



V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

February 2013

the Charles Howard Ring

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THE MAGICAL MINUTES NEWSLETTER

Since 1942

Blast from the Past!

Thank you to VMC member Dennis Hewson for sending in these photos he found in a dusty drawer. These are photos taken at a Magic class he used to offer at schools in the Tri-Cities area. Does anyone recognize a certain newly re-elected President of the Vancouver Magic Circle?



(Youngest President ever in the history of the IBM, we might add!)

Congratulations Alex!



PRESIDENT'S

Welcome to the 2013 year of the Vancouver Magic Circle! I would like to formally thank the membership of the Vancouver Magic Circle for electing me to office of President for a 2nd term. I am proud to see that you have recognized the value in the work the Board of Directors and I have accomplished last year. I begin the new year with high hopes for our circle and the things we will achieve together as we start off an amazing year of magic!

We are very excited to kick off our new year with two incredible events for everyone. We are bringing in the incredible Peter Samelson! The New York Times calls him the "soft-spoken conceptualist of sorcery." What distinguishes Peter from other artists in the field of Illusion is his commitment to making Magic an Art. His performance is more than mere entertainment, touching the hearts of his audiences in a way few ever can and you have a chance to be a part of it! Come join us on **February 22nd 2013** for the **Peter Samelson Lecture**

at Douglas College (700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster). Make sure to pre-register to get a chance to win back your lecture fee by paying online up until 24 hours before the lecture. Doors open at 7:00pm.

But the fun doesn't end there! The next night, our circle will gather for the annual **Installation Banquet and Show!** On **February 23rd at 6:00pm**, the Sunrise Community Hall will be home to a prestigious evening featuring a full catered dinner, the Installation of new officers, a full stage show by Peter Samelson and more! At 6:30pm we will take the formal Circle Photo with all members in good standing who would like to be included (this is free of charge and open to all paid members) before the ticketed event begins with a catered dinner, presentation of membership awards and much more! Please dress appropriately for the formal photo. If you purchased an Official VMC Jacket, they're here! Contact Dennis Hewson at dhewson@telus.net to arrange for pick up of your jacket and badge so you'll be ready and dapper for the annual photo!

While you're planning for all the awesome upcoming magic events, mark down Thursday, March 28th on that calendar, as the always hilarious Comedy Night at the Vancouver Magic Circle! Because this year's Installation Banquet features a full professional show, the March meeting will feature the competitions for the Rick Honey and Cecil Ackery trophies for Junior and Adult Comedy Magician of the Year! Bust out those rubber chickens and baffling bras, it's time for laughs! TRUST ME, this is NOT a meeting you'll want to miss! As always, visit www.vancouvermagiccircle.com and the VMC Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest in circle news!

Alex Seaman

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



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

PRESENTS

2013 Installation

BANQUET AND SHOW



Starring: Peter Samelson

SUNRISE HALL

1950 WINDERMERE ST. VANCOUVER B.C.

FOR TICKETS

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DOORS OPEN - 6:00P.M.

V.M.C. MEMBERS - 40.00 / GUESTS - 45.00 / YOUTH - 20.00

Saturday, February 23^{RD.} 2013



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DUES ARE DUE

Dear VMC Members,

Each winter as the DEW settles on the ground, we DO our DUE diligence and ask members to pay their DUES as they are now DUE. Please don't wait until they are overDUE and we are forced to DO something about it.

Thank you,
The Executive DUDES

Mac King's Magic in a Minute

CLIPPEDY DOO DAH!

HERE'S A TRICK THAT'S A SNAP TO PERFORM. ALL YOU NEED IS A DOLLAR BILL AND A COUPLE OF PAPER CLIPS.

FOLD THE DOLLAR INTO AN "S". THEN ATTACH ONE CLIP INSIDE THE RIGHT FOLD, SO IT HOLDS THE RIGHT END OF THE DOLLAR, AND FOLD TOGETHER, DO THE SAME TO THE LEFT FOLD WITH THE OTHER PAPER CLIP. THE BILL IS NOW HOPELESSLY TRAPPED IN A PAPER CLIP BASTILLE.

GRAB ONE END OF THE DOLLAR AND TELL A FRIEND TO GRAB THE OTHER. THEN SAY, "GET READY FOR THE GREATEST ESCAPE TRICK EVER!"

SAY THE MAGIC WORDS...
CLIPPEDY DOO DAH!
... AND SLOWLY PULL ON YOUR END OF THE BILL UNTIL THE CLIPS COME TOGETHER AND FLY OFF!

NOT ONLY IS THE BILL NOW FREE OF ITS PAPER CLIP BONDS, BUT THE CLIPS THEMSELVES ARE LINKED TOGETHER!

SNAP!

Mac & Bill King

Magic...the universal language:

Magic may have universal appeal, but unless you have a silent act you will need some basic vocabulary. With this handy guide, you can identify yourself as the 'Life of the Party' wherever you may travel.

85 Ways to Say MAGICIAN (part 3 of 3):

57. Polish - Magik
58. Pohnpei - Akmanaman
59. Portuguese - Mágico or Illusionista
60. Punjabi - Jadoogar
61. Romanian - Vrâjitor
62. Russian - Bókychnk or Coldun
63. Sardo - Magu
64. Senefu - Katchin-win
65. Serbian - MadjioniCar
66. Singalese - Vijja Karaya
67. Slovene - Carovnik
68. Spanish - Mago
69. Swahili - Mchawi
70. Swedish - Trollkarl
71. Tagalog - Salamangkero
72. Tamil - Mayakkaran
73. Thai - Nuc ma ya kol
74. Tibetan - Migturl or Guma Khen
75. Turkish - Sihirbas
76. Turkmen - Gozbagdjy
77. Ukrainian - Mag
78. Urdu - Jadoogar
79. Uzbeki - Sihrgar or Qizikchi
80. Vietnamese - Thày phù thủy
81. Walloon - Magicien
82. Welsh - Dewin
83. Yiddish - Kishef
84. Yoruba - Babalewu
85. Zulu - Usaragor

January Ring Report

By: Munro MacKenzie & 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

As usual the meeting started off with the "magic jam session". This is the month where we have the elections of new officers for 2013. President Alex Seaman conducted the elections. Positions were open for president, first vice-president, second vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and sergeant-at-arms. There were three nominations for president, Mike Norden, James Hanson, and Alex Seaman. Mike Norden declined. The winner for the position of president was Alex Seaman. There were no new nominations for the other positions.

By acclamation, the first vice-president is Graham Kita, the second vice-president is Gordon McIntosh, secretary is Billy Hsueh, he is new to this position, treasurer is Phil Razon and sergeant-at-arms is Dennis Chan. Congratulations to everyone.

This was also past president's night and one trick night whereby members must do a magical effect to fulfill their obligations as a member of the club. Past presidents doing their one magical effect were Shawn Farquhar, Mike Norden and Gord Boyes. Members performing their one magical effect were Matthew Jones, Jens Henriksen, Rod Chow, Dennis Chan, Jessica Chan, Dennis Hewson, Shawn Farquhar, Stephen Braybrooke, Anthony Young, Erik McNeill, Glen LaBarre, John Stenning, Bryn Williams, Alex Seaman, Wiley Allen and Graham Kita.

Ballots for the Kramien and Murray awards were handed out.

The winners will be announced at the installation banquet to be held on Saturday, February 23 at the meeting hall. Peter Samelson will be the guest performer.

Members were also reminded of the Peter Samelson lecture to be held on Friday February 22 at Douglas College in New Westminster.

Constitution Chair, Bryn Williams led the members through some constitutional changes.

Something new! Thanks to Shawn Farquhar the Vancouver Magic Circle now has an official blazer and patch with a new logo. Sale of the blazers went extremely well as this was a one-time purchase. Thanks Shawn.

This was also initiation night for new members whereby they must have performed three magical effects in order to become full-fledged members of the Vancouver Magic Circle, IBM Ring 92. Presiding over the initiation ceremony was Shawn Farquhar. The newly initiated members are Wiley Allen, Jessica Chan, Billy Hsueh and Peter Cheung. Congratulations to the new members.

Thanks to Billy Hsueh for selling raffle tickets. Dave Carlson did the refreshments and the cleaning up of the kitchen. Thanks Dave. John Smithman, the club's official photographer, took photos of the evening's events.

The raffle winners were Joji Yamashita, he won a book and Anthony Young, who won a DVD.

The club just received some sad news of the passing of one of our members. (Please read the Broken Wand on Page 8).

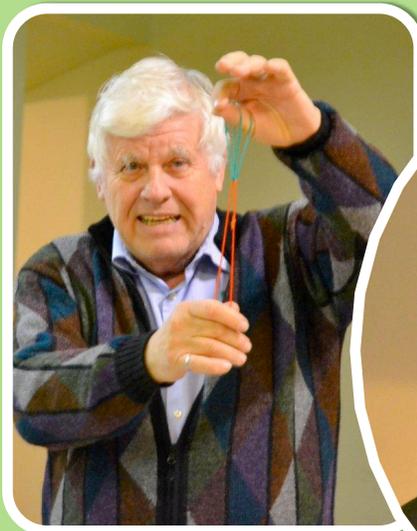
There were 37 members and 4 guests in attendance.

NOTE: Munro MacKenzie has resigned from his position as ring reporter: a position he held for fourteen years. We are happy that he will remain on our board of directors to offer guidance and experience. The Vancouver Magic Circle extends a sincere thank you to Munro for all the time and effort he has invested in our circle over the years. Munro, you have done an excellent job and we couldn't have asked for more. Once again we thank you.

Yours truly, Dennis Chan will assume the role of ring reporter.

Filling in for Munro MacKenzie (one last time)...
I'm Dennis Chan.

JANUARY...ONE TRICK NIGHT!



Please visit www.ibmring92.com to view John's phantastic photo gallery!

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!

IBM Ring #92—The Vancouver Magic Circle Presents



Friday Nov 8th— Sunday Nov 10th, 2013
Vancouver BC



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JOHN LOVICK



NICK LEWIN



BARRY MITCHELL



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Visit the VMC website for more information

Inside the Briefcase

Your Magical Minutes link to the monthly Business Meeting

To start things off the January AGM Minutes were accepted as official. We got reports from the Executive Board, here's what went down. The President got a membership database from the treasurer and updated the master file. He also contacted those who have not paid their dues yet. A reminder from the 1stVP, that the Peter Samelson Lecutre is coming up next week! We still need lights for Ambiance for the Dinner. 2nd VP had nothing to report. The Treasurer said that tickets for the Installation Banquet and Show are selling quickly and that he will contact the President regarding any late member renewals. The Secretary received correspondence from Brianna Carlson, which will be discussed later. The Activity Chair is glad to announce that the Workshop Proposals are in, as well that the refreshments are taken care of until May. The Activity Chair will contact the workshopers. Our Library reports that we have 2915 items in the Library! We are still waiting for a whole box of stuff for the Library.

On to Old Business! The Installation Banquet is now rolling! We have changed the policy to allow the membership to attend the Circle Photo. The SGT@ Arms will be in charge of making sure that only ticket-holding members remain in the hall following the circle photo.

We have been approached by 2 Groups of people looking for Special Consideration for the Dinner. Phil made a motion to offer special consideration to the reduction to the cost of the Installation Banquet. The Executive Agreed to give special compensation to guests by request, for the Installation Banquet. Graham seconds, it was passed unanimously.

We will be inviting the Culos and Sawchuck family to the dinner, Dennis C. will phone them. Gord will take over the categorizing membership pins recipients, provided that Alex sends him the list. We will compile the Raffle Prizes and decide what to give away at a later date. Decorations for the banquet were discussed. Shawn had 3 receipts for the Jackets and Patches. The Jackets have arrived in Washington, he anticipates that we will have to pay duty for the jackets and provided receipts for all purchases.

Now time for New Business! The Board of Directors made their nominations for the David Culos Memorial Trophy (Golden Rabbit Award) and voted on the recipient by secret ballot. The results of the balloting will be revealed at the Installation Banquet and Show.

All received submissions from members for workshop ideas were examined. The Board of Directors voted to hold 3 member workshops during the year and look forward to bringing this great learning opportunity to the circle meetings.

And that's what's inside the briefcase this month!

Billy Hsueh

Secretary

Vancouver Magic Circle



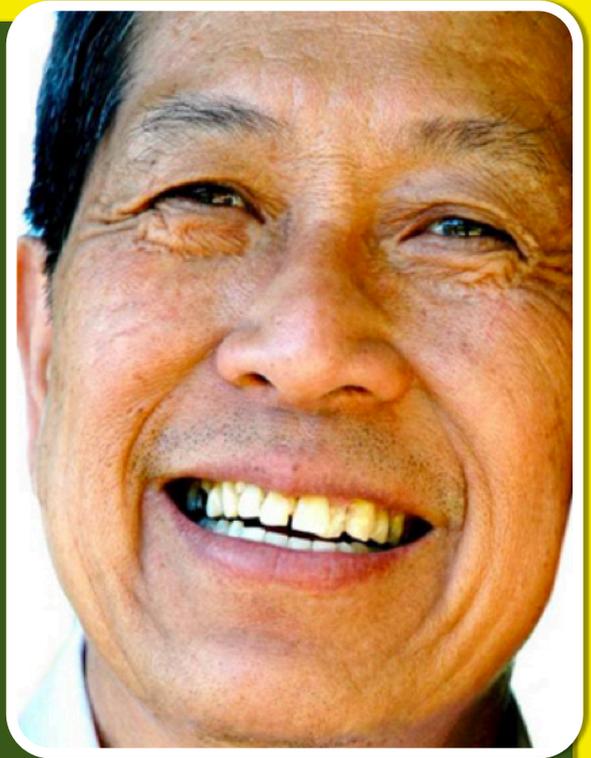
BROKEN WAND

The Magic Fraternity lost a great friend with the recent passing of Luis Cheng.

Luis Cheng, 74 of Vancouver B.C. passed away on January 18, 2013. He held IBM number 63070 and had been a member since 2002. He was a member of Ring 92, Vancouver Magic Circle, Charles Howard Ring.

Luis Peclian Cheng was born on October 11, 1938 in the Philippines. On September 21, 1969 he married Felisa King. They moved to Canada in 1969. Luis worked as a millwright for decades and retired in his 60's. Luis always enjoyed magic and the social aspect of the Vancouver Magic Circle meetings.

He often moonlighted as the "famous" Fu Ling Yu, magician and comedian of Beijing China. He enjoyed line dancing, Chinese painting, Chinese calligraphy, karaoke, and playing pool.



He was also a member of several community groups.

Survivors are his wife, Felisa, and two daughters, Yvonne (Quan) and Raquel (Hoai), and grand-children Kayla, Keira, Kallista and Rylan.



Really?! / Whatever...

*The new feature that will either AMAZE or BORE you!
Thank you to Dennis Chan for contributing these (thankfully),
little know etymologies.*

BET YOUR BOTTOM DOLLAR

Meaning: It's a sure thing; to bet everything you have.

Origin: Just as they do today, 19th - century poker players would keep betting their chips- or "dollars"- in high stacks at the table, taking from the top when betting. When a hand was so good that a player wanted to wager the entire stack, they would pick up or push the stack by the bottom chip-literally betting with their bottom dollar.

IN THE NICK OF TIME

Meaning: Without a second to spare.

Origin: Even into the 18th century, some businessmen still kept track of transactions and time by carving notches- or nicks on a "tally stick". Someone arriving just before the next nick was carved would arrive in time to save the next day's interest- in the nick of time.

HOAX

Meaning: An act meant to trick or dupe someone.

Origin: Believed to be a contraction of the word *hocus* from the term *hocus pocus* which first appeared in the early 17th century. It may be derived from the name of a conjurer in the time of King James known as "The Kings Majesties most excellent Hocus Pocus".

Before every trick he would call out the nonsense phrase, *Hocus pocus, tontus, talontus, vade celeriter jubeo*. This phrase was itself probably an imitation (or mockery), of the latin *hoc est corpus* ('this is my body', used by Catholic priests performing the act of transubstantiation.

“Magic of the Holidays”

Last month we asked for readers to send us a photo that best depicted the “Magic of the Holiday season”. Well, if a picture is worth a thousand words, this little gem is priceless! Meet Jackson Doyle, a 14 year old Prestidigitator who turned his own life challenge into an opportunity for himself, as well as countless others. Way to go Jackson!



A Young Magician's Magical Gift

By Jackson Doyle, Age 12

I have been passionate about magic since age 9. My inspiration came from a family trip to Las Vegas. I was fascinated by the magician's ability to trick his audience. I then started to teach myself magic any chance I could.

My passion for magic grew even more when I was treated at the Children's Hospital Burn Unit in July 2009 for a month due to a severe burn on my abdomen and hand. I became VERY bored and restless from the ongoing treatment. I used this opportunity to learn more about magic as I had a lot of time and nowhere to go! It is here that I realized I had a special talent to share with other sick children.

Instead of me performing magic I realized that giving kids an opportunity to learn a trick would be more fulfilling and they could share this trick with their family members.

This past Christmas I volunteered at Ronald McDonald House for their Xmas party. The families and staff enjoyed my energy. A wonderful lady named Connie Clark who operates the house welcomed an opportunity to start a magic program for the patients and families every Wednesday night. Without her this would not have been possible. She gave me tons of self confidence and encouraged me to make it happen!

I love going to the house every Wednesday night, and I love seeing the kids learn and have fun with magic. I get more back from this experience than I could ever possibly give.



Excerpted from the Ronald McDonald House Newsletter

January's Mystery Mug

Congratulations to Karen Eskilson, who correctly identified this younger version of Shawn Farquhar. It looks like the purple suit was a step UP!



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Thursday, March 28, 2013...

Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy

Donated by F.W. Benwell, the Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in comedy magic. At least one magical effect must be performed in the routine. The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the fields of comedy club and banquet style magic.

This competition is open to the Adult members of the club only.

AND

Rick Honey Comedy Trophy

The Rick Honey Comedy Trophy is awarded in recognition of excellence in comedy magic by a junior member. At least one magical effect must be performed in the routine. The spirit of this competition is to encourage growth in the fields of school assembly, banquet, club, revue and cruise ship style magic.

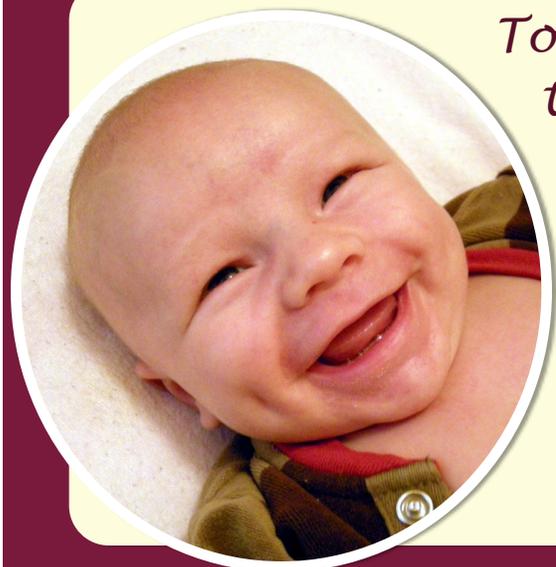
This competition is open to the Junior members of the club only.

Our Awards and Competition Chairman, Henry Tom, is currently not available. For more information or to enter this competition, please contact [Bryn Williams](#). Please note that you must register at least 24 hours in advance.

Both competitions will take place as part of our regular monthly meeting.

We hope to see you there!!

Congratulations...



To Clinton W. & Adina Gray on their latest 'PRODUCTION'.

Dylan Christopher Gray 'appeared' on January 5, 2013, in Kamloops, BC, weighing 8lb. 6oz! (Try pulling THAT out of a hat)

MAKING HEADLINES

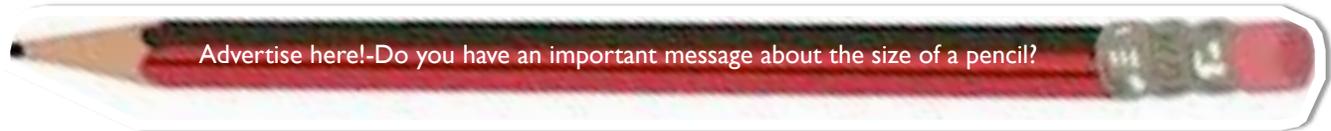


For those of you who missed it, *Senior Living* ran a segment last fall featuring the life and career of our very own RAY ROCH. This four minute clip talks about some of Ray's professional accomplishments and how Magic is keeping him young (and young looking), in retirement.

You can watch the video on YouTube

by following this link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xiKdhsDYLE&feature=em-share_video_user



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Mystery Mug

No...it's NOT the Beave!

PUT A NAME TO THE FACE AND WIN!

Email your response to the editor (see address below), all correct responses received by March 10, 2013 will be placed in a drawing to win (you guessed it), a MUG! Email submissions to the editor at:

newsletter@ibmring92.com.