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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
JUNE 2014

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
Close-Up Contest!
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15
Contest begins at: 7:45

Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 6, 2014
Regular Business:

President's Message

Bill Ragsdale deserves another big round of appreciation for his fine lecture on John Scarne at our May meeting. It represented a lot of preparation, not to mention a couple of decades of research. Thanks also to Doug Eakin and Mike Della Penna for performing two of Scarne's pet effects.

The June meeting will feature the annual OMC close-up competition. In addition to a trophy and rights to use the win in publicity, first prize has been increased to \$100. Also, a runner-up prize of \$50 has been added. Acts should be between 6 and 12 minutes and all paid-up members are eligible to compete except last year's winner, Larry Wright. Voting will be by all non-competing OMC members.

Since the OMC does not meet in the convention month of July the next Bulletin will be in mid-July and give details on the August OMC Stage Contest. The winner will then represent the OMC at the big September Inter-Club Stage Contest (and spaghetti dinner).

Byron Walker

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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by President Byron Walker. Past President Jeff Vines renewed his membership. Joe Scanlon was also initiated into the club. Our annual Close-Up Competition was announced for June. There will be a \$100 first prize and a \$50 second place prize awarded. Acts should be 6-12 minutes in length. The sad passing of OMC member Mark Stock was discussed and it was announced that we had made a \$100 donation to a charity in Mark's name. Champions of Magic Live! at the Victoria Theater in San Francisco was announced. The performances will be on Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th. Mark Tarses gave some lucky members a few chocolate wands. Scott Alcalay reported on the Mark Stock art opening and encouraged us all to go. Frank Biafore mentioned Playland-Not-at-the-Beach's Relay for Life Fundraising Party Friday, May 23rd from 4-10pm at PLNATB. I added on to Frank's talk about Playland and talked to the members about our annual Magic Camp. I encouraged any members that might like to present at Magic Camp to contact me. Jeffrey Korst encouraged us all to come to California Magic Dinner Theater in Martinez to see the legendary Bob Sheets (with equally legendary Jeffrey Korst opening for him!). Nathaniel Segal talked about his Magic seminar at UC Berkeley and asked those interested in dropping in to contact him. The meeting adjourned at 7:40. We took a short break. Came back to watch a new piece Magical Nathaniel had been working on - a human three card monte routine. And then we were treated to Bill Ragsdale's multimedia John Scarne lecture. Doug Eakin and myself each demonstrated a classic Scarne effect - the Three Ball Trick and Switchcraft, respectively.

-Mike Della Penna, Secretary

Previews of Coming Attractions!

June – OMC Intra-Club Close-Up Competition with First Prize increased to \$100 and runner-up prize of \$50 added. Acts should be 6-12 minutes.

July – No meeting

August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

September – Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner

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

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

December—TBA plus Elections of officers for 2015

Upcoming Bay Area Magic Events

Wednesday June 11 – IBM Ring 216 Flea Market (7-8:15 PM) and Auction (8:15-9:30 PM), Yu-Ai-Kai Community Center, 588 North 4th St, San Jose.

Friday, Saturday July 11&12 – Champions of Magic with Rudy Coby, Charlie Frye, Jason Andrews, Eric Buss and Jade. Victoria Theater, 2691-16th St, San Francisco. Tickets are \$20 to \$80 but OMC members get 40% off VIP and orchestra seats by using coupon code comIORG and 30% off mezzanine and balcony seats with code comImagic at ChampionsOfMagicLive.com or go to GoldStar.com for 50% off tickets.

Thursday July 31-Saturday August 2 – Golden Gate Gathering with Steve Reynolds, John Gustafarro, Karl Hein, Mike Kozlowski. Held annually at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Google goldengategathering.com for information and schedule.

Remembering Mark Stock

Photos by Dale Chung

