



Heart of the RING

"Quality Ring Award Winner"

August 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting
Aug. 4—7 PM
Best Western

**Tom Jones & Rachel Wild
Lecture**
Aug. 15—7 PM
US Toy

Board Meeting
Aug. 18—7 PM
Alan Goodheart's
8803 W. 102nd Pl. Apt. 1
Overland Park KS

Magic University 102
Sept. 24—12:30-5:30 PM
Meadowbrook CC
9101 Nall
Overland Park, KS

NEXT MEETING

Aug. 4 2005 7:00 P. M.
Best Western
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



**Tom Jones, Doc Blum,
& Rachel Wild**

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Jones(ing) for some Wild Magic???

The August lecture is just what the Doctor ordered!!!

Tom & Rachel are full-time professional performers, lecturers, inventors and manufacturers of handcrafted, quality walnut magical props. This magical tie joins two countries. Tom is a native of Upstate New York, U.S.A. and Rachel hails from Manchester, England.

Tom is a Past-president of the Society of American Magicians & The International Brotherhood of Magicians honored him as "Magician of the Year."

This man and wife team has more fun in magic and in life than anyone deserves. Now they travel the world with their special brand of magic and exciting entertainment.

Be sure and mark your calendar for August 15, when they bring their magic to Kansas City. You can get an idea of type of products that they are likely to have with them on-line at www.wild-magic.net.

Exciting News for the Magician of the Year!!!

At the time of the writing the close-up contest has not been held yet, but the list of performers is impressive. If you aspire to win this prestigious award you may want to print out a copy of the Contest Rules and Judge Score Sheets found in the *downloads* section at the ring website and begin planning your future award-winning routine.

Now for the exciting news!!! If you earn the title

Magician of the Year (Close-up or Stage) you get your local dues paid for the following year. Additionally, you attend lectures for free for one year.

Come to the August meeting prepared to sign up for Magic University 102. Classes voted on are Coins, Ropes, and Magic with Everyday Objects. You do not want to miss this event!!!



Presidents Column

You pat your brow that is covered in perspiration. Are you working a magic show to your best abilities - or is it just summer time? Could be either! What I do know is that, hard as it is to believe, we are half way through this year and we, as a group, have accomplished so much. What is even more exciting is what is yet to come. With the

Stage Banquet, Auction, Kid's shows, regular meetings, tons of lectures and magic jam sessions too numerous to count, you ask what could be left to accomplish. Summer began but a few days ago. What exciting events loom in our future?

The anticipation builds as this year's Close-up Magician of the Year Banquet and Contest approaches on Sat., July 30th at the Roeland Park Community Center. With as many as 10 contestants, this may be our best show in years! We are returning to a elegant buffet dinner followed by fierce competition between all the monthly winners. This year has the potential to be our most competitive. You will not want to miss it!

Lectures abound each month, and August is no exception with the Tom Jones and Rachael Wild lecture August 15th at US Toy. Rachael and Tom bring a fresh and innovative look at magic and performance not seen in many artists. Be sure to be at this magical opportunity.

Whether you are relatively new to magic, or a seasoned pro, the continuing teaching / learning workshop called Magic University 102 returns to the Meadowbrook Country Club in Overland Park on Saturday, September 24th (PLEASE NOTE CORRECT DATE). What you will experience is like nothing else we do in the club - hands on working with coins, ropes, and magic with everyday objects. Practical magic that will be beneficial to EVERYONE - novice or professional! We will be asking for reservations soon, so be sure to make plans to attend.

As we look to the last months of the year, each one will be better than the last, with special surprises

planned for each, and themes appropriate for the seasons. So stay connected to your own "magical network" and keep experiencing the wonderment and amazement of your friends, family, or clients as you perform and astound. See you at our great upcoming events!

Magic Trivia

- 1) What magician debuted on "The Tonight Show" before taking his famous dove act to the prestigious "Folies Bergere" in Las Vegas?
 - a. David Copperfield
 - b. Channig Pollock
 - c. David Blaine
 - d. Lance Burton

- 2) What Indian magician, most prominent during the 1950's and 1960's, was known worldwide as *Jadusamrat* or *Emperor of Magic*?
 - a. P.C. Sorcar
 - b. Gili Gili
 - c. The Great Dilshad
 - d. Raja Ramah Krishna

- 3) What magician did Harry Kellar pass his magician's wand to in 1908, thus extending the Royal Dynasty of Magicians?
 - a. Herrmann the Great
 - b. Dante
 - c. Howard Thurston
 - d. Lee Grabel

- 4) The only known footage of the magician Cardini at work is from what television show?
 - a. The Tonight Show
 - b. The Ed Sullivan Show
 - c. The Festival of Magic
 - d. It's Magic

Did you know...

The expression hocus-pocus is a corruption of the Latin prayer 'Hoc ist corpus,' (lit. This is my body); the words used at the consecration during the Roman Catholic mass. 'Hocus-Pocus' originated as a derogatory term, poking fun at this 'magical' transformation. Many Catholic magicians avoid the use of the word because of its original meaning.

Want Ads

Item for Sale:

Nearly Normal Entertainment for you companies picnic or neighborhood barbeque, featuring strolling ventquism,marionettes and of course nearly normal magic! www.nearlynormalmagic.com

Harris Deutsch Shawnee KS 66216
913.962.4045

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1972 fiberglass 15' fish 'n' ski boat with 65Hp Evinrude,and trailer. Runs perfect. life jackets and lots of extras included. Must sale \$800. firm

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Garmin Streetpilot III portable GPS unit for the car. Has all the latest maps and updates. Price new \$1200 you can get this one for \$500.

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Item for Sale:

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June Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner

Baron Stringfellow

Stage Winner

Harris Deutsch

Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to the upcoming performances.

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See all the new changes that have been made and that you can download!! If you have questions, contact Ken Reedy at **816-734-1484** or email him at ...

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Ken Reedy

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Tom Jones & Rachel Wild

Aug 15—7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic
2008 W. 103rd Terr.
Leawood, KS 66206

Sorcerers Circle: \$5

Regular Member \$6

Non-Member \$15

Submit you Want Ads: & Buy, Sell, and Trade...

Check the website and you will see a new form in the **downloads section** that will allow you to put your want ads in the newsletter. This free service to all paid members may include, but is not limited to magic items.

Fighting drugs with the powers of magic



By EDIE HALL The Kansas City Star

“I’ve worked with street people as well as people who have had streets named after their families. Addiction is an equal-opportunity disease.”

Harris Deutsch, “the Nearly Normal Magician”

Harris Deutsch always wanted to be like Paul Newman or Tom Cruise. “But I look more like George on Seinfeld,” he joked, letting his infectious laughter bubble up and overflow into his office at Lee’s Summit North High School.

Laughter is important to Deutsch, who is the substance abuse prevention specialist at the high school and at Campbell Middle School in the Lee’s Summit district.

The self-proclaimed “doctor of Laughology” mixes improvisational theater, magic, puppetry and ventriloquism into his educational presentations about alcohol and drug abuse prevention. And next month, the Shawnee resident will sit on a panel for a Freedom from Drugs Workshop at the National Conference of the Society of American Magicians.

Deutsch — billed as “the Nearly Normal Magician” — and three other panelists will speak about “Magic with a Message,” suggesting fun ways to communicate drug and alcohol abuse prevention to children and adults alike.

Deutsch said the national attention will help him toward his goal of reaching more people with his ideas about prevention. “It’s nice to be part of the solution,” said Deutsch, who is a member of Ring 129 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Assembly 38 of the Society of American Magicians.

Deutsch, who grew up in Kansas City, said he fell in love with magic as a child. “I used to be very shy, and I learned that instead of having to talk in groups, I could do magic and still make a connection,” he said.

After receiving a bachelor’s degree in psychology and human

development at the University of Kansas, Deutsch started working in the mental health field in places including a state hospital in Reno, Nev.

After a patient saw Deutsch juggling and asked for a lesson, Deutsch realized he could combine his love for magic and entertainment with his profession.

“Magic is a great wall breaker,” he said. “Teaching someone to juggle or do a simple magic trick helps them learn to take constructive criticism and builds self confidence. And it’s fun.” Deutsch moved into the substance abuse field, working at treatment centers as well as Lansing Correctional Facility. He continued using magic and laughter to teach patients how to enjoy life without hurting themselves or others through addiction.

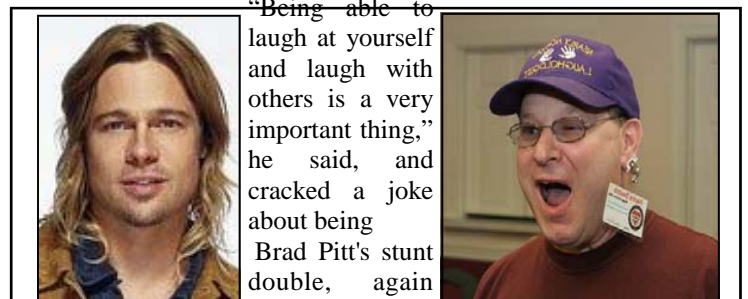
“Over the course of the last 15 years or so, I’ve worked with street people as well as people who have had streets named after their families,” said Deutsch, who is also a certified substance abuse counselor in Missouri. “Addiction is an equal opportunity disease.”

Deutsch is now contracted out to the Lee’s Summit School District through Rediscover Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He’s one of three prevention specialists in the school district. “We want to avoid having students go to alcohol and drugs as a solution to a crisis,” he said. “I try to teach positive coping tools like journaling or reaching out to others.”

Paul Gouty, vice principal at Campbell Middle School, said Deutsch’s intriguing and entertaining personality helps him connect with students. “They seem to flock to him,” Gouty said. “He just has this nice way with kids — they trust him. He’s a perfect fit for prevention specialist here at Campbell.”

Deutsch also is doing presentations around the Kansas City area this summer at youth clubs, battered family shelters and treatment centers. Marsha Palmer-Thelwell, program manager for schools and community services for Rediscover, said Deutsch’s ability to integrate fun into prevention education is one of his strong points.

“I get feedback from the different places he presents and it’s overwhelmingly positive,” she said. “People are saying that the children are not only entertained, but they learn so much about prevention. They’re continually asking him to come back.” Deutsch said he’d like to continue to reach out to more students and groups in the future, giving everyone something to laugh about.



“Being able to laugh at yourself and laugh with others is a very important thing,” he said, and cracked a joke about being Brad Pitt’s stunt double, again

SORCERERS CIRCLE MEMBERS STAND PROUD

By L.C. Collier

Often we are asked who the Sorcerer's Circle members are and why do we have them.

Sorcerer circle members are the people who have worked their tails off for the club and we have recognized their efforts with an award and some special benefits. They receive a medallion (pictured below) on a blue ribbon, which they proudly wear to any special event. For each subsequent year they win a star which is attached to the blue ribbon. They are offered preferred seating at special events and lectures. They pay less than regular members for lectures and special events. Some special events are held for Sorcerer's Circle members only.

Anyone can become a Sorcerer's Circle member simply by becoming involved in the club and in magic. If you do not think you can, you are wrong! Contact a Board Member and tell them you wish to become involved. As you help the club, you earn points toward the honor. The point sheet is on our web site. Take a look! Anyone can do it!

The following is a list of the award recipients and the dates they won the award. If you wish to join the list or, if your date is becoming faded and you would like to renew your efforts for the club, today is a good time to start.



Blum, Michael	1988, 2003,04
Bruch, Chris	2000,01
Burks, Dennis	1993,94
Buttram, Dave	1982,83,85,1993
Collier, LC	1986,88,89,1990,91, 2005
Conner, Chuck	1992,93
Davis, Terry	1982
Dean, Jason	2004
DeWeese, Kirk	1997,98,99, 2003
Denesha, Ted	1983
Deutsch, Harris	2001
Douglas, Don	????
Dowling, Bev	1987
Dumortier, Herb	1983
Elton, Terry	1982,83,85, 2003,2004,2005
Emerson, Dave *	1994
Emerson, Kevin	1995
Fenn, Robert	1988
Duane Fields	1982,83,1992,93,94,96,97,98,99
Fields, Janie	1997

Clyde, Glanden **	1983
Godwin, Jay *	1999, 2000,01,02
Goodheart, Alan	2001,02,03,05
Harness, Robert *	1987
Huffman, Dale	2004
Kirwin, Kevin	2002
Klamm, Berniece	1990
Klamm, Robert	1982,83,84,1992,93,94
Klein, Phillip	1987
Knapp, Bruce	1988
LaPlaca, Frank	1997
Leff, Keith	2001,02,03
Lewis, Stu	1988
Macan, Carl	2003,04,05
Magelssen, Terry	????,1993
Mahar, Danny	1997,98,99, 2002
Mitchell, Walt	1993,94
Payton, Steve	1983
Poague, Larry	1988,89,1990
Reedy, Ken	2004,05
Replogle, Beth	1990,91
Replogle, Chuck	1989,1990,91,92,93
Sandy, David	1996,97,98,99, 2000,01,02,03
Scheel, Kyle	2003
Scown, Laretta	1998
Shomin, Dottie	1994
Sipe, Rod	1985, 2004
Stanford, CW	????
Tams, Mark *	1986
Wano, Bill	1989
Warshaw, Larry	2003,04
White, Joe	1987
Williams, David *	1987
Zager, Tim	2000,01

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** Deceased

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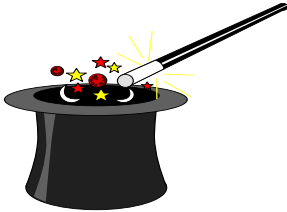
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Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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Stu Lewis' Ring Report

We've had three--count 'em, three--lectures since our last report. John Calvert drew raves from those who attended. At age 94, he appears as spry as ever, and he showed us, among other things, a rope escape, a dancing handkerchief, and a watch steal, while providing us with a window into the history of our art. Ron London's lecture included a number of effects with standard props. His explanations were good, but some people complained he focused too much on selling things during the second half of the lecture. David Groves, who first achieved fame as the guy who wrote the book on street magic, started his lecture by showing us his fourteen-minute street act, in which he creates continuity by framing the presentation with a bill-in-lemon routine, giving out the lemon at the beginning and concluding with the discovery of the bill. His lecture also included some mental effects, sponge balls, three-card monte, and chop cup, among other things. Perhaps there was nothing new and startling, but he presented and explained things well and was open to questions and suggestions.

About forty were on hand for our June meeting. Ring president Roger Miller presented a presidential citation from International president Tony Wilson to Ken Reedy, recognizing the work he has done on the Healing of Magic--teaching magic to people with physical challenges. We honored Ken this past January at our banquet, and it's nice to see him get this additional recognition for all of the hours he has put in over the past few years on this project. Ken gave us an example of his program, showing how to teach a rope effect to a person with use of only one arm. Best of all--he shared with us the news that his own cancer is now in remission.

Duane Fields, having read in *Linking Ring* an ad for funeral-home magic, got together with Baron Stringfellow, Julie Clark, Terry Davis, Matt Gurley, and Kevin Emerson to create a spoof on the subject, showing how everyday effects could be adapted to this theme; for example, using a person's ashes for a salt pour. We enjoyed this offbeat humor.

Harris Deutsch was our one stage competitor. He based his act on a Harry Potter theme, which always seems timely. Among other items was a coloring book, to which he added a mouth coil to produce additional colors. Baron Stringfellow led off the close-up contest with a "Jacob's Ladder" (that toy where several blocks are strung together and the top one tumbles to the bottom) to predict which color a spectator would choose (when the blocks turned over, they all displayed the chosen color). He also did a prediction with some optical-illusion cards. Ken Reedy did a "Poor Man's Handcuffs" (rubber bands) and a ring-on-string routine. Baron was chosen as the winner, and the Board will have to vote on Harris's entry due to the lack of competition.

The open performance session featured Stu Lewis (endless chain), Terry Elton (his original "Something, Nothing and More"), and Dale Huffman, who forced cards and then showed that they represented four parts of a photo. Terry's routine, by the way, is an item he is marketing. He uses and extremely well constructed production box (I could not see the gimmick from two feet away), from which he withdraws a number of foam-rubber words, leading to an almost endless stream of puns. Watch for this highly entertaining item.
--Stu Lewis, ring reporter