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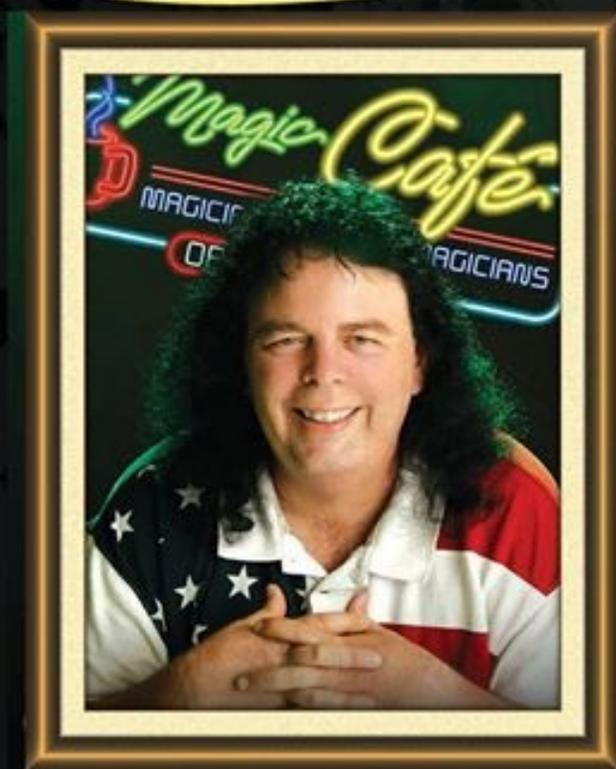
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# *Installation Banquet 2014!*



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# WATER ON THE BRAIN



WANT TO SEE HOW SMART (OR NOT SO SMART) A FRIEND IS? TRY THIS SIMPLE TEST. LINE UP FIVE GLASSES JUST LIKE THIS. THE MIDDLE THREE ARE FILLED WITH WATER AND THE TWO GLASSES ON THE ENDS ARE EMPTY. ASK YOUR FRIEND TO REARRANGE THEM SO THAT NONE OF THE FULL GLASSES ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER. SOUNDS EASY, RIGHT? WELL, THE TRICKY PART IS THAT HE CAN MOVE ONLY ONE GLASS.



## HOWDY DO IT?

WHEN YOUR FRIEND IS DONE WRACKING HIS BRAIN, SIMPLY PICK UP THE MIDDLE GLASS, DRINK ITS CONTENTS AND PUT IT BACK. PUZZLE SOLVED!



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## Here is the story of a magical manager:

*The announcement: a significant new contract!*

Peter, the general manager of a Canadian plastics plant, asked the employees to gather for some good news. It was supposed to be a happy occasion; but one of the employees – Stefan – did his best to dampen the event. Slouching in his seat with one arm draped around the back of his chair, he said, "I suppose now we'll get to use the executive washroom, eh?"

Stefan was known as a rabble-rouser at the plant. You could count on his negative attitude and putdowns of management.

*Later, in the manager's office...*

After the meeting, the general manager summoned Stefan to his office:

"I suppose you're gonna fire me!?" Stefan said belligerently.

Peter responded, "You think you're being funny and smart with your sarcastic remarks; but you're not being smart. Your friends aren't laughing with you, they are laughing at you. Yeah I could fire you; but you'd just go to another company and get fired there too in time; and the cycle continues; or you could break this cycle right now! With your intelligence, skill, and courage aimed at positive expression, you could become something of value: a lead hand in a couple of months; maybe even plant foreman in a couple of years! But you have to decide to change your focus."

*The Rest of the Story...*

It happened. A few months later, the general manager noticed that Stefan was one of the volunteers for a weekend job that was optional. In a few months, he became a lead hand and eventually he did become plant foreman.

*The Real Impact...*

Years later, after he had left the company, Peter was invited back to a company Christmas Party for employees and their families. A lady came up to him and said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am Stefan's wife. I just wanted to thank you for not firing Stefan that day. He is now a volunteer fireman in our community, a loving father to our two boys, and a wonderful husband. Thank you so much."

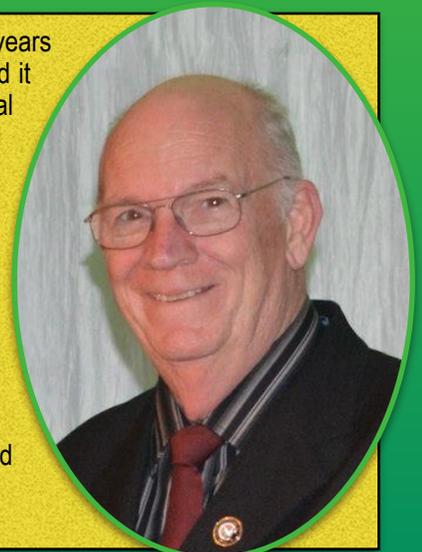
Wow! A volunteer fireman; two beloved children; and a grateful wife. Most managers have no idea of the wide-ranging impact they have when they properly supervise people at work.

No supervisor can anticipate the widespread impact of their decisions.

[from **Workplace Champion By Example**, a Kindle book by John Smithman, [Workplace Champion](#)

John Smithman, like many other magicians, got his first magic kit for Christmas when he was 10 years old. Within a year, he entered a school stage show as a "Magician". He first trick went wrong and it was 10 years later before he decided to try again. While going through pilot training in the Royal Canadian Air Force, John met Guy Stanley, a pilot from Vancouver. Guy did great magic and entertained anyone who would take the time to watch him. John was encouraged to try magic again and, while in the air force, he did a few tricks for others at social get-togethers. But it wasn't until he started training supervisors that he found an avenue for magic that made sense to him -- as a way to enhance the learning process for his clients.

In 2001, John discovered The Vancouver Magic Circle (IBM Ring 92) and began attending their events and guest lectures by visiting magicians. He continued his search for meaningful magic to apply to the learning process, bought books, tricks and DVDs. He started taking photos of fellow Circle members and studied their methods; always looking for a way to apply the magic and enhance the learning process. He is offering this series of articles to share what he has learned along the way.



# February Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle held its prestigious installation and awards banquet at the meeting hall on Thursday, February 27. Arriving early to decorate the hall were Alex Seaman, Dennis Chan, Billy Bales Hsueh, Graham Kita, and Gordon McIntosh. Tony Chris provided the lighting, sound and the backdrops. John Smithman, the club's official photographer was also at the hall early to set up his photo equipment.

The evening's event started with a photo session of the club members and the new executive. Emily Garcia was the "official camera clicker." Thanks Emily.

After the beautifully catered dinner, outgoing President Alex Seaman presided over the awards ceremony. He handed out membership pins to members with continuous membership. Receiving their 1 year pins were Dave Carlson, Jackson Doyle and Dennis Bauyon. 5 year pins went to John Stenning, Steven Braybrooke, Gordon McIntosh, Billy Bales Hsueh, and Phil Razon. 10 year pins went to John Smithman, Errol Lipschitz, Jack Chow and Kevin Ogren. The 20 year pin went to Graham Kita. The 25 year pins went to Anthony Young and Lon Mandrake. Congratulations everyone. Receiving their 2013 helping hands certificates were Jennifer Meyers, Scott and Margaret Jones, Nancy Wong, Melody Hewson, Brad Kita, Cindy Kita, Terri Kita, Suzanne Gustafson, Mike Akazuki, Satoye Kita, Anthony Muscardin and Donna Carlson. These are the people who all helped behind the scenes to make our gatherings a success. They are non-members. Receiving their competition awards certificates were Mike Norden, Brianna Carlson, Tony Chris, Phil Razon, Steve Dickson, Vincent Wang and Jeff Christensen. Nominees for the Murray award were Steve Dickson, Jessica Chan, and Tony Chris. There was a tie between Jessica Chan and Tony Chris for the Murray award. Nominees for the Kramien award were Tony Chris, Steve Dickson, Henry Tom, and Matthew Jones. The winner was Tony Chris. The nominees for the Dave Culos memorial trophy for the Golden Rabbit award were Alex Seaman, Graham Kita, Rabbi Don Pacht, John Smithman, Steve Dickson and Dennis Chan. Rabbi Don Pacht was the winner. On hand to present the trophy were Ray and Judy Culos who have been attending the club's awards ceremonies since the tragic accidental death of their son, a former circle member. Rabbi Don is the editor-in-chief of the club's newsletter, The Magical Minutes. The president's award went to Billy Bales Hsueh.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners for your commitment to the club during the 2013 magic season. Many thanks to Henry Tom, the club's awards and trophy chairman for making sure that everyone received their appropriate awards and certificates. Eric Wolstenholme was given a courtesy membership.



A real honour came when Alex Seaman announced that yours truly, Dennis the "Bulldog" Chan, was awarded a life time membership with the Vancouver Magic Circle. I was truly surprised when Alex made the announcement. What more can I say? I will continue my commitment to the Vancouver Magic Circle and its growth in the magic community. Thank you very much everyone.

Outgoing President Alex Seaman presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the new executive. The newly elected officers for the 2014 magic season are President Graham Kita, 1st VP Phil Razon, 2nd VP Billy Bales Hsueh, Secretary Steven Braybrooke, Treasurer Wily Allen and Sergeant-at-Arms Dennis Chan. Congratulations everyone.

Alex Seaman did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He kept the evening flowing and all events were on time. To end the evening's festivities, guest performer Alan Sands presented a very funny magical performance. He also did a lecture the following night.

John Smithman took photos of the evening's events. Dennis Chan and Billy Bales Hsueh sold raffle tickets. There were plenty of prizes. Many thanks to Billy Bales for once again hiring Rebecca Olfert and her staff to cater our event. And as usual they did an excellent job. Many thanks to all who helped put away the chairs and tables and clean up the hall. And many thanks to everyone who attended the banquet to make the evening a success.

The event was a sellout, 37 members and 20 guests.

-I am Dennis Chan

# MORE...Amazing facts that you will never need to know!



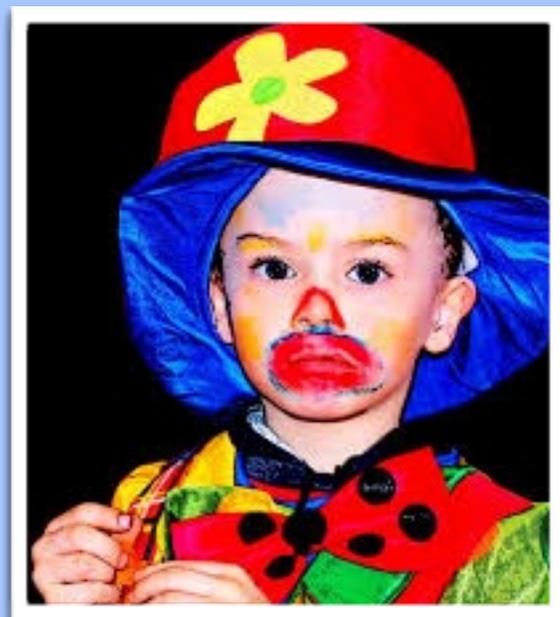
There are more than 85,000 possible drink combinations at Starbucks.

WHOOOSH! Olympic downhill skiers reach 80 miles per hour.



There are about 10,000,000,000,000 ways to play the first 10 moves in a game of chess.

Professional clowns register their makeup designs to prevent other clowns from copying them.



*A very special THANK YOU to Dennis "BULLDOG" Chan for supplying us with an endless list of interesting facts...*

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*A Fantastic Feature!*

Do you have a great story about how you first got started in magic? Is it funny...heart-warming...boring, but still interesting to you and your family (although, I suspect your family is past it-at this point they are just humouring you).

Well...you are invited to share it with the Vancouver Magic Circle.

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