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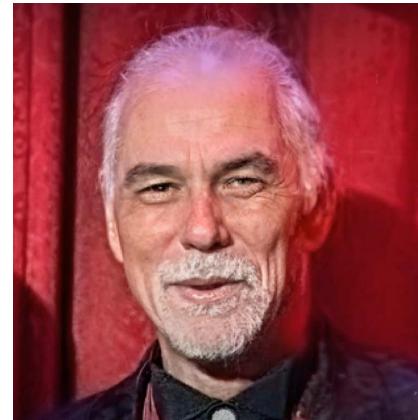
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RING ONE

THE Home of MAGIC in St. Louis

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November 2025 Edition



Timothy Shegitz Lecture

November 5, 2025

6pm Social Time

7pm Lecture

Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Rd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event (all events are in person)
2025	
November 5	Tim Shegitz Lecture
December 3	Holiday Party Officer/Board Installations Gift Exchange
2026	
January 14	Speed Lectures
January 28 (tentative)	Alain Nu Lecture
February 15	Meet the IBM Leadership
February 24 (tentative)	Javi Benitez Lecture
March 4	Ring 1 Magic Open Mic Night
March 26-28	2026 Gateway Close Up Convention https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024
April 1	Fool Us (tentative)
May 6	Up Close and Magical Competition
June 3	Ring 1 Magic Open Mic Night
July 22-25	I.B.M. Convention, St. Louis
August 5	The Grand Conjuring Competition (parlor magic) with Bob Danner as host



<https://ibmconvention.com/>

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>



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Please join us as we learn the secrets of our Art from an amazing wizard!

- * Art of being a magician
- * Original effects taught
- * Tim will have items to share

Do not miss this rare opportunity to sit at the feet of one of our most accomplished pros!

He's a frequent and favorite performer at the Hollywood Magic Castle and Las Vegas Wonderground, and he's OURS for the night!



Ring 1 Report

edited by Sandy Weis

On October 1st, Ring 1 hosted a lecture featuring Gustavo Raley. Gustavo is from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He specializes in designing creative effects which are performed by magicians all over the world. Several members received their copy of their S.A.M. publication the day he lectured, and discovered an amazing coincidence—Gustavo was on the cover of the M.U.M. He has been on stage and on television in over 40 countries and has won many awards. He entitled his lecture, “The Creative Process.” This lecture encouraged the members to use their imaginations to design effects which they can call their own. He feels each presentation of an effect should be unique to that individual. Approximately 35 members attended. He shared the following effects with the members: Rubik’s Cube, Unlimi-tea, Card Sip, Vanishing \$1 bill, Tic Tac Box, Super Can, and more. One of Sandy Weis’s favorite effects was the Super Can. She thinks most of the members were amazed at how it was designed and performed. The members thoroughly enjoyed his lecture. He had various effects for sale, at a discounted price, after the lecture and many of the members purchased his effects. The Ring highly recommends other Rings to book him when he visits the United States again from May to July in 2026. Even Ring 1’s “professional” magicians learned techniques and effects from his lecture. Thanks to Michael W. McClure and his wife, Susan, for everything they did to make this lecture happen. The Ring really appreciates their dedication in helping it to grow with new members joining regularly.

On October 13th, the Ring held its annual President’s Banquet at a new location, Schlafly Bottleworks, located in Maplewood, MO. Our member RSVPs totaled 54, and everyone in attendance was very pleased with the location, the atmosphere, and the food. After the buffet dinner, awards were presented. The winners of the September Magic Contest received their trophies and plaques from President Steve Queen. Past President Darryl Lenz handed out several activity and appreciation awards. Board Director Steve Finkelstein, on behalf of the Ring One Board, gave a special award to Susan McClure. President Queen then presented her husband, Michael, with a personal, heartfelt tribute and token of his appreciation. This husband-and-wife team received these very special awards for all they have accomplished to help the Ring grow. They were both surprised since they had no idea they were being honored. Steve Queen, and his wife Jen, had volunteered to entertain the banquet audience with a magic show. They did a tremendous job and everyone was very impressed with their magical ability and also their captivating presentation. The Ring is already planning next year’s celebration.

Steve Finkelstein shared the following: The St. Louis Kidney Walk took place at Westport Plaza on September 28th. Volunteers from Ring 1 have been performing at this event for several years. Thank you, Dan Todd, Darryl Lenz, John Skarin, Raleigh Muns, and Larry Minth for your dedication. Also, thank you, Steve Finkelstein, for organizing this event and performing magic for the children.

Bob Blattel recently performed three magic shows at Gateway GTO’s charity car show. This car show was held at the Church on the Rock in St. Peters. It was a new location for the car show and there were lots of children who enjoyed Bob’s magic. He has been performing magic at this event

since about 2010. The money earned is donated to the National Children's Cancer Society. They even featured his picture performing magic in their magazine, The Hood Scoop, September 2025 issue. This was a huge event with at least 141 cars that paid at the gate. Bob got involved with the Gateway GTO Club after he purchased a Pontiac GTO in 2007. He sold his GTO two years ago, but the club asked him to stay as the Charity Chairman, which he gladly accepted. Since he sold his GTO, his only special car is now a 2016 Dodge Challenger. The Ring thanks Bob for his years of volunteering for this organization.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to attend its meetings and activities. Check out the website www.IBMRingOne.com.

Additional details about the Kidney Walk

by Steve Finkelstein

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, the St. Louis Kidney Walk took place at Westport Plaza. Families, survivors, and supporters gathered under clear skies to walk side by side in support of kidney health, raising awareness and much-needed funds for the National Kidney Foundation. The Kidney Walk is more than just a fundraising event; it's a celebration of resilience, community, and hope for all those affected by kidney disease.

Among the highlights of the day was Ring One's team of magicians who set out not only to entertain, but also to create moments of joy. Children's laughter and the wide-eyed wonder of adults rediscovering their inner child echoed through the event. Magic, after all, is about more than tricks; it's about connection.

Performing at community events like the Kidney Walk reminds us of magic's deeper purpose, bringing people together. Each sleight of hand, each illusion, sparked conversations and smiles that traveled far beyond the performance space. For families walking in honor of loved ones, these lighthearted moments provided comfort and joy.

The performing magicians (Dan Todd, DJ Edwards, John Skarin, Raleigh Muns, Larry Minth, and I) also benefited from the exchange. Before and after the walk, we shared ideas, compared techniques, and built camaraderie. It wasn't just about performing; it was about strengthening bonds within our magical community while supporting an important cause.

As we packed up our decks of cards, ropes, and rings, we carried with us the memory of children giggling with delight, adults leaning in with curiosity and amazement. That is the real magic — using our talents to lift others.



Pay Ring 1 Dues for Calendar Year 2026

Annual membership is \$20 and is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities! If any of your contact information has changed, please e-mail ibmringone@gmail.com.

To pay online: <https://www.ibmringone.com/about-4>

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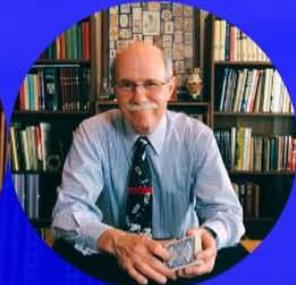
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