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APRIL 2026 EDITION - SUSAN G. MCCLURE, EDITOR
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Ring One "Speed Dating" Magic Mini-Lectures

ARE
YOU INTO
ROPE
MAGIC ?

WELL I KNOW
THAT I'M KNOT
LETTING YOU GO!



April 1, 2026 Meeting Theme



*“Speed Dating”
Magic Mini-Lectures*
**FALL IN LOVE WITH MAGIC ...
ONE MAGICIAN AT A TIME!**

WELCOME TO THE MOST CHARMING NIGHT IN THE MAGICAL ARTS—OUR FIRST-EVER “SPEED DATING” MAGIC MINI-LECTURES ON APRIL 1ST!

JUST LIKE REAL SPEED DATING, YOU’LL MOVE FROM ONE MAGICAL ENCOUNTER TO THE NEXT, MEETING NINE DIFFERENT MAGICIANS, EACH WITH THEIR OWN PERSONALITY AND PERFORMANCE STYLE. IN QUICK, HIGH-ENERGY SESSIONS, THEY’LL TEACH YOU A SIGNATURE EFFECT, SHARE THEIR SECRETS, AND SHOW YOU WHY THEIR CORNER OF MAGIC DESERVES YOUR ATTENTION.

WILL YOU FALL FOR THE ELEGANCE OF SLEIGHT-OF-HAND? THE BOLDNESS OF PARLOR ILLUSIONS? THE CHARM OF CLOSE-UP? THE NOSTALGIA OF CLASSICS? THE SHOCK OF MODERN VISUAL MAGIC? YOU WON’T KNOW UNTIL YOU MEET THEM.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO EXPLORE A LARGE RANGE OF MAGICAL GENRES IN ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT—NO PRESSURE, NO COMMITMENT, JUST PURE DISCOVERY AND DELIGHT. WHETHER YOU’RE A SEASONED PERFORMER OR BRAND-NEW TO THE ART, YOU’LL WALK AWAY INSPIRED, ENERGIZED, AND MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE LOVESTRUCK.

COME READY TO MINGLE. LEAVE WITH A NEW MAGICAL PASSION.

**APRIL 1ST – DOORS OPEN AT 6PM – MEETING BEGINS AT 7PM
PARKWAY UCC – 2841 N BALLAS RD. – ST. LOUIS, MO 63131**



I.B.M. RING 1 SPEED DATING MINI-LECTURES



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Nine Styles
One Night to
Find Passion!

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One Magician
At a Time!



OUR HOST SANDY WEIS

APRIL 1, 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

I.B.M. RING ONE MEETINGS AND SHOWS



**APRIL
1**

SPEED DATING MINI-LECTURES

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

UP CLOSE & MAGICAL CONTEST

7 PM (doors open at 6)

**MAY
6**



**JUNE
3**

RING SPRING FLING - NEW EVENT

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

RING ONE SUMMER MAGIC SHOW

(DOORS OPEN AT 1) 2 pm

**JULY
18**



**JULY
22-25**

I.B.M. CONVENTION

JULY 22-25 @ MARRIOTT AIRPORT HOTEL

For more info visit
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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

I.B.M. RING ONE MEETINGS AND SHOWS



**AUG
5**

GRAND CONJURING CONTEST

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

JAMIE WILLIAMS IN-PERSON LECTURE

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

**AUG
21**



**SEPT
2**

RING ONE MAGIC OPEN MIC NIGHT

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

LECTURE TBD

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

**OCT
7**



**OCT
17**

"MAGIC OF AMERICA" FALL SHOW

2 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 1) @ FLORISSANT PAC

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026-27

I.B.M. RING ONE MEETINGS AND SHOWS



**NOV
4**

LECTURE TBD

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

RING ONE HOLIDAY PARTY

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

**DEC
4**



**JAN
13**

MEETING THEME TBD

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

MEETING THEME TBD

7 pm (doors open at 6)

**FEB
3**



**MAR
3**

MEETING THEME TBD

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

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Up Close and Magical COMPETITION

MAY 6, 2026 • 7:00 PM • PARKWAY UCC

GET READY TO BRING YOUR BEST SLEIGHTS, YOUR SHARPEST WIT, AND YOUR MOST ASTONISHING CLOSE-QUARTERS MIRACLES—BECAUSE RING ONE'S ANNUAL CLOSE-UP MAGIC COMPETITION RETURNS ON MAY 6TH! THIS YEAR'S THEME PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT EXACTLY WHERE IT BELONGS: RIGHT AT THE FINGERTIPS OF THE PERFORMER.

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED RESTAURANT WORKER OR NEW TO CLOSE-UP PERFORMING, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE. ONE CATEGORY. NO AGE LIMITS. PURE, INTIMATE MAGIC.

WHAT YOU CAN PERFORM...

- **CLOSE-UP MAGIC**
- **RESTAURANT / TABLE-HOPPING MAGIC**
- **NO STAGE MAGIC (THIS NIGHT IS ALL ABOUT CLOSE-UP EXPERIENCES)**
- **IF YOU'RE UNSURE WHETHER A PROP OR ROUTINE FITS THE RULES, SIMPLY REACH OUT TO OUR CONTEST CHAIR, BOB DANNER, FOR CLARIFICATION. HE'S HAPPY TO HELP ENSURE YOUR ACT QUALIFIES.**

HOW TO ENTER...

**REGISTER TO COMPETE BY EMAILING
IBMRINGONE@GMAIL.COM
DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026**

OFFICIAL RULES...

THE OFFICIAL RULES GOVERN THE COMPETITION (PLEASE CLICK THE GREEN BUTTON TO ACCESS THE CURRENT RULES). IF ANYTHING IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONFLICTS WITH THE OFFICIAL RULES, THE OFFICIAL RULES TAKE PRECEDENCE. BOB CAN ALSO CONFIRM WHETHER YOUR ROUTINE MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS.

**HE CAN BE REACHED AT
BOB_DANNER@YAHOO.COM**

CONTEST RULES



2026 I.B.M. Convention

July 22 - 25, 2026

Where magic's past, present, and future come together—uniting performers from around the world to inspire, connect, and push the art forward.

Magic. Friendship. Inspiration.

The I.B.M. Convention is a one-of-a-kind celebration of every corner of the art of magic. From legendary performers and world-class lectures to hands-on workshops and fresh ideas, St. Louis 2026 is your chance to connect, grow, and be inspired.

REGISTER



Why You Can't Miss It



World-Class Performances

Experience unforgettable shows from the biggest names in magic and discover rising stars who are pushing the art forward. Every performance is crafted to inspire, amaze, and leave you buzzing with new ideas.



Learning Like Nowhere Else

Dive into lectures, workshops, and sessions led by masters of the craft. Whether you're refining classic sleights or exploring bold new concepts, you'll take home knowledge that transforms your magic.



Community That Lasts

Connect with magicians from around the globe who share your passion. The friendships and connections you build here extend far beyond the convention hall.

REGISTER

Marriott St. Louis Hotel Airport

Stay just steps from the action at the Marriott St. Louis Airport, where modern comfort meets unbeatable convenience. With stylish rooms, a sleek lobby bar, and a free airport shuttle, it's the perfect home base for your convention experience.

Explore nearby St. Louis attractions, enjoy easy access to dining and entertainment, and relax knowing you're minutes from the magic. This isn't just a place to stay—it's where the excitement begins.

[Reserve Room](#)



Guest of Honor: Connie Boyd

Connie Boyd—award-winning magician, producer, and writer—rose to prominence as a Las Vegas headliner and has spent more than thirty-five years breaking barriers for women in magic. A true pioneer, she has produced groundbreaking shows, mentored performers worldwide, founded the Magical Women Project, and authored *The Power of Magical Women* (2025). The International Brotherhood of Magicians is proud to honor Connie Boyd as Guest of Honor at the 2026 I.B.M. Convention in St. Louis.

I.B.M. RING ONE - MARCH REPORT

BY SANDY WEIS - RING SCRIBE



THE IBM INTERNATIONAL HELD ITS MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16TH AND ITS 2026 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEB. 17TH AT THE MARRIOTT ST. LOUIS AIRPORT. THE 2026 CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST. LOUIS ON JULY 22-25 AT THIS HOTEL. SINCE ALL THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS WERE ARRIVING ON SUNDAY THE 15TH, RING 1 DECIDED TO HOST A BBQ REPAST ALONG WITH A MAGIC OPEN MIC NIGHT ON THAT EVENING AND INVITED ALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS TO ATTEND AND EVEN PARTICIPATE. THE BBQ WAS THE BRAINCHILD OF MIKE AND SUSAN MCCLURE, WHO ORGANIZED THE ENTIRE EVENT. THEY HAD THE MEAL CATERED BY PAPPY'S SMOKEHOUSE WITH EXTRA SIDES AND BEVERAGES SUPPLIED BY MICHAEL AND SUSAN. KEN DOMASH, ONE OF OUR RING 1 MEMBERS AND ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED COUNTRY MUSICIAN, ENTERTAINED THE ATTENDEES AND THEIR GUESTS DURING THE MEAL. STEVE FINKELSTEIN PERFORMED SOME TABLE-HOPPING MAGIC WHILE OTHERS ENJOYED SHOWCASING THEIR TALENTS DURING THE FEAST. EVERY TABLE INCLUDED AT LEAST ONE OF THE VISITING DIGNITARIES SO THAT OUR MEMBERS HAD GUARANTEED ONE-ON-ONE TIME TO MEET THOSE IN CHARGE OF OUR PARENT ORGANIZATION. THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS AND EVERYONE ENJOYED SOCIALIZING AND WERE THRILLED TO MEET THE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS. AMAZINGLY, OVER 100 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE EVENT. AFTER DINNER, WE MOVED FROM OUR NEW VENUE'S FELLOWSHIP HALL INTO A LARGE SANCTUARY. SANDY WEIS SERVED AS EMCEE OF THE MAGIC OPEN MIC NIGHT. PERFORMERS REPRESENTING THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP WERE PRES. STEPHEN LEVINE, JASON MICHAELS, KEITH FIELDS, JEFFREY SOBEL, MATT STANLEY, ERIC SCHUSTER, SCOTT CANTRELL, MIKE WOODWARD, VINCENT RERES, AND MIKE DUNAGAN. THE PERFORMERS THAT REPRESENTED OUR RING WERE OUR PRES. STEVE QUEEN, TIMOTHY SHIGITZ, JEN QUEEN, MATTHEW HOROWITZ, AND JEFF LEFTON. EVERY PERFORMANCE WAS UNIQUE AND VERY ENTERTAINING. THE AUDIENCE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE VARIETY. AFTER THE SHOW FINISHED, MANY OF THOSE PRESENT GATHERED FOR A GROUP SHOT. THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS WERE PRESENTED WITH HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS IN RING ONE FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICES TO ALL OUR MAGICAL COMMUNITY. BY ORDER OF THE RING ONE BOARD, EACH ONE RECEIVED A UNIQUE "INVISIBLE" MEMBERSHIP CARD, AND THEY WERE DELIGHTED BY THE CLEVER TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION.

TO RECEIVE YOUR OWN INVISIBLE MEMBERSHIP CARD, PLEASE PAY YOUR 2026 DUES NOW. VISIT WWW.IBMRINGONE.COM/DUESDONATIONS TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT. THANK YOU!

THE RING WAS DELIGHTED TO HOST JAVI BENITEZ AS THE LECTURER ON MARCH 4TH. HE IS A SPANISH MAGICIAN FROM THE CITY OF SEVILLE. JAVI IS KNOWN WORLDWIDE AS AN EXCEPTIONAL AND POETIC PERFORMER WHO CAPTIVATES AUDIENCES ACROSS THE GLOBE. PENN & TELLER CALLED HIM “THE BEST SLEIGHT-OF-HAND ARTIST WE’VE EVER SEEN,” AFTER AWARDING HIM THE COVETED FOOL US TROPHY ON NATIONAL TELEVISION. IN RECENT YEARS, HE HAS BECOME A STANDOUT PRESENCE IN THE AMERICAN MAGIC SCENE, APPEARING AS A FEATURED PERFORMER AT CONVENTIONS LIKE MAGIC LIVE! AND MAGIFEST. APPROXIMATELY 50 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE LECTURE, AND ALL THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HIS PERFORMANCE AND DETAILED EXPLANATIONS. IF ONE RATES HIS PERSONALITY, IT WOULD BE AN A PLUS. HE SHARED THAT IF THE AUDIENCE LIKES THE MAGICIAN, THEN THEY WILL ALSO LIKE THE MAGIC THEY PERFORM. SANDY SHARED THAT SHE COULD LISTEN TO JAVI LECTURE FOR HOURS; HE WAS SO CAPTIVATING. HE USED SEVERAL AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO HELP HIM PERFORM THE EFFECTS AND MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON OUR YOUTH BY USING OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS. HE CLEARLY EXPLAINED HOW EACH EFFECT WAS CREATED AND HANDLED AND, AS A BONUS, HE PERFORMED THE EFFECT THAT EARNED HIM THE FOOL US TROPHY. SOME OF US MAY HAVE HAD SOME IDEA OF HOW HE DID SOME OF THE MOVES, BUT ALL WERE SPEECHLESS WHEN WATCHING THIS MASTER MANIPULATOR PERFORM HIS SIGNATURE PIECE! WHAT AN AMAZING MAGICIAN! AFTER HIS LECTURE, HE HAD A FEW ITEMS FOR SALE, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS DID MAKE A PURCHASE. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST LECTURES RING 1 HAS EVER HAD. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

GARY S. CHAN RECENTLY PRESENTED A ONE-OF-A-KIND MENTALISM EXPERIENCE AT RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, WHERE THE DINNER SERVICE ITSELF BECAME PART OF THE SHOW. RATHER THAN WORKING AROUND COURSES BEING SERVED, GARY AND THE RESTAURANT TEAM SYNCHRONIZED THE TIMING SO THAT EACH MAGIC EFFECT SEAMLESSLY MATCHED THE ARRIVAL OF EACH DISH. THE MANAGEMENT TEAM WERE VERY IMPRESSED.

THE RING IS THRILLED THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND A NEW MEETING PLACE THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE OUR QUICKLY GROWING MEMBERSHIP. WE NOW HAVE OVER 125 MEMBERS, AND MOST ATTEND MEETINGS AND/OR EVENTS. PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING AND WELCOMED US WITH OPEN ARMS. THEY HAVE SEVERAL ROOMS WHICH WE CAN RESERVE BASED ON OUR NEEDS. IT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED AND EVEN A FEW OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY JOINED THE RING.

-SANDY WEIS



Gary

Thank you!

CHAN

Retires as SPIRIT Editor

Susan McClure has taken over role with THIS issue

SEVEN YEARS BEHIND THE CURTAIN
BY GARY S. CHAN

WHEN I FIRST TOOK ON THE ROLE OF EDITOR FOR THE SPIRIT IN MARCH 2019, I HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH THE JOB WOULD CHANGE THE WAY I SAW OUR CLUB. WHAT BEGAN AS SIMPLY PUTTING TOGETHER A NEWSLETTER TURNED INTO A SEVEN-YEAR, BEHIND-THE-SCENES ADVENTURE THAT HELPED ME UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES RING ONE TICK AND WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY SO SPECIAL.

AS EDITOR, I WENT FROM READING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHOW RECAPS TO BECOMING A CONNECTOR BETWEEN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND CONTRIBUTORS. OVER TIME, MY INBOX TURNED INTO A SMALL HUB OF CLUB COMMUNICATION. PEOPLE REACHED OUT WITH QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD, UPDATES ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS, AND BITS OF MAGIC NEWS THEY WANTED TO SHARE. THROUGH THAT PROCESS, I REALIZED THAT THE SPIRIT IS MORE THAN JUST A NEWSLETTER; IT IS A BRIDGE THAT HELPS OUR MEMBERS STAY CONNECTED AND INVOLVED.

ONE OF THE THINGS I AM MOST PROUD OF IS HELPING THE SPIRIT EVOLVE VISUALLY AND STRUCTURALLY. I WORKED TO MAKE EACH ISSUE ATTRACTIVE AND EASY TO READ. I ALSO MADE A POINT TO CHECK FACTS AND ALIGN INFORMATION WHEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE SHARED DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE SAME STORY. ACTING AS THAT EXTRA LAYER OF CONSISTENCY NOT ONLY MADE THE PUBLICATION STRONGER BUT ALSO DEEPENED MY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MUCH COORDINATION IT TAKES TO KEEP THE CLUB RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

LOOKING BACK, SERVING AS EDITOR HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES I HAVE HAD IN MAGIC. THE ROLE ALLOWED ME TO MEET EVERYONE, STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES, AND LEARN WHAT MAGICIANS TRULY CARE ABOUT. AS I STEP DOWN THIS MONTH, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES, SENT IDEAS, OR SHOWED THEIR APPRECIATION ALONG THE WAY. YOU ALL HELPED MAKE THE SPIRIT WHAT IT IS TODAY.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT SUSAN MCCLURE HAS NOW TAKEN ON THE EDITOR ROLE. HER ENTHUSIASM, CREATIVITY, AND FRESH PERSPECTIVE WILL SERVE THE SPIRIT WELL. I KNOW THE NEWSLETTER WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE UNDER HER CARE.

FROM HERE ON, I'LL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CURTAIN, CHEERING FROM THE AUDIENCE AND APPRECIATING THE MAGIC THAT CONTINUES TO BRING US TOGETHER.

WITH GRATITUDE,
GARY

2026 GATEWAY

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SHOWS, WORKSHOPS,
DEALERS ROOM

close up

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featuring: A two hour special lecture by
Randy Wakeman & Kevin Kelly

Forty Years Later: A Tribute to Ed Marlo

MARCH 26-28



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*"WHEN WE ENVISIONED THIS EVENT, WE WANTED
TALENT THAT HAS ALWAYS EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS
AND WE WANTED TO HAVE A RELAXED/COMFORTABLE EVENT.
COMFORTABLE IN APPROACHABLE SPEAKERS,
COMFORTABLE WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS FREE TO HELP ONE
ANOTHER AT THE SESSIONING TABLES,
AND A RELAXED SCHEDULE THAT IS NOT OVERWHELMING.
YOUR ROLE IS TO RELAX AND TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP
MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE BETTER. PLEASE AVAIL YOURSELF
OF OVER 400 YEARS OF MAGIC PERFORMING EXPERIENCE.
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY!"*

STEVEN BUESKING & STEVE ZUEHLKE



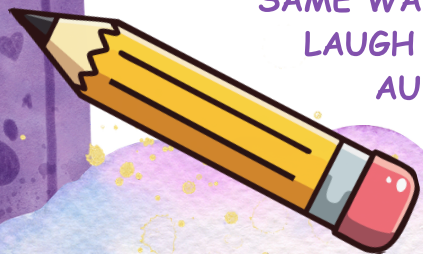
YOUNG MAGICIAN'S PAGE

YOU CAN TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOU HAVE POWERS LIKE A GREAT HYPNOTIST! UPON YOUR COMMAND, AN ORDINARY LEAD PENCIL WILL WRITE ANY COLOR YOU ASK IT TO.



HAVE YOUR FRIEND NAME A COLOR ... RED FOR EXAMPLE ... AND YOU SAY "PENCIL, WRITE RED!" THEN TAKE THE PENCIL IN HAND AND PRINT OUT THE LETTERS OF THE COLOR ... R E D!

• ANY COLOR WILL WORK THE SAME WAY, AND GET A LAUGH FROM YOUR AUDIENCE!



NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE NORTH

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Magic Get-Together**

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of
Eldon Roark

Lecturers:
Losander, Tom Burgoon,
& Rob Thompson

Special Guest: Mike Stratman

Saturday, June 6th at the Hoogland Center for the Arts

Come join us at the best One Day Magic Convention in the World!

Scan for Info!


info at: www.CIMGT.org

Big news! Registration for the 2026 Central Illinois Magic Get-Together is now open!

Everything has been tested and is working great across all major browsers—just note that Safari on Mac isn't cooperating. If you're on a Mac, simply hop over to Opera and you're good to go. If you have any issues, you can contact me at (217) 553-4040

Now, A bit about the convention.

We will be hosting three great lecturers

Losander He'll be teaching some of his incredible effects and sharing stories from his worldwide travels as a leading expert in the art of levitation.

Tom Burgoon - When asked what he'll be lecturing on, Tom said it best: "I haven't decided—but you know it'll be fun and goofy!"

Rob Thompson - Expect a lively session filled with coins, cards, and plenty of surprises from Rob—fun is guaranteed!

Also joining us is Mike Stratman, Past International President of the IBM (2002–2003), who will share the fascinating story behind the Central Illinois Magic Get-Together—its origins, its purpose, and the people who brought it to life.

**DAVID MATRISCH
VICE-PRESIDENT OF RING 239**

