



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

IBM Ring 129 - "The Heart of America Ring" - Kansas City

Upcoming Events

Thurs., 2004

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

(IN KANSAS – I-35 AND
RAINBOW BLVD. EXIT) At
Rainbow
501 Southwest Blvd.
behind the Applebee's on North
side – lower level

Board Meeting
July 22, 2004

At TERRY ELTON'S.
Check www.ring129.com for
details.

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The Board Meetings are open
to all members of Ring 129.
Come along and see how it's
done. My, how interesting it is.

*Come To The Board Meeting
And Earn Sorcerer's Circle
Points.*

JULY 22, 2004

Check www.ring129.com for
details.

NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY

And here's why. Your kind, loveable, loyal, talented and humble Board of Directors came up with a remarkable idea.

It's called **THE JULY MAGIC PIZZA PARTY.**

How about that. Creative, no....but not a bad idea. The party will be from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, Saturday, July 25th. The event will be at the Roeland Park Community Center in the main room. Yes, the party will be inside in air conditioning.

AND YOU ARE NOT GOING TO WANT TO MISS THE ONE !

IT'S FREE. Let me repeat that.... **FREE PIZZA AND SOFT DRINKS.** There will also tons of magic, so come prepared to perform. Jason Dean is organizing a "Magic Olympics". We will set up teams and each team gets a grab bag and turns whatever is inside into a magic routine or comedy routine. That routine will then be performed on stage. The competition should be keen and a lot of fun. We will find out how easy it is to be creative on the spot. It should be a "Magical Time" and excellent fellowship, which is really what we are all about **SO DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!**

CLOSE UP CONTEST FOR 2004!

What a show! The contest was at the Radisson Hotel at 95th Street and I-35 in Lenexa. Sorry if you missed it. We had five entries; Terry Elton, Jason Dean, Harris Deutsch, John Reedy, and Ken Hicks. We won't attempt to tell you the various bits performed by each of their best performance year, as it should be. It was a fortunate occasion for all magicians of this Ring. Jason Dean took 1st place for the 2nd year in a row; Terry Elton, 2nd place and Harris Deutsch 3rd place. Thank you gentleman, one and all. There were approximately 45 attendees at the contest. The performers rotated between two rooms. A sensational desert buffet was open to all immediately follow the contests. A committee will soon be formed to begin work on next year's Close Up Contest. The Board of Directors feels the contest can be made even better and more fun. And that's what we all need. More fun.



**PRESIDENTS
COLUMN
Terry Elton**

You missed a good time if you weren't at the Close-up Magician of the Year Contest. The performers came to compete and those who attended were able to watch some excellent magic. If you missed it, you might want to make plans for next year.

Speaking of next years competition, your Board of Directors and I will be circulating a questionnaire asking for ideas on how to make next years competition so strong that you just won't want to miss it. We had a great time this year but we want more of you to attend and we want to know what we need to do to get you there.

For those of you who are planning to go after the Sorcerers Circle award, remember that in order to make it this year you have to have at least one committee included in your point totals. I'm bringing this up now because some of you might have forgotten and we don't want you getting to December not remembering that a "committee" is an essential part of the point system this year.

On a different note, I've finally got my office area at the house into a semi organized state and now I know where most of my magic stuff is. The reason I mention this is because I'm thinking of opening up the room maybe on a Wednesday night for those of you who might be interested in coming over to: visit and maybe brainstorm – go through my videos and/or books and magazines – work on new routines or polish a routine or whatever magical reason that might come up. I'm thinking of doing a couple of Wednesdays a month if that makes sense and there is interest from you the members. It will be very informal and if there is interest we will have to see how it works out. For those of you that have been over you know that the room is a pretty good size and will hold 20+ people comfortably. At this point it's just a thought but if you're interested I'd to hear from you. Call me at 913-268-8187 or email me at telton@kc.rr.com and let's kick it around. My aim is to support the club by offering a place to brainstorm or develop new ideas. Then you can take your new routines to our regular meeting and try them out. Could be fun.

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<p>Ring 129 Website http://www.ring129.com</p>
<p>Magician of the Month Winners</p>
<p>June 2004</p>
<p>Stage Harris Deutsch</p>
<p>Close-up Jason Dean</p>

If You Missed Last Month's Meeting – Here's What Went On.

Ring Report as submitted by our very own Stu Lewis

We've grown so used to good attendance at our meetings (45-50) that I had thought anything about the number of people at our June meeting until someone commented that this was a good turnout for a summer meeting. We began by thanking Ken Reedy and Walt Mitchell for their work on "The Healing of Magic." They were the subject of a two-page spread in the June *Linking Ring*. After an expanded dealer segment, Jason Dean taught a sleight-of-hand version of spectator-cuts-the-aces.

We then moved on to the contests, with two competitors vying for each title. Harris Deutsch led off the stage contest with an act based on the idea of seeing magic everywhere. He demonstrated some optical illusions, showed us a coin star, and restored a torn-up newspaper along the way. L.C. Collier's act included a chop-cup routine and multiplying super balls. Stu Lewis opened the close-up contest with a couple of card routines: an ambitious card sequence followed by his own "Ruthless," in which a shaggy-dog story is used to locate three aces and the card selected and signed in the previous effect. Jason Dean did some fancy card locations then used the aces to locate a selected card, only to have the selected card change places with the aces. He also performed a coins-across routine which finished with about a dozen coins spread across the mat ("Explosion").

Finally came the open, non-competition portion of the evening. Ken Reedy did a two-deck "you do as I do" routine. Chris Black did a variation of "name that card" with a different premise—a marked deck where the name of one selected card was printed on the back of a second selected card. Jason Mastin did some humorous work with sponge balls.

Before we adjourned, the winners of the contests were announced. Harris Deutsch took the stage contest, while Jason Dean earned the final spot in our annual close-up contest.

I missed the Dan Garrett lecture May 17, but I heard good things about it. He provided a lot of good tips on presentation and on children's magic.

On the evening of June 12 we returned to one of our old meeting places—the Radisson Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn) in Lenexa, KS--for our annual close-up contest. Five of the eight eligible winners of our monthly contests were on hand to compete. Jason Dean completed a first-ever three-peat (winning for the third consecutive year) with an act similar to that described above. Terry Elton took second place with a routine involving vanishing and reappearing salt, an in-the-hands coin routine, and some card routines. Harris Deutsch did some nifty coin sleight-of-hand and Rene Levand's one-hand oil-and-water, earning third place. John Hicks (cards) and Ken Reedy (linking pins) were the other competitors. We hope to be able to provide more detail with a photo-spread in a future issue of *Linking Ring*. Watch for it.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

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Ken Reedy

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Stage Winner
Harris Deutsch

Close-up Winner
Jason Dean

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HIDDEN WORD CONTEST
IS BACK

Look for your name in italics
somewhere in the newsletter,
and just let Don Douglas
know you saw it, and claim
your prize!!

NOT THIS MONTH!

THE MIDWESTS STARS OF MAGIC!



