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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
JUNE 2012

Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 pm
Lloyd E. Jones Close Up Contest: 8:00 pm*
\$75 FIRST PRIZE!!
After the contest, Open Performance
*guests welcome!

President's Message

Aloha, Dan X. Solo.
April 29, 1928 – May 15, 2012



The month of May made a great change for our club. Dan Solo passed away on May 15, 2012. If you have been coming around to the Oakland Magic Circle you would know Dan X. Solo. Dan and Diane joined the OMC due to their friendship with Fred and Manya Casto. As Manya told me, Diane was a customer of

Manya's clothing store on Piedmont Ave and as they were talking, Diane mentioned that Dan performed Spook Shows and did Mind Reading. When Dan did a lecture for our club, he also stated that his mother was a Fortune Teller and that is where Dan learned his craft. Dan was also the proprietor of a typography shop in Oakland dedicated to unusual typography and special effects. He also has published numerous books on typeface design. Dan was the one responsible for the OMC membership cards every year, too.

Dan and Diane were inseparable. They traveled on cruise ships giving lectures, they went on adventures all around the world, performing, lecturing about the days of the carnival and mind reading, the spook shows of the '40s and' 50s and, Dan's love for collecting type faces.

Unfortunately, I did not know Dan all that well, but when we did have the chance to chat, his comments and observations opened up a whole new window to my magical knowledge.

Aloha, Dan.

Magically,
Scott Alcalay

Get out your Cups and Balls!!

June is our Close up competition. The rules are stated below. The winner will receive \$75 FIRST PRIZE!!

After the contest, the stage will be open to anyone who wants to perform. So, if you are not entering the contest, at least get up and show your chops.

Close Up Competition Rules

General Information

- ◆ All acts are to be 6-12 minutes in length.
- ◆ Acts will be judged in the following three categories:
 - ◆ Presentation
 - ◆ Technique & Technical Ability
 - ◆ Magical / Entertainment Value
- ◆ All non-competing OMC members are eligible to vote.
- ◆ Voting members must be present for the full duration of the competition.

Minutes of Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Tarsus at 7:15 PM. Mark announced that President Scott Alcalay was on a program and arriving later. Nathaniel discussed his “almost” one-man show at El Cerrito High School, where he is soon to graduate, then attend U.C. Berkeley on a full scholarship. David Fry gave his Treasurer’s report. The OMC once again made a nice profit at the April Auction/Flea Market. David found a fine CD for the OMC yielding 2% and placed much of the OMC funds there. The second reading for membership was given for Matt Warren and he was voted into membership. The first reading was given for Dante Mancini. Mike Della Penna discussed the summer magic camp scheduled for Playland NOTB; those wishing to make guest appearances can contact Mike for details. Jeff Korst announced that he will be appearing at the Magic Dinner Theater in Martinez June 22-23, along with Rob Zabrecky. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

May Magic at the OMC

After a short coffee and cookie break we had performances by Aden Olivier (who has an excellent mentor), Magical Nathaniel with his famous coin in card routine and

David Fry with the card mental trick he performs when stuck at an airport. Frank Olivier concluded the performance section with several amusing anecdotes, showing how a seasoned professional can make the most of unexpected situations. The evening concluded with a lecture by Tobias Beckwith, author of *Beyond Deception*.
Byron Walker, Secretary

Future Events

July – No Meeting, Annual trip to Alameda County Fair CANCELLED!
August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition
September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.
October – TBA
November – Nominations for 2013 officers
December – Election of 2013 officers

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

Williams Magic is coming to town!! Emory Williams will be parking his BIG RIG MAGIC SHOP at the San Leandro Walmart parking lot, located at 1919 Davis Street in San Leandro this Friday, May 25 from 5-9 pm before he winds his way up to Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland (Just outside Sacramento) for Saturday and Sunday evenings. If anyone would like to visit them there that's fine too. After that they move on north toward Stan Kramien's Jamboree in Oregon.

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