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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
OCTOBER 2014

Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Kim Silverman Lecture plus Halloween
Night!

Doors open 6 PM

Meeting 7:15

Lecture on Presentation of Magic - 7:30

Halloween and Spooky Magic - 8:15

(approx.)

President's Message

The attendance for the September Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner was the largest in memory with Bjornson Hall packed with about 120 magicians and magic enthusiasts. We had seven contestants, each representing their Northern California magic club (five SAM Assemblies, one IBM Ring and one independent club):

1. "Otis" (Glen Micheletti)– Oakland Magic Circle
2. Rob Shapiro – SAM Assembly 2 – San Francisco
3. Miles Tessler – SAM Assembly 72 – Sacramento
4. Doug Eakin – SAM Assembly 80 (Jongleurs) – Hayward
5. Alan Leeds – SAM Assembly 94 – Silicon Valley
6. "Zappo" (Larry Wright) – SAM Assembly 112 – Pleasant Hill

7. David Gerard – IBM Ring 216 – San Jose

With every paid admission receiving a ballot (performers received complimentary meals) we had 104 judges. All contestants received votes as being the best, with 12 year old Miles Tessler representing SAM Assembly 72 in Sacramento receiving the Runner-Up prize of \$75. The winner of First Prize, \$150 and an engraved trophy was David Gerard representing IBM Ring 216 in San Jose. David Has agreed to perform at the OMC Installation Banquet Dinner and Show in February 2015, along with acts to be announced.

It was a big evening and required big help from many. I would like to thank John Owens, Mark Richardson and Ann Marie for arriving early to set up tables, chairs, table cloths, etc. Thank you Many Casto for contacting the caterer and being stage manager, and Frank Biafore for handling sound plus for passes to Playland. Mike Della Penna not only served as raffle coordinator but since Akal broke his ankle also handled the lighting. Treasurer Robert Herrick and Treasurer Emeritus David Fry manned the front door, handled the finances and distributed ballots. (We had such large crowd that we ran out of ballots and they improvised effectively).

Thanks to Mark Tarses for handling refreshments and the chocolate-dipped cookie desserts and to Dagmar for “doing whatever needs doing”, and there are a lot of things that “need doing”. A special thank you goes to Scott Alcalay for again mastering the ceremonies so capably and for formatting our bulletins and flyers.

Because of the raffle the club made a profit, which will be used to benefit the membership in the future. Thanks to all that contributed prizes, especially Gary Meyer who used his influence in the film industry to obtain many DVDs and movie passes to The New Parkway Theater. If I overlooked your contribution, I apologize, and will try to recognize you next time.

At the October meeting we will be fortunate to have a lecture by Kim Silverman on improving the presentation of magic. By day Kim is a senior research scientist at Apple, by night a master at the dynamic presentation of magic. The official title of his lecture is: **Magic, Technology and Meaning: what are we really trying to do here?** Kim states that any magic that is indistinguishable from technology is insufficiently advanced, and will elaborate on that October 7th. His talk will be an enlarged version of his presentation at Magic Con in San Diego earlier this year to, I understand, a standing ovation. This will be another no charge lecture – just another perquisite for being a member of the OMC.

After a short break there will be time for our Halloween magic show. Since October is the month for spooky, scary, bizarre, weird and unexplainable happenings please bring something to

perform suitable for Halloween – the magician’s favorite holiday.

Byron Walker

Previews of Coming Attractions!

October – Kim Silverman lecture on improving your presentation of magic; open performance of spooky, scary, bizarre, weird or unexplainable Halloween magic.

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

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

January – Lecture by the funny and talented **Tom Ogden** with a special low price for OMC members who pay their dues for 2015 – still a low dues price of only \$20 per year, which you will probably save in member’s discounts over the year.

February – Annual OMC Installation Banquet and Show.

Memorandum from OMC Historian Gary Meyer: he suggests becoming a member of Goldstar (it’s free). Goldstar offers discount tickets to many local magic events, often half price.