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## **President's Message**

Greetings!

If you have recently visited the OMC website, you will have seen some major changes. I am now using Google Calendar to list the up coming events. I have turned over the posting of photos of our meetings to our librarian, David Sament. The Photo Gallery links to his photo blog. When you click on the Upcoming Events link, it will take you to [calendar.google.com](http://calendar.google.com) and when you click on the address for Bjornson Hall, it takes you to a Google map with a street view. The previous newsletters are also posted as .pdf documents. There is also a gallery of magic related links listing member's pages and other links for your interest. Visit our website often and if you see something that should be added, let me know via email and I will try to get it added for you.

September is the big Inter-club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner. If you were at the August meeting, you know how hard it was to choose a winner between the two acts that competed. Both David Fry and Gregg Keeling had excellent performances. In the end, the audience chose Gregg to represent our club. In addition to representing our club at the September event, Gregg was also presented with a poster by Gary Meyer for the Telluride Film festival. What makes that poster even more special was the artist Mark Stock, who was in attendance and happens to be both a magician and classic jazz drummer, signed the poster for Gregg. It is also rumored that

Mark will soon join the OMC as a regular member.

While on the subject of new members, Mike Della Penna had his second reading of his membership application and was voted in by the members in attendance. Frank Oliver submitted his membership applications that night and had his first reading.

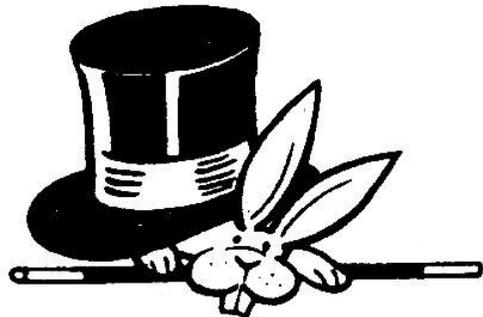
Our October meeting theme will be spooky and bizarre magic. Let your imagination run wild with this one!!

We will need members to come early to the September stage competition to assist in setting up tables for our guests and to assist in the clean up. Set up will begin at 4:30.

We would also like to have several of our members do a bit of close up table magic between 6:30 and 7:00 before dinner is served. From what has been presented in our after meeting shows, I know there is some high quality magic to be shared.

See you September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Scott



## **Minutes of Meeting 5 Aug 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM. Gary Meyer introduced visitor Mark Stock, artist and magician. Fred Casto introduced visitors from New Zealand, Alan and Michelle Watson. Alan sends out the popular online magic newsletter and invited OMC members to join his mailing list. Treasurer Manya Casto reported that the club continues to be solvent but the increase in rent for "special events" from \$65 to \$400 should be taken into consideration in planning. Our CD is coming due and Manya will renew at the most appropriate rate for the club. Gregg Keeling and Robert Herrick will look into other venues for holding such "special events". Byron reminded of the advantages of having all possible events at Bjornson Hall: we pay rent anyway plus the location is well known to most local magicians and guests. Scott discussed the Oakland Magic Circle web site that he is now updating it, and that news should be sent to him for inclusion. David Sament reminded us of our Yahoo discussion group that he is moderating. SAM 94 President Kim Silverman announced that their annual auction and flea market will be held on 8 September 2008 at the First Lutheran Church, corner Homer and Webster, in Palo Alto. Doors open about 7:30 and tables are \$10 full, \$5 half table. Although the business meeting was adjourned at 8 PM, it was re-opened at the end of the evening for further business. The second reading for membership for Mike Della Penna was given and he was sworn into membership. Also, the first reading of membership for Frank Olivier was given.

Byron Walker  
Secretary, OMC

## **The Big Show at the OMC!**

The OMC Intra-club stage competition was held to select an OMC representative to the annual OMC Inter-club stage competition Tuesday 2 September. It was a battle of the two mentalists, David Fry and Gregg Keeling. While the ballots were being

counted by your Secretary and Sgt at Arms, Kim Silverman presented a new act he is preparing for The Magic Castle. The winner of the contest to represent the OMC in September, in a close vote, was Gregg Keeling. Performing next was Felix Harth with his Ball and Vase routine and a broken and restored plastic bag. Visitor and hopefully new member Mark Stock followed with a Card and Dictionary Prediction. Robert Herrick performed a very nice Ring and Shoelace routine. Jack Browne followed with a surprising Card Silk Revelation. Scott Alcalay showed us his new Sun and Moon Coin Transposition routine. New member applicant Frank Olivier took command of the audience with his famous tongue manipulations. (You would have to see it to believe it!) Frank followed with the rarely seen obedient rubber band. (Rubber bands are not easy to train). Frank closed our show with some amazing card work that baffled and amused us all.

Byron

## **The OMC Goes to the PCAM!**

The 2008 PCAM convention was held in Monterey on 10-13 July with the OMC well represented. Attending were Benny Bendini and Bebe Conrad, David Fry, Robert Herrick, Dan and Diane Solo, P.S. Sundar (all the way from Washington), Mark Tarses, Dagmar Thieson, Byron Walker and Ann Marie, and Jim Wells. Raghu Nathan had registered for the convention but because of health reasons was not able to attend.

In the dealer's room Byron had 2 tables, one for books and one for posters for sale.

Benny performed the act that won the 2007 OMC inter-club contest and at the PCAM took the Silver medal for Comedy. Benny and Bebe then celebrated their triumph by vacationing in Germany to visit with family and friends.

Byron

