

2008/2009 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your \$30 membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: Mark Hogan, 133 Fairlane Ave, London ON N6K 3E5



# Shell Game

A Monthly Newsletter for the London Magic Community  
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## June's meeting

The London Magicians Guild (Ring 265) celebrated it's 30<sup>th</sup> year as a club, and 20<sup>th</sup> year as an IBM Ring, with a gala performance and reception at Beal Secondary School in London.

On hand for the event were two special IBM dignitaries: This year's President-Elect Joan Caesar, as well as a surprise guest: former IBM president Obie O'Brien! Joan presented the club with greetings from the IBM and a certificate honouring the club's 20 years as a Ring.

Many current and past members of the club attended, and they got to see a remarkable show, directed by our President Ron Keller as MC.

The Amazing Corbin lead off the performances with his excellent parasol routine and followed up with a jumbo Three Card Monte. He also showed a spectator how to do the Linking Ring, and had another spectator make several coloured handkerchiefs disappear, only to reappear on a parasol. His final effect used the magic inside a little girl to turn a torn napkin into rose for her.

Vaudeville Steve was up next, who performed his amazing juggling and fire-eating routine – including juggling knives while balancing on a cylinder. And to top it off, he had four spectators lie across four chairs, yet Steve could remove all the chairs without the spectators collapsing!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 10 7:00PM

Beal Secondary School  
255 Dundas Street, London  
T-253

Topic: MAGIC AUCTION!!

The final act of the evening was the famous Deans of Magic: Dicky Dean and his lovely wife Marg. A graduate of the Chavez College of Magic, Dicky Dean and his wife are legendary Canadian performers. Their act included a wonderful dove act; some excellent card manipulation; a Torn and Restored Newspaper; and he ended with his signature piece: "The Vampire's Ball" where Dickey wears a Dracula mask and floats a silver ball only to have it burst into flames!

Along the way, we had presentations of the beautiful new, hand-crafted President's Trophy (for an outstanding performance during the year as chosen by the President) going to Mike Fisher, and the Al Munro Member of the Year Award going to Jason Williams.

Many people gathered after the show for refreshments, reminiscing, and of course, more magic performed by some of the club members.

What a wonderful way to end the year and to celebrate the many years of the London Magicians Guild!

Mark Hogan

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## September's Meeting

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TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Beal Secondary School  
T-253

Topic: MAGIC AUCTION!

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What a great way to start off the new magic season by getting some new magic – cheap! And maybe it's not "new" magic – but it'll be new to you!

Dig through your magic drawers and find any tricks, books, videos, and DVD you'd like to part with ... for \$\$\$! Bring them to the meeting and we'll sell them for you. And be sure to bring some \$\$\$ of your own, as there will be lots of deals to add to your magic collection.

NOTE: Only club members may sell auction items, but anyone may purchase auctioned items. The club gets 10% of all auction sales.

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tricks or routines to:  
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## News Of Interest



### David Blaine a 'BATMAN' fan

Illusionist David Blaine is to suspend himself upside down over New York's Central Park for 60 hours in a stunt inspired by the latest Batman film, The Dark Knight.

E! Online reports Blaine will make like a real-life Batman and hang from a high wire suspended over the park for three days and three nights. The endurance test begins on September 22 with a live television special, and will take place in full view of the public. Blaine will go without food for the entire time, but he will be able to drink water - as long as he can pull himself upright to take it in. He also plans to walk on the underside of the wire without a safety net, E! Online reported.

Blaine also wants to attempt to break the world record for sleep deprivation.

Zarrow appeared on the cover of April, 2001 issue of [The Linking Ring](#) after being honored at the 2001 annual [Fechter's Finger flicking Frolic](#) convention of close up magicians for a lifetime of contributions and achievements.



### International Champs crowned

Pictured are the newly crowned International Champions Of Magic An Ha Lim from South Korea and Marc Oberon from the United Kingdom.

Close to 2,000 magicians and their friends watched the competitions and ultimately voted for the winners at the combined IBM/SAM magic convention which took place in Louisville, Kentucky on July 20-26.

Lim won the stage competition and Oberon won the close-up competition. Each received US \$10,000 in cash. An additional \$50,000 US in bookings was awarded to the top twelve finalists.

## Long Island magician charged as Peeping Tom (from the New York Daily News)

"Long Island's Favorite Magician" apparently had some dirty tricks up his sleeve. Police say he secretly videotaped a woman and her daughters, 10 and 14, as they undressed for a photo shoot.

Robert Infantino, 50, of Central Islip, was busted Thursday after the victims told police they found a hidden camera in a dressing room at his home photo studio. Infantino works as a freelance photographer when he's not performing his "Family Magic Show" or teaching kids how to juggle.

He won a \$10,000 grand prize on ABC's "America's Funniest People" and appeared on Criss Angel's "Mindfreak," according to his MySpace page - which describes him as a "magician, juggler, all-around nice guy."

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