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April 2013 the Charles Howard Ring

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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of the Vancouver Magic Circle is on

## Thursday, April 25, 2013

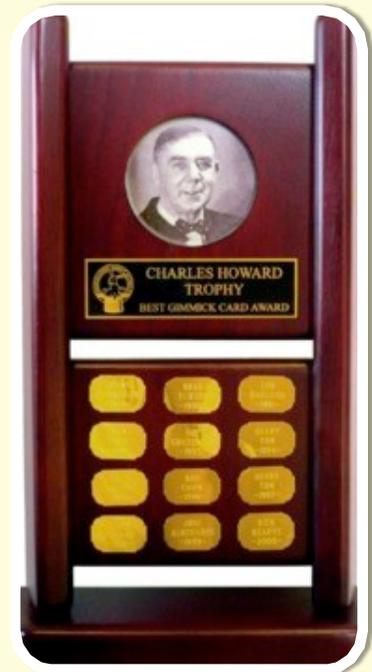
Please join us for a super awesome **Jam Session!** and...

## Gimmicked Card Night!

### Charles Howard Trophy

This trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. During the course of the routine or effect, a gimmick must be used (i.e. gimmicked card, gimmicked wallet, gimmicked device, etc.). The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the use of gimmicks to enhance magic.

ATTENTION Juniors and Associate Members! While competitors must be Active Members in good standing, we invite you to perform for our competition judges while scores are being tabulated. This is a great opportunity to perform for an attentive and appreciative crowd and to receive valuable feedback and critique from experienced members of the magic community.



Followed by...

## A very short (boring) **Business Meeting!**

Doors open at 6:30, Jam Session begins at 7:PM.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VMC,

April is here and with it comes the annual competition for Gimmick Card magic. The competition for the Charles Howard Trophy will take place at the April 25th General Meeting which will also feature our first circle-wide jam session of the 2013 membership year! We are thrilled to have another opportunity to order more Official VMC Jackets at the upcoming meeting. If you have not already ordered yours, make sure to speak with Treasurer Phil Razon while the order is still open! We will be sending off the order in the coming weeks so everyone will have their VMC jackets for all of this summer's conventions. Perfect for stuffing into any suitcase, the special fabric blend is wrinkle free and breathable for anything from a local 3 of Clubs convention, to the heat of MAGIC Live convention in Las Vegas!



But the fun doesn't stop at conventions this summer! June 23rd-29th 2013, will mark the 1st annual MAGIC Festival as it swells through Port Coquitlam with a full week of magic with live performances at venues throughout the downtown area. With June 23rd as the Vancouver Magic Circle's Children's Magician of the Year show, the MAGIC Festival is sure to be a highlight of the year! Find out more about the upcoming festival and how you can be a part of it at [www.themagicfestival.com](http://www.themagicfestival.com)

If you were not at the March General Meeting, chances are you have not seen the awesome 2013 Roster Book! These will be mailed out shortly with included membership cards so expect to see a magical package at the door in the coming weeks. Thanks to our Competition Chairman Henry Tom, we now have years of back-dated engraved award plates (to stick onto the back of your VMC award medallion). If you have won a circle competition and have not yet received your plate for the keeper medal, please let us know by sending an email to [henrytom@shaw.ca](mailto:henrytom@shaw.ca).

That's all the magic news for today! We'd love to see you at the April 25th Meeting where we will also discuss an incredible new proposal for the development of our circle's Junior Program! To find out all the details about the latest developments, make sure to swing by the secret meeting place (1950 Winderemere Street, Vancouver) at 6:30pm to join in the fun!

*Alex Seaman*

President  
Vancouver Magic Circle  
I.B.M. Ring #92, The Charles Howard Ring



# Jackson

I am a son, a student, a teen, an actor and a magician.

I am the odds of one in a million, living with Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis.

I am a stacked deck of optimism, ambition and focus.

I am an honorer of time, more tolerant than restless.

I am a future surgeon, a wizard wielding a scalpel.

I am confident, respectful, unfazed by adversity  
with the ability to understand and cope far beyond my years.

I am modest & peaceful, devoted & kind. I am a believer in the positive and being true to myself.

I am graceful & amazingly perceptive.

I am one who wishes he could wave a magic wand and rid the world of poverty.

I am an entertaining performer, a master of illusion and a vanishing act  
to the pain for children living with cancer, if even for a short time.

I am a levitator of spirits, lifting the mood and raising the energy of those I meet.

I am the Open Sesame! to the doors of hope and the ace up the sleeve of grace.

I AM JACKSON DOYLE.

Did you know...



The VMC now accepts PayPal for all sorts of payments. You can pay membership dues, register for lectures and conventions, make unsolicited gifts to the Editor of the Magical Minutes Newsletter...and ALL from the comfort of your own home...while wearing your PJs! (OK, technically, you can pay cash at meetings and still wear your PJs...no judgements).



# REALLY SMARTPHONE



## HOWDY DO IT?

THIS TRICK REQUIRES A LITTLE SNEAKINESS ON YOUR PART. WHEN YOU OPEN THE CALCULATOR APP QUICKLY TYPE IN THE NUMBER THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN ON THE PIECE OF PAPER SEALED IN THE ENVELOPE. THEN HIT THE PLUS SYMBOL, FOLLOWED BY ZERO, THEN THE MULTIPLICATION SYMBOL. NOW YOU CAN HAND THE PHONE BACK TO YOUR FRIEND AND WHATEVER NUMBERS HE CHOOSES WILL ADD UP TO THE NUMBER IN THE ENVELOPE. **HERE'S A FUN TIP:** BECAUSE YOU CONTROL WHAT NUMBER COMES UP IT CAN BE ANYTHING - A SPECIAL DATE, PHONE NUMBER OR EVEN THE COMBINATION TO A SAFE.

Do you have a very tall narrow ad or piece of information to share with our membership?

Please contact the Magical Minutes editor for a listing of odd-shaped spaces available, to help get your odd-shaped message out to the odd-shaped public.

Discounts available for basketball players!

# March Ring Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle  
I.B.M. Ring #92

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month except August & December at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St. Vancouver, at 7p.m.  
President-Alex Seaman

The March meeting had a surprise guest lecturer, Norman Beck, from Dallas Texas. There was no cost to the members of the Vancouver Magic Circle. Membership has its privileges and it pays to attend the meetings. His lecture included many card effects. "In my pocket" where a signed card ends up in the spectator's pocket without the spectator knowing it. He did a slop shuffle cull and stack, omni deck, card under the spectator's watch, and several effects with a stripper deck. He said that his stripper decks are custom made and that he personally makes them himself. He also did a bar of soap routine using a small bar of hotel size soap and by using the "spellbound" principle it changed into a large bar of soap and he did it again and the large bar of soap changed into a larger bar of soap. Other effects included the Growing Ring, Hotel Bill and sponge balls. After his lecture, the "store" was very busy with magicians buying his lecture notes, yes, actual notes in book format.

There was a Broken Wand ceremony for International Brotherhood of Magicians member Lius Cheng. Attending the Broken Wand ceremony was Felisa Cheng, Luis' wife and daughter Raquel. Dennis Chan read the Broken Wand ceremony, displayed the wand then handed the wand to Dennis Hewson who in turn broke the wand and then handed the broken wand to Felisa. Raquel then got up and spoke about her father. Felisa and Raquel stayed to watch the competitions that followed. Members signed a "thinking of you" card for another member, Joe Ward, who is now in a care facility.

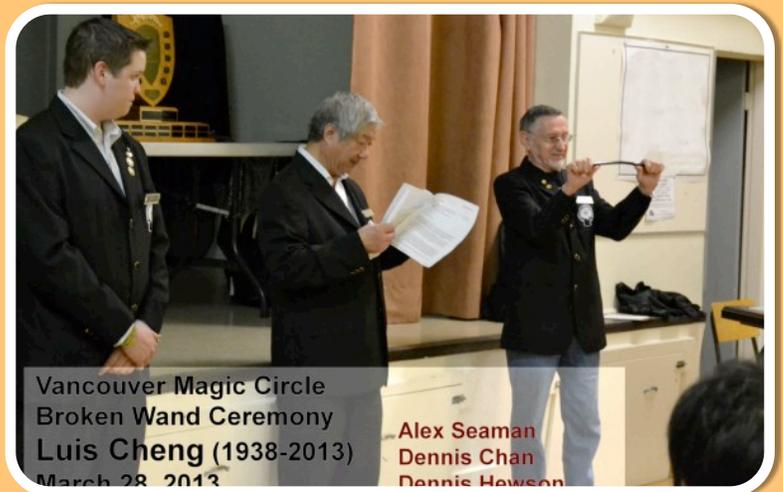
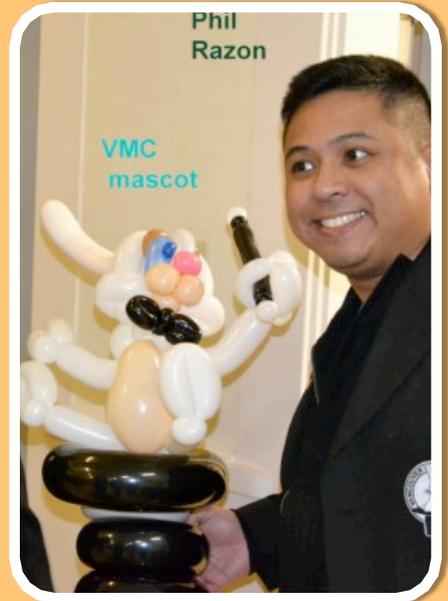
There were two competitions this month, the Cecil Ackery trophy for excellence in comedy magic performed by an adult member and the Rick Honey trophy, which is awarded for excellence in comedy magic performed by a junior member. Alex Seaman read the rules. The competitors for the Rick Honey trophy were Jack and Nicholas Chow and Brianna Carlson. The winner was Brianna Carlson. The competitors for the Cecil Ackery trophy were Billy Hsueh, Mike Norden, John Stenning and Matthew Jones. The winner was Mike Norden. Congratulations to the winners and to all those who took part in the competitions. An extra performance by Close-up Matt had everyone laughing when Matthew Jones put a wig on Norman Beck's head ('whom he called Norma'), while performing a linking ring routine with Norman as the star.

Henry Tom and Alex Seaman issued medal trophy plates dating back to 2009. The business part of the meeting went by quite fast: a 90 day announcement to review the constitution was given and roster books were handed out. Other announcements included: the Dan Harlan lecture to be held on Friday, April 19, at Mike Norden's place, the Jeff McBride show and lecture on Friday, June 21, with a master-class on Saturday, June 22. Two events dates have been changed. The Children's Magician of the Year competition and show will take place on Sunday, June 23 at Leigh Square in downtown Port Coquitlam. The CAM-JAM will take place on Sunday, June 30, also in Port Coquitlam.

Refreshments were prepared by Leo Robinovitch. Thanks Leo. Thanks to Billy Hsueh for selling raffle tickets, and as usual, the club's official photographer, John Smithman took photos of the evening's events. There were 42 members and 8 guests in attendance.

-I'm Dennis Chan

# MARCH - COMEDY NIGHT



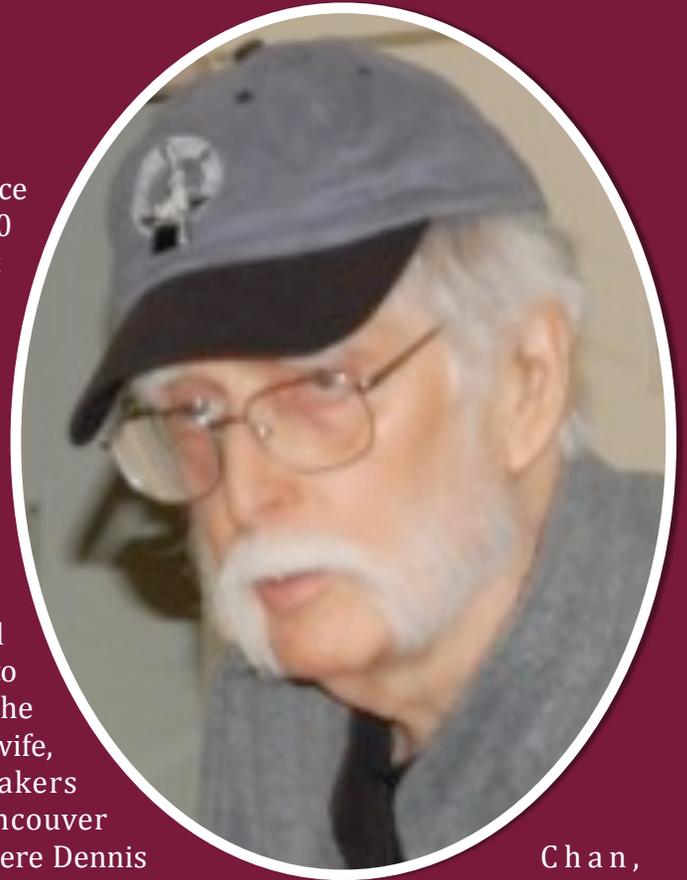
Vancouver Magic Circle  
Broken Wand Ceremony  
Luis Cheng (1938-2013)  
March 28, 2013

Alex Seaman  
Dennis Chan  
Dennis Howson

Please visit [www.ibmring92.com](http://www.ibmring92.com) to view John's phantastic photo gallery!

# Farewell Friend

The celebration of life for Munro MacKenzie took place at Science World on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The celebration of life programme was put together by Kim MacKenzie-Orlando and the rest of the MacKenzie family. The Reverend David Fitzsimmons opened the programme. Kim MacKenzie-Orlando gave the eulogy. Family speakers included Kent McDonald, Royce McDonald, Clint Davies and Gloria Laird from Science World. Approximately twenty-five members from The International Brotherhood of Magicians were in attendance to present the Broken Wand ceremony. Alex Seaman read the Broken Wand ceremony, displayed the wand then handed it to Dennis Hewson, who, in turn broke the wand. The broken wand pieces were then given to Munro's wife,



Pamela. Speakers

from the Vancouver Magic Circle were Dennis Chan, Mike Norden, Amanda O'Leary and Alex Seaman. Kim was also given a ceremonial wand (unbroken) for her to keep. Many thanks to Dennis Hewson for making the wands. There was a photo board and a table of artifacts for all to see. The crowd then joined Ron MacKenzie and Kim MacKenzie-Orlando in a toast to their dad. A piper then played "High Cathedral" leading the crowd to an area where light refreshments were served. Before leaving the services Dennis Hewson gave a satin bag to Pamela to put the broken wand pieces into. It was a beautiful service for a man well-loved.



# A Memory

I remember my very first visit to the Vancouver Magic Circle just over 5 years ago. It was One Trick Night and amongst the many Past Presidents and members, Munro MacKenzie stood up to perform. One had the sense that he was the sage of the VMC. Always available to share his knowledge and experience. Concerned with passing along age-old secrets to the next generation. Ensuring the future of our craft. However...he never took himself that seriously. He was happy to 'go for the laugh', lend a hand or volunteer as an assistant. I think that is probably what was most endearing about him. He was happy just to 'be there', something that we, all too often, take for granted. I will remember Munro as our Ring Reporter, a good friend of the VMC and a smiling welcoming face.

-Rabbi Don Pacht

# Tri - City 3 of Clubs **Magic** Convention

The Vancouver Magic Circle is proud to host the annual Tri-City 3 of Clubs Magic Convention for 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia and welcomes you to come and join in the fun! Early Bird Registration is only \$115 until Sept 1st, 2013.

The basic registration includes six lectures, two shows, contests, two game shows, the SAM Cut-a-Thon and **\$75 magic gift bag!**

We only have a few spots left before we hit the 75 people mark – so if you know anyone who wants to attend then they need to register NOW! It's only \$100 for Alumni!

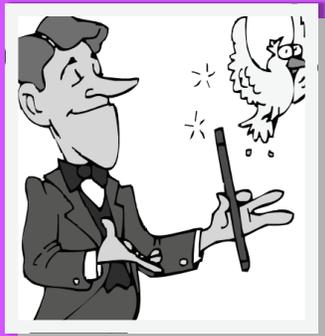
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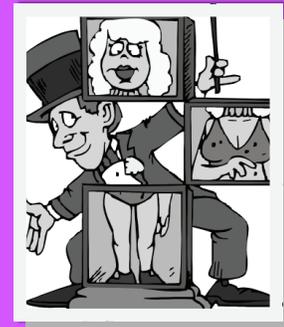
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Vancouver BC



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JOHN LOVICK



NICK LEWIN



BARRY MITCHELL



LOUIE FOXX



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Visit the VMC website for more information

## Inside the Briefcase

### Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 7:13pm in ABC Country Coquitlam. In Attendance were Alex Seaman, Billy Hsueh, Dennis Hewson, Dennis Chan, John Smithman, Jeff Christensen and Dave Carlson. The President said that he had got in touch with David Parker, and David has agreed to do a Lecture Review column in the Magical Minutes! He also had a few guests who were at the last meeting inquire about joining the VMC which is great news! Unfortunately our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Treasurer were not present at the meet so they were not able to give their reports. The Activity Chair was pleased to announce that Bryn Williams will be doing a workshop at the May meeting which is titled "Acting for the Magician" so keep an eye peeled for that! The Librarian would like to reimburse out of town members for their library deposits. Which was then tabled until New Business.

At the beginning of Old Business we talked about the Creation of the Legacy Fund. Billy Hsueh moves to create the VMC Legacy Fund. This fund will consist of monies collected and unused from deceased members, Former members, and other appropriate sources; to be used for the advancement of the VMC Junior Members and Program. It was seconded by Dennis Chan. Next up was the creation of a Distinguished Award for Helping Hands Contributor. John Smithman Motions to create the Munro Mackenzie award in recognition of outstanding contribution in the advancement of the VMC junior members and Program, Dennis Hewson seconds. We would like to have a VMC Show in the Magic Festival in June, but we would need a Chair Person to organize and run the event. We talked about having the same venue as SAM so we can pool our resourced to make the venue look amazing. This has been tabled until the May Executive meeting.

In New Business, member Jeff Christensen proposed to the executive that we sponsor one or two juniors members to the "Jeff McBride Experience". Whether it be to the master class or to the lecture and show. Let the record show that Jeff Christensen wore a Ministry of Magic shirt to the meeting. Member Billy Hsueh brought forward a request for the VMC to sponsor their event "An Evening of Magic" a fundraiser show to help send a kid to Sorcerers Safari. Member Alex Seaman brought forward the possibility of the VMC sponsoring "Share the Magic" again this year for the same amount x2 since Share the Magic would be 2 nights instead of 1. We talked about giving refunds to the out of town members for their library deposits. Dennis Chan would need more cash to be able to do so. we would like to use the outstanding monies as credit for membership for the following year. Membership cards were mentioned briefly, which we would need to talk to Shawn about, this was tabled till April General Meeting. Name Badges were also talked about but that is also tabled until a further date as well. A possibility of a president's medal was talked about too, but that was also tabled. Any outstanding certificates need to be mailed out. A membership committee needs to be formed, with a chair. John Smithman has volunteered to be the ChairPerson of the committee, the membership committee need to contact new members and sit down with them and conduct new member interview. John Smithman suggested to bring the Munro Mackenzie Award to the membership and announce the concept as well as poll the membership. Member Dave Carlson agreed to help out with the auction again this year. Dennis Hewson made more wands for Broken Wand ceremonies.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40



DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS

# the JEFF McBRIDE EXPERIENCE

IN SUPPORT OF THE "BRICK BY BRICK"  
PROGRAM TO BUILD A SCHOOL IN KENYA

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RECORD HOLDER  
MAGICIAN OF  
THE YEAR

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featuring many of his famous performance  
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and VH1'S CELEBRACADABRA!

**Time** June 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

**Place** Baker Drive Elementary School  
885 Baker Drive, Coquitlam

**Tickets** [www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com](http://www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com) or in person  
at Baker Drive Elementary (604.461.5323)  
\$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12

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## Celebrate The Child Fundraiser – The Jeff McBride Experience in Coquitlam

In loving memory of my son Jonah, we created an annual celebration around his birthday, June 19th, to "Celebrate The Child in all of us". The first year in 2008, with his Grade one class and his sister's grade four class, we built a tile mosaic of a chameleon. It lies between two big chestnut trees at the school where Jonah spent much of his time collecting chestnuts, digging for dinosaur bones, and looking for lizards. We also celebrated the joy of youth and play by having an extended recess in his honour and encouraged everyone, students and teachers, to play together. The following year we carried on this theme with a magic show to raise money for a children's charity. This has now become an annual tradition. With the help of everyone involved, it's a magical evening of love, laughter and hope.

Celebrate The Child is about celebrating the joy of youth, the importance of living in the moment, and having fun. We raise money each year for a different children's charity. The charities we have supported so far include Canuck Place, Make a Wish Foundation, and Raise-A-Reader. For our 5<sup>th</sup> annual show we've chosen to support the wonderful children's charity Free the Children – Brick by Brick program which will raise funds in order to build a one room school in Kenya.

This year we will be holding an amazing magic show at Baker Drive Elementary in Coquitlam! On Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm we have arranged to have international award winning magician Jeff McBride perform his 90 minute world class show "Magic Behind the Mask." After the show Jeff McBride will be presenting his all new (for magicians only) lecture based upon his highly acclaimed book The Show Doctor. The lecture will be held at the same location as the show and will start at 9pm.

Cost for the lecture is \$30 or only an additional \$20 if you go to the show. So that's \$50 total to see a Las Vegas headliner followed by his great lecture! On Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Jeff will be presenting a master class for an additional \$100. Space for this is extremely limited so book now for this once in a lifetime magical learning opportunity.



Those who attend the McBride master class will also receive a full colour autographed commemorative poster signed by Jeff McBride. We also have many other great magic prizes that have been donated for our event by our dear friends: Chance/Shelley Wolf, Jamie D. Grant, Tony Chris, Vitaly Beckman and Shawn Farquhar.

If all of the great magic isn't enough, by buying tickets to the show you will create magic in the world! Proceeds from the magic show/lecture/master class will go to the children's charity Free the Children in memory of Jonah Christensen. The goal is to raise \$8,500 to help build a classroom in Kenya. Great magic, great people and all for a great cause!! More information on Free the Children can be found at:

<http://www.freethechildren.com/get-involved/campaigns/brick-by-brick/>

Tickets can be purchased at the office at Baker Drive or online by going to our website at:

[www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com](http://www.CelebrateTheChild.wordpress.com)

So please purchase your tickets ASAP and be sure to let your family and friends know how they can support our event. Thanks so much for your help!

Jeff Christensen

Celebrate the Child

"Goals are the children of Challenge and Opportunity." -John Smithman

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