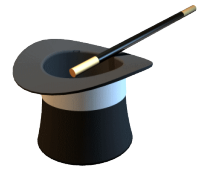


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## From the President by Forrest Chapman

I would like to start by offering official congratulations to our close up contest winners. First place for the second year in a row is Richie B, second place is Professor Rem, and third place is Mike Scanzello. I believe we ended up having 10 contestants. We will be giving out awards for both the close up and stage contests at our annual auction in January.

This gives me the perfect opportunity to promote our auction. The auction is only as good as we make it. You know you have tons of old vhs tapes or DVDs that you NEVER watch any more. You know you have tons of books that you don't read any more. You know that you have sock drawer magic or even larger items that you just don't use any more. However, there are other fellows and ladies at our club who would. You have every kind of trick deck in the world and only use two of them. You have stacks of magic magazines that you need to get rid of to make room for 2008's subscriptions. So bring a bag or 10 of stuff and some cash and it will be a blast.

For this month, I am just going to ask for help. Unless I get help in some areas, I'm not going to be able to remain president of our club. But I do feel like I learned a lot by making a lot of mistakes. So if we can get help in some areas, I will make a whole bunch of new mistakes. But I will do my best to improve in many areas.

Current needs for our club for 2009:

- A refreshment person - I haven't heard from Corey in quite a while. I hope and pray all is well for him. However, we do need a re-

freshment person - someone who will bring a variety of sodas, cups, ice, and cookies or something comparable.

- Someone to take the initiative to organize an IBM Ring #6 directory. If someone could get names, addresses, phone numbers, email, and websites for our members, it would make contacting each other a snap.

- Someone to call the meeting to order - I really hate doing this and prefer not to. I need someone who doesn't mind being a little mean and hushing people up.

- Someone to organize the teach-a-trick. I have let this fall by the wayside and I take responsibility for that. I apologize. It would be easier for me to get someone to do this for me.

- A think tank committee. This will not be an official or elected position, but I would like someone who is in their teens, someone in their 20's or 30's, someone in their 40's or 50's, and someone 60 or above. I would like people to bounce ideas off of that would represent every age group in our club.

- Finally, there is an area that everyone needs to help in. Several people wrote on the survey that a great need of the club is new members. This is an area in which we all need to help. Tell people about the club, invite people to the club, and do some brainstorming as to how we can do some recruiting. I am very much open to ideas and suggestions. I feel like of all the things I have done wrong as president, this is one area where I have not failed. Off the top of my head, I came up with 6 members that I recruited for 2007, and

many more that were able to visit. I need a lot of help in this area.

If you can help in any of these areas, please consider it, think about it, and if you decide you would like to do this, please let me know.



## November Ring Report

By Dave Kelly

November 2007 Ring 6 Report

President Forrest Chapman went to great lengths to make our annual Close-Up Contest one of the best yet. To make it true Close-Up, Forrest set up three tables around the hall, with about 10 seats at each table. Everyone kept score on sheets with categories for presentation, skill, entertainment, etc. About 10 members competed for the awards, and a guest or two performed.

Professor Rem opened with a Scam: A 4 card monte. Three of the cards had normal backs, one had red number eights all over it. Then the red eights turned blue, then green, then yellow. The faces of the cards

changed, then all of the backs turned red! Rem showed how to do a perfect tear of a paper napkin that resulted in a perfect circle. When the torn piece was opened, it was instead a star! Mike Scanzello produced a bottle opener and then a full bottle of orange soda from his shoe! He then executed a beautiful torn and re-stored signed playing card. Great stuff!

Visitor Joshua Mosado had a nice Linking Ring routine with 5 inch rings and some amazing links that took place in a volunteer's hand. Great handling of a classic! Reba Strong began with her version of the Han Ping Chien coin effect, where one coin invisibly joins two others in her hands. She then showed off her "Nothing Machine", actually a miniature Pom-Pom trick. She finished with a display of card versatility. She made a fan of cards grow smaller, then return to normal size. She placed four Aces into the deck and then reproduced them with a series of one-handed cuts!

Young magician Yoseph showed his prowess with a nice Professor's Nightmare, then skill and mature presentation skills with a Coin Matrix, where four coins magically jumped under different playing cards on the table. David Hale showed off his skills with cards. A spectator chose a deck for him to use, then selected a card from the deck. Dave then brought out a sealed deck, and the selected card appeared in this deck face up! Then all of the cards in the sealed deck changed to the selected card!

Another young magician, Dennis, showed great skill with a rope effect. The rope had two ends, then

three, then four! It then turned into a loop with no ends! Some of the magic took place when Dennis placed the ropes into the hands of a spectator! He then did a stand-up version of Cups and Balls! Ralph Armstrong dazzled with a series of card effects. He produced aces from shuffled card packets, had a volunteer (me!) help and pick out piles that now had only single suits in each pile! All without a single "funny" move or sleight (that I could see!).

Richie B amazed with great patter and a single silver dollar that soon multiplied into four coins. The coins vanished one by one, then reappeared inside of a coin purse that he had shown empty at the start of the routine. He finished with a card effect: A card selected by a volunteer. Richie shuffled it into the deck. Then he drew a card onto the back of a card. He showed us the drawing, but it was not the selected card! No problem for Richie - a drawing of the selected card rose from the first drawing on the back of the card. Wow!

With help from several of us, Forrest tabulated the results.

Ring #6 Close Up Winners for 2007: Richi B, First Place; Professor Rem (Jerry Reminicki) Second Place; Mike Scanzello, Third Place.

Dave Kelly



## Members in the News

Recently David Hale took a vacation with his wife Janet to China. During the trip they took a cruise on the Yangtze River and David was able to perform during the cruise.

He did his favorite rope trick for the passengers and crew. He amazed them and they all had a very good time.

Following his performance the cruise director asked David if he would please teach the ship's magician some magic. The ship's magician was a young waiter on the ship who doubled as a magician in the cruise ship shows. He was a delightful young man and was fairly new to magic.

You would think that magic would be easy to acquire in China, not the case at all. So David taught him the Professor's Nightmare, a couple of good card tricks, some coin effects and sponge balls. At the end of the lesson, David also gave the ship's magician all the magic he had brought on the trip to keep him going. He is truly a magic ambassador.



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## Submit Articles to "The Apparition"

The Apparition is your newsletter as much as it is any other member's of Ring 6. We encourage you to submit your ideas, articles, tricks and anything else that you may think of to make it better for all. It is a big job to create the entire newsletter all alone every month. I am happy to do it, but all of your voices will make it more enjoyable to the membership. Feel free to bring your articles to any Ring 6 meeting and I will include them in the next issue. You can also email your content to me at :

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(610) 692-0275

The newsletters are going to be published two weeks prior to each meeting. This will allow time for the post

office to deliver them to the recipients that receive them through the mail. That means that the deadline for any contributions from the members is the last Monday of the month. Articles that are submitted after that date will be placed in the following issue.

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