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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
SEPTEMBER 2014

Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Inter-Club Stage Competition!
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Contest begins at: 8:00 pm

Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:28pm by President Byron Walker. In the first order of business, Perry Yan was awarded a trophy for being this year's winner of our close up competition. There was a first membership reading for Tobias Beckwith. Good of the order announcements included a review by Robert Herrick of the new Woody Allen movie "Magic in the Moonlight"; a donation by Gary Meyer of two films to the OMC library: "Now You See Me" and "Tim's Vermeer"; chocolate offerings by Mark Tarses; a review by Scott Alcalay of the San Francisco Dungeon, a new attraction at Fisherman's Wharf; a sharing of an article by Magical Nathaniel about the OMC published in Oakland Magazine; and it was announced that Playland-Not-at-the-Beach received another award for being a best party venue. Some performance/outreach opportunities discussed included an available stage at the Utopia Cafe in San Francisco's Chinatown (contact restaurant directly) ; a chance to lecture to college students via Magical Nathaniel's D-Cal at U.C. Berkeley (contact Magical Nathaniel); Magicians wanted for the Art Deco Preservation Ball (contact Scott Alcalay), and a chance to do some work at the Old Skool Cafe in San Francisco (contact Carolyn Alexander (408) 316-5911. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 and was followed by one of the the best Intra-Club Stage Competitions in recent history. We had six outstanding performers: Steve Segal, Doug Eakin, Magical Nathaniel, Christopher Douglas, Ash K, and Otis. There were over 60 audience members in attendance and a great time was had by all. Current OMC members not participating in the competition were each given a ballot to choose their favorite act. Every performer received votes, but it was Otis who came in first place followed closely by Ash K in second place. And so it will be Otis who will represent the OMC in September. Hope to see you all there for another amazing evening of magic!

President's Message

The September Inter-Club Stage competition and dinner is shaping up nicely with six confirmed contestants lined up already and with Scott Alcalay to again master the ceremonies. First prize has been increased to \$150 (plus a trophy and rights to use the win in advertising) and a runner-up prize of \$75 has been added. Don't forget to buy your dinner tickets soon as we must let the caterer know how much food will be needed. Pasta sauce choices are either meat for the carnivores or vegetarian for vegetarians. Our Raffle Coordinator, Mike Della Penna, has raffle prizes but could use more. If you could donate an item or two of interest, magical or otherwise, please bring it to the show. A magic book, set or poster; a bottle of wine; an unused restaurant gift card, etc. This event is perhaps the most important magical event in Northern California every year and I look forward to seeing you there.

Donated to the OMC is a magician's sport coat – nice dark pattern, brass buttons, made in Denmark, about 38 regular, with two topits professionally sewn in. Also a magician's table that opens up to produce a rabbit, goldfish bowl or other sizable item. I'll bring them to put in the raffle as they are rather expensive items.

Byron Walker

Mike Della Penna

**Photos from Intra Club Stage Competition!
By Dale Chung**



The Winner of 1st Prize: "Otis"



Winner of Runner up Prize: "Ash K."



All the Contestants!



"Christopher Douglas"



Jack Browne



**Special Guests from New Zealand,
Bill and Marlene Seagraves**

Previews of Coming Attractions!

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.