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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 6:00 pm
DECEMBER 2012

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 pm
Book Night: 7:45 pm

President's Message

December already? Another year to log onto the record books. The OMC is now going on its 88th year as the longest independent magic club west of the Mississippi! Thank you to our membership for keeping the club running each and every year!

Since the New Year approaches, December is the time when we elect the coming year's board of directors. At our last board meeting, the board members each said they would run for their respective office for 2013.

The nominees for 2013 Oakland Magic Circle are:

President – Scott Alcalay
Vice President – Mark Tarses
Secretary – Byron Walker
Treasurer – David Fry
Sgt at Arms – Robert Herrick
Librarian – Mike Della Penna
Historian – Nathaniel Segal
Members at large – Dagmar Theison and Steve Segal.

Our January lecture is planned! We will be having Pete Biro, himself! Pete was our club president in 1970 and 1971!

Pete Biro wrote *The Reel Works* column in *Genii* Magazine which began in Vol. 43, No. 1, January 1979. Pete Biro was born and raised in Oakland, California, in the year 1933, where the magic bug bit him early on. While in high school, he was walking around with a magic book in hand when another student

asked me if he could look at it. I said, "No it's private, it's for magicians only." He replied with, "I'm a magician, I have a copy of Greater Magic." That day a friendship that still exists was created. It was Byron Walker. They wound up doing several shows together. Another kid from that time, Bob Mackenzie became one of us, and we put a show together called The MadCaps of Magic. During his performing days, he worked a lot of conventions, won first prize, adult at the SAM Convention in Boston, lectured all over from Japan to France and places in-between, did private parties, hospitality rooms, corporate gigs, trade shows and his favorite, comedy clubs. Now Pete works closely with Joe Stevens of Stevens Magic in Kansas and Joe Porper of Los Angeles coming out with various magic routines and props. His lecture will have a variety of stories and effects and techniques that should benefit all who attend this event!

Magically,
Scott Alcalay

Our February banquet will be officially announced next month!

See you all December 4th!

Secretary's Report

MINUTES OF MEETING 6 NOV 2012

Houdini Night started off with the recent documentary by local filmmaker Tom Wyrsh, *The Annual Harry Houdini Seances*. This was filmed in Santa Rosa and Petaluma and featured some local magicians.

The meeting then was called to order by President Scott Alcalay. Nominations for 2013 club officers were taken, all un-opposed:
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This was followed by the performance section of the meeting, where members were requested to show an effect or show memorabilia in honor of Houdini, who had died just a week earlier on Halloween (although in 1926).

First up was Magical Nathaniel, who improved on a Houdini escape by not only escaping but doing it while solving the Rubik Cube, finding a selected card, doing it with a final flash, all while blindfolded. Houdini would have been jealous!

Byron Walker was next, talking about Houdini as a collector of magic books. He then showed a photo of Houdini in his massive library and a magic bibliography owned by Houdini with his bookplate, autograph and with many annotations by Houdini.

Doug Eakin followed with his broken and restored wine glass, which he likes to perform at various wine-tasting events.

Despite being on election night, the First OMC Houdini Night was an enjoyable evening. Byron Walker, Secretary

Future Events

December – Election of 2013 officers, Book Night
January 15, 2013 –Lecture (2013 dues due)
February 2013 – Installation Banquet and Show

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

December Meeting: Mike's Book Club.

The OMC Book Club

Reminder! December meeting will be our annual Book Club. Bring a magic book that has inspired you in some way and share your thoughts with the group! Better yet, if your book has effects in it (Wait! I thought tricks were only taught on DVDs...) please perform one for us! As a special treat, our own bibliophile extraordinaire Byron Walker will give a short talk on the history of magic books as he highlights seminal works of the past centuries. Lastly, come check out our new check out system in the newly organized OMC library. It's sure to be a great time!

Mike Della Penna

Hutch & Mike's Magical, Musical Family Winter Show

December 16, 2012, with two shows at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Berkeley's Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Avenue (at Berryman)

Holiday entertainment for the whole family!

For more information and tickets visit brownpapertickets.com

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

Please send submissions to either president@oaklandmagiccircle.com or byron.walker@comcast.net

Official Ballot
Oakland Magic Circle 2013 Election of
Officers

Vote for one		
President	Scott Alcalay	
Write in:		
Vice President	Mark Tarses	
Write in:		
Secretary	Byron Walker	
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**Please vote and mail your ballot back to Byron before
December 3 or bring it to the December 4th meeting
Byron Walker
POB 3186
San Leandro, CA 94578**