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From left to right: Derrick Rose; Jon Bucher; Jimmy Ross; Marty Haughn; Randall Eller; Jimmy Rhodes; Adrian Steelman; Mike Jones; and Larry Bean

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IN THE NEWS

Cavalcade of Magic 2019

It's time to start preparing to go to the Cavalcade of Magic, March 28-30, 2019. We have some great talent coming this year and plans are shaping up nicely. *David Sandy, Randall Eller, and Duane Laflin* are among our lecturers for this year. We will have our annual auction on Thursday night and will include some items from Marvin Long's collection.

In keeping with the last couple of years, any and all who pre-register will be placed in a drawing for a Free Registration for the next Cavalcade. You can register and pay on PayPal to ibmring75@att.net. Please leave your name and send as a friend. The price is still a low \$75 for the entire family.

You can reserve your rooms at the Best Western, Inn of the Ozarks online or at **800-552-3785**. There are special room rates until the end of February, so reserve your room before then if you can. Be sure and mention IBM Ring 75 Magicians to get the rates.

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Jo Jones, keeping "Rabbit E. Lee in the family!"

President's Corner

by Jo Jones, Ring 29 President

Hello Magician Friends!

Happy New Year! I hope the New Year has gotten off to a great start and that each one included coming to the Ring 29 meetings as a New Year resolution!

The Christmas Show in January received great reviews from magicians and audience members. There are so many to thank!!! Here goes...Derrick Rose for doing a great job as emcee. Walk-around magicians who amazed the audience: Adrian Steelman, Cedric Morley, Marty Haughn, Chris Westfall, Mike Jones, and Jo Jones.

Great performances by our cast: Larry Bean, Jon Bucher, Mike Jones, Jimmy Ross, Marty Haughn (who also created an awesome poster of the show's performers), Adrian Steelman, Jimmy Rhodes, and Randall Eller (who also handled the sound system for the show).

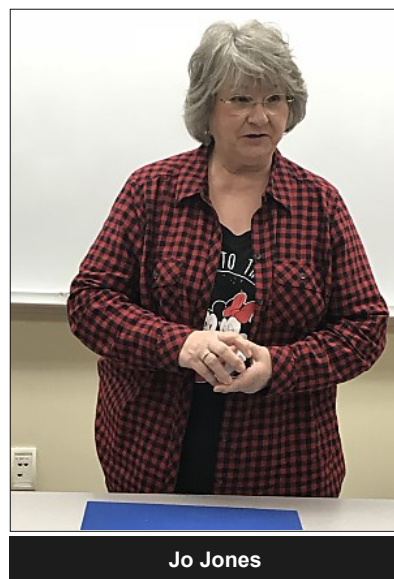
James and Christy Kinsey did a good job collecting money at the door. Aaron Acosta who secured the room and food for the meal.

To those who set-up the meal and helped with clean-up: Janie and Joel Nicholson, Brenda Henson, Susan Bucher and Dee Dee Curtis. Thanks to those who brought desserts! To Joel Nicholson who voiced our prayer before the meal.

Thanks to all who attended and brought guests!!! Jo Jones received the honor of taking Rabbit E. Lee home for a year!!! Of course, she looks forward to adding something to Rabbit E. and showing him off for the next 12 months!

We have plans for having three lecturers over the next few months... March, April, and June. Our first will be Bernardo Sedlacek in March. Watch for details on the website and next newsletter.

Our next meeting will be February 7th! The mini-lecturer will be Marty Haughn, who will be talking to us about Story Telling. Adrian Steelman and Carlos Yang are teaming up to share the emcee spot. It will be a great night for magic, fun, and fellowship!!!



Jo Jones

Next month, we will have Stage Magic Competition. The Board made the recommendation and members voted to limit the participants of the competition to those who are IBM card carrying, paid up to date magicians.

See you in February!

Magically yours,

Jo



Ring 29 Report

by Gary Fambrough, Ring 29 Secretary

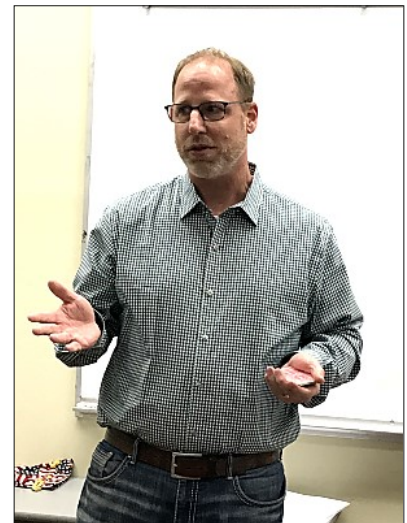
Ring 29 met Saturday, January 12 at 5:00 pm at the Jacksonville Community Center in Jacksonville, AR for our annual Christmas show extravaganza. We had upwards of 80+ members and guests in attendance. Things were started off with a catered BBQ dinner consisting of pork and chicken, slaw, beans, lots of good desserts, and your choice of about 20 soft drinks and tea varieties.

While eating, each table was entertained by walk-around magicians Cedric Morley, Aaron Acosta, Adrian Steelman, Marty Haughn and Jo Jones. It's possible I missed seeing others so I'm sorry if I missed your name. These folks performed for one and a half hours while plates of food were devoured and tummies were filled.

At approximately 6:40 pm our big showcase of magicians began. Derrick Rose was our emcee extraordinaire for the evening and started us off with some fun filled facts like this event is being held on the 75th anniversary of Ring 29! Can you believe it?!! By the way, Derrick can also be found performing magic around the state year round.

Our first performer was **Larry Bean**. He produced a non-stop stream of tissue from his mouth. Did he eat napkins for dinner? Next, he revealed an empty top hat out of which he produced a six sided die after amusing the audience with a great version of the *Die Box*. Larry followed with *Cut and Restored Rope*; and then as if that weren't enough, did the same with a local newspaper!

Professor Dinglehopper (er- Jon Bucher) was up next touting his great magical elixir. Don't know how we got along without it. Apparently you can drink, bathe, and clean your house with this stuff. Not only that, it's great for soaking your ropes and then performing *Professor's Nightmare*. Apparently this elixir comes in various sizes which is great if you have different lengths of rope. I'm sold!



Gary Fambrough

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After Jon Bucher, **Mike Jones** took to the stage. He apparently doesn't suffer from insanity...but rather enjoys every minute of it. Ha-Ha. That said, he threatened to chop off the hand of his young assistant with his very own hand chopper. He was gracious enough to cover the podium with an old newspaper that contained the headline "*Mike Jones Cuts off Girls Hand in Magic Trick*". Luckily only the audience saw that! After demonstrating the sharpness of the blade using a cucumber, he then repeated the blade drop through his assistant's wrist...And magically, it remained intact!

Next up was **Jimmy Ross**. While cleaning up the stage, he ran across a box containing instructions for "*Mystery of the Vanishing Yellow Bandana*". Hilariously, things didn't go quite as the recording suggested because instead of a bandana, he was left to performing using a banana. With all that appeared to be going wrong, magic still prevailed as he vanished the banana just as the bandana should have vanished.

This was a perfect point in the evening for intermission. Several magic items were given out as door prizes courtesy of Jim Henson and his Mr. Magic online store. The annual Rabbit E. Lee was returned by Adrian Steelman who added a Rubik's Cube; and drum roll please...This year's recipient was none other than Jo Jones!

Marty Haughn opened up the second half of our show displaying his mad scientist skills. With a young Seth as his assistant, he magically made bubbles from one soft drink transfer to another in thin air. Selecting another assistant from the audience, he next performed the *Sheer Luck* book test by *Shawn Farquhar*. Actually, we were granted an encore performance as his assistant didn't quite catch on that Marty had a duplicate book. But really, the trick was on us (the audience) because Marty's cheat book was filled with all blank pages! Wow!

Jimmy Rhodes (while in his 20s was the youngest mayor in Arkansas history) made his appearance "clowning" around, big shoes and all, to *Dolly Parton's* rendition of "*Help*" by *the Beatles*. He managed to coax a young lady named Cassidy (and her fiancé) to the stage for a beautiful performance of the egg bag. This act was everything it was "cracked" up to be!

If it's possible for a beautiful routine to be topped by another, we had **Adrian Steelman** up next with his own choreographed version of the "*Zombie Ball*". Adrian incidentally is one of our youngest magicians in the club and actually won 1st place in a local talent competition with this routine. He brings to life an elegant and classic performance reminiscent of Lance Burton. There's lots of talent in this young man.

To round out the evening performances, we welcomed **Randall Eller** to the stage. Not only a great magician, but Randall also contributes his time to the community. He serves as the director of a tutoring program for reading deficient elementary aged children. In keeping with the theme of children, Randall transported us all back to our childhood reminding us of when we played the game of *Tic-Tac-Toe* by presenting square tiles with X's and O's printed on each.

Next, we (the audience) proceeded to play Randall in a game with Randall placing the O's and random audience members selecting where our X's should be placed. Disappointingly, there was no winner in our game as it resulted in a tie. However, when Randall turned the board around, the reverse side of each strategically placed X and O together formed an artistic image with the words "It's Magic!" Picasso couldn't have done it better!

With this, the evening concluded and the curtains were drawn until next year. Ring 29 would like to thank each and every person in attendance for another successful Christmas dinner and show. Add your reminders for next year's event today!

Gary Fambrough

*Editor's Note: I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Angie Fambrough** for taking on the daunting challenge of taking well over 300 photos...at least that is how many she shared with me...I am sure there were many more. And, as always, shutterbug **James Kinsey** shared several photos to include. For this I thank you both.*

I would also like to add that if anyone or if you know of anyone did any sort of video be it from a cell phone or video camera, I would greatly appreciate it if I could get an unedited copy of what you have. Dropbox seems to be the method of easy transferring of files for me. Just send an email link to the file and I will download. Thanks in advance! MH

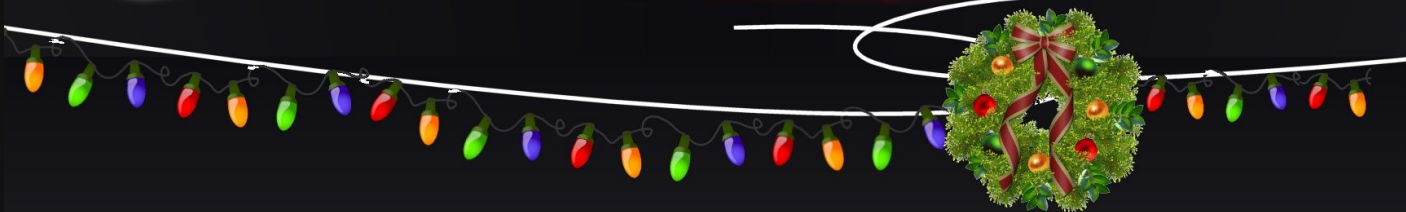
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ADRIAN STEELMAN



CARLOS YANG

January 12, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Community Center
Jacksonville, Arkansas

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23rd Annual Christmas Show



Hello and good evening. My name is Derrick Rose and I am your Master of Ceremonies, welcome to the show. Tonight we have a very special line up of some of the most talented and amazing magicians in Arkansas. This is the 23rd consecutive sold out Ring 29 Christmas Party so give yourselves a big round of applause...and feel free to do that enthusiastically and often throughout the evening.

It is an honor to know and get to introduce this dynamic group of performers as Ring 29 has a proud history.

75 years and one day ago, January 11, 1944, a group of magicians held their first official meeting of Ring 29. At the time they chose to call themselves "The Necromancers".

Logan Pritchett, a professional magician who joined the Ring soon after it was formed, became one of the key Ring members to gain recognition in magic circles outside Arkansas. He traveled extensively performing up to 200 shows annually while also attending conventions and selling magic tricks.

He was instrumental in bringing the annual IBM Convention to Little rock in 1975 when Ring members elected to change the name of the Ring to "Logan Pritchett Ring 29". Today, the Ring goes by the name of "Little Rock Ring 29".



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Larry Bean. Larry is the Territorial Vice President for the Arkansas International Brotherhood of Magicians. Larry is a seasoned performer, a gifted Master of Ceremonies and hails from Paris, Arkansas. Even though Larry is a member of IBM Rings 308 in Searcy and Ring 75 in Fort Smith, he has strongly supported Ring 29 and is a good friend to many of its members.

Larry says a friend is someone who will help you move and a good friend will help you move the body.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Jon Bucher has been a performing magician for over 40 years. He has won too many awards for his performing and entertaining skills to list. His résumé ranges from costarring in the syndicated TV series *"Theater of Magic"*, appearances at the *Merv Griffin Theater* in *Players Casino* and corporate and private parties.

His wit is so sharp that he once cut his own tongue during a show and despite the bandage finished with only a slight lisp...let us pause now for a word from our sponsor.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Mike Jones got involved in magic at age 8 when asked to assist a well known female magician of the early 1950s, Dell O'Dell. Mike has been hooked ever since. He began his magic career performing at children's birthday parties and expanded his show to accommodate schools, churches, community and corporate events.

Mike's favorite style of magic is comedy because he enjoys making people laugh. He has assured me he doesn't suffer from insanity...he enjoys every minute of it.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Jimmy Ross has been performing magic for approximately 15 years. He lives in Little Rock, performs at parties, church events, country clubs and does the occasional walk-around gig.

Jimmy has always loved to bring joy to people through laughter. He once told me that if God is watching us the least we could do is be entertaining.

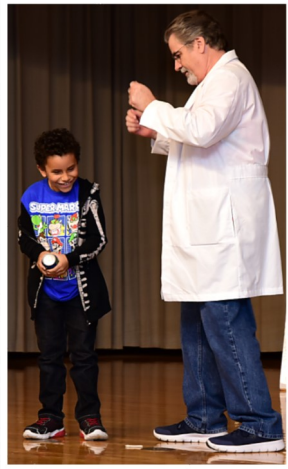


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Marty Haughn is a former *Marine Dragon Weapons System Gunner* who started performing magic with a *Munsters* themed magic kit he received on his 11th birthday. He got serious about magic around the age of 18 and at 23 performed his first stage magic show for about 250 members of the Indiana Army National Guard.

Marty is not only a performer but also a teacher. As a teacher Marty admits the magic is cool and a lot of fun but the real magic is taking time to learn about other magicians, their works, and understanding just how important their works are to your magic.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Jimmy Rhodes is an award-winning magician, mortician and former Mayor of Augusta, Arkansas. He was in his mid-twenties when elected which made him the youngest mayor in the state at the time (and possibly in history).

He is a collector of wrestling memorabilia and his Dad had a pet mule who he'd drink beer with.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Our next performer is 15 year old Adrian Steelman. He is a sophomore at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Tonight you will get to see the act that won their annual talent show. Adrian's first love is close-up magic but is equally comfortable performing on stage.



23rd Annual Christmas Show



Randall Eller has been performing as a full-time magician for over 30 years in the United States and Canada. He has won numerous awards and was featured on the European Television Series "Magic and Beyond".

Randall's clients include *FedEx*, *Bally's Casino*, *Kellogg's International*, *Shell Oil*, *Walmart* and *Diavek Diamond Mine* in the Northwest Territory of Canada.

For the past five years he has been the director of a tutoring program whose focus is helping children who are reading below grade-level Kindergarten through 3rd grade.





Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

This month we will look back 20 years to the February, 1999 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jim Henson and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring meets monthly at the Baptist Medical Center, Room 20. It was an exciting time for the Ring.

“Work continued at our February meeting on the 1999 I.B.M. Convention in Little Rock. Dan Hecke is taking ads for the program. Damon Reinbold discussed his conversations with the national convention organizers. The Ring members gathered for a group picture to be placed in the convention program.

We held our largest magic auction at the February meeting. Forty members were in attendance. Over 100 items were put up for auction. Part of our proceeds will go toward our convention efforts.”

This was a short report but as mentioned previously it was an exciting time for the Ring because not only was everyone able to grab some great magic bargains at the auction, but excitement was growing about the developments toward having the I.B.M. convention at Little Rock. Watch for more reports on convention progress in reports to come!

Until next time, don't let the things of the past slip away, because they remind us of how we got to where we are today.

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and Dan Hecke, Ring 29 Stage Magician of the Year. Congratulations also to Bill Pitts, Past International President of the I.B.M. and now the recipient of the Lifetime Member Award of Ring 29. This selection to the exclusive Lifetime Member organization is only by nomination of the Lifetime Members group and subsequent election by the Ring board of directors.

We had many guests in the crowd and we always welcome them to share in our festivities and we welcome you anytime you're in our area. Magic flourishes in Ring 29." The food and magic flowed generously at that year's Christmas party and, as always, everyone went away filled and entertained. This year's party also promises to be outstanding, so don't miss it!

Until next time, don't forget, the past may seem like old news but it can be made fresh again whenever you choose.







Upcoming Lecturers

Bernardo Sedlacek *March 19, 2019*



Bernardo Sedlacek is known by his strong card magic, creativity, style, and extreme card skills. He began in magic at the age of nine. Considered one of the best card magicians in Brazil, he has performed in many countries including USA, Australia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay and a few others, acting side by side and fooling the most known and brilliant minds in magic, such as Michael Vincent, Alex Pandrea, Woody Aragon, Bill Malone, Lennart Green and many others.

Twitter Post:

"I highly recommend this extremely skilled, talented and personable young man. Bernardo Sedlacek gave an outstanding lecture to IBM Ring 117 in West Palm Beach. He is a current and future superstar! Any club or venue would be wowed and proud to have him perform."

Dr. David Boltson
IBM Ring 117
West Palm Beach, FL



Scott Alexander *April 26, 2019*

Scott Alexander is funny, likeable, and his charm appeals to a wide range of people. His amazing magic reached millions on this season of NBC's America's Got Talent where he advanced all the way with his large stage illusions.

With articles in People Magazine and Nations Business Magazine, the Oprah Show took notice and Scott was invited by Oprah Winfrey to make guest appearance on her popular TV program.

Scott had the honor of headlining on the Las Vegas Strip at Caesars Palace for over seven years and four thousand performances of large grand illusions mixed with light-hearted stand-up comedy magic.

Alexander's groundbreaking creativity caught the eye of Norwegian Cruise Lines and they commissioned Scott to create, direct the magic, and star in "Elements," a million dollar stage spectacular. It is currently their most popular show and is in production on five ships.

Scott's magic has been featured on The SiFi Channel, Discovery Channel, NBC, Showtime, He has opened for comedians like Dennis Miller and as a creator and innovator of illusions, his ideas are utilized in performances by other magical luminaries, most notably Penn & Teller.



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Ring 29 Meetings 2018-2019

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Emcee
Aug 1, 2018	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Invisible Deck	Jim Henson	No Emcee Needed
Sep 6, 2018	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Jim-Card Cube Tear & Restore Napkin	Jim Henson	Jo Jones
Oct 4, 2018	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Book Tests Halloween Magic	Dan Hecke	Mike Jones
Nov 1, 2018	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Emceeing Effectively	Jon Bucher	Jim Henson
Dec 6, 2018	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Impromptu Magic	Dane Dover	Jon Bucher
Jan 12, 2019	Christmas Show	Jacksonville Community	Walk-Around Stage Magic	N/A	Derrick Rose
Feb 7, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Storytelling	Marty Haughn	Adrian Steelman Carlos Yang
Mar 7, 2019	Stage Competition	Baptist Sheffield Auditorium	Stage Magic **	Blayk Puckett	Blayk Puckett
Apr 4, 2019	Auction	Baptist Sheffield Auditorium	Auction	Dan Hecke Auctioneer	Dan Hecke
May 2, 2019	Close-Up Competition	Baptist Sheffield Auditorium	Close-Up Magic **	Cedric Morely	Cedric Morely
Jun or ? 2019	Installation	TBA	Officers will Perform	Larry Bean, TVP Installation Officer	Larry Bean

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Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

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Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.



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