



V — RING 92 — VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

May 2015

the Charles Howard Ring

Spring Flowers...

May is here and MAGIC
is in the air!

See page 15 for some creative Spring Flower ideas...



Please join us at the next meeting of the
Vancouver Magic Circle

Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Please join us at our super-secret location
(check the website for details)



Competitions will be held for:
Junior **Close-up Magic** -
Dick Gardner Trophy

And...

Adult **Close-up Magic** - H.B. MacLean Trophy

To participate in a competition, you must register with the Competition Chair Billy Hsueh 24 hours prior to the start of the competition.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello fellow Vancouver Magic Circle Members and welcome to May!

Thank you to all who participated and supported the first ever VMC, FVMC, and SAM swap meet. Everyone there found some great deals and had fun. Special thanks to Mike Norden for organizing this event.

Our next lecture is coming up on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The lecturer is Trevor Duffy. He is an award winning comedy magician from Johannesburg, South Africa.

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, we will be holding our club meeting and Close-Up competitions. Hope to see you all there.

Fellow member Jeff Christensen is holding his annual fundraiser in memory of his son Jonah Christensen "A Magical Evening – Celebrate The Child in All of Us". It is on June 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM at WorkSafeBC Auditorium, 6951 Westminster Highway, Richmond. The entertainers will be Shawn Farquhar, Paul Romhany, Christopher Taylor, and Jeff Christensen. One of the highlights will be a "Fool Farquhar" competition. Any magician able to deceive Shawn will be awarded the brand new Vancouver Magic Circle "Fool Farquhar" award.

I would like to share the following article I wrote for our application to become an IBM Honour Ring. As you read this article remember, we are a proud and successful club magic club. I thank all of the members for their hard work and support. (Article begins on page 5)

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President, Vancouver Magic Circle,
IBM Ring #92

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THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE

PRESENTS

Trevor Duffy

LECTURE



Starring: Trevor Duffy

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

FOR TICKETS
WWW.IBMRING92.COM
OR CALL 604.464.5323

6:30P.M.



PayPal

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

BAUYON'S BALLOONS WERE A BLAST!



THANKS, DENNIS, FOR A FANTASTIC WORKSHOP!

Thank you to Henry Tom, filling-in for John Smithman, as well as the many members and friends who share their memories with us on Facebook.

Article for Honor Ring Application
By Graham Kita, President, I.B.M. Ring 92

The Charles Howard Ring 92 (also better known as The Vancouver Magic Circle) is located in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The ring is proud of being part of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.). It has modeled itself after the mission statement, bylaws, and ethics of the I.B.M.. To become a member of the Ring 92 you must

- 1) be a member of the I.B.M.;
- 2) you must attend at least three meetings or events (this allows the members of the ring to get to know the new applicant and the new applicant to get to know the ring members), and
- 3) your membership application must be approved by the membership committee.



Ring 92 currently has 105 members and all of these are I.B.M. members.

Ring 92 has a rich and colourful history. If you go to Wikipedia and look at the timeline of the history of Vancouver, listed as a milestone event in 1942 is the formation of the ring (73 years ago). Part guild, part workshop, part historical preservation society, the ring was formed to follow the traditions and framework of the I.B.M. and foster the art of magic. In its early days, the well dressed group would meet at the Devonshire Hotel and later Hotel Vancouver. Its annual banquet was considered a major event on the city's social calendar. Each year it attracted some 600 people, including the Mayor and Chief of Police. It wasn't until the 1970's that women were allowed in to the ring and the formal dress code relaxed.

Ring 92's past members include:

- co-founding member Captain Charles Howard (First Ring 92 President, one of the original I.B.M. members and co-founder of Ring 92)
- William C. Shelly had three visions in his life: 1) a famous bakery, 2) a huge, popular local ski resort and tourist attraction called Grouse Mountain and 3) the Vancouver Magic Circle.
- H.B. MacLean (inventor of the MacLean Method of Handwriting)
- Broadcaster Ken Hughes
- Leon Mandrake (known as Mandrake the Magician) and his son Lon Mandrake
- Murray Sawchuck (a Las Vegas headliner and TV Personality)
- Julianna Chen (the world's first lady of magic and world champion)
- Shawn Farquhar (two-time world champion and current President of the I.B.M.).

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Article for Honor Ring Application (continued)

By Graham Kita, President, I.B.M. Ring 92

Ring 92 also values and covets its Junior Membership program. Its goal is to mentor, inspire, and encourage young talents to succeed in magic. This ring has a legacy fund which is only to be used towards its junior members. A good example is member Alex Seaman. He entered the junior program when he was 14 years old. He has matured to become a great professional magician. When he was just 19 years old he became the youngest ring president in the history of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Currently he is nominated to the Executive Board of the I.B.M. To this day, even with his busy schedule (which includes studies at Douglas College for Criminology), he still remains an enthusiastic Past President of Ring 92.

Ring 92 has ten competitions spread out over the year. These competitions allow the members to improve their performances and get constructive feedback. The trophies awarded are:

- TipTop & Tootsie Trophy - Halloween magic (adult/junior)
- Percy Poole Trophy - Stage magic (junior)
- William Shelly Trophy - Stage magic (adult)
- Charles Howard Trophy - Gimmick magic (adult)
- Dick Gardner Trophy - Close up magic (junior)
- H.B. MacLean Trophy - Close up magic (adult)
- Wilf Rutherford Trophy - Best children's magic (adult)
- Ray Gamble Trophy - Impromptu card magic (adult)
- Cecil Ackery Comedy Trophy - Comedy magic (adult)
- Rick Honey Comedy Trophy - Comedy magic (junior).

Along with the competitions, there are several performance only nights (such as One Trick Night where everyone can just have fun and see and do magic). We also annually give out the following awards:

- Magic Wand Award - 15 minute performance
- David Culos Memorial Trophy - Golden Rabbit Award
- Presidents Award - Commitment to performing a role or duty with the VMC
- Murray Award - Most Creative Magical Performance
- Stan Kramien Award - Best Showmanship in a Magical Performance
- and the newly formed Shawn Farquhar Award - which highlights deceptive magic.

Ring 92 is constantly educating its members with lectures (Lecture Chair Graham Kita), workshops (Activity Chair Billy Hsueh) and our vast library which contains over 3,100 items including books, DVD's, VHS tapes, lecture notes, etc. (Librarian Dennis Chan). The ring communicates with its members through a monthly Magical Minutes newsletter (Editor Rabbi Don Pacht), Roster Book (John Smithman), Website ibmring92.com (Webmaster Clinton Gray), email blasts (Secretary Karen Eskilson), and Facebook page (Site Administrators Steve Dickson and Billy Hsueh). The rings history is recorded by its club photographer (John Smithman) and ring reports (Dennis Chan).

Ring 92 supports various charities, food banks, and non-profit organizations. Our support includes both free performances by members and monetary donations. The ring is also very socially involved. Ring 92 holds auctions, swap meets, banquets, picnics and a Christmas dinner. As an I.B.M. ring, we welcome other magicians and I.B.M. members to come visit Vancouver. Last July, I.B.M. President Elect Joe Turner and his son came to Vancouver for a vacation. Ring members picked them up at the airport, opened their homes and took them sightseeing during their stay. A great time was had by all. After all, would you do any less for your brother?

Remember - keep calm, perform magic and most importantly, have fun.



YOUR BEST BET



THE BEST BET YOU CAN MAKE IS ONE YOU CAN'T LOSE! HERE'S ONE THAT YOU'RE SURE TO WIN EVERY TIME.



WITH A FRIEND SEATED ACROSS FROM YOU, TAKE OUT A DOLLAR BILL, WAD IT UP AND DROP IT ON A TABLE. ANNOUNCE THAT IT CAN BE HIS IF HE'S FAST ENOUGH.

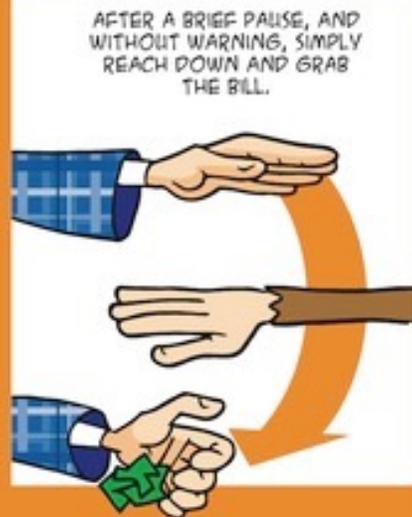


INSTRUCT YOUR FRIEND TO HOLD HIS HAND 6 INCHES ABOVE THE BILL. THEN HOLD YOUR HAND 6 INCHES ABOVE HIS.

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TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT HE CAN KEEP THE DOLLAR IF HE GRABS IT FIRST. BUT HE CAN REACH FOR IT ONLY AFTER HE SEES YOUR HAND MOVE TO GRAB IT.



AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, AND WITHOUT WARNING, SIMPLY REACH DOWN AND GRAB THE BILL.



DESPITE BEING TWICE AS CLOSE TO THE BILL, YOUR FRIEND CAN'T SEEM TO GRAB IT IN TIME. WHY? BECAUSE IT TAKES TOO LONG FOR THE SIGNAL FROM HIS EYES TO TRAVEL TO HIS BRAIN AND THEN TO HIS ARM. AS A RESULT, YOU WILL ALWAYS WIN THIS BET.



Mac & Bill King



“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country...”

-US President, John F. Kennedy

“Ask not what the VMC can do for you, but what you can do for the VMC...”

*-John Smithman, Chair,
VMC Membership Steering Committee*



The Membership Steering Committee

To foster the talents, creativity and knowledge of magic enthusiasts primarily in the fields of entertainment and education through fellowship, sharing and cooperation according to the IBM framework of ethics.

Club Membership Planning

Recent Surveys give you a chance to influence the direction of your Circle. To improve our club, your Board has authorized the formation of a Membership Steering Committee under the leadership of proven business coach John Smithman. John asked key members of your executive to serve on his leadership committee. They have defined opportunities to improve our club in five critical areas: Member Services, Leadership, Promotion, Recruiting and Fund Raising. Some of their ideas expressed in planning sessions are listed below.



MEMBER SERVICES (Karen Eskilson)

The Vancouver Magic Circle
MEMBERSHIP
Recognize & Address Members' Needs

SERVICE
Support, Training, Mentoring, Feedback

GOAL: Implement Behaviour Rewards System by KAREN

Acknowledge Good Behaviour
Rewards System to recognize member activities, like air miles point system
Collaborations
Mentor/Tutor Members... Make Membership Meaningful

Inner Circle
Outer Circle
Mail Chimp (Survey Monkey)
Broken Wand
Market Magic Class to Communities, Clubs, Organizations
Awareness
POSTCARDS: "Thanks For Visiting!"
Newsletter
Attend to Absentees

Confidence Building
Trainer Pool (paid & unpaid) for members/guests/local organizations
Wand Holders Pins and other Memorabilia
Sick & Visiting Committee; Telephone Tree, Convalescents
Trivia Cards

Trade for Strolling Magic
Wand Holders Pins and other Memorabilia
MEMBER CARE

VMC MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

RECRUITING (Dennis Chan)

The Vancouver Magic Circle
MEMBERSHIP
Promote Circle Membership

RECRUITING
Communicate, Events, Promotion

GOAL 1: Establish a Guest Follow-Up Process by (Aug 1, 2015) – from initial contact to initiation. DENNIS

Events
Prospects
Promoting
Mission Statement
Partnerships

Making Connections
Radio/TV Brochures
Collaborations
Guest Follow-throughs; and Handovers?

Acknowledge Good Behaviour
Club Promo Cards
Make it easy for people to attend lectures and events
Teachers help us recruit members

Promote Circle Membership at Local Libraries
3 meetings/3 tricks/2 sponsors Rule, before being allowed to join (positive wording is critical!)
Mutual Recruiting Fairs

VMC MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

PROMOTION (Alex Seaman)

The Vancouver Magic Circle
MEMBERSHIP
Raise Community Awareness of VMC!

PROMOTION
Publicity, Collaboration, Partnership, Events

GOAL: Childrens Magician Promotion by June 25 ALEX

Childrens Magician of the Year event
Magic Class '15

Write press release on CMOTY; send to newspapers & media
Reach out to startup magic clubs as early as possible.
Revive Magic Class after school program
Contact Greek Days organizer(s) and offer our participation.

Grow the Junior Program
Promote more group events for VMC members ?????
Use FaceBook to encourage attendance at VMC events
Distribute Got Magic? Posters and VMC Invitation cards
Promote internal Circle events
"Four Corner" Magic Lessons
Manage a list of PR contacts for event announcements.
Create handouts for potential members.

VMC MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

LEADERSHIP (Graham Kita)

The Vancouver Magic Circle
MEMBERSHIP
Enhance Leadership Skills

LEADERSHIP
Integrity, Ethics, Standards, Training

GOAL: Leadership Classes by August 15th GRAHAM

Mentoring Program
Team Management

Develop simpler planning strategy
Provide leadership training for new executive and board members.
Remove Board meetings from General meetings

Provide more magic training at General meetings
Establish Buddy system mentoring program for member skill growth
Provide team building training for project leaders.
Provide training on Delegating

Incorporate "Talking Stick" dialogue control at meetings
Provide Meeting Management training
Establish Meeting Program role

VMC MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

FUND RAISING (Wiley Allen)

The Vancouver Magic Circle
MEMBERSHIP
Raise Community Awareness of VMC!

FUND RAISING
Events, Collaboration, Community Engagement, Partnerships

GOAL: Attract Sponsors for our Annual Events; Collaborate/Partner with Community Events WILEY

Search Festival Listings: For example, KidsVancouver.com has 8 pages of events. Make connections, start conversations.
Magic Classes for Kids, Adults, Nurses, Dentists, Libraries, and Schools

Offer events to Vanc. Childrens Festival
Youth Programs: hosts provide location, promotion; serial format training, building tricks, kid's kits sponsored by magic shops?
Local Festivals List: music, wine, art
Richmond Night Market: Public Stage; Chinese New Year; other events?
Event contributors can self-promote.

External Venues?
More external events
YOUTH CLASSES (fee-based)
WTIFMs Profit, fun, attract media, increase media attention
Contract out Magic Competitions to Hosts (Events for Rent!)
Develop Media Packages
Certification, Magic Kits
Market Magic Class to Communities, Clubs, Organizations
Raise awareness with Posters, Hnadbills
Promote Circle with posters in our Regular haunts
Chautauqua "pass the hat"
Become a services selling machine!
Organizations like Scouts Canada, Big Bros/Sisters...
Christmas Magic at the Childrens Hospital Free, to promote Circle
Aquarium, Dragon Boat Festival
Find buyers/sponsors for each of our events

VMC MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

These five team leaders will achieve their goals with your help. Say yes when they ask you to participate. Watch for the Membership Survey. Offer your thoughts on membership issues.

John Smithman, Chair
Membership Committee
604-540-8183

April Report

By: Dennis Chan

The April meeting started off with a balloon workshop presented by Dennis Bauyon. He was ably assisted by David Hamil, also a balloon artist, by pumping up the balloons.

The competition for this month was for the Charles Howard trophy. This trophy is awarded in recognition for magic using gimmicks in a card effect or routine. Last year's winner, Bryn Williams, was the host and MC for this event. Bryn read the rules. The competitors for the Charles Howard trophy were: Kelvin Ng, Richard Piamonte, James Hanson, Yoosik Oum, Ed Stehr, Matthew Jones and Rabbi Don Pacht. This year's winner of the Charles Howard trophy was Rabbi Don Pacht. Ed Stehr came in second place and Matthew Jones came in third. Congratulations to Rabbi Don and to the rest of the competitors.

Billy Bales Hsueh tallied the scores. Bryn talked about paying his income taxes in between the acts to keep the competition flowing.

The business portion of the meeting included discussion of the Trevor Duffy lecture to be held in May, the Children's Magician of the Year competition and the impromptu card magic contest for the Ray Gamble trophy.

Thanks to John Smithman for coming through with a new VMC sign. This is a collapsible, travelling sign which packs flat and plays big. Many thanks to Eric Wolstenholme for donating \$50.00 toward the legacy fund.

Michael Nemeth and Frank Pataki provided the refreshments for the evening. Thanks.

Billy Bales Hsueh sold raffle tickets. John Smithman came down with a bit of the bug and wasn't able to make it to the meeting.

Filling in for John as the photographer for the evening was Henry Tom. Thanks Henry.

There were 29 members and three guests in attendance.

SWAP MEET

On Saturday, April 25, the Fraser Valley Magic Circle held their fourth annual swap meet at the meeting hall. The Vancouver Magic Circle and the S.A.M. assembly # 95 also joined together to make it a giant swap meet. This was the first combined swap meet for the Vancouver Magic Circle and the S.A.M. assembly. This was a free event for all members of the three magic clubs.

There were plenty of buyers and sellers. "Hagglease," the official language of swap meets could be heard throughout the afternoon as buyers and sellers haggled to try to get the best prices for their "stuff." There were plenty of free stuff and many good deals that one could not resist.

Many thanks to Jeff Christensen for donating some Hierophant magazines to the club's library. Many thanks to Mike Norden, Gord Boyes and Chris Yuill for putting this successful event together. Everyone had a fun and magical afternoon. John Smithman came off the 'disabled list' to take pictures at the event.

-I'm Dennis Chan





How I got started in Magic....

Getting to know Ice McDonald,
President of the Society of
American Magicians.

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

RABBI DON: How did you first become interested in magic?

ICE: My father gave me a used magic kit. It didn't have all the pieces; I had to figure out how the magic worked. My exposure to magic on television was limited. I remember seeing Mark Wilson, Bill Bixby and Goldfinger and Dove.

RABBI DON: How old were you?

ICE: I was ten when I received the magic kit.

RABBI DON: When / how did you decide that 'magic was for you'?

ICE: As I progressed in magic, many people thought it was a phase. They thought I would soon find other interests. I always felt that I was destined to entertain. At twenty, I realized that magic was my passion. When I turned twenty one, I started preparation for my magic career. When I say preparation I mean learning routines, learning the business and the promotion side.

RABBI DON: What is your favorite type of audience and why?

ICE: My favorite audiences are people who come to see magic, i.e. theater performances; I also like the corporate audiences. Most of the time I have to give corporate audiences permission to have fun, and that is done through performing.

RABBI DON: What do you love / appreciate most about having Magic in your life?

ICE: What I love about magic is, that someone could be having a terrible day and by me performing one magic effect, I could put a smile on that person's face. Magic has a type of power that can make individuals happy and make their problems go away, if only for that moment.



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PCAM / 3 of Clubs 2015

PCAM / 3 of Clubs Combined 2015 Convention Thursday Nov 19 - Sunday Nov 22 Chilliwack, BC, Canada

YES!! Norden and Gordon Productions are at it again..... well, this time it's Gordon and Norden Productions. Your hosts will be PCAM 2015 President Gord Boyes, and his co-producer Mike Norden.

Step right up and [register here](#).

**Registrants capped at 75, (9 spots left)
register NOW so you don't miss out!!**

Yes, there were many people worried that there wouldn't be a PCAM convention in 2015, then the 3 of Clubs convention that was going to be held in Victoria got cancelled, then the Portland Magic Jam got cancelled, and we just couldn't let this dearth of magic conventions on the Pacific Coast hang over our heads, so Norden & Gordon Productions has stepped up and agreed to run it again this year (but this year it should be called Gordon & Norden Productions). The same people who brought you the most awesome 2014 convention, Gord Boyes and Mike Norden, will be co-producing the 2015 edition.

Talent has been spoken to and hotel has been booked, be sure to check out this website for updates regularly as we get contracts in place... www.pcam2015.ca (sorry folks, someone's squatting on the .com name). One of the exciting features is that World Champion Shawn Farquhar is performing a Magic Cabaret at the nearby Chilliwack Cultural Center on Friday Nov 20th and your registration to the PCAM convention includes a ticket to this show! Your registration also includes a ticket to the Saturday evening public show, but feel free to purchase more for your friends who aren't attending the convention (they must be muggles!).

Charles Howard Trophy Gimmicked Card Competition!



Congratulations Rabbi Don!



HELP US HELP YOU!

PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE YOUR MEMBER VALUE AND EXPERIENCE BY TELLING US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF FROM THE VMC.

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TAKE THE MOST RECENT SURVEY.

YOUR FEEDBACK AND OPINIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US, SO PLEASE SHARE...



PART 1 (10 QUESTIONS) PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK: [HTTP://IBMRING92.US7.LIST-MANAGE1.COM/TRACK/CLICK?U=6FAA0269C31E8B338A766BBD9&ID=D62D0149CC&E=E46C7BE5A1](http://ibmring92.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=6faa0269c31e8b338a766bbd9&id=d62d0149cc&e=e46c7be5a1)

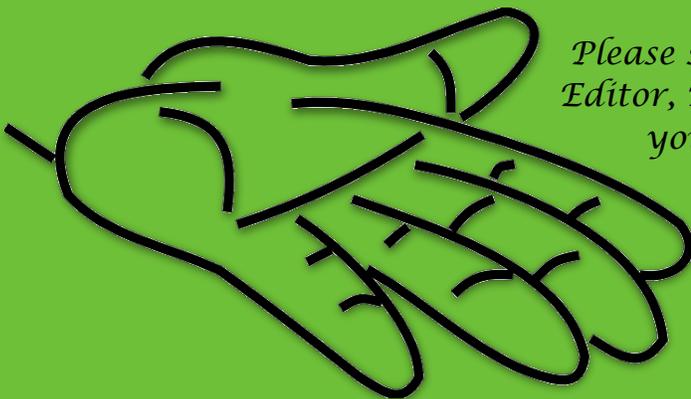
PART 2 (LESS THAN 10 QUESTIONS) PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK: [HTTP://IBMRING92.US7.LIST-MANAGE2.COM/TRACK/CLICK?U=6FAA0269C31E8B338A766BBD9&ID=10035AC30B&E=E46C7BE5A1](http://ibmring92.us7.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=6faa0269c31e8b338a766bbd9&id=10035ac30b&e=e46c7be5a1)

Introducing a new feature to the Magical Minutes Newsletter...

Generous Gestures

Do you know of a VMC Member who uses his or her magical talents to help people? Maybe it is a free show for patients in a children's hospital. Or maybe offering free magic lessons to underprivileged youth?

We want to know about it!



Please send submissions to the Magical Minutes Editor, Rabbi Don Pacht (yes, that guy...), to see your favourite magician featured in a future issue.

Spring Flowers...

Check out some of these great tutorials on making paper flowers and incorporating flowers into your Magic act. Thanks to John Smithman for compiling this fantastic list of resources:

1. MagicTricks.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otxI_PxR6tU
2. Peonies: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMXCsN_SFxQ
3. Making Spring flowers at a Seniors Center:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxXWptXPJwQ>
4. Rose Propose Trick: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IlzfMOS5Sg>
5. Crepe Paper Crocuses: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooxR'BZXab-Y>
6. Performance with simple springy flowers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kcjdbscxWo>
7. Logan Geary: Detailed Rose Production: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWJ1V9bC8M>



How I got started in Magic...from page 9

RABBI DON: What is your most memorable MAGIC experience?

ICE: Being sworn-in as The Society of American Magicians National President was a pretty memorable Magic experience. But, I believe one of the most memorable moments I had was performing at Children's Cancer Hospital. At this hospital I witnessed what happens when the skill of your talent collides with the passion in your heart. I witnessed sick children forgetting for a moment that they were sick. I witnessed parents who had not seen their child smile in months, even years, shed tears of joy because their child had a smile on their face.



RABBI DON: Thanks so much for taking the time. I know our readers will enjoy learning a bit about your magical journey.

ICE: My pleasure. I'm always happy to chat with you Rabbi Don. You are such a gentleman and, if I may say so myself, one of the most talented performers I have ever met!!

(Editor's note: Some literary license may have been used in that last comment. Ice may, or may not, have actually said that)

“Do more than belong: participate.” -William Arthur Ward

FSMC/SAM/VMC Swap Meet is a HUGE Success!

