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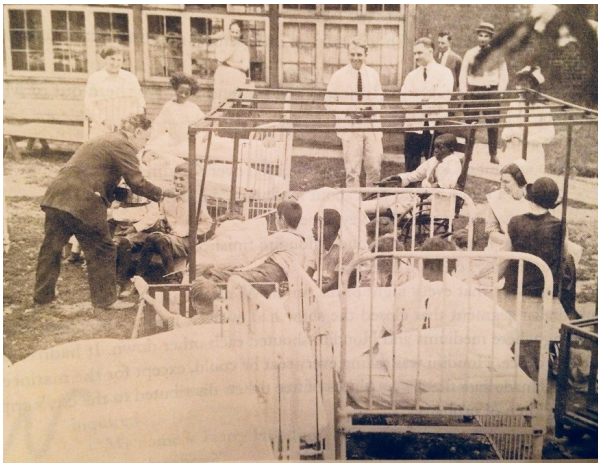


A Few Words from the President

Jeffrey Day - President

How To Be A Generous Magician

When you think of Harry Houdini, most of us think of him shackled in chains and hanging upside down 9 stories above a spellbound crowd. For those who aren't magicians, they also think of him drowning to death in the famous Chinese Water Torture Cell. The movie studio, Paramount, thought that was a better ending of the famous magician rather than having him die from a ruptured appendix in a hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Although it was well known that Houdini had a bit of an enlarged ego, it did not prevent him from being generous to others. There are many stories of him donating his time visiting medical facilities showing some magic to those who were sick and infirmed. Throughout history there are instances of magicians that have gone to hospitals to entertain and lift the spirits of patients who needed some uplifting. Houdini was just one of those great performers who didn't think it was beneath him to give his time to those who would benefit from his visit. I'm sure many of us never think of someone like Houdini in this way.



When children were too ill to attend his show, he brought the show to them.

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday—Vice President

Fellow Ring 16 Members: We are looking forward, if you have not heard, to hosting Nathan Coe Marsh for a Lecture later in the summer, Aug.27th,to be exact. Check him out on Penguin Magic, and his accomplishments. This is going to be news, even great news, for you, as I have been contacted by Scott Wells to Host none other than Bill Wisch in October, the week before Halloween. Mr. Wisch is a protégé of Slydini, and he is the only Magician to have written permission to teach Mr. Slydini's effects. Mr. Wisch has been performing Magic professionally for 48 years, and has won multiple awards in Magic. He is proud that at least 98% of the routines he performs are of his own creation. I have talked with him by E-Mail, and he is looking forward to this tour, and hopefully coming to see us. I also let him know that we have a lot of Mentalists in our group, and he believes that those of us that perform Mentalism will get a lot from this lecture. Everyone, this is a great opportunity for all of us, and he is only charging the basic \$250.00,plus lodging. I will be sending out more on this, however, if you want to let me know Yes, No, or you want more information, at your convenience, E-Mail me at wcdmagic@bellsouth.net. I hope you and yours had a great Memorial Day, the official start of summer, and have a great summer. Don't forget in July, have your Magic and Mentalism ready to sell, and or buy, as we have our Annual auction then! Thanks for your time! Looking forward to seeing you next week!

Bill Canaday. ♦♣♥♠

RING 16 MAY MEETING

Tuesday June 4th - 7pm

Memphis Botanic Garden

MENTAL EFFECTS and Mentalism !

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In 1982, David Copperfield created "Project Magic", where teams of magicians would go into hospitals and other therapy facilities and teach magical techniques to therapists who would then teach these same methods to patients. Copperfield envisioned that these techniques would have a positive effect physically and mentally on the patients. He was right.

If you are out in public and see a group of kids that look bored, (and I have seen lots of them) there is your chance to walk over and show them a trick. It doesn't have to be a world-shattering illusion. But, if you have a coin in your pocket, that's all you need. If you don't know a coin trick – learn one! You might surprise yourself how powerful magic really is when you vanish that coin, then see the look on their faces. Try it and see!

By the way, did you know that Houdini had FIVE siblings?



(l to r) Nat, William, Harry, Dash, Leopold, Gladys

Here in the approaching month of JUNE are some notable American magicians whose birthdays fall in this month –

June 01 1939 Eugene Burger
June 12, 1962 Rocco Silano
June 13, 1939 Siegfried Fischbacher
June 14, 1956 Val Valentino
June 14, 1874 Charles Joseph Carter
June 15, 1973 Neil Patrick Harris
June 16, 1954 Richard Turner
June 16, 1986 Rich Manley
June 25, 1956 Michel Ammar
June 30, 1934 Harry Blackstone, Jr.

Hope your Summer is a magical one! ♦♣♥♠

May Business Meeting - Kathy Kalagias, Secretary

The May meeting of Ring 16 was very well attended. Our President Jeffrey Day led the meeting. We discussed upcoming lecture by Nathan Coe Marsh, and cancelled Dan Fleshman lecture. Chad Engelbert told us about Jared Kopf's upcoming informal lecture/seminar. We also discussed that Larry Hass will have a Penguin Live download available on May 13th. In our ongoing discussions, the members of Ring 16 seem interested in making our a Ring a joint IBM/SAM assembly. The next step will be to take a vote on this idea. Jeff Day reminder everyone that he host Magic Jams every other Monday night. Larry DuFrene, Treasurer, presented his financial report which had no changes since last month. Several of our Ring 16 members performed this past month! Grayson Smith performed at the VA Hospital for a volunteer appreciation event, and will be performing at the Botanic Gardens and Truck Wednesdays. Magic Brunch at the Railgarten popular event at a local hot spot. We have a group of members who perform regularly there. The next Magic Brunch is May 26th. Jeffrey Day is working on the 16 Days of Magic to help us promote Ring 16 and also to give the magic to our local community. Jeff will also be hosting a Magic Summer Camp July 8th through 12th for boys and girls ages 8-14. Later in July "The Mesmerist" will return to the historic Woodruff-Fontaine House.

We had several guests! Aston, Don Berry's grandson attended, as did our friend Margarette LeClair from Little Rock. Ernie Williamson also appeared. Brian Staron just moved to the area, and attended this meeting. Brian went to high school in Dyersburg with Jeffrey Day. They use to perform together as "Sigmund & Leroy." Brian brought a lot of Magic Tshirts to sell. He then gave \$2.00 of each shirt sold to the club. The theme of the meeting was Magic That Mother Would Love...and Mentalism. Chad Engelbert performed "torn and restored napkins". Martin Seiler did a card trick with Bill Canaday. Jeff did a signed Gregory Wilson rubik's cube trick with Aston and other guests. Our guest Brian Steron did some magic for us with Ashton, Margarette, and Richard Hiller. Grayson did a magic necklace routine. Margarette did a beautiful napkin rose mother's day routine. Jeff did his trick "State Mind" with Brian Steron.

Looking forward to more magic at next month's meeting. If you are in the Memphis area the first Tuesday of the month, we would love for you to join us after the business of the meeting is taken care of. We love to have visitors!

Upcoming Lectures:

Nathan Coe Marsh — August 27th

MAY MAGIC PHOTOS
Grayson Smith and Larry DuFrene

