



THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday,
November 21st, at 7:00 pm
Rob Thompson Lecture
@ Magic Inc

As we wrap up another month at Ring 43, we're still buzzing from Chad Long's unforgettable lecture. Chad delivered exactly what he's known for—sharp magic wrapped in effortless humor. From producing cards out of impossible places to restoring a piece of spaghetti in the most unexpected way, he kept us laughing, learning, and genuinely amazed. It was one of those nights that remind you why gathering in person matters: shared laughter, shared astonishment, and shared inspiration.

This month's issue continues that spirit. Inside, you'll find a thoughtful Member Spotlight on Howard Bamman—a reminder of the rich legacy that built the community we enjoy today.

You'll also catch up on club news, celebrate member achievements, and stay in the loop on upcoming events as we move into the final stretch of the year.

And speaking of finishing strong, our last lecture of 2025 is one you won't want to miss. On November 21st, we welcome Rob Thompson to Magic Inc. Rob blends commercial, hard-hitting magic with a warm performing style that's made him a favorite at the Chicago Magic Lounge, the Magic Castle, and stages around the world. He will be featuring his award-winning SAMOYA routine—an effect that has earned high praise from the likes of Mac King, Johnny Thompson, and Teller. It's the perfect finale to an already stellar year of lectures.

Grab your cards, bring your curiosity, and come ready to be inspired. See you on the 21st!

Last Month: Chad Long Lecture

Our activity for the October meeting was a lecture by Chad Long. Chad is an internationally acclaimed performer and creator, known for blending amazing magic with humor. Chad is also known for his many creations such as The Shuffle Lesson, Now Look Here, Spineless and many more great effects using cards, coins, mentalism along with various everyday objects.

Chad's first comedy bit was to produce a nickel, not from under a silk, but rather from under a silk bed sheet! He then magically produced three silver dollars and did a great coin routine where the coins appeared, disappeared, and teleported to different locations.

Next up was a card effect where the card was forced using an Electric Deck. He was interrupted by a bell ringing and produced a pan of fresh-baked cookies from his case. The selected card vanished from the deck and appeared on his table.

As a show of skill he began pulling cards apparently out of the wall.





Chad had Nancy Anderson examine an envelope which he then disassembled. He stapled the edges back together with a black pen inside. He then handed out book pages to various people to examine.

Chad then inserted the book cover into the stack of paper and the first word on the page selected was the word "time" Chad tore open the envelope and showed a picture of a clock was drawn inside the envelope. (Spineless).

Next he had a card selected and returned to the deck claiming it would rise to the top. The top card was turned over and it had a message "Look in his pocket" The card in his pocket said 'look in his hand". The card in his hand said "Look on the table" and the card on the table was the selected card!

Chad took a piece of uncooked spaghetti, broke it up and chewed the pieces. He then reached into his mouth and pulled out the foot-long piece of uncooked pasta, fully restored. (Al Dente) As a finale, he then snorted it up his nose!

Next up, Chad took two knitting needles and a spool of thread and apparently knitted a silk right before our eyes!

During the pandemic, Chad took up origami. He told Nancy he could read her mind using origami. She chose an origami card with a picture of the finished product. He placed the card in his pocket without looking and said he would create the origami figure she had chosen. After a few false starts, he gave up and crumpled up the paper but when he looked at the origami card it was for a paper crumpled ball.

Finally, Chad showed his lottery bill. A five dollar bill had a scratch-off panel on it. He explained that the lottery was trying something new. When the panel was scratched off it said "20". The five dollar bill instantly changed to a twenty dollar bill!

After the meeting a number of club members went to Primo Chuki's Restaurant for additional fun and fellowship.

- John Hutsebaut

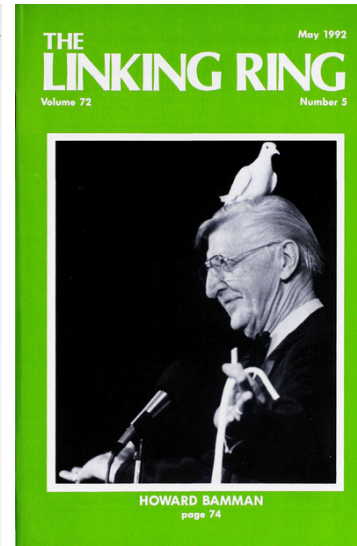


Member Spotlight

Howard Bamman (1916 – 1997)

Howard didn't get started in magic until his 30's when he returned from WWII, although was inspired by seeing Dante and Blackstone when he was 12.

Howard was a public relations specialist with Illinois Bell where he scripted promotional films, wrote speeches for executives, and designed and wrote brochures/instruction booklets. When his first wife passed away, Howard met Marjorie Roberts, Jay Marshall's sister, at Frances Marshall's 50th anniversary celebration and they married in 1983.



Howard was President of Ring 43 from 1954-55 and went on to become International President 1966-1967. He then took over as the editor of The Linking Ring until 1992 when he turned over the reins to Phil Wilmarth (who also was a Ring 43 member).

Howard received the highest award from I.B.M., the Medallion of Honor (only the 4th recipient). The I.B.M. also renamed a literary award the Howard Bamman Trophy which is given out for literary excellence in a magic related magazine. The award was later renamed the Bamman-Wilmarth Trophy. He also appeared three times on the cover of The Linking Ring (tied for most of any ring member).

Howard did many shows as master of ceremonies with comedy magic. He created the stool which collapses and impales him, and his Linking Ring routine featured a lovely moment when a set of three he had hanging on his stool, magically unlinked and fell to the floor. At one of his last performances as MC, the preceding act had a dove fly off, and the bird returned landing on Howard's head. He finished his routine, reached up, lifted the bird from his head, and handed it off into the wings.

Photo caption: Bamman (right) presenting a certificate to Tony Curtis in honor of role in the movie, Houdini.



Prez Says...

This year opened with a bang with three great lectures! You'll notice a change in our winter programming. The board decided to follow other organizations and move the holiday party to January (more details to come). So December (one week early to avoid being too close to the holidays), will be a regular meeting which we hope you can join us. We continue to plan for our 80th anniversary in 2026 and if you're able to help in the planning process, please let me know.

Or if you have suggestions of what you'd like to see, also drop me a note!

As I'm writing this, its getting close to Halloween. For the past 10+ years, I've helped plan our building's Halloween party. This event typically sells out, filling the party room to capacity (about 100). Another mom does the hard part of decorating the room (although I helped in the early years), I simply have to book the magician (which is sometimes a challenge as they usually decided on the date in September) and set out the food (the management office arranges for the food/drink). The best part is that the maintenance staff cleans up. I took on the role because the previous planners wanted to hold the party on a Sunday afternoon and they had been hiring the same magician for the past 5+ years. While I've had repeat performers, I've been able to get some of the great family entertainers in the area: Danny Orleans, John Measner, our own Terrence Hunter, Scott Green, Spellbinder, John Sturk, and many, many more. Watching them perform makes me thankful I don't do this kind of magic – it's a tough crowd/environment; I applaud those that can do this well.

– Mike Kamlet

New members

	Kevin Pang
Brian Carter	Eric Ronne
Brandon Martinez	AnnaRose Einarsen

Happy Birthday

David Amundson
Paul Basbagill
Brian Carter
Alan Koslow
Bill Martin
Josh Meador
Ryan Smith



Events Calendar

Nov 21 Rob Thompson Lecture

Dec 12* Teach a Trick

Jan 16** Holiday Party

Meeting location is graciously
hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

*Meeting date one week earlier due to the holidays.

**Location change, at Mr. Beef and Pizza in Mt.

Prospect

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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