



# HEART OF THE RING

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

## Upcoming Events

**August 2, 2001**

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

**Board Meeting  
 7:00 pm August 16,  
 2001**

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

**September 6, 2001**

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

## It's Official ... WE have Rel ocated

From now on our monthly meetings are going to be held at the Holiday Inn at 95th St and I-35 in Overland Park. Last month we had outstanding turn out and everyone that attended seemed to enjoy the change of venue.

The recently roasted, Dave Buttram, roasted Roger Miller, Whom he thought we were going to roast in June. Dave said he worked too hard on his roast of Roger to let it wait any longer. (For those of you that don't know Dave was told we were roasting Roger at the June Meeting).

Some had problems figuring out how to leave the hotel if you were parked in the north parking lot. There are signs across from the exit directing you where to turn so that you are returned to 95th St.

A reminder has been requested as to the guidelines concerning the monthly contests. Length should be limited to 10 minutes in each category, acts performed should be in their correct category (e.g. close-up should not be performed in the stage contest, nor should stage be performed in the close-up contest.) The club provides a table for your close-up routines, if you need a table for a stage routine you should provide it.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting at the Holiday Inn.

## Winners of the Col. Boone Close-up Contest

### Ring 129 Lectures Fees

Unless listed otherwise,  
 are as follows

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



The winners of the Col. Boone Close-up Contest being presented with their awards by Pres. Doc Blum (far right): (from left to right) Second runner-up Harris Deutsch, First Runner-up Terry Davis, and the winner Matthew Grunwald.





**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

By  
**MIKE BLUM**

A little variation in my column this month. I will give everyone a break from my storytelling mode. My thoughts this time have turned to membership and communication.

First, if you missed the meeting in July, don't worry we are excited about our new location. It was a great meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Inn in Lenexa this month.

I was having coffee with one of the older physicians at the hospital the other day. I like to think there are people older than I am. It was a routine conversation, sick people, immunizations, etc. Our conversation turned to magic. I suddenly remembered that this physician and his son had been very involved in magic and at one point owned a magic store here in the city. I asked him if he was interested in becoming a member of Ring 129. He indicated he would be glad to become a member again. We started talking about his love of magic and the IBM meeting here in 2003. He became very excited about joining the club. I will be sending him the application tomorrow. If you look at the membership roster, you can see we have plenty of room for new members, even if they are "old" (previous members). What is my point?

Please start talking about the club...new location, fun activity, Workshop in 2002, IBM convention here in 2003, etc. Do you think we can get to a goal of 100 members by the Magician of the Year banquet January? I bet we can. If everyone will do some talking to friends and former club members, our roster will grow. Please spread the word. If you have a prospective member, call me or send me a note and I (or membership magic man Kirk) will send them an application.

The second part of my thoughts this month is how to spread information quicker to members. A short survey of the membership seems to indicate that over 60 percent of our club is active on the Internet. Another 10-15 percent have computers with email possibilities. Okay, here is the deal. If everyone reading this newsletter will do two things: email me their address so we can alert you quicker to club issues, lectures, meeting changes, etc. Next month I will share with you some thoughts about our club web site. I look forward to reading your email. Send me your address and any thoughts about the club to: drblum@doc4kidz.com

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**Ring 129 Website**

<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month  
Winners**

**July**

**Stage**  
Kyle Sheel

**Close-up**  
Matthew Grunwald

**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

Wow! July's meeting was a winner, if you missed it be sure not to miss the next one. With our new location it seemed a new energy had sprouted amongst our members with record attendance and from my experience record participation. So now what? Where do we go from here? The only place I can think of is up. Invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor, anyone you can think of to one of our meetings. Who knows, it may just rekindle an interest in magic the person had many years ago. School starts in less than a month, how about getting some kids to one of our meetings.

Once again, along with Rod Sipe, Terry Elton, Gene Hernandez and a few others I will be braving the conditions in the 25th annual Renaissance Festival held in Bonner Springs, KS. If you thought performing at little Johnny's birthday party was tough these guys perform rain or shine, in temperatures ranging from 100 degrees down to the low forties for the entertainment of several thousand people a day. Talk to them, maybe they could arrange some passes for you if you want to come out.

Ring elections are only a few months away, be thinking who you would like to nominate as a ring officer in the next couple of months. Also with the end of the year close at hand be thinking about your Sorcerer's Circle points, these need to be in to one of the Sorcerer's Circle Committee members by the December meeting. Those members are: Dennis Burks, Roger Miller, Walt Mitchell and Jay Godwin.

I think that's it, don't forget to participate in the meetings to qualify for the drawings. I'll see you all next month.

Matt Gurley



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

  
**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](mailto:jay@magicjay.com).

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

## 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: magicman.

See the newsletter in all its glorious color.

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### **Close-up Winner Matthew Grunwald**



Matthew is not sure what his first magical experience is but says his favorite was when he fooled Jeff McBride at his first Master Class. He adds that the three magicians that influence him most are Jeff McBride, Eugene Burger, and Johnny Ace Palmer.

Matthew performs close-up and stage professionally, and enjoys both performing styles equally. He performs regularly in private engagements booked months in advance.

"I believe I do have the choice to perform where ever I want. That is one reason why I live, eat, sleep, and breathe magic. As far as specifics go, I won't get into that as I usually do not announce my goals until after they have been accomplished."

Matthew is member of IBM Ring 129 and also the SAM.

### **Stage Winner Kyle Sheel**



Kyle attributes his interest in magic to a video he saw when he was five or six years old and adds it wasn't until he met Walt Mitchell at a Us Toy magic class, that really planted the seed that he could do magic himself.

Kyle says he prefers stage to close-up because it allows him to perform for larger groups and it allows him to be more dramatic.

He says his magical heroes include Tony Clark, who has inspired his dove magic. He also wants to include most everyone in Ring 129, as they have all encouraged him and offered to help improve his act.

Kyle says that one day he would like to perform at the Magic Castle, because to be chosen to appear at "the Castle" means you have established yourself as top quality to other magicians and that would be true success.