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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

Doors open at 6:30 pm

February 2009

The Installation Banquet is  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009

### **President's Message**

Greetings!

Your dues for 2009 are now due. If we do not receive them by the February meeting you will no longer receive the newsletter in the mail and will not be eligible for member discounts for the Flea Market, future lectures and other special events.

We opened the year with a BANG!

John Calvert and Tammy were our lecture guests for January. See the complete report later in this news letter.

The board of Directors would like to thank Rick Allen for helping coordinate the OMC lecturers for the December and January meetings. Rick has really gone above and beyond to keep the history of magic alive for the younger generation of magicians.

February is our Installation of Officers Banquet and Show. As is tradition of the Installation Banquet Show the OMC will be featuring World Class magic for your entertainment pleasure. Tickets can be purchased through a link on the OMC website or at [www.omcshow.com](http://www.omcshow.com).

For the installation banquet we are looking for helping hands to come early and assist in setting up the tables and chairs, and extra help to clean up after the event. To help set up the hall please be there by 4:30.

The March meeting will include a lecture by story teller magician Walt Anthony. In this interactive mini-lecture/workshop Walt Anthony and friends will take you through steps and exercises to boost the magical power of your performance. With a few basic theatre and storytelling techniques you can enhance your magic and its emotional impact. Just considering "premise, plot, persona" during your routine, can make you a more charismatic and impactful entertainer. Walt's colleagues; David Miller, Brian Scott, and Ruth Fraser will also be on hand to coach and interact with club

members.

They will also give a preview of their new show opening in April in San Francisco. Admission for this lecture is FREE to all current (2009) paid OMC members and \$5 for all non-members.

### **Future Events:**

March – Walt Anthony Lecture

April - Flea Market and Auction

May –

June – Lloyd Jones Close-up Contest for OMC Members

July – No meeting (trip to Alameda fair opening night, Wednesday, July 1, 2009, anyone?)

August – OMC Intra Club Stage Competition

September – OMC Inter Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Extravaganza.

October –

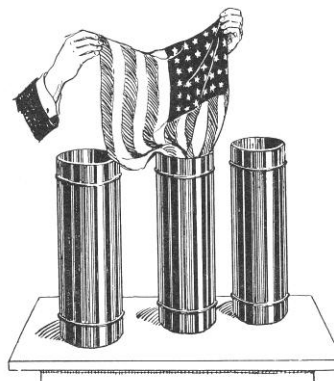
November – Nominations for 2010 Officers

December – 2010 Board of Directors Election

I have been in contact with David Ginn who wants to come to town and do an all day workshop on his specialty of kid's magic. He is interested in Saturday, March 14, 2009. This workshop will cost \$35 per participant. We would most likely want to do this in conjunction with S.A.M. 112 in Pleasant Hill. This event will have no special price for OMC members as David Ginn has set the price for his event but he will donate back to the club \$10 for each card carrying OMC member in attendance. More information to be revealed as it is revealed to me.

Oakland Magic Circle President.

Magically,  
Scott Alcalay



## Secretary's Report

OMC Meeting 6 January 2009

Because of the John Calvert Lecture/Show an official business meeting was not held.

President Scott Alcalay began the unofficial meeting by announcing that seven new members had joined the OMC that evening:

Fred Anderson

Dan Chan

Ace Miles

Terry Robinson (Dr. Solar)

Charles Ruby

Mark Stock

Calvin Tong

Claire Coustier led a remembrance for the late Raghu Nathan. A more formal memorial will be held at a date to be announced later.

Dale Lorzo announced a Broken Wand Ceremony to be held for Arthur Gross (Victor St. Leon) on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Scott discussed the 2009 OMC Installation Banquet to be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and flyers were distributed.

The official OMC Chocolatier, Mark Tarses, presented John Calvert with a Chung Ling Soo lunch box loaded with his specialties.

Calvert then gave one of the best lectures in the memory of those attending to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Byron Walker, Secretary

## A Review of the John Calvert lecture by new OMC member, Mark Stock

I sat in the front row....and experienced Calvert's charm and grace...so elegant...and his wife Tammy... such a good actress...so subtle in her reactions to him.

To think all that they have done...their travels, the people they met.

The guy is 97 years old!!!!!! Good gosh.

I bought one of his films, the Raven, and it has his commentary on it as well, which is a blast, as I got to hear him speak some more as I didn't get enough last night.

At the end of the evening I asked him if he knew Chaplin, as I sensed he must have. Calvert is a '40s magician / actor and he went on and on about his friendship with Chaplin. I asked him if Chaplin did magic as I'm sure he did, and he said Charlie loaned him his "Magic Trunk" for one of John's shows.

He laid into The Amazing Jonathon and Penn and Teller, stating that he cannot stomach how they present magic in the crude way they do and that we should, as magicians, not be vulgar or use foul language or concepts.

What a very nice man he is...and Tammy...and what an experience for me to be there. I felt honored to be there. At the OMC...and here is John Calvert...in person...up close with all his history.

I joined the club last night. Thanks again for getting me to see Calvert...I am still floating from the experience.

## Dues Notice

Although most members paid their 2009 dues at the John Calvert Lecture (and saving \$10 on the spot), a few remain unpaid. If you have not paid by the Installation Banquet on Tuesday 3 February you will be dropped from the mailing list and not receive future discounts on club activities. A special lecture is planned for the March meeting, free only to paid OMC members. There will be a \$5 discount on Flea Market tables in April, etc. It doesn't cost to belong to the OMC, It pays! Send your \$20 (\$15 for life members) NOW!

Make your check payable to The Oakland Magic Circle and mail it to your Treasurer,

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## Events

JIM PACE is coming to lecture on Tuesday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm He's well known for a ton of magic, just google his name! The lecture is sponsored by the local SAM 112, to be held at California Magic Dinner Theatre in Martinez. For \$12 you get an evening of entertainment and some knowledge you can use right away!!"

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