

Our April meeting was a little different this year. In the past, the Ring would host a gala dinner and show on a Saturday night and 250 people attended. But, alas, times – they are a changin’ and the turnout had dwindled down a bit and we wanted to mitigate our financial risk. As a result, we decided to hold a social event on a meeting night. There were pretty near a hundred people consisting of magicians, spouses and friends of magic at DJ’s Buffet on the first Thursday in April. It was a nice turnout for a mid-week event. The crowd was smaller than what we had come to expect, but highly enthusiastic just the same. They had a nice room that also came equipped with a stage, a backdrop and lights.

So, after feasting on a huge buffet that included, well, just about anything you can name, we all sat back for a nice show which was hosted by Mike Maione. Mike performed a number of effects during the show and closed with a unique presentation of Max Londono’s Eternal String. He walked on stage carrying a balloon on a string. He proceeded to tear off bits of string effectively shortening the balloon’s string. He placed all the individual pieces on the remaining piece that was attached to the balloon and the balloon suddenly rose back to its original height as the pieces magically restored. This was the first time I had seen this presentation and I thought it was outstanding. In between Mike’s magic, we had juggler Will Shaw. Will performed a number of juggling tricks using his hat, basketballs, spinning tops and regular balls. He was somewhat limited by the low ceiling, but he did a great job. Our other performer was comedian Ed Tartaglione who specialized in self deprecating humor ala Rodney Dangerfield.

It was a very entertaining show and a fun evening. I don’t think anyone went to the diner though since we all had just had dinner. But, then again, I could be wrong.

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