

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

June 7, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
 Roeland Park
 Community Center
 4850 Rosewood
 Roeland Park KS

Board Meeting

7:00 pm June 21, 2001

Magic Supply Co
 632 Walnut
 Blue Springs, MO
 (816) 224-5000

Close-up Contest and Banquet

June 23, 2001

Theater for Young America
 Mission Center Mall
 Dinner 6:00 pm
 Contest 7:30 pm
 \$14 for Members and Non-members
 \$12 for Sorcerers Circle Members

July 12, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
 Roeland Park
 Community Center
 4850 Rosewood
 Roeland Park KS



SHH!!

It's Time for a Roast

In order to honor one of our longtime members, the board has unanimously voted to roast one special member of our club at the June meeting. That lucky person is Dave Buttram. He has long been associated with magic in the Kansas City area, and involved in nearly all club functions as far back as anyone can remember. Always willing to lend a hand if needed, he has also been involved in the International organization.

Currently Duane Fields is contacting those members with whom Dave has had a lasting impact, so that they might share their anecdotes, thoughts, and other fond memories of this person our club owes so much.

Duane assures us that all will have a wonderful time. If you have not been contacted by Duane, and have something you wish to share with the club about Dave, please call Duane at (816) 525-0021.

Big PS here—Dave will be getting his newsletter with Roger Miller's name in his place in the above article. So if Dave calls to ask you if are doing anything for the roast, remember he thinks it's for Roger. Any questions??? Contact Duane at (816) 525-0021.

Martin Lewis Lecture Review



Martin Lewis visited Kansas City May 17, 2001 with a new lecture based on some of his father's effects. The lecture began with stage and/or parlor magic including such effects as "Two Color Torn Paper" and the mind blowing "Harbin's Card in Bottle". Martin unique humor and candid explanations for these commercial routines were clear and precise.

In the second half he moved into more close-up effects. From his successful "Magicians Poker" a card effect where you explain the object is to cheat, to the as of yet unreleased "Ghost Writer", a mentalism effect of Martin's using a special gimmick from the most unlikely of places.

There were a couple of effects in his lecture that Martin could not demonstrate due to the fact that when he and his wife were in Toronto, Canada, someone absconded with their things.

All in all it was a great lecture with something for everyone. If you missed it this time, try not to miss it next time he is in town.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By
MIKE BLUM

I would like to tell you about a movie I recently saw. Although the theater was packed it would be a pretty safe bet to say that most of you have not seen the movie "The Dish". I had no clue as to the content or story line before I jockeyed for my seat and waited for the show to begin.

The story takes place in New South Wales, Australia in 1969. This was a very funny story of one of the largest satellite tracking dishes in the world. The dish is in the middle of a sheep pasture outside of a tiny town. How it got there is a longer story. The plot of the story unfolds when the United States needs the help of this town and the "dish" to broadcast the walk on the moon by our own Neil Armstrong in July of 1969. Without the help of this tiny town, the world might never have seen that historic walk on the moon.

Okay you are thinking, where is Blum going with his story? As I was sitting watching the show, my thoughts drifted to the magic of my friends in Ring 129. All of us are at some point in our magic careers. If you are an amateur (just for fun) or professional (semi or full time), you had to get started by careful planning and practice. All of us have made a few mistakes in our shows, but we learned to do our magic better.

In this show, the little town got started with a satellite dish. They did not really know where they were going, but they built the dish and they were ready for the future. Those of us in Ring 129 at every meeting try to build for the future, whether you are watching a routine or performing.

I really enjoyed this movie. When I arrived home, I was suddenly reminded of something my father had given me. He had been in the gallery at that launch of Apollo 11. He gave me his admittance badge from NASA. My dad was a college professor, always studying, always reading, and always researching. He had been invited to participate in this historic event because of his research in some aspect of aerospace technology. Okay Blum, get to the point.

This movie reminded me that NASA did not land Apollo 11 on the moon without a lot of help. Scientists, researchers, astronauts and this tiny little town were just a few of the cast of thousands to get the job done. Our Ring, a part of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, did not get to where we are today without the help of everyone in our club. We could not have meetings, banquets, awards, newsletters, etc without the help and commitment of ALL of our club members. NASA did not stop in July of 1969; PLEASE do not stop participating in our club. Get involved. If you need help in your commitment to Ring 129, call me, I would love to chat.

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<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month
Winners**

May

Stage

Terry Davis

Close-up

Kevin Kirwin

Our Youth Need Your Help

In order to attract more youth to the International Brotherhood of Magicians and to our local chapter of the Magic Youth International, Jay Godwin and Chris Bruch have been working on a brochure to hand out to local youth. The layout is done but now comes the hard part; they need pictures of our youth in action. If you or someone you know has pictures of any of our youth performing please get them to Jay or Chris at our next meeting, or if you are not able to get to the next meeting you can mail them to Jay Godwin 9522 W 77th Terr, Overland Park, KS 66204. Or if you are able to scan them you can e-mail them to him at jay@magicjay.com.

All pictures used will be returned in original condition as soon as they are done with them .



From the Editor

Matt Gurley

Here we go again, kids out of school and looking for something to occupy their time. Bing!! how about magic???

Once again we are looking for a few good youngsters to join our club. Qualified applicants need to be at least twelve years old, and show an interest in magic. That's it, no show of super human powers, no long entrance exam, just a desire to learn.

On to other things, starting this month persons that participate in the monthly contests or the open session will be entered into a drawing to take place in June 2002 for the Workshop Reunion in 2002. Matter of fact lets take it one step further, anyone that participates during the meeting in a sanctioned segment will be entered that's right, teach-a-trick will count.

There has been talk of extending this contest into 2003 for registration to the International Convention to be held in Kansas City, July 2003.

Have you ever wanted a newsletter in bold color? In the near future we will be attempting to publish this newsletter in a PDF format so that you can, with the Adobe Acrobat Reader, see all the pictures in color, along with being able to print an original copy on your own printer. That way everything comes out as it was originally intended, with no worrying about whether the copy shop would make everything too dark.

If you are interested in being a guinea pig for the next few months let Kirk Deweese or me know and we will be sure to send you the information you need to take part in this test.

Although the announcement was made at the May meeting, I will make the announcement again; Ken Reedy has asked that if anyone is available to give him a ride to the club meeting he would greatly appreciate it. He lives north of the river, so if

you are available to help him out, give him a call at (816)734-1484.

I think that's everything for this month. I'll be seeing you next month (hopefully in living color).

Matt Gurley

Close-up Contest Final Update

The Ring 129 Close-up Contest is scheduled for June 23, 2001. It is to be held at Mission Center Mall as in the past few years. Admission to this event is \$14 per person and \$12 for Sorcerer,s Circle Members. Dinner is set for 6 pm and the contest will begin promptly at 7:30 pm. For reservations contact Carl Macan at (913) 381-2972

The following people are eligible to compete this year: Stu Lewis, Todd Lamanske, Larry Warshaw, Harris Deutsch, Keith Leff, John Hicks, Larry Paogue, Darrin Springs, Matt Grunwald, Danny Mahar, and Kevin Kirwin along with the winner of the June Monthly contest.

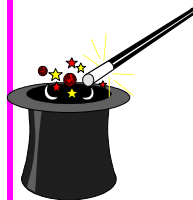
Society of Young Magicians Magic Show

Saturday June 16,2001
Roger T Sermon Center
Corner of Noland Rd and Truman Rd

Tickets \$4 in advance
\$5 at the door

Available through **Klamm Magic**

(816) 461-4595



Ring 129 Lectures Fees

Unless listed otherwise, are as follows

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

Ring 129's chapter of the

Magic Youth International

meets 9:00 a.m. the third Saturday of the month at

Magic Supply Company
632 W Walnut
Blue Springs, MO 64015

Meetings are open to all youth between the ages of 12 and 18.

Our youth program has produced top talent such as:

Paul Arthur, Daniel Doss, Chris Bruch, Matthew Grunwald, and Chris Gates

For More information please contact Kirk Deweese at (816)224-5000

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Close-up Winner Kevin Kirwin



Kev got his start in magic at age 11, with a magic book he bought with the twenty-five cents he received for baling hay. He says it contained many of the same tricks he does today plus a list of magic dealers he wrote to for catalogs. He says he has been a two bit magician ever since.

He began performing professionally in his twenties and now uses magic to enhance the effectiveness of counseling, especially group therapy.

A recently retired, substance abuse counselor, Kev used magic as a tool for the prevention and treatment of addiction.

He also adds that he has more degrees than a thermometer (and you know where they stick thermometers)!

Stage Winner Terry Davis



Terry's interest in magic began with his dad vanishing a quarter (he said that he later found out his dad was putting it down his collar).

When asked about magical influences he answered that when he was younger it was magic on television that inspired him-from Mark Wilson to Harry Blackstone Jr.

He also says that the biggest influence on his magic was our very own Col. Boone.

When asked what he would perform for the president he replied, "The Linking Rings".

Terry says that if he could be a tree he would be an elm because of the sap.

Terry is a member of I.B.M ring 8 in Columbia, MO and also Ring 129 in Kansas City