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The next function of IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle is our annual Awards & Installation Banquet happening on Friday, February 27th, 2004 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street, Vancouver BC.

The evening's festivities kick off at 5:00pm with Cocktails & socializing. A short time later, half a dozen table hopping magicians will take to the floor performing close-up magic for you and your guests' right up until dinner. The Buffet Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM, followed at about 7:30pm with presentations for the Presidents award & the Dave Culos memorial trophy for the Golden Rabbit Award, both recognizing outstanding achievement for the past year. Next, everyone present will bare witness to the passing of the Gavel and this swearing in of the 2004 VMC executive.

At approximately 8:00pm, all VMC members present will assemble down in the board room for the taking of the Official 2004 VMC group photo. After the photo shoot, things should get down right funny with the evenings featured entertainment being competitions for comedy magic. Juniors will be Vying for the Rick Honey Comedy Trophy and adult members "joking" it out for the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy. Members wishing to compete please let trophy chairman **Glen LeBarre** know at 604-468-6265.

Dinner is \$20.00 each for members and spouses. All others are \$22.00 each. If you and any guests are planning to attend the dinner portion of the evening please confirm your attendance with **David Wilson** @ 604-467-7887 as we have to let the hotel know how many to expect.

If you would like to be a part of the festivities but are unable to attend the dinner, you are more than welcome to arrive after the dinner (at approximately 7:30pm).



2004 Vancouver Magic Circle Executive clockwise from seated: Karen Eskilson, Ray Roch, Dennis Hewson, David Wilson, David Watters, and Dennis Chan

**ALL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE ARE HELD AT
THE SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT
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VMC SEES MAGIC GALORE IN JANUARY!

Bam! Pow! Wham! Bang! Whoa! After a relatively calm December the New Year exploded on the Greater Vancouver magic scene like a bombshell!

First we had the cross- Canada touring show of Murray Hatfield and Teresa. Eight sold out shows at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster and they were great. The proceeds benefit the firefighter charities of four neighboring municipalities. Vancouver has a population of over 600,000 and with the neighboring manipulates the population of Greater Vancouver tips the scales at 1.2 million people.



Adam's Pets! Identical Twins!

The 50/50 draw was drawn by Norman Kim, a 12 year old student from Korea, a guest of **Peter Barrett** a retired teacher, who is tutoring him in math. The crowd sure hooted when Norman drew his own number to win \$32.00 Sheer luck (????) Refreshments for the January meeting were prepared and served by **Walter Rutek** for everyone to enjoy during the refreshment break. After the break, we were treated to a display of balloon mastery by Adam Kozielc from Party Empire. He makes his art look so easy, very fast and colourful.

34 members and 9 guests enjoyed the evening. The dessert for January happened the next night with a lecture by renowned magician Gene Anderson of newspaper magic fame. Imagine being so lucky to have your raw material close at hand and CHEAP-last weekends newspaper. He delighted the crowd with his full newspaper routine then explained the workings of it, clever. After intermission he presented some of the rest of his routines.

I had to laugh at his Si-Stebbins card routine he made it sound so plausible and humorous. It was hard to realize that a PhD in chemistry and a life time of work with Dow Chemical would end up being a part time pro in magic. 46 magicians now believe it. His cardboard carpentry also illustrated his mastery of using minimal cost material to make a good prop, excellent Gene.



Starry eyed Gene Anderson!

Munro MacKenzie, Ring reporter.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!



News Flash: IBM Ring #92 – The Vancouver Magic Circle will be hosting a visit from IBM International President elect Tony Wilson, from New Zealand, on June 21st to June 25th, 2004. A reception & show for him are already in the planning stages to be held at our regular June 24th meeting. This means the Ray Gamble Trophy competition previously announced for June has been moved to our March 2004 meeting instead.

David Gilkes, the magic merchant from Mission has announced he has decided to pack up shop here on the West Coast and move his operations to Ontario. He has already sold off portions of his multi-faceted business but is keeping the magic. There is still time for you to check out his wares including, the Peter Ackester collection (former VMC member) before his big move at the end of June.

VMC resident bicycle enthusiast, **Dustin Anderson**, has put his passions for cycling & magic together in a new show about bicycle safety. Launching at the end of this month, he plans to take the show to schools across the lower mainland, and if all goes well, has his sites on a Canadian, and possible European tour.

Congratulations to **Dale Brown** and wife Val Montessori on the birth of a daughter, Amy Luisa Montessori – Brown on January 19th 2004. A little sister for Sammy (4½ years old) Dale says at 5lbs, 3oz. she is definitely one of his best productions yet.

We received a nice card and letter from the Womach family in late January, saying that everybody is doing great. **Dave Womach** has spent a number of weeks lately plying his magic on the high seas working for princess cruise lines, and when at home enjoying life as a single dad to 1-year-old daughter Emily McKenzie. Dave’s parents Cathie and Dan have been busy with their thriving video keepsake business and overjoyed with their new title of “grandparents.”

Under the category: “You never know what life has in store”, young an athletic VMC member **Rob McKay** had an unbelievable experience in early January, collapsing after an exercise workout and being rushed to hospital for life saving emergency open heart surgery to fix an aortic aneurism. Rob is now at his parents home recovering and hopes to be feeling well enough to attend one of our magic meetings real soon. We extend our best wishes to you Rob and wish you a speedy recovery.

Linking Ring magazine, has accepted a one man parade submitted to them by VMC member **Chris Taylor**. No words on print date yet, but keep your eye on an upcoming issue.

Anyone who may have found a magic book left on a table at the Eugene Burger lecture, please contact **Jamie Liegh** at 604-515-0900.

With the proliferation of digital camera’s appearing at our magic meetings, your humble newsletter staff would like to request that anyone taking pictures at any magic function please share them with us so that we can put out a better publication. Please send your magical pictures to kelvinng@telus.net, for possible use in the magical minutes and placement into the VMC archives.

Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2004

**IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
2004 INSTALLATION BANQUET
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER, BC
5:00PM - DOORS OPEN / HAPPY HOUR
6:30PM - BUFFET DINNER
Members & Spouses \$20.00
All Others \$22.00
7:45PM - OFFICER INSTALLATION
8:00PM - 2004 GROUP PHOTO
8:30PM - COMEDY COMPETITIONS
CECIL ACKERY COMEDY TROPHY - ADULT
RICK HONEY COMEDY TROPHY – JUNIOR**

THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2004

**K&K PARTY EMPIRE PRESENTS A
BALLOON LECTURE & WORKSHOP
7:00PM – ROOM 2203
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER
TICKETS & INFO: 604-590-1238**

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2004

**IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
MARCH MEETING – UNOPENED DECK
7:00PM – WORKSHOP
8:00PM – BUSINESS
8:45 – RAY GAMBLE
TROPHY COMPETITION**

THURS, APRIL 1ST, & FRI, APRIL 2ND, 2004
**H2O MAGIC PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
“ABRACADABRA”**

**FEATURING: MATTHEW JOHNSON,
JEFF MCLEOD AND TREVOR WATTERS
SHOW TIMES 7:30 PM – TICKETS \$10.00 EA
NORTH DELTA SENIOR SECONDARY
11447 82ND AVENUE, NORTH DELTA
TICKETS & INFO: 604-590-4465**

FRI, APRIL 23RD & SAT, APRIL 24TH
**STAN KRAMIEN’S 17TH ANNUAL
NORTHWEST MAGIC JAMBOREE
At the one and only BIG TOP RANCH
NEWBERG, OREGON, U.S.A.**

AUGUST 4th – 8th, 2004
**2004 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION
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