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Wayne Houchin Lecture Scheduled for August 3rd



The very creative and inspiring magician **Wayne Houchin** will be lecturing at the August 3rd meeting. Synthesis Magazine has this to say about Houchin: "The more you pay attention to what he's doing, the more you can't help but think you are watching something extraordinary in the making." He was a consultant on the national television series "Criss Angel: Mindfreak" and agreed to allow a few of his original pieces of magic to be performed on the show and subsequently shot a DVD of his impromptu signed quarter through soda can, Sinful, with Angel.

He released the groundbreaking international best selling DVD's Stigmata and Indecent, and is one of the founders for Theory11.com – the groundbreaking new online resource for magicians. Houchin has helped to revolutionize the art of teaching magic on video. Houchin has spent his time developing his own effects and perfecting them in front of audiences across the country.

The lecture is free to paid-up Ring 50 members, all other magicians \$15 at the door.



The Great Zucchini to Lecture at Ring 50 – September 7, 2011

The Great Zucchini (Eric Knaus), Washington's funniest and most magical PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN entertainer will give a lecture at I.B.M. Ring 50 on September 7, 2011

At 8:00 PM following a brief Ring meeting.

The Great Zucchini has been entertaining young children as a magician and preschool teacher. He performs his hands-on, interactive magic shows for more than 400 groups a year. His experience, coupled with his gentle nature and wacky facial expressions, makes kids immediately feel comfortable and ready to laugh. He will have you laughing at the gags he does to entertain toddlers. We each have different styles, but it does come down to keeping the kid's attention and keeping control.

If you are a children's entertainer, this is a lecture you will want to attend. There is a lot to be learned from studying Eric's approach to entertaining young children.

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Colombini's Lecture at SAM 252

Aldo and Rachel Colombini presented a great lecture at SAM 252 on June 16, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Fairfax. There were about 20 Ring 50 members attending the lecture along with many SAM 252 members.

The Colombini's have travelled extensively for many years (in over 60 countries) and their lives have been enriched beyond all measures by the people they have met and the places they have visited. The SAM 252 lecture was another stop on their final lecture tour. They will still be attending the odd magic conventions around the world.



Aldo and Rachel Colombini

A note from the Colombini's

Dear friends in magic, Rachel and Aldo Colombini here.

We are in the middle of our farewell tour and everywhere we go, the rumor is: that at the end of the tour we will leave the United States and we will go back to our countries. We have no idea who started this rumor nor why. It is FALSE and NOTHING IS FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH We are NOT going back to Europe, we are NOT retiring.

We will just stop TOURING (meaning that we will not stay on the road for weeks or months. After her open heart surgery Rachel's heart needs a rest and Aldo is getting too old to go around like a globe-trotter!). However, we will continue

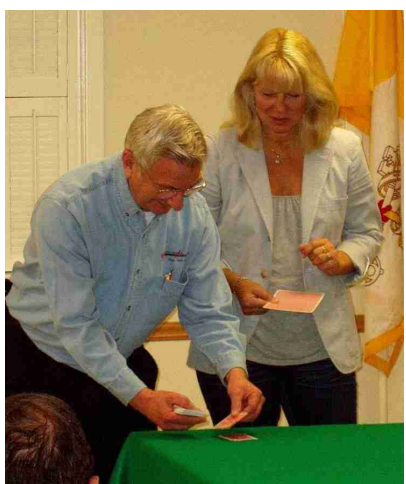
producing DVDS, tricks and e-books and we will continue living in the United States. So please spread the true around! Thanks for all your support and friendship.

Best always,
Aldo and Rachel Colombini.
WildColombini.com

Here are some pictures from the Wild Colombini Lecture at SAM 252 in Fairfax, VA.



Dr. Arnold Levin, Rachel Colombini, and Bert Udovin.



Bob Patterson & Rachel Colombini



Ring 50 President Danny Selnick and Aldo Colombini.



Theo Rushin and Rachel.



John Roberts and Rachel



Bob Patterson, Aldo, Rachel, and Nancy Patterson

Membership

Have YOU brought a prospective member to the meeting?

They must be interested in magic and be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Applications are available from the Treasurer, Bob Patterson.



Ring 50 Members Found Wandering Around the I.B.M. Convention at Dallas TX, June 27 – July 2, 2011

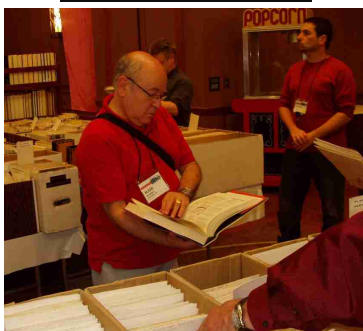


Winton Carroll

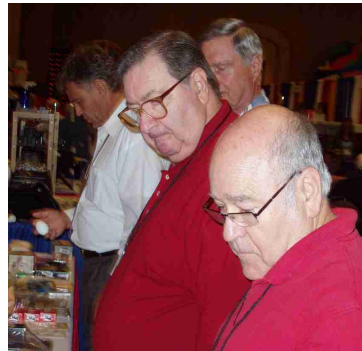
Ring 50 received this from Emma Carroll, Winton Carroll's widow about the article on the *Humorous Magician* contest in the June issue of the *Magi-Gram*.

"Thank You! What a nice surprise! Really liked the *MAGI-GRAM*. Very good coverage of all the special humor programs. Very thoughtful of you to think of me and take the time to send the paper. I really appreciate it. I'm sorry I couldn't attend. Gratefully, Em"

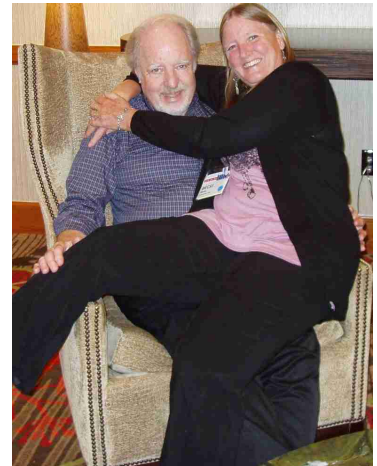
You must be an active member of I.B.M. to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301



Augie Arnstein shopping for a book,



Bud Smith and Augie Arnstein, trying to decide what to buy.



Becki and Dr. Bill Wells relaxing while waiting for the lecture doors to open.



Becki Wells and Reggie Rice at the convention closing party.



Bob Patterson and Reggie Rice at the dinner and cabaret show



Order of Merlin Excalibur (over 50 years of membership in the I.B.M.)



Bob Patterson and Norfolk Mermaid.

Coming Events



**Sea the Magic
Norfolk**

**July 3-7
2012**

**Marriott Hotel – Norfolk VA
July 3 thru July 7, 2012**

Watch this column for more information about the 2012 I.B.M. Convention to be held in Norfolk Virginia, July 3-7, 2012.

There will be big evening stage shows! Optional is an exciting banquet and cabaret show. Learn from the best in the business with a stellar line-up of lectures and great close-up shows, fantastic youth activities and events are in the works, and some great new activities for spouses, and the Order of Merlin. Of course experience 'dealer's room' with expected 40 vendors. And you'll see the Gold Medal and Gold Cups Contests - often regarded as the best-run contest in magic!

Soon you will be able to register at the I.B.M. website www.Magician.Org or see the I.B.M. International Registration Chairman, Bob Patterson.



S.A.M. Pittsburg

The Society of American Magicians will be hosting the North American Championship of Magic as an integral part of its annual four day convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 13-16, 2011. The convention will be holding up to six contests of magic to accommodate the 50 contestants who will be selected to compete for the title of North American Champion of Magic. Multiple winners across six categories of magic will be

guaranteed a position if they wish to compete at the FISM World Championship of Magic to be held in Blackpool, England, in July 2012. Future S.A.M. Conventions are scheduled for: 2012 Las Vegas NV, 2013 Arlington VA.

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

2011	
Aug 3Wayne Houchin Lecture
Sep 7The Great Zucchini
Oct 5Magical Teach-In
Nov 2TBA
Dec 7 TBA

Join Us at the Buffet in August

We have had a very good relationship with the Management of the Holiday Inn. They give us the meeting room free in return for our members eating at the Eisenhower Station Restaurant in the hotel. The restaurant justifiably expects those to whom it gives meeting space to USE its dining facilities.



Over the last few months hotel management has noted the Ring 50 attendance at the dining room has dwindled. This may jeopardize our relationship for the free meeting room. The people at the Holiday Inn have been more than courteous to us. Members are encouraged to make a concerted effort to eat dinner at the Restaurant. So come to the meeting at 6:30, have a nice meal in the dining room, chat with the other members, and then attend the Ring 50 meeting. See more info on page 6.

Magicians' Alliance of Eastern States

The MAES 2011 Convention will be, September 1-3, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, 2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002. See www.maesonline.org for more information.



RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

I.B.M. Ring 50 meets the first Wednesday of each month (except July) at the **Holiday Inn I-95 at Telegraph Rd., Alexandria, Virginia.**

- Easy access from all parts of the DC metro area.
- Across a parking lot from Metro (Yellow Line - Eisenhower Ave.)
- Full service restaurant with entrees from \$7.00 and up - The hotel has added a one-price buffet for our convenience
- Full bar that welcomes members to perform before and after the meeting. (We can perform in the restaurant, too.)



AUGUST MEETING

**Wednesday,
August 3, 2011**
HOLIDAY INN
Alexandria, VA
6:00 Cocktails
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Meeting



Presidents Corner - Survey

President Danny Selnick requests that you complete the following survey to help you enjoy and gain magical experience from I.B.M. Ring 50. Please print and complete the form and mail to: Danny Selnick, 7121 Devonshire Road, Alexandria VA 22307-1816. Or bring it to the August 3rd meeting. THANKS!

1 -- Are you happy with the mix of lectures and member performances offered by Ring 50?

Yes

No

If not, what types of venues would you like to see added or deleted? Is there any special lecturer or member performance you'd like to see in particular?

2 -- Do you drive or take Metro to attend meetings? How long is your commute?

Drive _____

Metro _____

Less than 30 minutes _____

More than 30 minutes, but less than one hour _____

More than one hour _____

3 -- Would you like to see an informal quickie "teach -in" 15 minutes before each meeting --where one magic technique would be taught -- cards (false cuts, shuffles) or coin manipulation, etc.?

Yes If yes, what would you like to see _____

Would you be willing to volunteer and for what technique? _____

No

4 -- Would you like to see a "Members -only" section on the Ring 50 Web site that has a photo and a mini-bio about each member? (Of course, we'd need to have a volunteer to create the page and have it password protected).

Yes

No

5 -- Please check off your level of interest in magic:

Beginner

Intermediate/Hobbyist, with varying skills and interests

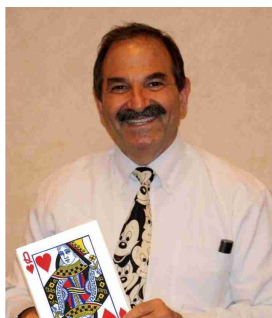
Part-time professional

Full-time professional

Collector

6 -- Any other suggestions/concerns? _____

More from the Presidents Corner



President Danny Selnick

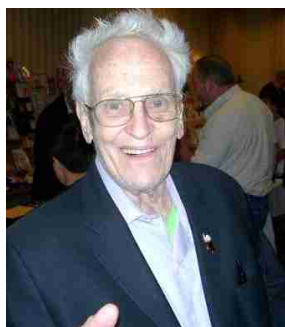
The Holiday Inn Restaurant. Everyone knows that Ring 50 is "given" our meeting space, provided members dine at the Holiday Inn restaurant. Past-president, and now Secretary, Arnie Fuoco and I have been working hard with the restaurant's manager, Ali, to improve the dining experience for members and to have it become again the "meet-up" place before our regular meetings. Fact is that the number of restaurant staff is minimal and with that there are certain limitations in service. While ordering off the menu is an option, members are strongly advised to select the buffet because wait times otherwise can be 30-40 minutes -- so plan accordingly.

We've asked Ali to improve the menu and to give members a sense of what items can be expected at the buffet -- typically two main dishes, a few sides and salad. When Ali gives us advance notice of what will be served, we'll let you know by email. Here are some of the items that the restaurant is equipped to prepare at one point or another.

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| (1) Baked Chicken | (8) Rice pilaf |
| (2) Beef Tips or Beef stew | (9) Mac & Cheese |
| (3) Baked or Fried Fish | (10) Vegetables (steamed or sautéed) |
| (4) Pork Loin | (11) Salad |
| (5) Spaghetti and Sauce | (12) Dessert |
| (6) Lasagna | (13) Bread, butter |
| (7) Potatoes (baked or mashed) | |

NOTE: prices may change slightly depending on what items are served. Beverage choices not included in menu price.

Bob Little's Super Sunday a Hit!



Bob Little's Super Sunday One-Day Mini Magic Convention. Everyone had a great time at Bob Little's Super Sunday on June 12, 2011. The auction had tons of great stuff including several very large illusions. Martini, the auctioneer, and the support team kept a rapid pace for 2 hours auctioning the items. Losander presented the lecture and the dealers followed with some of the latest magic items. The evening show was great. Nineteen year old Matt Schick was the MC and did a super job keeping the show on track. Losander amazed everyone with his levitations. Calvin Tam from Florida had been practicing card and CD manipulations during the past year but he still has the flashes to overcome. New York street performer, Kozmo, gave a great comedy street magician routine that had the audience in belly laughs. Eric Wilzic, also from New York and also 19 years old, presented some impressive illusions on the small stage. Another fun time put together by Bob Little and Mike Miller.



S.A.M. Past National President Hank Moorehouse Dies

S.A.M. Past National President Hank Moorehouse passed away July 1 while touring in China. Hank had an impact on so many lives. He passed away doing what he loved to do. He was in China on a magic tour and was giving the performers their notes when he collapsed. The family was told he did not suffer. Hank's seven year old granddaughter, Lottie Beth, asked if Grandpa was doing magic for the angels in heaven. We are certain he is entertaining them all. We can picture him sitting around a table with Duke Stern, Jay Marshall and other friends. We do not have any other details at this time.