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IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday, October
17th, at 7:00 pm
Chad Long Lecture
@ Magic Inc

What a September meeting! Joshua Jay stopped by with an all-new lecture built around his Particle System, and wow — it was a masterclass. From time-traveling cards to dead-on predictions, Josh showed us just how practical and powerful this system can be. A lot of us left with fresh ideas (and maybe a new deck or two in our pockets).

This month's Member Spotlight takes us back to the legacy of Roy Blass, one of Ring 43's earliest leaders who helped shape the club we enjoy today.

And on a celebratory note, let's give a big round of applause to Fred Lane, who was honored with the Medal of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago School of Law — a huge achievement, and we couldn't be prouder.

Now let's talk about what's next: Chad Long is coming Friday, October 17 at 7:00 PM at Magic Inc. If you've never seen Chad before, you're in for a treat. He's known as "the magician's magician," and his lectures are fast, funny, and full of practical material you'll actually want to use.

And don't forget — November brings us Rob Thompson, so the fun keeps rolling!

Last Month: Joshua Jay Lecture

Our program for the September meeting was a lecture held in combination with SAM Assembly 3 by internationally renowned magician Joshua Jay. This all new lecture focused on his book, "The Particle System". This innovative new system from Joshua Jay revolutionizes memorized deck magic. The Particle System contains a variety of clever built-in benefits and is far easier to learn than many other stacks.

Josh's first effect was a backward card trick called Time Travel. To begin, everybody applauded as they normally would at the end of the trick. Next, Josh "found" a card (3C) before a volunteer had a chance to pick a card. The volunteer then shuffled a deck and the 3C was found to be missing from the deck. After producing the 3C Josh showed that the shuffled deck had magically returned to new deck order. As a final effect Josh showed that the wrist watch he had removed at the start of the effect had reappeared on his wrist.

Josh picked two volunteers from the audience. They picked a card (8C) and randomly placed it face up in the deck while Josh looked away.





They then placed the deck back in the card box. Josh correctly predicted that their card would be found 24th from the top, which it was.

One volunteer merely thought of a card (JH) and Josh asked him to cut the deck. It was shown that he had cut to the selected card! The other volunteer named the 6D and Josh instantly cut to the 6D!

Josh then named three cards and volunteers touched three cards in the fan. The touched cards were turned over and found to be the three cards Josh had named!

Next up, Josh demonstrated a number of card effects using his Particle System stacked deck. Josh went over the Particle System in great detail, including some tricks you can only do with the Particle System. The card deck he uses is a beautifully made marked deck with several special cards that can enhance the effect. For the lecture, the deck was a mere \$10. I bought one!

Josh next did an amazing version of Any Card At Any Number (ACAAN). He named a number (15). A volunteer named the value (4). A second volunteer named the suit (Diamonds). The four of diamonds was found to be the 15th card in a deck that had been sitting on the table the entire time!

After the break Josh told the story of a couple who met over a card trick. Josh and a volunteer each shuffled decks of cards they both turned over the top card and the two cards matched! Josh then began turning over more cards and every card in the two shuffled decks matched the order of the other deck!

The couple in his story was actually Josh's parents!

Josh finished off the lecture with a slide show of people around the world that he had met and performed for. Each of 52 slides featured a local individual, often in native costume, picking a card from a fan of cards which Josh held. It was a wonderful souvenir of his travels around the world performing and teaching magic.

- John Hutsebaut



Member Spotlight

Roy Blass 1907–1981

Roy was a charter members of Ring 43 and served the Ring in a variety of capacities over the years including as President 1951–52. He was a member of many other clubs including the Wizards Club (Chicago), the Houdini Club of Wisconsin and S.A.M. Assembly 3.

Roy graduated from the University of Michigan and was an architect, engineer, and interior designer. Some of his works include the Clement Stone home in Chicago; several bank buildings; an O'Hare office complex; and Howard Bamman's residence in Palatine. (we'll learn more about Howard Bamman in an upcoming bio).



In 1966 he designed an award-winning housing project in Japan. He was also involved in the design of the Lustron homes. Lustron houses are prefabricated enameled steel houses developed in the post-WW II era in response to the shortage of homes for returning G.I.s by Lustron Corporation. They were low-maintenance and extremely durable. Over 2,000 homes were constructed during Lustron's brief production period, and many remain in use today. Several of Roy's buildings are listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places for their architecture.

Roy's interest in magic was mentalism, but he also performed "chalk talks" and published a card effect in The Linking Ring 1978 Ring 43 Parade. Roy delighted in entertaining handicapped children at various hospitals in the area.

In 1978 Roy designed the newsletter masthead.



In June 1982, the Ring presented a posthumous award (The Tarbell award) to the late Roy Blass for his outstanding and long term contributions to the success of Ring 43 which was accepted by his widow, Myrtle, who continued to support magic and Ring activities. (photo L to R: Chuck Stanfield, Myrtle Blass and Jim Geppert)



In 1985 Myrtle donated a large "travelling trophy" to be awarded to the close-up contest winner. Myrtle passed away in 2009. This trophy got damaged (by a previous winner who shall remain nameless) and was replaced by a smaller travelling trophy in 2010. Unfortunately this trophy was lost when Jerry Sharff passed away as he was storing the trophy. Today we continue to award a plaque and we've added Magic Inc gift certificates for the winners.

–Mike Kamlet



Ed Hubeny (L) and Jim Krenz (R)



Bill Cook in 2014 with the new trophy



A few of our Ring 43 members had the privilege to attend **Fred Lane's** Medal of Excellence ceremony at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. This award is given to a law school alumnus, alumna, or faculty member who exemplifies character, intellect, and social responsibility.

Fred's love of magic was conveyed through a touching video interview, presented during the ceremony. All of us at the IBM Ring 43 community congratulate you, Fred, on this incredible achievement!

New member

Ryan Smith

Happy Birthday

Allen Lee
Craig Reeder
Terry Rossie
Ed Vargas



Events Calendar

Oct 17 Chad Long Lecture

Nov 21 Rob Thompson Lecture

Meeting location is graciously
hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

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

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

Conjuror'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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