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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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## BROKEN WAND

The magic community was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Francis B. Martineau, 90, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He died on January 8 2012. He held IBM number 50364R. "Frank " as he was known to all was a very talented magician, author and illustrator. He was president of the Vancouver Magic Circle in 1953 and was inducted as a charter life member in 1992. He did the illustrations for all three volumes of Rice's *Encyclopedia of Silk Magic*.



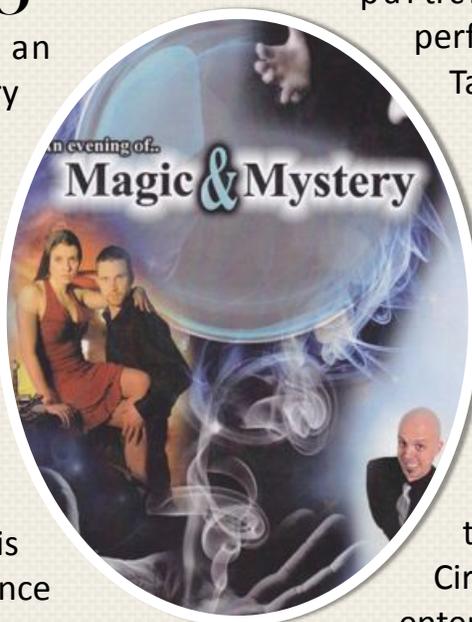
He also worked for Famous Players Theatre in Vancouver in their sign shop which was behind the Capital Theatre, doing the artwork for their advertising posters.

A moment of silence was held in his honour at the installation banquet in February.



## MAGIC IN POCO

On Saturday March 24, an evening of magic and mystery took place at the Terry Fox theatre in Port Coquitlam. The evening was emceed by Trevor Watters who was asked to fill in for Jeff Christensen who wasn't feeling too well. The programme started off with Matthew Johnson, who wowed the audience with his quick wit, humour and audience



participation. The second performer was Christopher Taylor, who stunned the audience with his mind reading abilities. Ending the programme were Damien Carriere & Michele who amazed the audience with their big stage illusions. There were several members from the Vancouver Magic Circle taking in the fun and entertaining evening.

**Editor's Note:** To facilitate email distribution of this Newsletter the file size must be compressed, resulting in lower photo resolution. To see these pictures in all their splendor, just log on to our website ([www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com)), and visit John Smithman's fantastic Photo Gallery.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy April!

Spring is here and the rain is gone (okay, probably not for long, but no matter)! With the upcoming months packed with magic events, lectures and conventions, I'm sure we'll all manage to keep ourselves busy.

To start off, we have our upcoming April 26<sup>th</sup> General Meeting which will be featuring the Gimmicked Card Magic competition for the Charles Howard Trophy. If you are looking to enter the competition, please email our Competition Chair Henry Tom at [henrytom@shaw.ca](mailto:henrytom@shaw.ca) as soon as possible. In addition to the competition, the April meeting will also feature a special workshop prior to the business meeting and, as always, phenomenal refreshments for all to enjoy. As you know, a Motion for Expulsion has been submitted (find out more about this as you read through this issue of the Magical Minutes) and the presentation to the membership will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that members attend this meeting in order to be presented with all aspects of the case. Only members in attendance are permitted to vote on this subject following the presentation from the Executive Board and from the member.

The Board of Directors is working in top gear on the highly-anticipated Children's Magician of the Year competition. The show will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and held at Fraser Heights Secondary School in Surrey. Bruce Meyers will be Emceeing the show and we expect to have a great turnout of children and families waiting to vote on their favourite magician! This offers a great opportunity to competitors to have the rare change of performing for a lay-audience and is a great chance for publicity in the community. Members looking to compete must contact Competition Chair Henry Tom as soon as possible in order to be included in the event's program. As you know, the Circle does not run itself. We are lucky to have a dedicated team of individuals always willing to help out and keep the group going. If you are able to contribute your time as a backstage volunteer for the show, or have any other questions related to the Children's Magician of the Year, please contact event chair Gord McIntosh.

If you haven't already registered for PCAM 2012 in Seattle (I know I have!), HURRY! Registrations are selling fast and space is limited. This is going to be a great convention with some amazing talent. To find out more about this year's PCAM convention, visit [www.pcam2012.com](http://www.pcam2012.com). Looking for something to satisfy your convention hunger pains even sooner? Stan Kramien is hosting his Northwest Magic Jamboree (Kramien's Jamboree) on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at his always-packed Big Top Ranch in Newberg, Oregon. It has been announced that this will be the LAST jamboree he'll be doing so take advantage of the offer while there's still space left! More details on the Jamboree can be found at [www.magicjamboree.com](http://www.magicjamboree.com).

These are only *some* of the magical events waiting just around the corner so make sure to keep yourself up to date on the busy happenings in and around the city. I hope I've been able to offer some food for thought as you plan your vacation time and schedule for the coming weeks.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Graham Kita at [1st-vp@ibmring92.com](mailto:1st-vp@ibmring92.com)

See you all on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

-Alex Seaman  
President, Vancouver Magic Circle  
IBM Ring #92

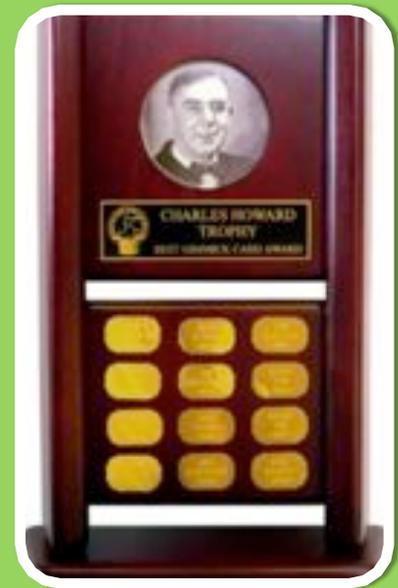


# April is **Gimmicked** Card Magic!

The next meeting of the Vancouver Magic Circle is April 26th at the Sunrise Community Hall, located at 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver.

The April meeting features the Gimmicked Card Magic competition with participants vying for the Charles Howard Trophy. As always, we'll also have an entertaining and informative workshop, great food, and as little business as possible!

To enter the competition, please contact our Awards and Competition Chairman, Henry Tom. Please note that you must register at least 24 hours in advance.



## Who's **next**?

In a few weeks we will make the announcement of our next lecturer. It'll be good!

For more information contact the lecture coordinator, Graham Kita at (604) 275-8848.



## We're Looking for Circle News!

Our website [www.vancouvermagiccircle.com](http://www.vancouvermagiccircle.com) has a full page dedicated to Circle news comprised of any magical happenings throughout our area. We are asking any members who would like to have a highlighted story about any of their events happening recently, to email our webmaster Clinton W. Gray with all the details so they can be featured on our website!

Members can contact him at [webmaster@ibmring92.com](mailto:webmaster@ibmring92.com).

## Mazal Tov Shawn Farquhar!

*Vancouver, Canada* – At the Annual S.A.M. Assembly #95 Awards Banquet held January, 2012 in Vancouver, Canada, Shawn Farquhar, Assembly Founder (#95 chartered in 1988), first Assembly President and former RVP Canada, was inducted by Assembly President Lon Mandrake as the very first Dean of Assembly #95 – The Carl Hemeon Assembly. Farquhar proudly accepted a beautiful plaque from President Mandrake on behalf of the Assembly to mark this auspicious occasion in front of 200 guests.

As part of this historic event, Rod Chow, Regional Vice-President of Canada, on behalf of Most Illustrious S.A.M. National President, Vinny Grosso, had the privilege of presenting an esteemed S.A.M. National Presidential Citation to New Assembly #95 Dean Shawn Farquhar: “For his contributions to the Society of American Magicians on a National level and locally with the Carl Hemeon Assembly #95 in Vancouver, Canada. For his election by his compeers as the first Dean of Assembly #95, the highest honor an assembly can bestow. He is a great source of pride to all who know him as he epitomizes our motto “Magic Unity Might.”

Dean Farquhar was sincerely surprised, appreciative and humbled to accept the honor of Dean, and to receive a S.A.M. National Presidential Citation, signed by *Vinny Grosso, National President, The Society of American Magicians*. Farquhar becomes the first magician to have ever been presented a National Presidential Citation in Canada.

RVP Chow, also presented Dean Farquhar a commemorative binder containing written letters of Congratulations from National Dean George Schindler: “...Your dedication to the betterment of our Society is exemplary..” , RVP Northwestern States, Michael Roth, and others.

The Carl Hemeon Assembly #95 is Canada’s largest and most active S.A.M. assembly. In addition to inducting Farquhar as the new Dean, the Assembly awards were also presented that evening. Linda Mandrake was awarded the Lottie Hemeon Trophy for Best Assistant; Steve Dickson received the Carl Hemeon Award of Excellence, Henry Tom was presented the Leon Mandrake Trophy for outstanding showmanship, and Rod Chow received a special plaque from the Assembly President for Distinguished Service.

Assembly #95 is proud to state that their new Dean Shawn Farquhar not only has achieved an unprecedented resume of International championship awards, accolades, media exposure and respect in the world of magic, including S.A.M. National contest awards and the coveted FISM Grand Prix World Champion of Magic (China 2009), but he has also truly been the inspiration, lifeblood, and an outspoken ambassador for Assembly #95.



Newly inducted S.A.M. Assembly #95 Dean Shawn Farquhar receives plaque from Assembly President, Lon Mandrake, and National Presidential Citation from Regional Vice-President for Canada, Rod Chow, on behalf of S.A.M. National President, Vinny Grosso.

# March Ring Report

By: Munro MacKenzie

This has to be the most fun meeting of the year as it is officially known as The Past Presidents and One Trick Night. Now the fun began. Our constitution states that everyone should entertain once a year. What an opportunity!

The evenings activities started with a "Jam Session" conducted by Billy Hsueh, our activity chairperson. He had several tables set up with closeup pads and cards and everyone showed their favourite moves. It was so popular it went overtime so another one is planned soon. Our food break was provided by Bruce and Jennifer Meyers with help by Billy Hsueh. (Someone should NOT tell Jane Goodall about Jennifer's most delicious BANANA cake.)

Then new president Alex Seaman lead his neophyte executive through their first too-long business meeting. But he survived.

It was sadly announced that past president Graham Kingston was admitted to hospital with a serious stroke. We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Past presidents David Watters and Bryn Williams lead off and both did cards. Next in line Lon Mandrake-cards; Dennis Chan-coins; John Smithman-cards; Dennis Hewson-cards; Munro MacKenzie-colour changing die; Jessica Chan-cards & rope; Ed Goldberg-2 mini chocolate bars; Steve Dickson; Joji Yaamashita-cards; John Stenning-sponge balls; Henry Tom-coins; Phil Razon-cards; Anthony Young-silks; Sophie Liu-cards; finishing up with Alex Seaman.

There were 34 members and 9 guests in attendance.

I would like to thank Dennis Hewson for giving me a ride to and from the meeting during this period of stress for me.

Munro MacKenzie-Ring Reporter with help from Dennis Chan.

## March's Mystery Mug

Of all of those who responded with a guess as to who this miniature mystery magician was...NO ONE correctly identified this budding musician as Mike Norden. Well, Mike did. However, we disqualified all 73 of Mike's entries leaving us with no winner for the month of March. Keep trying! April's Mystery Mug feature is on page 10.



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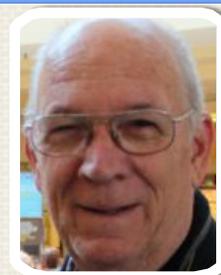
# A.I.M. APPLICATION & IMPACT OF MAGIC

## **A.I.M.** The Application and Impact of MAGIC: METHOD and MEANING

*The Power of good magic, applied appropriately, is something I admire.*

*For high impact, the magic must make sense. Entertainment magic must be entertaining: funny or touching, energetic and interactive. Magic for teaching must illustrate and support or enhance the learning concepts.*

*John Smithman*



This is my first article on the ***Application and Impact of Magic to influence LEARNING.***

During the next few months, I'll bring you ideas on using magic for teaching and presenting. I have received offers of support from others inside and outside of our IBM Ring 92. You will see input from people like Rosalind Chan, Kevin Ogren, Johnny Ace Palmer, Don Pacht and others who have offered to contribute to this undertaking.

If, while reading the material, it reminds you of a thought, exercise, experience or story that you'd like to share with others, please email me at [magic@champions.ca](mailto:magic@champions.ca).

## **The Art of Influential Magic**

*Never let the magic become more important than the message.*

Ed Rose, **Presenting and Training with Magic**

Good teachers, trainers and motivational speakers learn to deliver meaningful messages in memorable ways. Ways that implant concepts and attitudes in the minds of their recipients. Some use magic effects.

Our goal is to influence a hungry audience using an appropriate magical effect delivered well. If, after presenting with magic, an observer asks how the trick was done, we have failed. If after the event is past, the audience member remembers the trick but not the message, then we have failed. The method must fit the message and the message must be planted properly in a fertile medium.

### **FOR EXAMPLE**

[ Hold out three coins in your hand: penny, nickel, and dime. Say... ]

*Jenny's mom had three children. She named her first child Penny. Her second child was named Nicole. What was the third child's name?*



**The importance of PERCEPTION. What we see will influence what we hear.}**

*Contributed by Ken Bellemare, Communication Magic*

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**Do you have a contribution for THE MAGICAL MINUTES?**

**Well...why haven't we heard from you!!!!?**

Please send your submissions to Rabbi Don Pacht at [dpacht@vhebrewacademy.com](mailto:dpacht@vhebrewacademy.com).

# MARCH PHOTOS



A HUGE thank you to John Smithman for the photos!

# AIM APPLICATION & IMPACT OF MAGIC

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## A RECIPE FOR LEARNING

There are at least four ingredients in a teaching presentation: the teacher, the message, the method and the learner. The impact of the learning is affected not only by what is seen, heard and thought, but also by the proper preparation of each ingredient. For a plant to grow, we need the right seed properly prepared and planted in fertile ground and nurtured by appropriately applied energy. Teaching by magic is picking and preparing the appropriate trick, setting the stage for the right audience and creating an impact with your delivery. This is the creative process.

Start with the end in mind. What is your purpose? The message, the concept to deliver? The impact you want to achieve? Who is your audience? What do they want? What do they like? What is their impression of you? How will you deliver your message?

These questions and others will be answered in future articles in the AIM series. Meanwhile, here are some references.

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A magician once said, "If you have one trick and a million stories, then you have a million tricks".

Taking simple tricks and adding complex stories can work like magic!

On the other hand, powerful messages can be enhanced when presented magically.

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## APPLICATION of MAGIC - Rosalind Chan

I try to use Magic whenever I can when I teach in my after school programs. First of all, magic serves as a great attention grabber. Second, if your trick is somehow related to what you will be teaching, you then have a powerful tool that you can use as a hook to lead students into the topic with higher levels of excitement, interest and curiosity. I teach various science topics and it is always fun to come up with ideas on how to incorporate magic into it. And students are more excited and interested as well. Of course, when you are teaching science topics, you have to be careful of what tricks you choose to do, because sometimes you will actually be deciphering the secret as part of the learning. In situations like this, I never use commercial magic tricks that are available on the market. A lot of traditional science demonstrations can be turned into magic tricks with just a little thought and creativity. It is only in how you choose to present it.

Of course, there are times when I simply use magic as part of my presentation and do not reveal the secret behind it. An example would be: During a class teaching students about light and colour, and trying to lead into UV light, I used some UV makeup gel to draw the name of a card onto my arm. I then do a card trick, forcing a card on a student, then reveal the prediction on my arm with a UV flashlight. While I talk about the UV light, I do not talk about how I was able to know their card!

There are quite a few science magic books that can be a great resource for teachers.

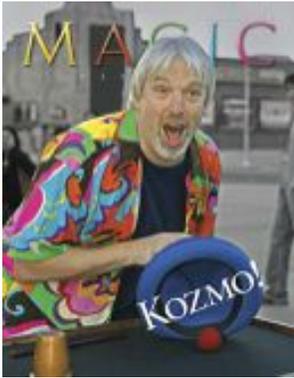


Rosalind Chan



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## Kozmo

### From The Streets To The Stage

Kozmo, hot off the cover of *Magic Magazine*, is the creator of Kozmo Magic, which is recognized as one of today's premier magic video production companies. His "Reel Magic Magazine" continues to be the benchmark in the video magic industry. Kozmo has lectured all over the U.S., as well as in England, including the *Magic Circle* in London. He has performed at the Magic Castle, Magic Live, and at Blackpool.

Kozmo shows you how to take the excitement of the streets and apply it to your stage or restaurant show to make your show even better. You will learn how to use these tools to gain and hold attention and to make your act interesting. Kozmo shows you how the principles of performing in the street can also be applied to the trade-show floor.

Kozmo will give you his thoughts on **how to make your magic stronger**. You will laugh at some of the anecdotes you will hear, including a great story about Harry Anderson.

Kozmo also includes several items he has produced through Kozmo Magic. There is a lot of magic in his lecture. You may well jump for joy, as **there is ONLY ONE card trick in the entire lecture**. To some this may be your motivation to attend the lecture.

#### What You Will Learn At Kozmo's Lecture:

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"All magicians need to see you work". -- **Obie O'Brien**

"Thanks, for a great lecture. The best we've had in two years! I enjoyed your message of connecting with your audience and focusing on the fun in magic." -- **Bill, IBM 4 / SAM 47, Rochester, NY**

"Performance is always about the audience, but being able to gather and energize an audience is a First Principle that Kozmo understands in spades. I watched him work the hard-scrabble streets of the Big Easy. He is the best I've seen in the trenches, bar none!" -- **Jon Racherbaumer**

"That's the best magic show I have seen in years." -- **Brian Gillis**

"That wasn't a good lecture, it was a GREAT lecture." --**Bob Sheets**

"Kozmo's lecture was the best we've had in years." -- **Derek Lever (Blackpool)**

## LECTURE

**Friday,  
May 11, 2012**

7:30 pm  
to 10:00 pm

(Doors open  
at 7:00 pm)

**Venue:**  
Douglas College  
Room #2203

**Location:**  
700 Royal Ave., New  
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**In Advance:**  
VMC, IBM,  
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## Special Notice From Your Board of Directors:

One of the goals of the Vancouver Magic Circle is to organize, associate and encourage those interested in the art of magic and it's advancement. We are proud to have the members that we do and work very hard to uphold the morals and values of the circle.

On March 4, 2012, the Board of Directors received a letter from a member enacting their right to submit a motion for expulsion of another circle member on the grounds of exhibiting conduct unbecoming of a member. As outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws, during the March Executive Meeting, it was the duty of the Board of Directors to decide if the claim merited being brought forward to the General Membership.

After hours of careful deliberation and discussion, the Board of Directors voted in favour of bringing the motion for the expulsion of James Hanson to the eyes and ears of the General Membership at the April 26, 2012 General Meeting. A vote of 75% in favour is required for expulsion. A highly detailed account of the grounds for expulsion and other information pertinent to the case will be presented by President Alex Seaman in his President's Report to the membership during the April meeting. This is a very important matter that the Circle does not take lightly. We request your attendance at the April meeting to ensure your voice and vote be heard.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

- The Board of Directors

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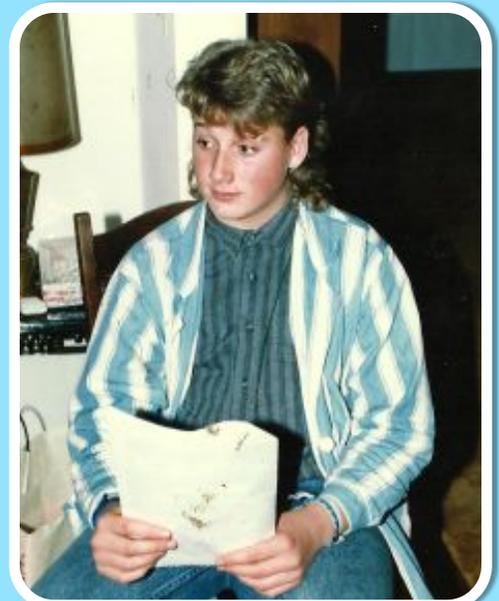
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## April's Mystery Mug

**Which VMC member is sporting that "Magical Mullet"?**

**PUT A NAME TO THE FACE AND WIN!**

Email your response to the editor (see address below), all correct responses received by May 15, 2012 will be placed in a drawing to win (you guessed it), a MUG!  
Email submissions to [dpacht@vhebrewacademy.com](mailto:dpacht@vhebrewacademy.com).





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Eugene Burger: "This is a wonderful book written by a very talented performer and a master teacher. It is full of secrets; great tricks and thoughtful scripts. . ."

## presents *Larry Hass*



Jeff McBride: "Larry Hass is changing the way magicians look at the art of magic."

Larry's latest lecture for magicians has received rave reviews from coast-to-coast and internationally, including in New York City, London, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, Las Vegas, and at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

By performing and teaching several pieces from his professional repertoire, Larry shares "two deep secrets" of magic that will help magicians of any skill level transform their "tricks" into strong, memorable performances of magic.

Larry Hass is recognized as a leading teacher of magicians and an award-winning writer about magic. He is the author of the best-selling magic book, *Transformations: Creating Magic Out of Tricks* (2007) and co-author of the recent smash-hit, *Gift Magic: Performances that Leave People with a Souvenir* (2010).

Lawrence Hass, Ph.D., is Associate Dean of the McBride Magic & Mystery School in Las Vegas, and Professor of Humanities at Austin College (in Sherman, Texas), where he teaches philosophy and theatre arts classes on magic performance.

Larry has performed his thought-provoking, fun style of magic from coast-to-coast and internationally, including such diverse venues as the Wynn Casino in Las Vegas, Princeton University, Magic Chicago, the University of Pennsylvania, Jeff McBride's Wonderground in Las Vegas, and many times at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

## Lecture

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday, May 18, 2012</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)		
<b>Venue:</b>	Douglas College Room #2203		
<b>Location:</b>	700 Royal Ave., New Westminster, BC		
<b>In Advance:</b>	VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members:	\$20.00	
	Non-Members:	\$25.00	
<b>At Door:</b>	VMC, IBM, CAM & SAM Members:	\$25.00	
	Non-Members:	\$30.00	

## Registration

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## Amazing facts that you never realized you could never live without!

### Most Balloon Sculptures in one hour ....

John Cassidy ( USA ) made 529 balloon sculptures in one hour in New York City , USA, on October 14 2003. He made one sculpture every 6.8 seconds.



# WHO KNEW?

### The Oldest Magic Shop...

The world's oldest family-run magic business is Davenport's, founded in 1898 by Lewis Davenport ( UK ) who opened his shop on London's Ryles Road in 1903 and another on Mile End Road in 1908 The business was inherited by his son George in 1926 and is now run by his granddaughter Betty, who took over in 1961. The shop moved to its current location in The Strand in 1984.

### Most Stories in a House of Cards....

The tallest freestanding house of cards was 131 stories high. The 25 ft 3.48 - in-tall (7.71 m) structure was built by Bryan Berg ( USA ) on Nov 6, 1999. The house was created using 91 800 cards at Potsdamer Platz, Berlin, Germany, and recorded for the Guinness die show der Rekord. The total weight of the 1,765 packs of cards used 242 lb. 8 oz. ( 110 kg ).



Thank you to Dennis Chan for submitting this month's "Fascinating Facts".

## Readers Respond

Here's what people are saying about the ALL NEW Magical Minutes:

- 👉 "WOW, it's better than dental surgery" -Shawn Farquhar
- 👉 "I can't BELIEVE you won't count my entries...I want that mug"! -Mike Norden
- 👉 "Please stop sending me your stupid Newsletter, don't you think I have anything better to do"? -Prime Minister, Stephen Harper
- 👉 "This is great! The Newsletter Editor should get a HUGE raise"! -Rabbi Don Pacht
- 👉 "Have you ever seen my *Stick to Snake* trick"? -Moses