



*Please join us on
 Thursday, February 26th
 for our annual
 Installation Banquet*

*as we induct the 2015 Executive and unveil the winners of
 this year's Murray Award and Kramien Award!*

The fun starts at 6:00 PM at a super secret location

(Flamingo Chinese Restaurant - 7510 Cambie Street, Vancouver).

2015 Award Nominees:

Murray Award

Kramien Award



Matthew Biane



Billy Hsueh



Alex Seaman



Matthew Jones



Chris Yuill



Richard Piamonte



Chris Yuill



Billy Hsueh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Vancouver Magic Circle Members!

Happy Belated Valentine's Wishes
and Gung Hay Fat Choy!

We have our installation banquet quickly approaching. It is Thursday, February 26, 2015 and I am excited! The deadline for purchasing tickets has been extended to Monday, February 23, 2015. There will be NO tickets sold at the door. This is an event you will not want to miss. It is being held at the Flamingo House Restaurant at 7510 Cambie Street in Vancouver.

We will be taking the prestigious club photo at 6:30 PM sharp. We will then feast on an 11 course Chinese meal. Following dinner, our IBM President, Shawn Farquhar, will be on hand to officially inaugurate our new executive and awards will be presented. We are flying Bizzaro in from Las Vegas to entertain us for the evening. Bring your family, bring your friends as this promises to be a truly magical night. Bizzaro will be doing a lecture the following night, Friday, February 27th, Room 2201, Douglas College in New Westminister at 6:30 PM.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, we have Jay Scott Berry coming to town. The lecture will take place at 6:30 PM, Room 2201, Douglas College in New Westminister. There will be a workshop the following day starting at 4:00 PM at the Sunrise Community Hall. Due to Jay's schedule, this was the only time we could schedule a workshop. Our regular meeting will follow this workshop with the Cecil Ackery and Rick Honey Comedy competitions.

I look forward to seeing you all at these magical events.

Graham

Graham Kita
President, Vancouver Magic Circle, IBM Ring #92



THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

PRESENTS

2015 Installation

BANQUET AND SHOW



Starring: Bizzaro

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ADULT BANQUET/LECTURE - 55.00 YOUTH BANQUET/LECTURE - 40.00
LECTURE - 20.00



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Thursday, February 26TH. 2015

A month in pictures...



Thank you to John Smithman, our official Ring 92 photographer, as well as the many members and friends who share their memories with us on Facebook.



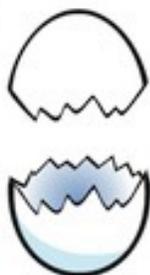
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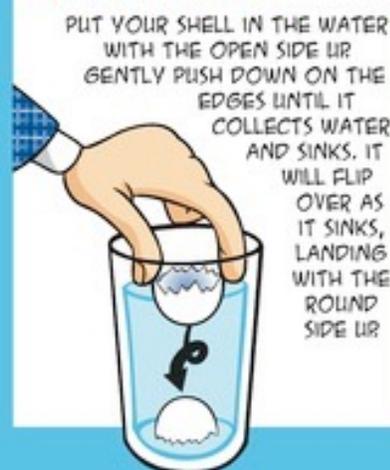
FOR THIS EGG-CELLENT TRICK, YOU'LL NEED ONE RAW EGG AND A GLASS OF WATER.

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CAREFULLY CRACK THE EGG IN HALF, SO THAT YOU HAVE TWO ROUGHLY EQUAL-SIZED PIECES OF SHELL. YOU DON'T NEED THE CONTENTS, SO TOSS THEM OUT, OR FRY THEM UP. THEY'RE DELICIOUS!



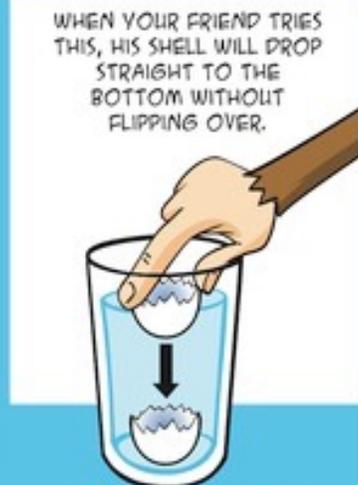
HAND YOUR FRIEND ONE HALF OF THE SHELL AND TELL HIM THAT THIS IS A TEST TO SEE IF HE CAN FOLLOW SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.



PUT YOUR SHELL IN THE WATER WITH THE OPEN SIDE UP. GENTLY PUSH DOWN ON THE EDGES UNTIL IT COLLECTS WATER AND SINKS. IT WILL FLIP OVER AS IT SINKS, LANDING WITH THE ROUND SIDE UP.



TAKE OUT YOUR SHELL AND TELL YOUR FRIEND TO DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU JUST DID.



WHEN YOUR FRIEND TRIES THIS, HIS SHELL WILL DROP STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM WITHOUT FLIPPING OVER.



NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE TRIES, HIS SHELL WON'T FLIP SO MUCH FOR FOLLOWING SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.

HOWDY DO IT?

WHEN PERFORMING THIS TRICK, MAKE SURE TO GIVE YOUR FRIEND THE "POINTIER" TOP HALF OF THE SHELL. THE BOTTOM HALF HAS A MEMBRANE WITH A POCKET OF AIR IN IT THAT CAUSES IT TO FLIP WHEN SUBMERGED IN WATER. WHEN YOUR FRIEND DECIDES THAT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOUR SHELL AND INSISTS ON TRYING IT, SECRETLY POP THE MEMBRANE WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL AS YOU HAND IT TO HIM. NOW THAT HALF OF THE SHELL WILL REFUSE TO FLIP OVER, TOO.

Mac & Bill King

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LECTURE



Starring: Bizzaro

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Friday, February, 27 th.

October Report

By: Dennis Chan

The Vancouver Magic Circle's 2015 year started off with a jam session. Gary Spence read obituary of his late father Alf. After the reading of the obituary, the broken wand ceremony took place with President Graham Kita reading the broken wand ceremony. The wand was displayed, and then broken by Dennis Hewson and then handed to the Spence family, Ana, wife of Gary, and Joyce, wife of Alf. This is also one trick night and past president's night where past presidents and members must do a magical effect.

Past presidents doing their one magical effect were Ray Wong and Alex Seaman. Other members performing their one magical effect were Matthew Jones, Lon Mandrake, Richard Piamonte, Kelvin Ng, Michael Nemeth, Yoosik Oum, Chris Yuill and Steve Dickson.

Ballots for the Kramien and Murray awards were handed out. The nominees for the Kramien award were Chris Yuill, Richard Piamonte, Matthew Jones, Billy Bales Hsueh, and Alex Seaman. The nominees for the Murray award were Chris Yuill, Billy Bales Hsueh and Matthew Biane. The winners will be announced at the annual installation banquet on Thursday, February 26.

The business portion of the meeting included the installation banquet, the Bizzaro lecture on Friday, February 27 and the Jay Scott Berry lecture on Wednesday, March 25. Jay will also be presenting a workshop on Thursday, March 26 at 4:00pm which coincides with our regular meeting.

This is the month where we have the election of new officers for the 2015 magic year. Alex Seaman conducted the election

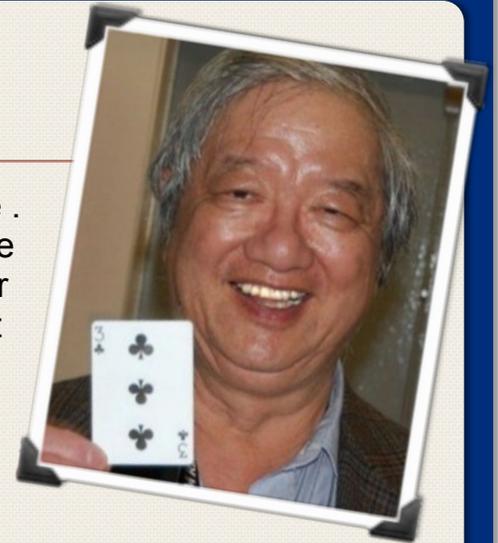
procedure. Positions were open for President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. Steve

Dickson was nominated for 2nd VP, but he declined. No other members accepted any of the positions. Therefore all positions were won by acclamation. The new officers for the 2015 magic year are Graham Kita-President, Billy Bales Hsueh-1st VP, Kelvin Ng,-2nd VP, Karen Eskilson-Secretary, Wiley Allen-treasurer and Dennis Chan-sergeant-at-arms. They will be sworn in at the installation banquet. Congratulations to the new executive for the 2015 magic year.

This is also initiation night for new members, who, in order to become full-fledged members of the Vancouver Magic Circle, will have had to have performed three magical effects at an earlier date. Presiding over the initiation ceremony was Graham Kita. The newly initiated members are Yoosik Oum, Richard Piamonte and Edward Stehr. Congratulations and welcome to the club.

Dennis Chan provided the refreshments. Billy Bales Hsueh donated Starbucks coffee as prizes and he also sold raffle tickets. John Smithman, the club's official photographer took photos of the evening's events.

There were 21 members and 4 guests in attendance.



-I'm Dennis Chan

Betty Gallucci's Voice

Part 1 of a 2-part feature

“When I was a President and officer in various clubs, we always had open board in member's homes or in restaurants at least two weeks before the general club's meetings to discuss the various issues and problems, make recommendations, and plan how we could complete our goals and note our progress. All was recorded in the newsletter. The board meetings were also training as the members came up the ladder to be a President.

The reason that members do not run for office is, first off a lack of experience. They don't know how to BE a Sergeant-at-arms, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice-President, a President, a committee Chairman or a committee member, and Parliamentarian. They don't know how to conduct themselves in such an office or chairperson's duties using Parliamentarian procedure. They will learn only by attending board meetings, joining in discussions, or just listening to an experienced mentor officer.

Texting is not learning, phoning is not learning, though it is sort of communication. The down and dirty part of the club work is done with the various committee chairperson, officers, past and present, others getting together and working it out. Only then should an issue be taken to the general meeting and with their recommendations, so the club has confidence with their officers and comfortable in their recommendations.

The President presides over the meeting, though may make suggestions, but the board makes the decision for any events, or work, or on any issue, and will make their recommendations to the general membership. Both the time and place of the open board meeting and eventually their decisions should be recorded in the newsletter, BEFORE any recommendation or discussion at the next meeting. Informed members may or may not attend the meeting but they still feel included. Because of the enlightened membership there, the discussions and voting are shorter, they move on to their other club's activities.

Another reason people won't run for office, or even attend, is that the former officers and are just plain worn out. They may come to meetings but beg not to be put on a committee or nominated for office again. These past officers are constantly called to club duty and need a rest from responsibility. Perhaps they have not, or did not DELEGATE chores to their committees or their committee chairpersons FAILED them and so they had to also take on those delegated duties. Not fair but it happens, doesn't it?”



Betty Gallucci (stage name Betty Boop), is a Clown and a Realtor in Oswego, OR, who has served as President and executive of a variety of Magic clubs and boards. In a recent interview, she shares some of the secrets of her success. Betty is almost 88 years old!

To be continued...



Everyone's favourite feature!! How I got started in Magic... Getting to know Gary Savard

Rabbi Don Pacht had the opportunity to interview Gary about how much magic has been a part of his life!

How did you first become interested in magic?

I always wanted to do something in the Performing Arts. As a kid I tried guitar. In school I would have liked to have taken drama but I'm a terrible cold reader !!! But I loved improv !!!!

It wasn't till the ripe old age of 21 and Expo '86 in Vancouver where I saw some very talented street performers. I knew then, that I wanted to be a performer like that. I loved the Vents, Mimes, and Magicians.

One of these performing arts was for me!

How did you decide that magic was for you?

In the early 80's I visited a magic shop in New Westminster called "That's Magic" where I met the owner Steve Dickson (you may have heard the name).

He Gave

me a couple of lessons and right then I was bitten by the magic bug and he opened up the door for me into the world of magic.

Thanks Steve!

What is your favourite type of audience and why?

My favourite type of audience is human beings because I don't think animals get my jokes?????? Seriously I love all audiences and appreciate anyone that would take their time out of their busy schedule to come see my show.



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**JAY SCOTT BERRY LECTURE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 – 6:30 PM
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER – ROOM #2201 – MEMBERS COST - \$20**

**JAY SCOTT BERRY WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 – 4:00 PM (before regular meeting)
SUNRISE COMMUNITY HALL – 1950 WINDERMERE STREET, VANCOUVER – MEMBERS COST - \$30**

Jay Scott Berry - The High Art of Magic

"Impeccable magic, absolutely wondrous!" - Channing Pollock "In my entire career, I have never seen anything as convincing. It was real magic, delivered with precision timing and consummate skill." - Mark Wilson "A WONDERFUL show!!!!" - Erika Larsen, President, The Magic Castle "The King of All Magicians!" - David Adamovich, President SAM PA1 "Jay stands alongside the all-time greats; in the same league as Slydini" - Ed Rosenthal "You've got to see this guy, He's a great Magician!" - Donald Trump "A true visionary. A man who has gone beyond the boundaries. There are only a handful of magicians who are masters of the art. This man is one of them.

Do whatever you have to do to get to one of his lectures or one of his shows." - Anthony Brook, International Deputy - SAM "Over the past 70 years, I have seen almost every great magician in the world. I would rank Jay as one of the top 3." - Heinz Philipp, AKA "Phipps"

- Friend and mentor of Siegfried and Roy "Jay's show is the most elegant show I've ever seen. The magic was absolutely spellbinding, the music (performed and recorded by Jay) fit perfectly with the magic, and the script was insightful, intelligent and meaningful. It was a truly memorable evening!" - Tim Pendergast, Producer on Magic in the Rockies

Recognized worldwide as a master performer and creator, Jay's shows are often called, "The closest thing to real magic you will ever see."

He is also the world's #1 producer of International Magic Festivals with 10 scheduled this year alone!

Berry regularly headlines top international venues and magic conventions, performing everything from close-up to stage with peerless grace and elegance.

In his new lecture, Jay pushes the frontiers of the Art ever further with powerful magic that is both practical and versatile.

He at once embraces classic methods and effects while challenging outdated and outmoded ways of thinking. In doing so, he is able to fuse the best from the past with the best of the present to create magic for the future.

Everything in the lecture is directly from his personal "A" list of effects and, as such, is time-tested in real world conditions. His original methods are ultra-smooth, starting clean and ending clean.

He will perform and teach the very latest, state-of-the-art effects with The Thumb and Eclipse Tip, The Cloaking Device, The FS/2 Gimmick, The Finger Fazers, The Ring and Ribbon and more! He will also demonstrate his brand new JSB Topit design, widely regarded as the best ever.

Jay will pay close attention to a number of effects and techniques that work exceptionally well for strolling magic. His personal criteria demands that all of these effects be strong, highly visual, angle-proof and instantly reset. These are routines that Jay uses in strolling and table magic around the globe where he regularly commands \$500 an hour and up. In short, an evening with Jay Scott Berry is filled with wonder, surprises and inspiration. He is a consummate entertainer and approaches every lecture with the same commitment to excellence, attention to detail and enthusiasm that have become his trademark in the Art of Magic. www.JayScottBerry.com www.Facebook.com/Illusioneering

Getting to know Gary Savard...continued from page 9.



What do you love and appreciate most about having Magic in your life?

Making people laugh and making them have fun. Letting them forget about the busyness of life for just a moment. I tell people all the time, If I didn't need money I'd perform for free all the time. This is the joy I get out of it. Seeing people's reactions and enjoying their laughs and amazement together.

I'm very grateful for having this great skill and never...never take it for granted.

What is your most memorable magic experience?

One of my most memorable magic experiences is meeting Gay Blackstone last year in Vegas with Murray Sawchuck at Pawn Stars Shop and getting to hold Harry Blackstone's Vanishing Bird cage Just before Gay pawned it off to Rick on the show!

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Richard Piamonte saw this sign at Disney World in Florida and shared it on Facebook!

"Never, Never, Never Say NEVER" -Gary Thadani

Tarbell Course **Special Price**



IBM President Shawn Farquhar has offered a special price to Vancouver Magic Circle members who would like to get the entire 8-volume set of the Tarbell Course in Magic at a special discount rate. Why? Because Shawn believes everyone should have it in their library (and we agree). Price is \$180 USD plus shipping and handling, or if four or more people want it, he can reduce the price to only \$160 USD plus s/h. What a deal! This offer is only for Vancouver Magic Circle members and not friends, cousins, etc...