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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monthly Magic Meeting**, Tuesday, Jan. 2nd 2007, 7:30 at The Langford Fire Hall
- **Magic Youth International Meeting** Friday, January 19th ~ 7:00
- **Round Table** Monday, January 15th 7:00
- **JANUARY 27th 2007, Annual Magic Dinner - TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW** at Tony's.

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

JANUARY 2ND 2007 MONTHLY MEETING

Focus on a Magician: DAVID MOHR
Lecture: BLAIR MORRIS
Food: DAVE BONELLA
Teach a Trick: ROB BROWN
Show Time: RAY PARKER
Theme: Magic with a Story

VMC LOGO CONTEST

What's new for 2007? We are going to make VMC momentos available for purchase!

At present, the VMC does not have a pictorial logo, and so we are asking any interested members to craft a VMC logo submission (via digital file) and send it in to President Joy BY FEBRUARY 15th, 2007.

Please note, we in fact DO have a graphically pleasing front to our Roster Booklet, thanks to Julie Eng who put this together last year, but for the ball cap / mug purposes the Executive has decided to 'throw open the floor' to other possibilities that might include something pictorial (along with our name) – such as a magic hat or ?

This logo will eventually end up on VMC Items such as ball caps, shirts, mugs, etc and will be offered to the membership for purchase later on this year. So if you have a flare for graphic ideas and the tools to create such a logo, your submissions are welcomed!

VMC AUCTION NIGHT FEBRUARY 6TH

IMPORTANT! PLEASE
READ All you need to know
about this year's Auction on PAGE 3.



MINUTES? You can find minutes from our last meeting (Dec 2006)
on-line at www.victoriamagiccircle.com/minutes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President
Joy Kruger

Happy New Year Everyone! Hope now that Christmas is over you will all have a chance to relax and reflect on 2006 and I'm sure I am not the only person marveling at how quickly time passes.

Thanks everyone for making the December meeting like a big party, I was thrilled to see the amazing potluck spread for the event, wow I think every month should be feast if it brings us such great things like homemade cheesecake tarts, biscotti and mincemeat tarts, thank you for your efforts so enjoyed by all! Special thanks to **Carolyn Sadowska** for delivering a highly interesting lecture on the origins of the 'rabbit out of the hat'.

Welcome **Steve Hignett** to the club as an Associate Member and also welcome **Ariel Morales** and **Kirlan Lum** into Active Membership. New members bring new magic and ideas to the club; as you all know this makes for a thriving club; this great mix of new energy, knowledge and tradition being shared between older and newer members/magicians.

December's Showtime was a real hoot and showcased some on-the-spot ingenuity! Winners were **Ron Bell** who came up with a version of Grandmother's necklace, a great Story involving Christmas Elves and utilization of at least 6 Christmas items from our table of treasures; **Paul Kilshaw** who delivered a great Christmas story involving production of at least 5 Christmas items from an empty bag and **Ray Parker** who's Christmas efforts were highly entertaining including a premature red cardinal bird production ('flew out' from under his jacket somewhat earlier than planned!). **January's meeting will feature an Open Stage with show-time theme 'Magic with a Story' though ALL magic is welcomed.**

And finally – don't forget to pick up your Annual Dinner Tickets if you haven't yet, AND do read up on the February Auction; please see Page 3 for details on these two upcoming Special Events!

Magic Youth International **Victoria Chapter**

December Meeting Report

by Lucas Kavanagh



On December 15th the MYI gathered at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop for the first ever meeting in December. Alex started off by teaching a card routine utilizing a double backed card and Paul taught a very deceptive variation on the French drop. Next we were in for a real treat when Ben took the stage to display his Captain Submarine Sandwich act! He then gave a very informative mini-lecture on how to routine an act to music. Lucas (that's me!) finished off the meeting by teaching an impromptu coin transposition and a colour changing card routine. The next meeting will take place on January 19th, 7:00 at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop with the lecturer to be announced. Remember to bring a trick to show and a loonie to cover snacks!

VMC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS 2006



TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS (Active and Life Members): The new proposed **Constitution and Bylaws 2006** are ready for final viewing in the attached newsletter appendix, and final voting in will take place at the January monthly meeting. Associate Members and Friends please feel free to read as well. Please note, these C & Bs are ALSO available on a password protected C & B's page of <http://www.victoriamagiccircle.com/mw/candb.pdf> (if you don't know the username and password, email Shayne at webmaster@victoriamagiccircle.com).

ANNUAL DINNER ~ January 26th,

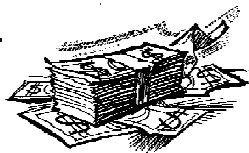
Hi Folks! LOTS of tickets left for the Annual Dinner, featuring Ursula's excellent buffet, Close-up Magic from our team of Magicians, and a Magic/Comedy stage show by **Clinton W. Gray!** Tickets are \$30 and if you plan to come, PLEASE purchase your tickets at or before the January 2nd meeting. Tickets will also be **available at Tony's Trick and Joke Shop until FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH** (or earlier if sold out)– please note, HOLDs will not be accepted.... So the earlier you purchase the better – and it will be easier for Ben L'Heureux to do his accounting. Final numbers will be given to the caterer after ticket purchase cut-off date January 19th so do make sure to buy your tickets by then.

Also, Ray Parker is still happy to receive more raffle items, call 383-1470 or email raynor@shaw.ca if you can help.



Featuring a Comedy Magic Stage Show by Clinton W. Gray

www.clintonwgray.com



FEBRUARY 6TH VMC AUCTION NIGHT

7:00 p.m. (sellers please arrive at 6:30)

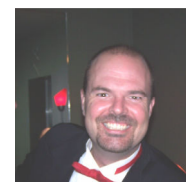
It's auction time again, so time to go through your magic and decide what you want to sell! Note: Only VMC, MYI and IBM members are invited to the auction (as per club vote in November). ***There is an Appendix to this January newsletter – it is the 2007 VMC Auction Sheet*** with room for 10 items (or 10 lots of items). This form can also be found on-line in the 2007 newsletter archive on the newsletter page of www.victoriamagiccircle.com.

To be fair to all sellers, we are limiting the number of sellable items (or 'lots' of items) to TEN PER SHEET, and only one sheet may be queued at a time. You ARE allowed to sell up to 30 items (3 sheets), but PLEASE realize you Second Sheet will be Auctioned AFTER all other sellers have had a chance to lay their FIRST sheet down, and your Third Sheet will be Auctioned AFTER all other sellers have had a chance to lay their SECOND sheet down. So yes, this means even if you are the first to arrive at 6:30, you may lay down your first grouping of ten items (or 10 lots), but then any second and third groups of ten you have will be deferred until all sellers have arrived to have their chance at laying down their 1st sheet.

NOTE: As in previous years, PLEASE fill out a DUPLICATE of each sheet. One is needed by the Auctioneer and the other is needed by the Treasurer. So, when you arrive auction night be sure to give one to each sheet to each of them. Also, we will make some forms available at 'Tonys' and will also have a few on Auction night. Questions? Please contact Joy at 381-1997

ROUND TABLE REPORT The Next Round Table is Monday, January 15th, 2007

This month's Round Table featured Shayne King focusing on Elastics and Coins. There was an 'intimate' turn out of four this time around (December is a busy time especially for Magicians!), and the good side of this is there is lots of one-on-one practice and learning. We don't know what is upcoming for January 15th yet, but members will receive an email about the January topic and leader as soon as we know! The location as usual will be at the beautiful Malahat Lounge #106-105 Gorge Road East Buzz #80.



Happy New Year all and welcome to a new VMC Lecture Year – 2007!

Ray Roch will deliver the first lecture of the year to the Club on **Sunday, January 28th**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., up at the Malahat Room, at 103 Gorge Road East, the day after our Annual Dinner, so be prepared for a very magical weekend: Ray will be covering the finer points in professional close up entertainment, including his Three Shell Game. He promises this will be a hands-on workshop-type lecture, providing some solid learning, and participants will walk away with useful ideas and improved technique, and a better understanding of coin work.



Ray Roch

Please check out the VMC website for full details on what Ray Roch does, and you can learn more about Ray and his 'Sleight-of-Hand Artistry' at www.rayroch.com

**Paul
Kilshaw**

*Lecture
Coordinator
and
Vice-Prez*



COST?? \$15 FOR VMC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. FRIENDS, MYI AND ALL OTHERS pay \$30.00.

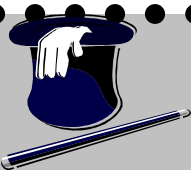
*Thanks Everyone for Supporting the Club and our Lecturers, and Thank You Bob Reilly for once again reserving us this space.
See You at the Hat.*



AROUND, ABOUT & OUT OF TOWN

Shayne King, and Joy Kruger (and daughter Taryn Lees) ran into **Dave Watters** and **Barb Farquhar** as they saught out 'The Twelve Days of Christmas at Butcharts Gardens during the December Christmas lights display. **Paul Kilshaw** was also there, completing another year of magic shows in the Blue Poppy Restaurant. **Jennifer Burke** was seen at 'Tony's' stocking up on magic supplies for her Christmas shows.

Donald Dunphy took a break from Christmas shows to view 'The Prestige' (ran in to Shayne & Joy as well) at the Roxy Cinegog Theatre the week of December 19th. **Tracy Tanis** and her alter ego **Zoltan the Man** made a trip to Victoria in December, and performed at the same party as Zoltan's main magic competitor, **Shayne King**. Zoli, your levitation rocks! (Good thing your a dummy or Shayne would really have to worry!) **Ross and Hazel Simms** recently made the big move of downsizing into a smaller place. Ross and Hazel will be joining us at the Annual Dinner in January. **Tony and Ann Eng** departed December 19/06, to head back down to Arizona to enjoy Christmas and New Years in the sun and they will return at the end of February 2007.



Farquhar Magician of the Year

Thank you to **Harvey Davidson** who contacted all eligible voters for the name of which member they think should receive the Farquhar Award for 2006. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Dinner, and will become the bearer this year of the famous bronze Farquhar hands (the Farquhar Trophy).



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Submitted by Derek Peach

Benoit L'Heureux

I know you think that Ben has always been a salesman and that as such he is one of the best things that has happened to the club recently, but you would not be entirely correct. Ben hails from St.-Simon, Quebec, and in his other life here in Victoria, he is a steward in the military, working on H.M.C.S.VICTORIA (Canadian submarine) at CFB Esquimalt, Pacific Fleet.

He has a daughter, Brittany, who also regards him as one of the best things in her life even though he has never sold tickets for her, and she shares a delight in things magical. Ben got his start in the happy arts by practicing some routines with Brittany and then, like many of us, he took off solo.

You will have seen him at club events stepping up to take on more responsibility -- he calls it fun -- as a close-up table-hopper and as a ticket sales manager.

He loves the surprise element of the craft and remains as delighted as his audience when his illusions work.

Ben loves to share his developing skills with co-workers and with the young magicians. Captain Submarine's other hobby is hockey, and hopefully his magic will have a beneficial influence on the Canucks this season.



Kerry Zado

I taught Kerry Zado in jr. high. There, it's out in the open and everyone who suspected that I was feel right about it.

Kerry is a native Victorian, a rare breed, and he has no intentions of leaving paradise, although he and his wife, CCCC, often take off on camping trips by Gold Wing motorcycle with the Road Riders Club in summers and in their 5th-wheel in winter.

Like many of us, Kerry got his start in magic by wandering in to see what Tony's Trick & Joke Shop was all about and was snared by the Old Master who showed him how to use the ropes of Professor's Nightmare in his fire safety talks. It is Kerry's career as a fireman, specifically a fire safety instructor, that continues to benefit from his magical prowess, and he is working on presentations for kids to assist in this important instructional service. He has also declared his intention to develop his close-up magic routines so that he can perform at our club functions.

Photography and kayaking also vie for Kerry's attention and he remains a volunteer firefighter. All of these activities demand focus and commitment, the qualities which will also empower any magic performance he undertakes. You may see him as just the nice guy who lets us use his space for meetings every month, but to me he'll always be one of my kids who turned out.





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Happy New Year from Tony's Trick & Joke Shop

I hope this finds you all well and recovering from a wonderful Holiday Season. As you read this Teresa and I are finishing up the Canadian tour of Magic 'n Miracles. It's been a great tour and an awesome cast and crew. By January 15th when we get home we will have done something like 80 shows in 26 cities across the country for over 100,000 people.

Best of all - this year's tour is expected to raise well in excess of a million dollars for Canadian Charities (with a good portion of that going to the Victoria Firefighters Burn Fund). It's a great project to be involved in. Thanks to all of you who have supported it over the years. Thanks also to

all of our staff who've made it possible for Teresa and I to do the tour. Shayne, Joy, Alex, Lucas, Paul, Alex H. and Hugh have all stepped up and kept the shop humming along the whole time.

We have some new items in the shop to take us into the new year.

Black Widow is the hottest new utility device in the market. It's a turbo-charged cross between a Hold-out and "The Raven". Imagine being able to place a coin into someones open hand. Simply wave your hands slowly above the helpers hand and the coin has changed into a bottlecap...*IN THEIR HANDS*. The best part -

you can show your hands empty both before and after the magic. It's amazing.

New also is **The Complete Course in Card Magic**. It's a 7 DVD set that takes you from Beginner to Expert with two whole dvds on Shuffles & Flourishes and Sleights & Cuts. It's a great set for anyone interested in cards.

Back in stock is the Ammar **Magicians Wax** for Card on Ceiling, the **Incredible Growing and Shrinking Head**, and **Modern Coin Magic DVD**. plus lots more. See you at the shop and watch for some big changes in the new year.

Murray & Teresa

ILLUSIONS - MAGIC AND MIRACLES

Hope you will all be able to catch Illusions - Magic and Miracles at the Royal Theatre at 2:00, 5:30 or 8:00 p.m. on January 10th, 2007.

For the uninitiated, this is a **MUST SEE SHOW**, with the best of Murray Hatfield and Teresa who produce and deliver a highly polished and brand new, dynamic show every year, this year including Special Guests Tom Burgoon, Nels Cremean and Danny Alan.

This year will be extra-special for all of the VMC, with Murray on board as an active VMC Member, a now-established resident of Victoria and of course the owner of Victoria's own Tony's Trick & Joke Shop!

Call Gail Dixon at 391-9424 to get your tickets. This will be a **GREAT time**; lets all go out and enjoy this first-class show and make some noise cheering on these two great talents and new friends, Murray and Teresa!

MURRAY HATFIELD PROUDLY PRESENTS
Featuring Murray Hatfield and Teresa
The 2006-2007 Canadian Tour Of
ILLUSIONS - MAGIC 'N MIRACLES
With Special Guests:
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NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
19TH - Mississauga, Ontario	1ST - Brampton, Ontario	2ND - Kelowna, British Columbia
20TH - Windsor, Ontario	2ND - Hamilton, Ontario	3RD - Abbotsford, British Columbia
21ST - London, Ontario	3RD - Burlington, Ontario	4TH - Vancouver, British Columbia
22ND - Kitchener, Ontario	4TH - Burlington, Ontario	5TH - New Westminster, British Columbia
23RD - Oshawa, Ontario	5TH - Toronto, Ontario	6TH - Surrey, British Columbia
24TH - St. Catharines, Ontario	7TH - Kingston, Ontario	7TH - Burnaby, British Columbia
25TH - Etobicoke, Ontario	9TH - Ottawa, Ontario	9TH - Nanaimo, British Columbia
26TH - Etobicoke, Ontario	10TH - Ottawa, Ontario	10TH - Victoria, British Columbia
27TH - Markham, Ontario	28TH - Edmonton, Alberta	13TH - Winnipeg, Manitoba
30TH - North York, Ontario	29TH - Calgary, Alberta	
	30TH - Calgary, Alberta	

For Ticket Information Please Call
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