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RECEPTION & SHOW FOR TONY & MARY WILSON A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

ERIC LENZ RECIEVES VMC LIFE MEMBERSHIP & IBM PRESIDENTIAL CITATION



Mary and Tony Wilson from New Zealand



L to R: Karen Eskilson, Eric Lenz, Tony Wilson

IBM International President **Tony Wilson** and his First lady **Mary Wilson**, the first couple of magic, arrived in Vancouver late in the evening on Monday, June 21st, 2004, and were greeted at the airport by, Ring #92 President **Karen Eskilson** and past president and senior member **Ray Medway**. They were whisked to their Vancouver headquarters at the Sands by the Sea Hotel for their first night, a long way from home in Auckland, New Zealand. (Tony is the first IBM International President elected from the Southern Hemisphere.)

On Tuesday morning, **David Murdoch**, **Dennis Hewson** and hotel g.m. **Craig Prystay** gave them a whirlwind tour of Gastown and Chinatown before they boarded a float plane for a short hop to our provincial capital Victoria and a visit to our sister ring, Ring #183, The Victoria Magic Circle.

They were welcomed by IBM Territorial Vice President for BC **Tony Eng**, and given a day of sightseeing and hospitality around Victoria and treated Royalty to an evening magic gala by Ring #183. Wednesday morning they boarded the ferry in at Shwartz Bay for a glorious ride through the Gulf Islands and were met by Pat and **Ray Roch** in Tsawassen in the early afternoon.

After a short pause at their hotel to freshen up, Ray and Pat took them to our famous Capilano Suspension Bridge for an awesome experience. After meeting Paul & Natalie, friends from New Zealand, Tony & Mary spent a few hours with relatives. They will be travelling for over 4 months visiting 10 countries and binding with as many rings as possible. (That is really out of a suitcase travelling.)

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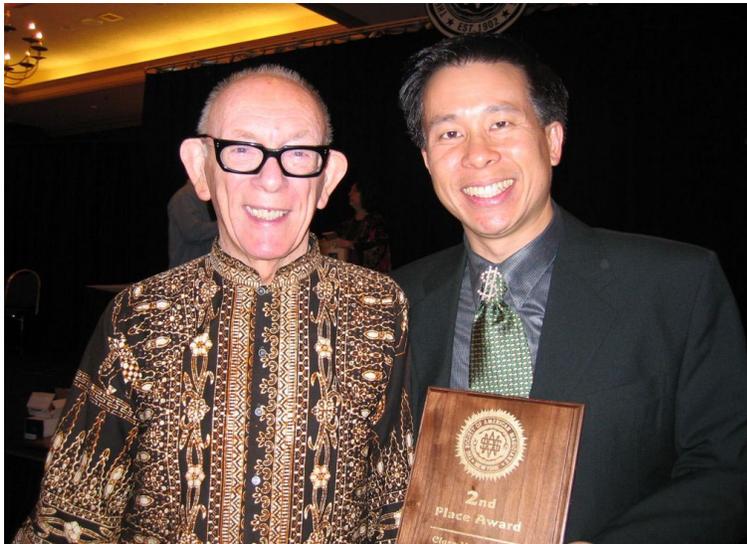
Anderson Chow

IBM & SAM CONVENTION REPORT!**AN OPEN LETTER FROM ROD CHOW**

I just got back from the IBM convention in Cleveland and the SAM convention in St. Louis. At the IBM convention there were 27 contestants in Close-Up from all over the world, and I was selected as one of the top 6 to advance to the Gold Cups Finals. I was presented with a Gold Cup Finalist Award on stage at the Awards Ceremony by IBM President David Sandy. At the SAM convention, I was one of the top international contestants who was selected to compete by prior video tape screening. I was presented the 2nd place award on stage by contest chairman, Paul Critelli. The photo shown below is with one of the judges, the famous, Ali Bongo.



Rod chow recieves gold cup finalist award



Ali bongo with Rod Chow at the Sam Convention

Both conventions were great, and I extended greetings from Vancouver to the current presidents David Sandy (IBM), Jay Gorham (SAM), and incoming presidents Tony Wilson (IBM), John Apperson (SAM), as well as to many of the attendees from various countries, including Joan Caesar of Ontario, President of Canadian Association of magicians.

Thank you to all my friends in the VMC for all your advice, feedback, support and encouragement.

A special thanks to **Shawn Farquhar** for his invaluable wisdom, experience, expertise and guidance, all of which I have relied upon over many years, and to **Glen LaBarre**, for his clever ideas, hard work, tremendous coaching, excellent technical direction, and tireless dedication to perfecting my act.

Magical Regards,
Rod Chow

TIDBITS FROM THE TOPHAT!

Congratulations to **Ken Gerbrandt** on becoming a member of the IBM Order of Merlin. This is awarded to those who have been an IBM member for 25 consecutive years. Ken joins the growing number of Vancouver Magic Circle members who have attained their Order of Merlin status.

Donovan Atredies tells us he had a busy July with a 2 week, 19 show library tour stretching from Vancouver to Hope, performing as many as 3 shows a day and even garnered a little publicity for himself, getting a picture and story on the front page of the Maple Ridge Times newspaper.

Globe trotting member **Murray Sawchuck** recently performed a week at the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA. This is his 6th appearance there now. Murray is the latest addition to this year's weekend of magic lineup.

Matthew Johnson has been busy lately producing the VMC Summer public magic show to be held at the Queens Park Bandshell at New Westminister Sunday, August 8th at 2:00pm. Matthew also tells us, he asked for his girlfriend Sue's hand in marriage and the happy couple plans to tie the knot on Sept. 23rd. (They originally chose the date of Oct. 1st but realized it was the date of the Ring #92's weekend of Magic, so they moved their wedding ahead one week so they wouldn't miss the convention. (Editors note: "There's a dedicated magician for ya!")



Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

AUGUST 4th – 7th, 2004

2004 P.C.A.M. CONVENTION
SEA-TAC MARRIOTT HOTEL, SEATTLE, WA
Hotel Reservations: 1-800-314-0925
Info: www.seattlepcam2004.com

SUNDAY AUGUST 8th, 2004

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
SUMMER PUBLIC SHOW
QUEENS PARK BANDSHELL
QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
SEPTEMBER MEETING
7:00PM - WORKSHOP
8:00PM - BUSINESS MEETING
8:45PM - INITIATION NIGHT
NEW MEMBERS COME PREPARED TO
PRESENT 3 QUALIFYING MAGIC EFFECTS

OCTOBER 1ST – 3RD, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
WEEKEND OF MAGIC 2004
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER
REGISTRAR DAVID WILSON: 604-467-7887
STARRING: JOHNNY THOMPSON
MURRAY SAWCHUCK
MATTHEW JOHNSON
KELVIN NG
RAY MEDWAY
TREVOR WATTERS & LORENA
AND MORE ACTS STILL TO BE NAMED
FOR MORE DETAILS (SEE ENCLOSED FLYER)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 2004

IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
OCTOBER MEETING
VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 2004

IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY (ADULT)
PERCY POOLE TROPHY (JUNIOR)
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER

JUNE 24TH, RECEPTION AND SHOW! ...CONTINUED

Thursday morning Karen took them out to breaky and a visit to **Rod Chow's** place of business. It is listed in the Guinness's Book of world records as the narrowest business store being only 6 feet wide. In the evening, hotel g.m. **Craig Prystay** staged a delicious buffet reception in the Bayside Lounge with a magnificent view of English Bay and 7 ships waiting to berth in Vancouver harbour. 50 members and 40 guests enjoyed this opportunity to meet and greet Tony and Mary Wilson (She looked lovely in red.) Next we adjourned to the Pacific Ballroom where president **Karen Eskilson** officially welcomed our distinguished guests. A gift of smoked B.C.salmon in a close-up case was presented to Tony along with an honorary membership in Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle.

Karen next turned her focus to a special presentation. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the VMC for introducing multitudes of members to our club over the years, Karen asked long time member **Eric Lenz** to step forward to receive the honour of Life membership in the Vancouver Magic Circle. Eric was truly taken aback. To top it off **Tony Wilson**, who had been forwarned of this event months earlier, then presented his first official I.B.M. presidential citation to Eric for his work in furthering the art of magic and introducing so many people to the I.B.M.



Ray Medway backstage at work!



Cast from L to R: David Wilson, Rod Chow, Jeff McLeod, Ray Roch, Lorena Paradon, Trevor Watters, and Tony Wilson

This touching occasion was witnessed by Eric's wife Donna who was in the audience along with all of Eric's magic peers, to which there was hardly a dry eye in the house.

Now the serious business of magic began under the guiding hand of M.C. **David Wilson**. **Tony Wilson** started the show portion of the evening with some great remarks and magic.

After many years as a teacher and using magic in this profession, Tony pulled a New Zealand opinion poll which was very profetic seeing our federal election was only 4 days away and the American election is heating up. (Thanks Wayne Rogers.) M.C. **David Wilson** asked **Mike Norden** up to the stage to regale us with the story of how he and his chicken Rufus got into so much hot water with federal agriculture authorities. This was because of the Avian Flu epidemic we've had very recently and how the dust finally settled when it was revealed that Rufus was a rubber chicken. Next **Trevor Watters** and the lovely Lorena did a balloon to dove production finishing with the oddest looking chicken I have ever seen. Finally their man eating lion produced a great 4 Diamond production. (It really looked like a Chihuahua with a neck ruffle to me). Now the Flim Flam man,

complete with spats and a straw hat, **Ray Roch**, did his patented coin purse and coin routine. His coin work is out of this world. **David Wilson** then passed some time with the dumbest and funniest rope routine I have seen for ages. What a lovely way to give back stage time to recover. Now **Jeff McLeod** stepped front and centre with his dead pan style to do his chicken act. He then produced the longest mouth coil imaginable to music plus a wonderful YoYo routine-such control. He finished with his Linking Ring and ribbon routine while mouthing Danke Schoen to music. Somewhere in there he ate a huge cookie to music. The magic concluded with **Rod Chow** and his money magic Wish Maker routine. Rod is reknowned for this and it is excellent. The 50/50 draw of \$54 dollars was won by Jennifer Slovencik. A stage show of this compexity could not have been so successful without the hard work of producer and stage manager **Ray Medway**. I wonder when Tony and Mary got to bed (knowing magicians after show partying) but they left Vancouver at a very early hour on Friday morning, with fond memories of Ring #92.

Munro Mackenzie
Ring Reporter

Vancouver's Legendary Eric Lenz!



Wife Donna accompanies Eric Lenz as he receives a presidential citation and Life membership