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The Oakland Magic Circle
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at
Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602
AUGUST 2014

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Intra Club Stage Competition!
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15
Contest begins at: 7:45

President's Message

Unfortunately we do not have a Secretary's Report this month because he has lost his notes of the June 3rd meeting. He promises to not let it happen again. Right, Mike?

Relying on memory, the meeting started with the first reading for membership for Donovan Rittenbach, photographer and magician. The big event was the annual **Intra-Club Close-Up Competition**. This year the First Prize was increased from \$75 to \$100 (and a trophy) and a runner-up prize of \$50 was added. We had six contestants: Jeff Vines, Perry Yan, Magical Nathaniel, Jamie Tucher, Big Al Catraz and Mike Della Penna. All performers were excellent and all received votes for being the best. However, the runner-up prize of \$50 went to Mike Della Penna and the grand prize of \$100 and an engraved plaque went to Perry Yan for his superb Cups & Balls routine. The checks were awarded on the spot and Perry can pick up his plaque at the August meeting.

As you remember, we had a photographer from **Oakland Magazine** taking photos at the May meeting. Mike Della Penna was also interviewed separately. The article on the OMC appears on pages 92-93 in this month's issue, July 2014. You can Google Oakland Magazine and order a copy or read it on line.

The **Golden Gate Gathering** will be held July 31st to August 2nd. Chris Kenner has been added to the previous cast of lecturers: Steve Reynolds, Karl

Hein, John Gustaferrero and Mike Koslowski. This convention draws top close-up performers and several OMC members will be there (including me). Nice that it's at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City so there is no need to pay rent. Google Golden Gate Gathering for information and to register.

The August meeting will feature the annual **OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition**. The winner will go on to represent the OMC at the September Inter-Club Stage Competition. The act should be between 8 and 12 minutes. Material should be suitable for a family audience and avoid open flame (flash paper or string is fine). As with the Close-Up Competition, your Board of Directors voted to increase the First prize from \$75 to \$100 (and a trophy) and add a runner-up prize of \$50. All OMC members having paid their 2014 dues are eligible to enter except last year's winner, Dr Robert Herrick and Mike Della Penna, who won the September 2013 inter-Club Contest while representing SAM Assembly 80 in Hayward. As an added attraction, we will have a special guest performance by a top magician from New Zealand. Bill Seagraves is visiting Fred and Manya Casto and they will again rush to our meeting from their trip to the Magic Castle.

Two of our events are expensive to produce – The September Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner, and the February Installation Banquet and Show. These would usually show a loss except for one thing – the raffle. These are both fun and turn a loss to a modest profit. We are in need of prizes – magic or otherwise. Please contact me or our Raffle coordinator, Mike Della Penna if you can supply a prize or prizes. A magic set, a poster, show tickets, a book, a video, a gift card, bottle of wine, etc. etc. Your help will be appreciated by everyone.
Byron Walker

Photos by Dale Chung



The Close-Up Contest Contestants



Perry Yan, Winner of this year's close-up contest, is awarded \$100 by OMC President, Byron Walker.



Jeff Vines and an amazed spectator



Jamie Tucher and "Big Al Catraz"

DUES FOR 2014

If you have not paid your dues for 2014 please send your check for \$20, payable to Oakland Magic Circle to the OMC Treasurer: Robert Herrick, 6699 Exeter Dr, Oakland, CA 94611. You will probably save that much in member's discounts at our events.

Previews of Coming Attractions!

August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition with \$100 first prize and \$50 runner-up prize.

September – Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner with \$150 First Prize and \$75 runner-up prize.

October – Lecture by Kim Silverman, open performance of spooky, bizarre, Halloween magic.

November – Screening of the new Houdini Séance film with interviews of local magicians, open performance of magic involving Houdini, escapes or danger. Also, nominations for 2015 Board of Directors.

December – Mike Della Penna will again hold his popular Magic with Apparatus night, with a tribute to the late Dr Robert Albo. Also, Election of your officers for 2015.