



THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Sunday,
September 21 @ 2 pm

**Joshua Jay Particle System
Lecture**

@ Rhapsody Theatre
1328 W Morse Ave, Chicago IL 60626

What a fantastic time we had at Mr. Beef for our Annual Pizza Party and "arts and crafts" gimmick-making session! Between the laughter, the glue, and the smell of pepperoni, it was a perfect reminder of how creative and tight-knit our Ring 43 family is—thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and left with a few new tricks up their sleeves.

This month, our own Mike Kamlet will share updates on changes to the Ring 43 board, and we're thrilled to announce that Kristen Kaniewski has graciously agreed to join the board—please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

And now, for the main event: Joshua Jay is bringing his world-class lecture to Chicago later this month! Joshua isn't just one of the most recognizable magicians today—he's a bestselling author, Fool Us fooler, and cofounder of Vanishing Inc. Magic. His lectures are legendary for blending ingenious methods with a deep understanding of presentation, and he's known for teaching material you'll actually want to perform. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a hobbyist looking to elevate your close-up magic, you'll walk away with fresh inspiration, practical routines, and maybe even a new perspective on why we do what we do. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 21 at the Rhapsody Theatre—doors open at 1:30 pm, and seats will fill quickly.

Our fall lecture lineup doesn't stop there: Chad Long and Rob Thompson are on deck to keep the creative sparks flying in the months ahead. It's shaping up to be a season of incredible magic, learning, and community—you won't want to miss a moment.

See you front row—deck of cards in hand and a big grin ready for the magic to begin!

Last Month: Summer Pizza Party

Although Ring 43 doesn't normally have a meeting in August, this year we decided to hold a Pizza Party and a DIY Arts and Craft Night. We met at Mr Beef and Pizza in Mt Prospect, and, after delicious pizza and drinks, we handed out awards from last month's Close Up Contest. **Alan Koslow** received 1st place, **Ace McKay** (2nd), and **Asher Stuhlman** (3rd).

One sad note for the evening was when our Vice President, Brielle Kawalek, announced she was stepping down due to time commitments.

Next, we broke up into small groups to work on building props whose designs were provided by a number of club members.



The props included a force card effect, a vanishing card riffle trick, a color-changing card illusion, some plastic shot cups that produced, vanished, or transformed a coin, and even a particularly tricky magic drinking cup which, when emptied, refilled itself. Everybody also got a complete set of notes on how to build the props in case they wanted to build others at home.



Prez says...



Our 2025-26 season kicks off with some great lectures: Joshua Jay, Chad Long and Rob Thomson. Our lectures are typically arranged via our VP, Brielle Kawalek. She has done a fantastic job seeking out top-notch magicians. Recently Alec Schraegle has also been pitching in as Brielle's performance schedule has been keeping her very busy. As announced at our summer pizza party, Brielle will be turning over the reins to Alec as our new VP. We hope to see Brielle at upcoming meetings as her schedule allows, and thank her for helping out the Ring.

Other changes you may notice: Our name tags now have our new logo. Our previous logo was designed by Roy Blass in 1978; probably time for a change. We'll learn more about Roy Blass in our historical bios.

And speaking of history, as I have mentioned before, 2026 marks our 80th anniversary, and we are planning on a summer celebration. If you'd like to help plan this event, please let me know

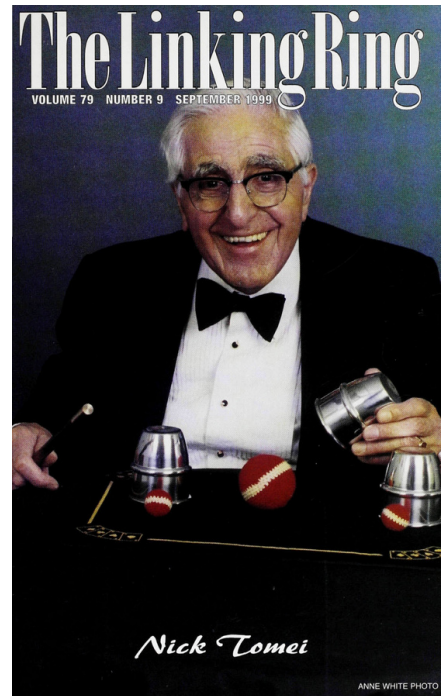
Member Spotlight

Nick Tomei 1913–2005

Nick was the last surviving Ring 43 charter member. Nick's interest in magic began when the custodian for a pool hall next to the fruit store where he worked vanished a thimble, and Nick learned how to do it in 1929 from the Tarbell Course in Magic. Nick also took lessons from Joe Berg who brought Nick to his first magic club meeting (The Wizards Club), where he was able to meet Jack Gwynne, Okito, Tarbell, Joseffy, Laurie Ireland, and many others. Nick was a charter member of the Ring in 1946 and served as Ring 43's President from 1987–88.

Nick performed tons of shows (sometimes as many as 200 a year) while also holding the position of co-owner and President of Sunset Foods. As Mr. Fun, wearing a straw hat and red jacket, he performed for ages 4 through 7. As Mr. Nick, with a red derby and navy blazer, Nick focused on kids age 8 and up. As Nick Tomei, Magical Entertainer, in a tux, Nick performed for audiences 4 to 104. Nick also had a clown character he retired due to the trouble of applying and removing the make-up. Nick inspired a young Hank Moorehouse who remembered Nick as the first magician he saw as a kid.

Nick was a consummate professional, including his pre-show preparation. He made dry runs to the location, checked out the best route, how long it takes, where to park, etc. It was said he also had two of every prop and needed a separate apartment just to keep his magic.



In the mid-90's, Nick got a call to perform at a New Year's Eve party in Highland Park. Nick declined as he didn't want to go out on New Year's Eve, but the caller was insistent and it was close by, so Nick agreed. When he showed up at the house, he discovered it was Scottie Pippen's party.



Nick enjoyed attending magic club meetings as well as conventions including FISM. In 2003 Nick celebrated his 90th birthday at the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas. After checking in, Nick was greeted with constant "Happy Birthday, Nick" as each registrant received a flyer about Nick's birthday and some had paddles with Nick's face on it. At the evening show, MC Aldo Colombini asked Nick to stand up. After Nick sat down to loud applause, Aldo said, "And, ALSO with us tonight, seated right behind Nick, are Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft."

Expect our very own board Secretary, John Hutsebaut, to occasionally share his **Foto-Funnies**; compliments of Al.

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Events Calendar

Sep. 21* Joshua Jay Lecture

Oct 17 Chad Long Lecture

Nov 21 Rob Thompson Lecture

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*Location: Rhapsody Theatre 1328 W Morse Ave,
Chicago IL 60626

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Club Meetings:

S.A.M. Assembly 3—At Magic Inc, first Monday of the month 6:30pm.

www.magicalchicago.com

Conjurer's Corner Magic Club—Fourth Monday, Mr. Beef & Pizza, 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect.

Magic Masters—Fourth Wednesday, The Station Pub & Restaurant, 6657 South Street, Tinley Park.

Mazda Mystic Ring—Second Thursday, Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Villa Court, Elgin.

S.A.M. Assembly 106—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

S.A.M. Assembly 148—Third Monday, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 314 W. Valette St., Elmhurst.



For more information about the Houdini Convention, click on the link or use the QR code below.

<https://www.houdiniclubofwisconsin.com/>



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Hotel Registration 414-481-8280. Mention the HOUDINI CLUB
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Questions:

Houdini Club of Wisconsin - Julie Sobanski -
3827 S. Pennsylvania Ave - St. Francis, WI. 53235 -
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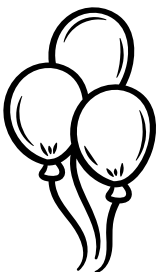
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Happy Birthday

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Terry Rossie
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