

No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring

Meets 1st Thursday, Plainview Public Library, Plainview, New York

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Well November brings forth Election Day for our nation, so why should it be different for our ring? Our evening began with our business meeting, which included our members casting ballots for our ring officers. Bill White was elected as our new president. Re-elected were: Mike Raccuia vice president, Chris Ward secretary, Steve Ziegelman (Ziggy) treasurer, and Billy Gray sergeant at arms. A big thank you goes out to Jonathan Frede, our outgoing president for his efforts over the past year.

We had the pleasure of watching two candidates for membership perform their screenings, and both passed with flying colors! First, Zack Mandel performed a wonderful sponge ball routine and then demonstrated his card handling skills with his version of the ambitious card. Bob Dorian, (late of the AMC channel) then wowed us with routines that included using a tape measure to predict someone's height, coins and cards. Bob performed a mind-blowing routine in which he proved he could memorize a deck of cards in 20 seconds. Congratulations to both Zach and Bob. They are both wonderful additions to our ring.

The theme for the evening was "Bizarre Magic", which really disappointed Ziggy who had been looking forward to a night of "Brassiere Magic". Don Burger set the tone for the evening and brought the house down with laughter when he tried to duplicate the performance of a stripper that vanishes a red silk over and over that is a phenomenon on the Internet. Don's performance was a huge reminder of why we decided not to video tape our shows! Chris Ward followed up with a selected card being revealed in lights on a spinning hand held fan blade (that's biz air...). Dan Miller performed a card trick where a snake in a basket revealed the selection. It was most bizarre in the sense that Dan finally performed a trick that actually worked! (just kidding). Brenda Heller showed off her new pet "Mr. Wiggles", and Wayne Haarhaus followed up with a Voodoo type prediction effect. Joe Silkie performed a prediction miracle with his box of cursed antiquities. Ziggy performed a rising card, torn & restored card and card warp routine using a set of business cards with an "R" printed on the back. Get it..."Biz R" magic! Yea, we had the same reaction. An "A" for effort to Ziggy. Don Burger followed up by performing an effect with a sealed deck. Bill White closed the show with several truly bizarre

effects including a version of the princess card trick, pen through tongue, and needle through arm. Bill performed the razor blade trick, but the most bizarre part of it was the musical accompaniment provided by Steve Heller. As always, the gang headed off to a local diner afterwards.

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