



# HEART OF THE RING

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

## Upcoming Events

### **September 6, 2001**

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
Holiday Inn  
95th and I-35  
Lenexa , KS

### **Board Meeting**

**7:00 pm September 20,  
2001**

Mike "Doc" Blum's home  
8217 W 100th Ter.  
Overland Park, Ks  
(913) 383-2586

### **October 4, 2001**

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
Holiday Inn  
95th and I-35  
Lenexa , KS

## Ring 129 Lectures Fees

Unless listed otherwise,  
are as follows

Non-Members \$15  
Members in good standing \$12  
Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10



## Its Election Time!!

The bylaws of Ring 129 require that each September, we create a committee to suggest a slate of officers and board members. At the club meeting, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will ask the members present to create a nominating committee. Your input for this committee will be appreciated. Over the next month this committee will be making their decisions as to whom they feel should represent us for the next year. The following positions are up for election in November: President (currently held by Mike Blum), Vice President (currently held by Kirk Deweese), Secretary (currently held by Alan Goodheart), Treasurer (currently held by David Sandy), Sgt. at Arms (currently held by Keith Leff), and one board position (currently held by Matt Gurley).

The committee will bring its recommendations to the members in October with additional nominations made from the floor. The election will be held in November, with both the new and old board having a joint Board Meeting in December.

## New Committee to Review Contest Rules

Larry Warshaw is chairing a committee to review the rules for the monthly club performances, the Annual Stage Magician of the Year banquet and the Annual Close-up contest. Many really good suggestions have been brought to the board's attention. We have asked Larry to discuss with the membership and his committee any new and exciting ways to improve the performances for each of the venues. Keith Leff and Todd Lamanske will be the other committee members. I encourage you to make suggestion or comments to any of the three. Call, email or see them at the next club meeting. Thank you in advance for your input. Larry's e-mail is [larry@warshawmagic.com](mailto:larry@warshawmagic.com)

## Oops, We Goofed!

I am sorry for any confusion or distress caused by the absence of a table during the stage presentations at the last meeting. Although the board felt having each performer bring all his/her stuff to perform was a good idea, we were probably wrong. At our wonderful new location at the Holiday Inn, we will ask the set up people to include a small table to help our stage performers. Keith Leff, our humorous and organized, Sergeant-at-Arms, will continue to bring the club's close up table to each of the functions he can attend. If your presentation requires a more sophisticated table, we encourage you to bring your own modified or secretly compartmentalized table. Again, my apology to all!

Doc Blum



**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

By  
**MIKE BLUM**

I am exhausted. It has been a long summer, but a fun summer. A pediatrician's summer is filled with school physicals, camp physicals, sports physicals, well child physicals, and day care physicals. I think you get the idea of the extent of the physicals. Most of the exams do not reveal any really new diseases or problems, but are required to enter schools or participate in sports. It takes a long time to process each of the kids. The staff works very hard at getting all the paper work completed. It is a lot of work for the parents too. Parents have to schedule the appointment, get to the appointment on time, bring all the correct forms (filled out correctly), have the list of questions organized and for the early morning visits, awaken a sleeping teenager and tell them to get ready to see Blum. I quickly point out to the kids, that I did NOT make the early morning appointment, their mother or father is the reason they had to get up so early. Don't blame Blum.

There are some really fun parts to these visits. Many of these kids I have not seen for months or even years. Some of the kids I do not recognize. They have grow or gotten better looking. Some have lost weight or gained weight. Some have gotten parts of their body's pierced or "labeled". Some have changed the color of their hair. Most are really excited to tell me what they have done since our last visit. Some of their accomplishments are good signs of each kid maturing. Good examples are the kids who can now hop or skip, can now write their name, learned to ride a bicycle (always with a helmet I might add), hit the ball in baseball, started dating, earned a learners permit to drive (be careful everyone!), etc. There is rarely a kid who has not matured, improved in some skill or does not have something to brag about.

Friends, I feel the same way about our wonderful magic ring 129! When members return after months or years of being away, it is a great feeling to see old friends. Just like my patients, I see the members chatting with other members to catch up on the experiences each has had during the absence. Sometimes the absence is due to work or having been out of town, sometimes it is due to illness. It really does not matter; the important issue is the member returns to his or her roots to share the friendship and fun of magic with Ring 129.

I watch my pediatric patients mature at each visit. They grow and feel more self-confident each year. This occurs in our ring as well. Each of the members continues to improve their performances and their ability to make a presentation in front of an audience. The Ring meetings are excellent proving grounds to make each of our "acts" or presentations a more re-

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**Ring 129 Officers**

- President:** Dr. Mike Blum.....(913) 383-2586
- Past Pres:** Jay Godwin.....(913) 385-0845
- Vice Pres:** Kirk Deweese .....(816) 224-5000
- Secretary:** Alan Goodheart.....(913) 648-0331
- Treasurer:** David Sandy.....(816) 233-4177
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**Ring 129 Website**

<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month  
Winners**

**August**

**Stage**

Danny Mahar and Harris Deutsch

**Close-up**

Israel Rivera

**Contest Update**

Don't forget, by participating during our meetings in the contests or teach a trick you are entered into a drawing to be held at the 2002 Col. Boone Close-up Contest and Banquet for registration to the Workshop Reunion to be held in October 2002.

But wait there's more, a second drawing will be held at 2003 Col. Boone Close-up Contest and Banquet for registration to the I.B.M. Convention to be held in Kansas City in July of 2003.

The more you participate the more times you are entered, so sign up for something now.



## From the Editor

Greetings once again magic enthusiasts. The summer is winding down and the kids are back in school. Just around the corner is Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah and New Years. It's time to start thinking about those shows you will be doing as the snow comes down. Are you ready?

I know its hard to think about sub zero temperatures when its well into the nineties now, but advance planning makes for fewer headaches later. Air out those Santa silks, and the candy cane striped props you have hidden in the back of your magic room.

Here is a tip: use finger nail polish on the small chips and scratches you get in some of your props. It comes in an ever widening array of colors and is typically harder than the lacquer that was original used to paint a lot of props. Plus it has the added bonus of a small brush just right for even the smallest chip.

On to other things, the board is looking for someone in the club to maintain the Ring 129 website. The ideal candidate should have some experience with HTML and be willing to give up about thirty minutes a month to this project. This person would be responsible for updating the website in a timely manner. If you are interested please talk to Kirk Deweese or Doc Blum at the next meeting.

Matt Gurley

## Presidents Column

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 fined or mature experience.

Make it **your** personal goal the remainder of this year to come to more meetings to see old friends in the club. A second goal is to make a presentation to the club. If you feel your presentation is not too good this time, it will be better the next. We can help each other by watching each of us grow and mature. I give my patients constructive education each visit. The club and its members can help you too. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

## Close-up Winner Israel Rivera



Israel first became inspired to magic in his hometown of New York City where he saw a magician vanish a handkerchief in his bare hands. Israel says he prefers stage to close-up because he likes to perform for larger crowds. His heroes include Lance Burton, Jeff McBride, and Gene Hernandez.

He performs regularly as the "Magic of Enigma" in Cass county schools and libraries where he hopes to someday become famous enough to perform on one of the "Worlds Greatest Magic" specials.

Israel is a recently new member of the I.B.M. and Ring 129.

## Sorcerers Circle Points Update

Sorcerer's Circle Points are due at the December meeting. Enclosed in this issue you will find the form to track your points (it will also be online). This is not an exclusive list, if you feel you have done something to further Ring 129 and magic in Kansas City, please notate it when you turn your list into one of the Sorcerers Circle Committee Members at the December Meeting.

## Internet Information

Don't forget, through the generosity of Kirk Deweese and KC Micro.com this newsletter is on the web. All you need to do is go to [www.ring129.com](http://www.ring129.com), click on the button for newsletter and enter the login and password. What's the login and password you ask? The login is: ring129 and the password is: magician.

See the newsletter in all its glorious color.

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### Stage Co-Winner Danny Mahar aka Dr Hi Jinx



Danny's claims his first magical experience was (and I quote) "Making a fool of myself before 1,000 people on a cruise ship, 1989". He prefers Stage because he says, "Its much easier to cover a blunder."

Among his heroes he lists David Sandy, "He pushed me to perform before my peers even if I goofed. Because of this I am a much better entertainer than I would have been."

If called before the President to perform he would like to produce a baby tiger or other wild animal as he has so often in the past. Danny is a member of I. B.M., S.A.M., F.C.M. ,C.O.A.I., W.C.A., C.L.F. C., I.M.S., N.A.A.O.V. (editors note: Danny tried to tell me what all of these are but I kept confusing them with the WWF and WCW.)

### Stage Co-Winner Harris Deutsch



Harris remembers his first magical experience as a cousin doing the "Wizard" card trick and a magician at a birthday party producing birds when he was seven of eight.

Harris' philosophy on performing "The most important thing is to really connect with my guest/ audience no matter if they are close up or in an audience of 5000."

"Doug Henning brought the wonder back into magic. He took risk and stepped out into his own light," Harris says about one of his heroes.

If a tree Harris would like to be a willow. "In a storm the mighty oak will be toppled, but the willow bends and adapts. This is very important for an entertainer."

Harris dreams of the day he will be a finalist at FISM, but until then he will continue to use magic in his presentations at Lees Summit High School and Bernard C. Campbell Junior High.

Harris is a member of the I.B.M, S.A.M. and World-Vents

## Application for Sorcerer's Circle

The Sorcerer's Circle is an award that has been established by IBM Ring #129 to honor those members who have excelled in the promotion of Magic and of Ring #129 in Kansas City. Sorcerer's Circle points are awarded by the Sorcerer's Circle Committee according to a Schedule of points based on attendance and participation at club functions, bringing visitors, and various other ways that support and advance IBM Ring #129.

The total number of points necessary to achieve this honor will vary from year to year and will be established by the Sorcerer's Circle Committee. Points must be verifiable. Please keep records. A typical year should require approximately 600 points.

A current Ring #129 membership is a requirement to be considered, and a Sorcerer's Circle applicant must include a written detailed list of qualifying points to the Sorcerer's Circle Committee or to a member of the Board of Directors prior to the December meeting of Ring #129. Applicants must be prepared to provide documentation of necessity. Upon approval, Sorcerer's Circle membership will be awarded at the Annual Magician of the Year Banquet in January. Sorcerer's Circle membership includes a medallion having an engraving of Merlin the Magician on one side and the symbols for earth, wind, fire, and water on the opposite side. Subsequent yearly awards will be a five-pointed star.

These rules may be modified at any time without notice by the Sorcerer's Circle Committee.

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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of points accumulated: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Definition of Active</i>	<i>Sug.Pts.</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Attendance	All free club meetings, board meetings, including annual auction. No limit.	10	
Attendance	Special meetings, including lectures, banquets and club close-up contest.	15	
Performance	Performance in club meeting monthly contests, close-up and stage.	20	
Award	Winning Magician of the Month	10	
Performance	Mini-lecture, 20 minutes minimum, limit one per year.	30	
Performance	20-30 minute professional show, limit one per year.	30	
Guest	Bringing guest to any meeting, limit twice for same guest per year.	15	
New Member	Awarded when applicant pays dues.	20	
Convention	Local Ring 129, attendance.	30	
Convention	Local Ring 129, participation. Volunteering.	15	
Convention	Local Ring 129, committee member	40	
Club Show	Local Ring 129, attendance	15	
Club Show	Local Ring 129, participation	20	
Club Show	Local Ring 129, committee member	30	
Charity Shows	Performance, bonafided non-profit organization, such as hospitals, nursing homes, churches. Limit 6 per year.	20	
Convention	Attendance at recognized magic functions other than Ring 129.	15	
Publicity	Mention in the magic publications (except Ring reports), newspapers, radio or television (if Ring 129 is also mentioned).	10	