on the appointments page of the recently distributed 2003 V.M.C. Yearbook. Anderson's work on the club website has earned him much praise and many accolades. The unexplained oversight was purely accidental, said Wilson. If you know of any errors, omissions, corrections, or additions to the 2003 yearbook, please let David Wilson know.

GARY SAVARD passed word to us that the upcoming MURRAY HATFIELD "Illusions, A magic Spectacular!" will be having a one-night engagement in Abbotsford prior to their 3 nights in New Westminster & 2 nights in Victoria as previously announced. We've also discovered that they will be in Kelowna as well.

Kelowna: Kelowna Community Theatre – January 6th
Shows at: 2:00pm, 5:30pm, and 8pm

Abbotsford: Abbey Arts Centre – January 7th
Shows at: 2:00pm, 5:30pm, and 8:00pm

Some shows are already sold out. Tickets are available by calling Xentel at 604-681-2504.

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A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER BC
5:00PM - DOORS OPEN/HAPPY HOUR
6:00PM – DINNER BEGINS
STAGE MAGIC COMPETITION
PERCY POOLE TROPHY – JUNIOR STAGE
WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY – ADULT STAGE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2004
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – ELECTIONS
7:00PM - LECTURE
8:00PM - BUSINESS MEETING

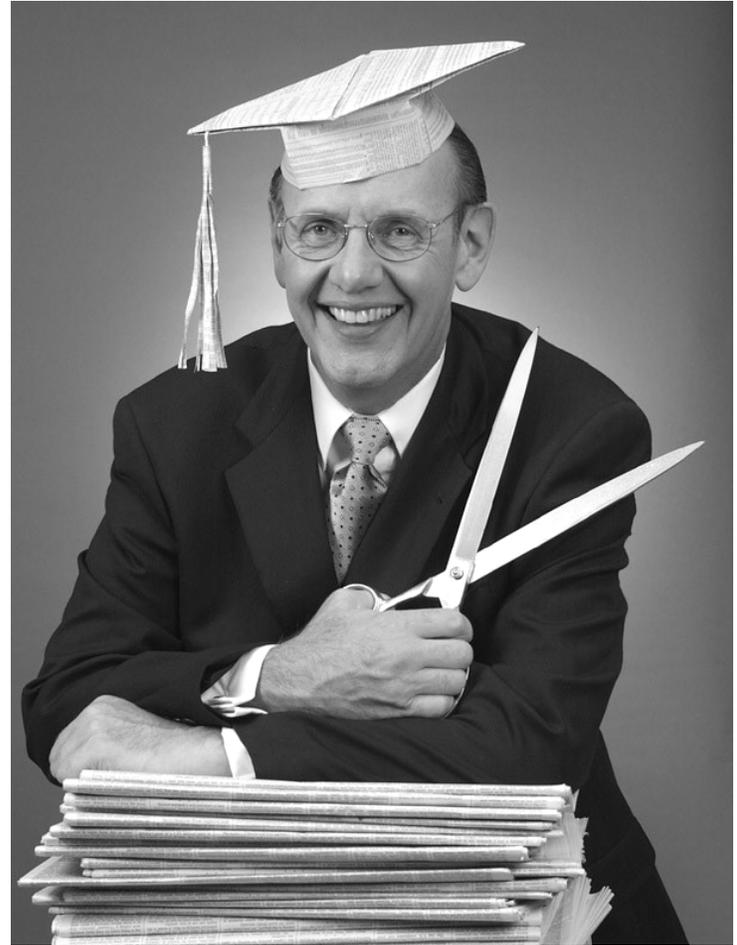
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2004
IBM RING#92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
GENE ANDERSON LECTURE
7:00PM – DOUGLAS COLLEGE
NEW WESTMINSTER
Reservations: David Wilson @ 604-467-7887

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2004
IBM RING #183 – VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL DINNER AND SHOW
EDELWEISS HALL, VICTORIA B.C.
FEATURING GENE ANDERSON
TICKETS – \$25.00
INFO: TONY ENG (HOME) 250-479-6420
(SHOP) 250-385-6807

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2004
IBM RING#92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
2004 INSTALLATION BANQUET
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
COMEDY NIGHT

AUGUST 4TH – 8TH, 2004
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Gene Anderson



Gene Anderson creates so much magic and laughter that wherever he appears he is in danger of becoming a one-man epidemic of fun. A newspaper reporter wrote, *"He does more with a newspaper than a kennel full of Great Dane pups!"* That's true, but there's a whole lot more than that!

Today Gene is a world-renowned magician having performed all over the USA and in twenty other countries on six continents. Gene's performance, combining jaw-dropping magic and his infectious humor, is the perfect addition to any banquet or meeting. He is the acknowledged master of newspaper magic; you'll never look at your Sunday edition in the same way again! Gene also features

such unlikely objects as ropes, eggs and even a sink stopper; this joyous funster is no boring, "Is that a coin behind your ear?" magician! His show involves delightful audience participation pieces, but he's always careful to provide the laughs with absolutely no embarrassment to his helpers!

Date: Friday, January 23rd, 2004 at 7:30 PM
Douglas College

Room 1606

700 Royal Ave New Westminster

Pre-registration: \$20.00 VMC Members / \$25.00 Non-members
Admission at the door: \$25.00 VMC Members / \$30.00 Non-members

To Register Call David Wilson: 604-467-7887 or Dave Watters: 604-590-4465