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## Visitor from Germany

As announced in the December WAND Fedor Lantzsch a 66 year old Magician from Germany and his wife Viera are visiting Sri Lanka. He is on a private visit. GS/VP Devsiri met them and also helped Fedor to purchase some magic goods.

They also met VP Training Shelton who demonstrated some magic tricks and also taught Fedor a simple but very effective escape which very much impressed the visitors. So it seems that Shelton has extended his training to foreign magicians too!!



## Visitor from USA

Fred Rasmussen a Magician from San Jose, USA will be in Sri Lanka for a very short visit. He will be on the Oceania Cruise ship "Nautica" that left from Cape Town South Africa January on 5th traveling up the coast of South Africa across to Sri Lanka and ending in Singapore. He will be in the Colombo port from 8:00AM until 4:00Pm Monday January 28th. SLMC will be contacting him and bringing him to "Vishmithapaya" to meet our members.

Fred Rasmussen was the President of IBM Ring 216 in 2010 and 2011. He is currently on the Board of Directors. Their website is [www.ring216.org](http://www.ring216.org).

Fred started his magic in San Francisco in the 50's at the Golden Gate Magic Club. As a child he did magic shows for Scouts and clubs. Later on he became an Electronics Engineer working in Silicon Valley and only did a few things in magic until 2003 when he joined IBM ring 216 in San Jose.

Fred Rasmussen attends several Magic Conventions in the U.S. each year and does magic for local events, retirement homes and when on trips around the world.

**All Members are cordially invited to meet him when he visits the SLMC on 28th January at 9.00 am.**



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**NEXT MEMBERS DAY  
SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH  
2013**

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ජනවාරි 27 වන දින  
පැවැත්වේ.**

# Members Opinions

by Joy de Silva

Dr.Udaya Ariyasinghe's speech on Effects of Smoking at the November 2012 get together was really useful to most of our members who are addicted to smoking. It appears that our hon. Editor "The Amiable Devsiri" was most impressed and I am quite sure he has now stopped smoking completely, setting a valuable example to other smokers to follow. a full page on hte doctor's speech in the December 2012 wand is really appreciated.

Many thanks to Devsiri and to Dr. ariyasinghe for his informative speech.

Editor - No comments from me, please.



VP Training Shelton Jayasekera will training on Card Magic this coming Sunday. This is to prepare Members for the Card Magic Mini Contest which will take place in February.He is also due to do some revision on Silk Magic too.

Make sure to bring your card pack and some silk for the next meeting.

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**Card Magic**  
and some Silk Magic



## Off to London

President is on leave as he is in London with his family to celebrate his 50th wedding Anniversary. He didnt forget to take his magic goods as he is due to perform at three charity events during his stay. Prez will return in early April.

## Extended

Major Piyatileka has extended his stay in USA for a few months more. We are looking forward to see you soon!

## Due back

Sumangala who is in Maldives has also extended his stay there. He is due back in 2-3 months. We are waiting to see your Magic hands!!

## Visitor from Austria

Magician DiNO of Austria is due in Sri Lanka in June 2013. He is a very energetic and innovative young performer.

On 12th of February in1983, DiNO dorado showed his first illusion, an appearance in Innsbruck. At the age of 15, and having collected an amount of magic items already, DiNO joined the Zauber Ring Innsbruck (magic circle in his region) to develop and perfect his skills.

By traveling through Europe, the US and Asia, he expanded his magic knowledge step by step.2008 DiNO dorado decided finally to perform on the spots he's travelling and to astonish people directly on the street to self-finance his trips.

Right now, DiNO is in contact with magicians all over the world. This exchange helps him on the one side to improve his language and on the other hand DiNO enlarges his magic knowledge

**.Look out for more news in the coming issues of the WAND.**



Happy Birthday  
to all members  
celebrating their birthdays  
January



- 5th Gehan Somanader
- 7th Ranjani Gunasekera
- 8th Elree Pereira & Oshan Fernando
- 10th Haleem Ghouse
- 16th Thusitha Jayasekera
- 29th Sachin Silva & Aviska Perera



## Important message regarding contests from VP Contests Suranjith Soysa

**ශ්‍රී ලංකා මැජික් කවයේ සියලුම සාමාජිකයන්ට**

**2013 නව වසර සාමය සතුව පිරි නව වසරක් වේවායි පතමි.**

2013 ජනවාරි මාසයේ 27 වෙනි ඉරිදා ගල්කිස්ස ටෙම්ප්ලර්ස් පාරේ, අංක: 156, විශ්මිතපායේදී "Mini Contest" තරගාවලියේ "සිල්ක් මැජික්" තරගය පෙරවරු 10.00 ට පැවැත්වීමට සියලු කටයුතු සුදානම්කර ඇත.

**මෙම තරගයට ලකුණු ලබාදීමේ පිළෙවෙල:-**

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ප්‍රවිෂ්ටය හා ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමේ විලාශය (Manner & Presentation) ලකුණු 40 යි.

ඉහඳුණාලා අංග ඇගයීම (Trick Value) ලකුණු 30 යි.

ප්‍රේක්ෂක ප්‍රතිචාර (Audience Appeal) ලකුණු 10 යි.

මුළු ලකුණු ප්‍රමාණය ලකුණු 100 යි.

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ඔබ තරග කරන්නේ නම් ඔබගේ නම, ලිපිනය සහ දුරකථන අංකය තරග උප සභාපතිට ලබාදෙන්න.

2013 වර්ෂයේ මාර්තු මාසයේදී "වර්ෂයේ මැජික් ශූරයා" (Magician of the Year) තරගය පැවැත්වීමට අපේක්ෂා කෙරෙන අතර ඒ සඳහා ඉල්ලුම් පත් ඉදිරිපත් කරන තරගකරුවන්ගේ සංඛ්‍යාව අනුව තරගය පැවැත්වීම තීරණය කරනු ලැබේ.

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# International Happenings

## Magic Castle's 50 years of sleight of hand



The Magic Castle opened its doors at 5 p.m. on January 2, 1963.

By Milt Larsen's own account, he was born in a magic box. Well, not exactly born in a box, but being the youngest member of a family of magicians, he became part of the act at a tender age.

The trick featured his father, William Larsen Sr., showing the audience an empty box. He'd close it and then, presto chango, he would open it again and there'd be bouncing baby Milt.

"I wasn't very big at the time," Larsen said, a twinkle in his eye. "This is the kind of crazy life that I've led. I liken my whole life to a train ride. Magic is the track and the track has kept going through all of these things."

Larsen, a dapper 81-year-old with a Clark Gable-style mustache, was holding court last week in Irma's room at the venerable Magic Castle, the private Hollywood club for magicians and home of the Academy of Magical Arts, which he founded 50 years ago.

Irma is the club's resident "ghost" who will take requests to play on the piano. But at least on this afternoon, she seemed to be on a break.

Not only is the club celebrating its 50th anniversary, Larsen has just published his autobiography, "The Magical Journey (The First 30,000 Days)," and Ted Fields' Radar Pictures is about to begin pre-production on a family film set at the castle, with McG ("Charlie's Angels") directing.

During his first visit to the club, producer Mike Weber of Radar Pictures said he "immediately saw the opportunity of setting a movie around the location and the history of the castle."

Larsen said his father was a successful criminal attorney in Pasadena who decided "that the life of a family of magicians would be better than defending a lot of leftover Prohibition people." And soon the family — including his mother, Geraldine, who was "The Magic Lady" on KTLA-TV Channel 5, and his older brother, Bill Jr. — were performing in the L.A. area. His father also began the popular "Geniii, the Conjurers Magazine" in 1936.

## BLAINE BAFFLES BILL

*From the New York Post*



**David Blaine** astounded **Bill Clinton** with card tricks at Sting and Trudie Styler's Upper West Side penthouse at a fund-raiser for the Clinton Global Initiative. We're told Blaine even pulled a folded card out of his watch, to the ex-president's amazement.

It was his father's dream to create the Academy of Magical Arts and have a clubhouse for magicians to convene and perform. But nothing came of it before he died in 1953.

But his two sons kept the magic alive. Milt Larsen produced his first all-star revue, "It's Magic," in 1956, which is still growing strong. By 1961, he was writing for the TV series "Truth or Consequences" and his brother was an assistant producer at CBS.

From his office at what is now Hollywood and Highland complex, Larsen could see the 1909 mansion on a hillside off of Franklin Avenue, which had been built by banker Rollin B. Lane. Over the years, it had fallen into disrepair.

"It looked like something that fell out of a Charles Adams cartoon," Larsen recalled. "It was terribly unmaintained. It had weeds."

Larsen was "lucky enough" to meet the new owner of the property, Thomas O. Glover. And abracadabra, he soon leased the historical house from Glover.

It began with a charter membership of 150; now the Magic Castle has some 5,000 active members — half of whom are magicians and half fans of magic. The castle hosts five magic shows each night in three showrooms: the Close-Up Gallery, the Parlour of Prestidigitation and the Palace of Mystery.

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**Milt Larsen, founder of the Magic Castle in Hollywood**