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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 2011

Our October Meeting will feature:

**Bizarre Magic with
Kay Tracy**

Schedule for Tuesday, October 4, 2011

- 6:00p.m. Doors Open
- 6:45p.m. Card Teach In with
Aldrian Estepa
- 7:15p.m. Business Meeting
- 8:00p.m. Kay Tracy

President's Message

Hello everyone! Thank you all so much for making our Inter-Club competition the truly special night it has become. Kudos to winners Robert and Dagmar for their mind-blowing mind reading act, and thank you to all the talented and generous performers from our neighboring clubs. It takes a lot of heart to perform in any competition, much less one that is judged as a people's choice when it's not on your turf. Thank you all for simply putting on one heck of a great magic show!

Nominations for 2012 officers are taking place at the November meeting. I strongly encourage some new folk to take a turn at one of the officer roles in the club. There seems to be a bit of mystery about just what the roles are as well as their respective responsibilities. Here's a basic idea according to the OMC Constitution:

The Executive Committee - "The Board"

President- The President shall be the chief administrative officer of the organization. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Vice President- The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside over meetings in the absence of the President and to assume the President's duties when necessary.

Secretary- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meetings, to keep a list of the members and incidental data concerning them. The Secretary shall turn over all archives of the organization to the Historian.

Treasurer- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be custodian of all money and securities of the OMC, Inc. and to keep an accurate account thereof.

(Two other members at large, to be elected by the membership, are also supposed to serve on the Executive Committee.)

Additional Officers

Sergeant-At-Arms- The Sergeant-At-Arms shall maintain order at meetings, attend the door, and admit only eligible persons.

Historian- The duty of the Historian shall be to maintain, help create and be the custodian of the archives of the organization.

Librarian- It shall be the duty of the Librarian to maintain and be the custodian of all books, magazines, paper and pamphlets relating to magic and magic equipment belonging to the Oakland Magic Circle, Inc.

There they are. Though the Constitution states that the Executive Committee is comprised of those four offices (plus two members at large), it has become a matter of habit that all officers able to attend Board meetings do so, and that all voices are heard with most things being settled upon by general agreement. Basically, we all work together to make the club function as smoothly as possible. It really is quite a bit of fun and I encourage you to try it out.

All the best,
Mike Della Penna

October Meeting to Feature Odd Gathering Founder Kay Tracy

Kay Tracy incorporates magic into storytelling and cultural mythologies, and has shared story magic with children and adults internationally. A fan of the "bizarre" – (Tracy believes that all magic is bizarre by definition) - she is founder of "The Odd Gathering," an annual convening to support the magical arts, exercise creativity and celebrate those artists who have paved the way. "I look forward to sharing a few insights, and possibly frights, with your members at the October meeting," said Tracy. The Odd Gathering is held each spring in Livermore, CA. Past speakers have included Doug Higley and Eugene Burger. The next gathering will be the weekend of April 20th with Paul Draper as special guest.

Inter-Club Competition Report

Again this year Bjornson Hall was the place to be on the first Tuesday of September. The Hall was packed, as usual, for the spaghetti dinner and contest. There were about 100 judges as a ballot was given for every paid admission ticket. The winner receives a check for \$150, an engraved trophy, rights to use the win in promotional material and the offer to perform at the February Installation Banquet for an additional \$150. President Mike Della Penna served as Master of Ceremonies and Scott Alcalay performed a recently-acquired illusion as the ballots were being counted. The four contestants seeking their fame and fortune this year and the club they represented were:
Phil Ackerly – I.B.M. Ring 216, San Jose
Alan Leeds – S.A.M. Assembly 94, Palo Alto
Ray Andrews – S.A.M. Assembly 112, Concord
Robert and Dagmar (Robert Herrick and Dagmar Theison) – OMC
The winner was Robert and Dagmar.
Byron Walker, Secretary

Robert MacKenzie- In Memory

Former OMC member Bob MacKenzie died of cancer Thursday September 22nd at his home in Antioch. He was 75. Bob had been interested in magic most of his life. As a teenager in East Oakland he spent many Saturdays with Pete Biro and Byron Walker, practicing, discussing and trading magic secrets. He became well known

locally for his whimsical reports on KTVU TV, usually about a trivial Bay Area event that suddenly became both important and entertaining. On semi-retiring in 2006 he re-joined the OMC, often performing feats of mentalism at the meetings. When he moved to Antioch he dropped out of the OMC "because of the distance" and transferred to S.A.M. 112 in Concord. He remained active there until recently. Memorial services will be held at a later date, "with jokes and ice cream, as he wanted" according to his brother.

Byron Walker

About Town

October 2, 2011-Jan 16, 2012 Contemporary Jewish Museum "Houdini Art and Magic" exhibit. Go to <http://www.thecjm.org/> for more information.

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 7:00p.m.

S.A.M. 112 presents "Rock & Roll Magic Show III" <http://sam112.com/rock-roll-magic-show-iii>

November 25-27, 2011 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Playland-Not-at-the-Beach "Wizard Weekend"
Magic Performances all weekend long. Contact Frank Biafore at frank@playland-not-at-the-beach.org for performance opportunities.

Future OMC Events through 2011

October – Bizarre Magic with Kay Tracy

November – Book Club and Nominations for 2011 officers

December – Walt Anthony Lecture; Election of 2011 officers

Inter-Club Competition Superstars! Thank You!

Sound- David Fry

Lights- Ric Ewing

Backstage- Mathew Vellankal

Front of House- David Sament

Table Set Up- Dagmar Theison, Lena Fenik, Ann Marie

Cookie Dipper and Hot Beverage Coordinator- Mark Tarses

Vote Counting Entertainer- Scott Alcalay

Most Generous Prize Sponsor –

Paul Gross of Hocus Pocus Magic

<http://hocus-pocus.com/> Thanks Paul!

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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