

The benefit show for Elizabeth Burger took place on October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was extremely successful as we raised more than \$8,000! Look for a write up in the Ring Events section.

In November, we had the privilege of having Jay Scott Berry lecture for our Ring. It was a really good turnout as there were many non-member magicians in attendance.

Jay started off by actually performing his parlor act. I know that because I actually saw Jay perform the act in the Parlor of Prestidigitation at the Magic Castle back in August. He began with a very nice one coin routine. He continued on with a routine using one sponge ball that was outstanding. He also demonstrated a beautiful ring and ribbon routine and a routine using rainbow silk streamers and he closed with a nice prediction effect using playing cards. Jay uses some uniquely modified gimmicks and such to achieve his results. He believes that the effect is everything and you do whatever it takes to achieve your desired effect whether it be gimmicks, sleights or a combination of both. If he comes to a town near you, catch his lecture. You will not be disappointed!

On behalf of Ring 244, I would like to say to everyone out there, and that includes you, we hope you have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Bill Krupskas