



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

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THE MAGICAL MINUTES

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VMC 2003 ANNUAL INITIATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD

The next event of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday September 25th, 2003 at the Sunrise Community Hall located at 1950 Windermere st., Vancouver. Doors will open at 6:30 and a workshop will start at 7:00pm featuring “Improv Comedy” hosted by **Ray Wong**. Ray plans to touch on topics that include verbal gymnastics and theatre sports for the terrified. Be prepared to participate in some fun improv comedy to help you become more spontaneous. The business portion of the meeting will follow at 8:00pm.

It is also initiation night for those eligible. Some old members have never gone through it so old or new this is your chance. Initiates are required to do 3 tricks satisfactorily before the members, after the business meeting. Then guests are invited to depart, as the actual ceremony is secret.

For any of those who have purchased any of the wonderful club apparel, we encourage you to bring your attire to the meetings to show your magical spirit.

MAGIC AND FUN AT THIS YEARS ANNUAL PICNIC!



Balloon sculpturer Anderson Chow

Our non-meeting month of August featured our annual club picnic held at New Westminster's Queens Park bandshell on Sunday August 24th 2003. The barbecue was ably overseen by Cheryl Wilson as she presided over the cooking of burgers, chicken, and hot dogs besides making salads. She was one very busy lady that day. All of the food was provided by the VMC to members and their families at no

charge. Attendance this year saw close to 90 magic enthusiasts enjoy the afternoon of magic, food, fun, and fellowship.

Anderson Chow did balloon sculptures for the children. He was equipped with a most unusual balloon holder on his belt that kept 48 balloons at the ready. **Karen Eskilson** was also a big hit with the kids and some of the adults doing incredible face-painting and body art. The lineup for her talents lasted longer than the picnic did.

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Ellen Molnar & head chef Cheryl Wilson



Jack Chow with artist Karen Eskilson

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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TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



A reminder for all members that the October meeting is auction night so dig out your unused stuff and turn it into CASH! For sellers it is first come first sell 10 items then rotate. As it is so close to Halloween, it is also costume night for those daring enough to try. Plan now to come dressed as your favorite ghoul or goblin.

On Sunday, August 24th, 2003, **David** and Cathy **Watters** met son **Trevor** at Seattle's Seatac airport. Trevor was away from June to August instructing magic at the Island Lake Camp in Pennsylvania with out-of-town members **Clinton W. Gray** and **Greg Ladret**. Clinton headed the team but Trevor was also a camp counselor to the kids at the camp. He made some very long lasting friendships and had the experience of his life.

Congratulations to **Michael** & Yvonne **Glenister**. They recently got married Sunday, August 10, 2003 and had a beautiful ceremony on the upper deck of a harbour cruise ship.

Rumor has it that **John Kaplan** will be showcasing "Stage Fright" at the Devon Gardens Elementary school, Delta, BC, in Early October. For more information call the school at 604-581-6185.



Newlyweds Yvonne & Michael Glenister

Gary Savard is trying to organize a photo shoot with professional photographer Fred Fraser. The date is Thursday Oct. 3rd, 2003. Sessions include:

- 20 minutes with the photographer
- photographs will be taken on a white background
- photographs will be supplied to you on CD and Thumbnail contact sheet
- **You** get to keep the originals as well as publishing rights.

Price is \$160.55 (taxes includ.) For more information call Gary at 604-341-2993.

The Northwest Ring of Fire IBM Ring #339 - The Lynnwood Magic Club will be hosting their **Day O'Magic** on Saturday, September 27th, 2003 at the P.U.D. theatre, 2320 California Street, Everett, Washington. Doors open 11am. This year will be featuring lecturers and stage performers by Dirk Losander and Max Maven. Single admission - \$35 dollars, Family Rate - \$45.

Canadians – Canadian money at par! For more information please contact **Greg Dietlien** at 604- 533-3959.

Tony Eng reports that Herb Morrissey from Toronto Canada, the biggest magic dealer of aluminum and copper products in the world, passed away August 13th, 2003. He went to the hospital Saturday August 9th, and fell into a coma that he never came out of. He had a heart transplant in July 2002 and other complications had occurred from time to time. The store was turned over to his son Danny and Richard Olsen last fall so the business is in good shape and they will carry on the same Morrissey tradition.

Member **Anderson Chow** continues to work Countless hours on our new club website with regular updates. You can check out our website at www.ibmring92.com. Keep up the great work Anderson!

If you have any Tidbits or interesting news please let us know so we can share this with the rest of the club! Phone the tidbit hotline at 604-961-3366 or email vmcnews@ibmring92.com

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MAGICAL MEMORIES OF GEORGE WATSON

On Saturday August 23rd, a Celebration of the Life was held for **George Watson**, a past president and long-time member of the Vancouver Magic circle who died in April at the wonderful age of 94. His daughter Wendy Chase hosted the afternoon helped by her brothers Bob, Brent and Rod. George had lived with Wendy the last 10 years of his life and it was a win/win situation. 89 friends and relatives gathered on this great occasion.

The family had requested that members of the V.M.C. bring pocket magic to entertain in honor of their Dad. Many friends spoke of George and attested to his great capacity for learning, sharing, taking Spanish lessons, his love of music, traveling, and being an ardent member of the Guildford Mall walking club as well as regularly attending magic meetings and events.

Ray Medway and **David Wilson** performed a touching Broken Wand ceremony. **Ray Roch** did his unique linking Coat Hangers routine. Walk-about magicians included **Dennis Hewson, David Watters, Jack Mellor, Munro MacKenzie**, and **Anthony Young**, displaying a very pleasant and happy remembrance.

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A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2003
IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WORKSHOP - IMPROV COMEDY
8:00 BUSINESS MEETING
NEW MEMBERS INITIATION NIGHT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2003
IBM #339 - LYNWOOD MAGIC RING
DAY O' MAGIC
P.U.D. THEATRE, EVERETT, WASHINGTON
CANADIANS – CANADIAN MONEY AT PAR
SINGLE ADMISSION - 35 DOLLARS
FAMILY RATE - 45 DOLLARS
TICKETS AND INFORMATION
CONTACT GREG DIETLIEN AT 604-533-3959

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2003
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
7:00PM
VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION
BRING YOUR UNWANTED MAGIC TO SELL
6:00-7:00PM – SETUP/PREVIEW
7:00PM – AUCTION BEGINS
HALLOWEEN COSTUME NIGHT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH, 2003
VIVA LAS VEGAS!
CHILLIWACK ARTS CENTRE
45899 HENDERSON, CHILLIWACK BC
FEATURING THE MAGIC OF
STEVEN BEST AND CASSANDRA
Tickets by calling: Chris @ 1-604-792-6376

NOVEMBER
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER BC

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Michael Stratman presenting David Wilson the Order of Merlin certificate and Pin.

David Wilson was honored to be inducted into the IBM Order of Merlin in August. This special award is given to magicians who have achieved 25 continuous years of membership with the IBM. David who has been a IBM member since 1978, was presented with his certificate and lapel pin by **Michael Stratman** (2002-2003 IBM International President), who was in town attending the 2003 PCAM annual convention. David joins other Vancouver Magic Circle Order of merlin members which include, **Jack Bastow, Dennis Chan, Duane Duvall, Bill Eliason, Tony Eng, Robert Escher, Eric Lenz, Ian Mcleod, Jack Mellor, George Patey, Jack Poulter, and Anthony Young.**

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2003 Picnic Photo

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The club provides a professional magic show for the city Parks Board. There was over an hour of wonderful entertainment. **Matthew Johnson** provided his personal stage backdrop and sound system as well as hosting the show. Performers included, **Rod Chow, Steven Best** and Cassandra, **Andrew Yeo, Juan Garcia, Jose Almenares** as well as Matthew. The pace was very fast and intriguing. **Glen LaBarre** won \$58 in the 50/50 draw and **David Parker** won a David



Ginn video donated by **Shawn Farquhar**. (a leftover door prize from PCAM 2003) □

Next, a picnic photo was attempted with everyone in attendance encouraged to participate. President **David Wilson** helped organize members and their families to take part in the photo. Following the photo, a lone entrant, **Jens Henriksen**, did his successful 15-minute star performance and successfully qualified for his Magic Wand award.

The **Mandrake** family took the occasion to celebrate at least 4 birthdays. **Lon**, as well as brother Ron, and mother Velvet were among the honored guests. That was one very busy picnic table.

For a change, **Steven Best's** mother Ellen brought her own Dijon mustard so didn't have to call. "Will anyone pass me the Dijon?" (Usually mine).

The day was blessed with sun and little wind; although our province has experienced the hottest, driest summer on record resulting in devastating forest fires in the southern middle of our province.

Munro MacKenzie Ring Reporter



Money Magic with Rod Chow