



# VMC magic newsletter

News and information for the members of the Victoria Magic Circle — Ernie Crockford Ring #183

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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETINGS

### HAPPY VALENTINES! TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIA MAGIC CIRCLE!

The January 2003 meeting of the Victoria Magic Circle was held on Tuesday, January 7/03 at the Langford Fire Hall. There were 18 members and 4 guests present.

Guests included: Kirklan Lum (1); Che McNabb (3); David Jackson (3); and Ray Parker (1). It was great to see David Calvert (out of town member, from England) at this meeting too.

We have two magic lecturers coming up in the very near future. Tim Ellis and Sue Anne Webster are

scheduled to lecture at the Langford Fire Hall on Monday, February, 3/03. David Regal is booked on Tuesday, March 4/03, also at the Langford Fire Hall. See Page two for more details under "Magic Lectures".

We covered last minute details about our annual Dinner/Show at the Edelweiss Hall.

Don't forget about our Annual Auction which is slated for Tuesday, February 4/03, at the Langford Fire Hall. Mike Brough will be the auctioneer for the night, so you know you will have a fun time! Please bring all your "old" magic that you no longer use to sell **and** \$\$ to buy magic! Mike reminds us to bring a pen, paper, and paper bags. He requested those selling

magic items should arrive by 6:15pm and have all your articles listed in duplicate.

Librarian Ed Siva-White reported the magic books that was purchased from the money donated by the Wansborough Family are now ready for borrowing. Ed made new inserts for these books.

### FEBRUARY 2003 meeting:

As already mentioned, on Tuesday, February 4th, 2003, in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, Teaching Table, Focus, Mini Lecture and Showtime Activity time slots... we will be having our annual magic auction at the Langford Fire Hall.

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- Magic Lecture by Tim Ellis and Sue-Anne Webster – Feb. 3/03, starting at 7:00pm.
- The next magic meeting of our VMC will be held on Monday, February 4/03, at 7:30pm, at the Langford Fire Hall (Auction Night).
- Next Round Table – February 17/03 at the Langford Fire Hall.
- Variety Show featuring the magic of Murray & Teresa Hatfield and the comedy of Marty Putz at the S.J. Willis Auditorium starting at 7:00pm!
- David Regal Lecture on March 4/03.

## MAGIC LECTURES . . .

The next Magic Lecture will be held on Monday, February 3/03, at the Langford Fire Hall. Starting at 7:00pm. A couple of Australia's favourite magicians, Tim Ellis and Sue-Anne Webster will present their hit lecture "Ellis In Wonderland". They specialize in close up, comedy, illusion shows, and product launches for corporate and private events. Tim has won over twenty awards and is world renown for his highly original and entertaining twists on the classics of magic. As a result, his is the only Australian ever to win TWICE in FISM. Sue-Anne has performed drama professionally in theatre, film, television, and is trained in

mime, puppetry and Latin Dancing. Cost is \$15 for members (\$25 for non).

David Regal is scheduled at the Langford Fire Hall on Tuesday, March 4/03, **right after** the regular meeting. Again, in lieu of our many regular activities... we will have the lecture starting around 8:00pm.

David Regal was named Lecturer of the Year 2003 by the Academy of Magical Arts.

In addition to being a frequent performer at Hollywood's Magic Castle, he is a professional television writer who has written for programs ranging from Rugrats

(Head Writer) to Everybody loves-Raymond.

His two hour lecture covers a wide breadth of close-up magic. In addition to effects utilizing the standard cards and coins, his work also features borrowed finger rings, cups and balls, wood beads, mental mysteries and more.

Effects will be drawn from his new Constant Fooling books (released this year to excellent reviews), Close-Up and Personal (a bestseller in 1999), plus his L & L Videos/DVDs (which contain material from all his books, including the out-of-print Star Quality). David will also be featuring his brand new effect "Sudden Deck".

## FEBRUARY Round Table Meeting:

The January Round Table meeting was held on Monday, January 20/03 at the Langford Fire Hall. The scheduled theme was MENTALISM. Ray Parker was a wealth of knowledge and offered several suggestion on the Invisible Deck, Omen Nomen; and Oscar Deck. He also showed a

routine called "Irish Poker". Those in attendance included the following: Dave Attwood, Ray Parker, Paul Kilshaw, Wade Collins, Damien Carriere, Bob Britton, and Kerry Zado.

The next Round Table will be held on Monday, February 17th, 2003, from 7pm to 10pm,

at the **LANGFORD FIRE HALL**. Contact Dave Attwood at 474-6132 (or email David Attwood at: info@attwoodmagic.com) for more information on these Round Table Meetings... Dave will be looking after the Round Tables sessions until Bob Reilly returns from New

## VMC AUCTION – FEBRUARY 4, 2003 . . .

The VMC will be having their annual **Magic Auction** on Tuesday, February 4/03. Mike Brough has already consented to be our auctioneer. This year promises to be another **GREAT** auction filled with fun and laughter and **SUPER DEALS**.

It will be held at the Langford Fire Hall. It has been requested for all sellers (Members only) to have **TWO** copies of the items that they're selling. Please have this done **BEFORE** the actual Auction Night. Also indicate if

you have a reserved bid, otherwise Mike will sell it for what he can fetch! Last but far from least, please let Mike know if you're gonna' be a seller. This is very important ...when everyone charges in the last minute, it is very difficult to display and

## Around & About Town...

Ron and Raye Bell have just returned from a delightful vacation in Mexico. Out of town member Bill Brace, after a recent short stay in the hospital is still keeping busy with magic shows. He sends his regards to the VMC. Mike Brough continues to pack the houses and has just signed to perform at Blethering Place throughout 2003. Bob Buie is back working on his close up show for some up coming gigs. Aaron Peeke-Vout continues to slay his patrons with his on going gig at the Strath-

cona Pub and Restaurant. Eric and son Jesse Bedard are working at a Trade Show in New York. While in NY, Eric even stopped by to take Tony Eng's daughter Sandra to a magic show. Eric and Jesse played to a sold out "Wacky Wednesday" in North Bay along with Eric's dad, Ray Bedard. Aaron Jones is still in Japan and will be home on February 13/03. Out of Town member David Calvert will be here until February 2003.

Murray & Teresa Hatfield and Marty Putz will be playing at the

S.J. Willis Auditorium at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 5/03. This one hour Magic/Variety Show is sponsored by the Evening Optimist Club of Victoria. This show is **FREE** to all VMC members, compliments and courtesy of Murray Hatfield. Shayne King and Joy Kruger were kept busy at a Bridal Trade Show at the Travellers Inn, on Douglas. Both Shayne and Joy were performing and promoting.

## *A note from our President*

The annual dinner was a great success and entertained to a full house. The food was superb and the company exceptional. So great that Victoria & John Meacham made it out all the way from Nova Scotia. What a large number of the Vancouver Magicians in attendance, including President Dave Watters and of course our dearly loved Lorie and Shawn Farquhar. This event would not be possible, if it had not been for all the members who gave of themselves so generously. A special thanks to Joy Kruger for spear heading the raffle. She not only rounded up the prizes but also with the help of

Wade Collins hustled the selling of the tickets. Thanks to Frank Sanz and Joy for collecting tickets at the door. Huge thanks to all the sponsors for the raffle prizes: Doug Poruchny (Coast Capital), Carolyn Sadowska, Wade Collins, Lorne Begg, Greg Ladret, Kerry Zado, Jack Poulter, Tony Eng, Jennifer Burke, Paul Kilshaw, Tom Millar, Holly Arden and Graham Kingston. Thank you Doug Poruchny for providing the accommodation for Bro Gilbert. One of the biggest highlights of the evening was the close up performers. Hats off to Ron Bell for coordinating the stellar line-up. You guys were awe-

some, thank you Tony Eng, Ron Bell, Dave Kendall, Shayne King, Masa, Dave Attwood, Ray Roch, Doug Poruchny, Bryan Garduno, Shawn Farquhar, Jeremy Heryet, David Calvert and Bro Gilbert. We have two lecturers booked. Tim Ellis on Monday February 3rd at the Fire Hall starting at 7pm. On Tuesday, March 4th, we have David Regal lecture following the business section of our meeting, aprox 8pm. Don't forget the annual auction on Tuesday February 4 starting at 7pm, with the one and only Mike Brough, as auctioneer.

**President Jennifer Burke**

## SYM – January 2003 Meeting

The last meeting of the Society for Young Magicians was held at Tony's Trick & Joke Shop on Friday, January 17, 2003, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. There were 15 SYMers in attendance.

Wow, you should have seen some of the young ma-

gicians perform... Cane to Silk; Vanishing Dove Flip Over Box; Lethal Tender; Card Sleights, including back palms and double lifts, etc.

Many thanks to Tony Eng for overseeing this meeting and thanks to Ann Eng for supplying the refreshments.

The theme for the next meeting will be "Annual Auction Night". Mike Brough will be the auctioneer. We don't mind the VMC members putting in magic to sell but to be fair, we would prefer the VMCers to allow the kids to bid amongst each other.



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## SWEETHEART sale

### 2002/2003 Executive Officers Elect

*President* Jennifer Burke  
*Past President* David Attwood  
*Vice President:* Shayne King  
*Secretary:* Damien Carriere  
*Treasurer :* Frank Sanz  
*Sgt. At Arms:* Bob Reilly  
*Custodian:* Wade Collins  
*Members at Large:* Bob Britton  
 Paul Kilshaw  
*Ring Reporter:* Ron Bell

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Sponge Dove..... 10.00  
 Dove Har-ness.....10.00  
 Charge It ..... 13.00  
 CC Paper Fold (Christmas Effect)..... 25.00  
 Needle Through Bal-loon.....14.00  
 Paper Cut/Poker/Bicycle..... 15.00

Paper Cut/Jumbo/Bicycle.....10.00  
 Escape Handcuffs ..... 10.00  
 Colouring Book..... 11.00  
 Invisible Deck/Bicycle..... 10.00  
 Nickels to Dimes/Brass..... 6.00  
 Bottle Through Table..... 29.00  
**Magic BOOKS**  
 Bertram on Sleight of Hand..... 95.00  
 Expert Card Technique..... 16.00  
 Paper Engine/Aaron Fisher..... 49.00  
 Aftercraft..... 49.00  
 Focus ..... 42.00

## Photos of Fame:



**RON BELL**



**MASA NISHIGAHARA**  
Tony Award



**BOB REILLY**  
Farquhar Magician of the Year

## ANNUAL DINNER SHOW . . .

We had another sellout Annual VMC Dinner/Show at the Edelweiss Hall, on Saturday, January 25/03. The doors opened at 6:00pm.

Many thanks to ticket and raffle prize coordinator Joy Kruger for doing such a fantastic job. Did you see all those wonderful door prizes? Wow! Thanks to all the sponsors who donated prizes! Wade Collins (and Joy) did a terrific job selling tickets... we think it was the "God-Father" suit that scared us into buying tickets...

Also, thanks to Joy and Frank Sanz for looking after the tickets at the door. President Jennifer Burke did a terrific job as MC and kept the evening running very smooth. It was at this time Jennifer acknowledged the presence of the President Dave Watters and all the Vancouver Magicians and visiting magicians, including David Calvert (one of our own "out of town members") from the UK.

Huge thanks to Ron Bell for coordinating the close up performers. Close up began at 6:30pm and finished at 7:30pm. Performers included: Doug Poruchny; Ron Bell; Tony Eng; Shayne King; Bryan Garduno; Dave Kendall; David Att-

wood; David Calvert; Jeremy Heryet; Masa; Ray Roch; Bro Gilbert and Shawn Farquhar. Thank you Close up performers, especially the entertainers from out of town.

We all enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord dinner... Roast Beef, Roast Chicken with all the trimmings and desserts. Awesome! Sorry, if you were on the end of the line but at least it was worth the wait.

Throughout the evening, ticket holders squealed with delight as wonderful door prizes were presented to these lucky winners...

There were several presentations awarded during the evening... President Jennifer Burke opened by presenting TVP Tony Eng with a Membership Certificate from IBM Headquarters. Tony in turn, presented Jennifer with the newly refurbished President's Wand. TVP Tony then called up Ron Bell; read a letter from the President of the IBM and presented Ron with the President's Citation for his many years of loyalty and to his unselfish contribution to promote the art of magic. At this point TVP Tony spoke on behalf of the IBM, outlining the many projects accomplished by the VMC. He also talked about how the VMC was

originally chartered and acknowledged a charter member (and honorary member) of our Ring, Ross Simms. Tony also pointed out the presence of out of towners, now living in Nova Scotia, John and Victoria Meacham.

Another presentation was made. This time, it was for inaugural presentation of the "Tony Award". It was given to a surprised and delighted Masa Nishigahara. He was a popular choice.

Next, President Jennifer explained the origin of the Farquhar Magician of the Year Award. Shawn Farquhar was on hand, on behalf of the Farquhar Family to present this trophy to a worthy (but absent) Bob Reilly. Shawn took the time to rebuild this beautiful trophy, himself.

Upon completion of the awards, we all enjoyed the featured stage act of Bro Gilbert of Vancouver. This rounded out yet another successful VMC Dinner/Show.

Many thanks to Ed Silva-White for making the table centers and to ALL THE MEMBERS THAT HELPED (sold tickets, set up and tear down crew...you know who you are)!! **THANK YOU!**

## DATES TO MARK DOWN ON YOUR CALENDARS . . .

February 3/03 – Magic lecture by Tim Ellis and Sue-Anne Webster (Langford Fire Hall)

February 4/03 – Annual VMC Magic Auction (Langford Fire Hall)

February 5/03 – Variety Show – S.J. Willis Auditorium featuring Murray Hatfield and Marty Putz

February 17/03 – Round Table Meeting

March 4/03 – Regular monthly meeting followed by the David Regal Magic Lecture

May 3, 2003 – VMC Mirth & Magic Show at the Isabelle Reader Theatre

May 23-25, 2003 – 16th Annual Stan Kramien Magic Jamboree (Newberg, Oregon)

# Photos from the Annual Dinner/Show



Two "Rays of Sunshine"



The three amigos: Jen; Wade & Joy



David Calvert



Shayne King



Shawn Farquhar presenting the Farquhar Trophy



Bro Gilbert with a nail up his nose!

# JANUARY 2003 - RING REPORT

Our January 2003 meeting was a packed house, as all members anxiously awaited the contest for 'The Tony Award'. (see below). After the business portion of the meeting, Shayne King, of 'Crown and Lily' fame was at the teaching table and taught us a simple but very magical transposition of three coins. Shayne took three pennies and three dimes and placed them into two separate piles under a cloth. When he lifted the cloth, the coins had magically changed places.

Our focus this month brought Joy Kruger into the spotlight. Joy spoke of her experiences and loves for dance, music and in the last few years, magic. Joy is the 'Lily part of Crown and Lily' and one of the most active members of our club.

Due to the competition, there was no mini lecture this month. We dove in to the competition for the Tony Award. This award, donated by our own TVP, Mr Tony Eng, is to be awarded each year to the best original close-up routine or original effect, performed by a member at our January Meeting. The award presentation will take place at our Annual Dinner/Show held at the end of January, each year.

**Tony Eng**, acted as host and MC for the nights festivities. He explained the rules and regulations of the contest and immediately introduced us to the panel of judges... President **Jennifer Burke**; **Ray Parker**; **John Gilliland** and Head Judge **Ed Silva-White**. First up was Immediate Past President David Attwood. David told a story of a rattlesnake in a wood pile, showing us a card with a rattlesnake drawn on it's face and three indifferent cards which were the woodpile. Four cards representing another woodpile were shown and placed in a spectator's hand. The rattlesnake was shown one last time and then vanished! When the spectator raised her hand, we heard the rattle of the snake as the little sidewinder ended up in her hand. Not only visual but also audible magic! **Shayne King** was up next and performed a beautiful vanishing and reappearing cigarette routine. The cigarette vanished, went up his nose, out of his mouth, jumped from hand to hand and finally after the cigarette was handed out for inspection, it floated from one hand to the other and then back again. Nice manipulation work gleaned from a few years of pub work. Damien Carriere was our third contestant and he began by borrowing a credit card. The card was then placed into a small envelope and snapped in two, and the envelope tossed aside. Four sealed cans were then laid out and cans were chosen and removed until only a sealed can of dried beans was left. Once the can was opened, the restored credit card was found inside. This routine fooled many in attendance and Damien performed all of the 'moves' with his right hand in a cast. Difficult enough with two hands! Our final contestant was Masahiro Nishigahara. Masa has a different style of magic and always entertains the crowd. His mixture of comedy and sleight of hand began with a cup and ball routine with three Pepsi cups and a little Santa Claus Head. The little Santa jumped back and forth, disappeared, reappeared and then there were three little Santas, one under each cup. Next, a silk was vanished, only to remain hanging from the side of Masa's jacket much to the laughter to everyone present. However, Masa promptly reproduced it from one of the cups. A very funny and magical routine.

As the judges tallied their scores, Tony passed out ballots to the crowd for their selection. We will have to wait until the Annual Dinner/Show to find out who the winner was. After the meeting, members could be heard planning their routines for next year's competition. This is sure to become a highlight of our annual activities.

Respectively submitted  
Eric Bedard

# Victoria Magic Circle Ernie Crockford Ring #183

## Minutes from the January 7/03 Meeting at the Langford Fire Hall

1. President Jennifer Burke called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. There were 18 members present and 4 Guests.
2. Guests: Kirkland Lum first visit, Che McNabb Third visit, David Jackson Third visit, Ray Parker first visit for a while.
3. Minutes of the 2002 December Meeting. MOTION. No omissions or additions. Eric Bedard proposed approval of December Minutes. SECONDED by Doug Poruchny. CARRIED.

### OFFICERS REPORTS:

#### Past President:

David Attwood reported that he had been in contact with James Ketter about the possibility of filming again at the Mirth and Magic show, this year. After some discussion it was recommended that this issue be decided at a later date.

#### Vice President:

Shayne King reported on technical problems with the VMC website. He mentioned that those who were unable to download the newsletter to keep trying. All problems should be fixed shortly.

#### Treasurer:

Frank Sanz reported the current balance was \$3098.20

#### Secretary:

Damien Carriere mentioned he would have the club roster out soon and was just waiting on the list of the current members in good standing.

#### Librarian:

Ed Silva-White reported that he made inserts for the new books that mention they belong to the VMC and also recognize their being donated by the Wansborough's. On a sad note, Ed also reported that Aaron Jones' Father-in-law in passed away.

1. Unfinished Business:
  - Mike Brough spoke about the Club's Annual Auction, which will be held next month (February). He requested that those selling should arrive by 6:15pm, as the auction will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Mike also requested that everyone should bring pens, paper and paper bags because about forty bags are needed.
  - Jennifer Burke offered "to bag" and Frank Sanz offered to do the books for the auction.
  - Joy Kruger reported that ticket sales were excellent for the annual dinner and asked that those members with unsold tickets to get them in, so they can be sold.
  - John Meacham wrote and offered to help with the annual dinner raffle, as he and his wife Vicky will be visiting during that time.
  - Help was requested for setting up tables, etc. for the annual dinner/show. Shayne King, Frank Sanz, Che McNabb, Doug Poruchny and Bryan Garduno volunteered their services.
  - A reminder was mentioned that the Tim Ellis lecture is on Monday, February 3/03 (at the Langford Fire Hall) and the David Regal Magic Lecture is after the business portion of the March 4/03 meeting.
  - Eric Bedard presented our club with a "Nut Cracker Magician" that his father Ray Bedard, made for the club.
9. Round table:

The next round table meeting is featuring David Kendall at 7:00pm on Monday, January 20/03 and will be held at the Langford Fire Hall.
10. New Business:
  - The President of the Vancouver Magic Circle, David Watters has made a request to become an "out of town member". A **Motion** was made by Tony Eng that as a gesture of goodwill between clubs, all current Vancouver Magic Circle Presidents be given a complimentary out of town membership. **Seconded** by Frank Sanz. **Passed**.
11. Club Draws:

Gift Certificate (TT&J) won by Donald Dunphy  
Library gift won by Mike Brough and Frank Sanz.
12. MOTION for adjournment by Eric Bedard at 8:15pm SECONDED by Bob Britton. CARRIED

Signed:

Club Secretary January 7/03

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