



# THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

MAY 2026

## IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

### The Month & Upcoming

#### Nathan Kranzo Lecture

Next Meeting: **Tuesday**,  
May 19th, at 7:00 pm  
@ **Magic Inc**

Inside this month's issue, you'll find a look back at April's "Double Trouble" session, where members explored the deceptive power of double-facers and double-backers and showcased their love of Tenyo, along with a thoughtful Member Spotlight of the one and only Frances Ireland Marshall, that highlights the rich history and impact she made to our magic community.

Looking ahead, we've got a stretch of programming that's well worth your time. Our Close-Up Competition is fast approaching, and it remains one of the highlights of the year. With 8–10 minute acts judged on presentation, originality, technique, and audience reaction, it's a chance to see what happens when strong material

meets real performance pressure. If you've been thinking about performing, consider this your nudge. If not, it's one of the best nights to sit back and be fooled.

Before that, we're excited to welcome Nathan Kranzo for a special lecture on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM at Magic Inc—a shift from our usual Friday schedule, so be sure to plan accordingly. Kranzo is known for his inventive, practical approach, and this is a great opportunity to pick up material you'll actually use. This is a monster lecture, so please be sure to check our website for all the details on what Nathan plans to share with us.

And that's just part of what's on deck—this month is packed.

## Last Month: Double Trouble

The theme for the April meeting was Double Trouble featuring first a sample of Tenyo products and then tricks performed with double-face, or double back cards. The meeting was lightly attended due to the tornado watch in effect at the time! Fortunately, we had a Zoom link so members could participate from home.

The meeting began with a Front Table by President **Mike Kamlet**. Mike brought the Tenyoism books and shared a brief history of the company. He showed the photos/pages of the first Tenyo trick (thimble) and some of the magic kits they branded including Doug Henning and Siegfried and Roy. He also talked about the "plus 1" tricks and looked up some of the Tenyo effects that others shared.

**Kevin Owens** performed Tenyo's Coin Fan, a paper fan which repeatedly produced a coin.

Next up **Craig Reeder** got Mike and Scott Lebin to volunteer for a mind reading effect. Mike randomly chose a jig saw puzzle piece from a pile of pieces Scott was shown to be holding a completed Mona Lisa jig saw with one missing piece. The piece Mike randomly selected matched the missing piece. (Final Piece)





Mike showed a Tenyo card trick where two playing cards with round holes were placed together and, when separated one card now had a square hole! Next Mike showed a card printed with a scrambled Rubic's Cube but, with a shake, it transformed into a solved cube! He also showed Soft Coins where three coins were placed on a holder and each was penetrated by a pencil. He also had a Finger Chopper and a clear case that produced and vanished a small Statue of Liberty.

**Scott Lebin** showed his Tenyo Pyramid. He placed an empty sealed box covered by a crystal pyramid and placed a signed quarter in front of it. When he covered it with a silk the coin vanished and reappeared inside the sealed box.

**Pedro Nieves** demonstrated Tenyo's Crystal Cleaver. He borrowed Kristen Kaniewski's ring and placed it in a clear plastic box. He placed it on a little platform. He covered it with an opaque square tube and pushed a tiny sword through the top of the tube. The sword moved down and apparently penetrated both the crystal box and the ring!

**John Hutsebaut** showed a one-card card trick where the Three of Diamonds instantly splits into an Ace and a Deuce.

**Scott Lebin** had Jay Collen pick a card and returned it to the center of deck. He tapped the deck and the chosen card became the top card in the deck.



Next **Jay Collen** did a card trick with 51 cards. His deck was missing the Ace of Spades. He took the joker placed it face up on top and covered it with a double back card whereupon the Joker transformed into the missing Ace.

Craig had Scott pick a card (8H) then name another card (7S). First he found the 8H then he pointed to the card laying on the table the whole time and turned it over to reveal the 7S! (Garret Thomas Lie to Me)

Mike had Kevin pick a card and sign it and place it in his pocket. Mike then picked a card and signed it. On command Mike's signed card changed places with the signed card in Kevin's pocket.

- John Hutsebaut



# Member Spotlight

## FRANCES IRELAND MARSHALL 1910–2002

Frances Marie Ahearns was born March 25, 1910. She became the editor of her high school (McKinley) magazine and a member of the newspaper staff. She graduated from junior college in journalism, but became a clerk/typist for a small mail order company that sold do-it-yourself self-growing mushroom kits. This company happened to be in the same building with four magicians: Guy Jarrett, Art Felsman, Ed Miller, and Laurie Ireland. Laurie was looking for someone to type a book (Ireland Writes a Book) and Frances began working for Laurie in 1931. This part-time job became full-time in 1937 as she became much more involved in the shop: waiting on customers, handling stock, making tricks, and editing catalogs. In 1940, Frances and Laurie were married.

Frances began to assist Laurie when he performed shows, and Frances began to develop and perform her own act. She was famous for her chapeaugraphy act, and performed Troublewit, having learned it from Sid Lorraine.



In the early 1940's Frances was hired by radio station, WGN to do a weekly show "Funny Paper Party," where the Sunday comics were read. This show lasted for five years and cemented Frances' status as a performer, especially for children.

Laurie Ireland died in 1954 and a few months later, Frances married Jay Marshall.

In 1963, they changed the name of the shop to Magic Inc, and a year later moved to 5082 N. Lincoln Ave. Frances was involved in many magic organizations. She was the editor of the *Magic Mirror*, the newsletter for MagiGals and also served as President. She was the chairman of the Magic Dealers Association Inc. and was an Associate Editor of *The Linking Ring*. When Ring 43 was formed in 1946, Frances wrote "*Since it will be an all men's organization, Mr. Bernstein has arranged to pay me \$5.00 per meeting not to present my card and insist on coming in. In 20 years, I can thus earn \$1,200.*" Frances did become a charter member of the Whiting, Indiana Ring and was allowed to join Ring 43 in 1954, becoming an honorary life member in 1974.

Fran joined the International ranks when she organized the women's event at the I.B.M. 1950 convention, lectured at the 1954 convention and served as a Trustee/Executive committee member for many years.

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Frances was a prolific writer. She wrote two columns in TOPS magazine—"For Women Only" and "It Is Never Too Late" and for more than thirty years had a column in the Linking Ring, called "Around Chicago with Frances." She also wrote numerous articles for Abra, Genii, and M-U-M just to name a few. Fran graced the covers of many magazines including The Linking Ring (4 times), Genii, TOPS, and M-U-M.



She wrote the newsletter for Ireland's that was called Dear Friends, Irelands Magic, and Irelands Trick Talk. Fran authored or co-authored tons of books including: You Don't Have to Be Crazy, With Frances in Magicland, Kid Stuff (6 volumes), Happy Birthday Business, The Bunny Book, The Sponge Book, The Success Book (4 Vol), My First Fifty Years and many, many others.

In 1996 she was awarded the Academy of Magical Arts Literary Fellowship, and Jay reported "We tried to go to The Magic Castle the next day, and Frances was refused admittance because she was wearing slacks."

Frances was also awarded 1988 the Lifetime Achievement Award Fellowship (Academy of Magic Arts), the Milbourne Christopher Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996, and named one of the 100 most influential magicians in the 20th Century in a MAGIC Magazine Poll.

## Close Up Contest Rules



8 - 10 Minute Acts



10% penalty - under 8 minutes, over 10 minutes



Members vote 3 winners



Spectator welcome to join before time starts



Appearance	Presentation	Originality	Audience Reaction	Technique / Skill
Were the contestant's dress, presence and handling of helpers (if any) appropriate? What was your overall impression?	Did the contestant handle material properly? Was their act well structured, flow smoothly, and have good patter?	How creative was the contestant's effects, methods, presentations, and props? Did they have any novel ideas?	Did the audience experience enjoyment, wonder, surprise or mystery? How was the contestant's entertainment value?	Did the contestant exhibit a mastery of any sleights or misdirection they used? Did the contestant "flash" or expose any magic?

THE KNIGHTS OF SLEIGHTS PRESENT

# MAGIC FLEA MARKET

**MAY 20, 2026 (NEW DATE)**  
**40 TO 50 TABLES OF MAGIC**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 7 P.M.**

**\$10 COVER CHARGE**  
ADMISSION AT THE DOOR.

**CHICAGO'S BIGGEST  
MAGIC SOCIAL EVENT  
OF THE YEAR!**

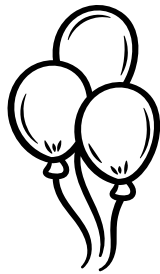


**ELM WEST BANQUETS**  
(FORMERLY DIPLOMAT WEST)  
**THE BALLROOM**  
**681 W. NORTH AVE.**  
**ELMHURST, IL**

**PROPS!  
BOOKS!  
EQUIPMENT!  
COLLECTIBLES!**

*Happy Birthday*

Marshall Ellenstein  
Brielle Kawalek  
Ed Litt  
Mark Metzger  
Alec Schraegle  
Kevin Sowizrol  
Don Wiberg



## Events Calendar

**May 12\*** Nathan Kranzo Lecture

**Jun 19** Close Up Competition

Meeting location is graciously  
hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

\*Meeting date may be different from our normal 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday of the month, on Tuesday

**Chicago Magic Lounge** - Shows Every Night!  
chicagomagiclounge.com.

**Coin Magic Study Group** - Work through the  
classic coin magic book, Bobo's Modern Coin  
Magic, on the second Saturday of every  
month from 2 pm - 4 pm.

**Magic Inc.** - Support your local magic shop!  
For more info, call 773-334-2855 or  
magicinc.net.

**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.

**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.

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