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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
SEPTEMBER 2012

Annual Inter-Club Stage Competition
Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Stage Competition: 8:00 pm
\$150 FIRST PRIZE!!

President's Message

It's that time for the big Annual Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti dinner!!! Magical Nathaniel will be representing the OMC. We have yet to learn who will be representing the other local clubs. There is a lot to tell you about in this newsletter. So I will keep the general banter brief.

First up, is the contest and dinner. Tickets are available on Brown Paper Tickets through the OMC website. Ticket Sales will close Sunday, September 2nd around 10 p.m. so we can get our order in to the caterer. The staff running the show this year are: Dining room set-up coordinators – Mark Tarses and Byron Walker; Box office - David Fry and Dagmar; Stage Manager – Steve Segal; Sound – Frank Biafore; Follow Spot – Ace Miles; Raffle tickets and prizes - Robert Herrick and Mike Della Penna; and your MC for the evening – your humble club president.

We will open the doors at 4 pm to start setting up the room. We desperately need some club members to show up when the doors are opened to help set up tables and chairs.

This is always a smooth running evening when all the members pitch in and help set up as well as tear down after the event.

The day before the contest is Labor Day, and the SAM112 is again sponsoring a wonderful picnic at Lake Del Valle in

Livermore. The last two Labor Day picnics have been very fun and if you have not been, I highly advise going. There is great magic, food, and socializing with your fellow magic club members.

Next on the agenda is a very special evening for our October meeting. Entitled "In Conversation with John Calvert". John is now 101 years young and is coming up to the OMC. This will be a question and answer presentation with John and Tammy Calvert. We will be having a TV crew there to document this event. I would like to as a couple of favors of the membership. First, we will need questions for John and Tammy to answer, so, you can ask them just about anything about their 80 year career in magic. Secondly, since the TV crew will be there, the board asks if people would "dress" for the occasion. Think "business casual".

There will be a door charge for this event of \$5 for OMC Members and \$15 for non members. Membership has its benefits!

Lastly, I have confirmed that the one and only Nick Lewin will be our January 2013 lecturer. I could write many words about Nick, but in brief, I will say if you read Alan Watson's magic New Zealand newsletter, you will know Nick from his column entitled Remarkable Magic. Nick was very good friends with the late Billy McComb and Terry Seabrooke as well as MANY other notable magicians. For more information about Nick, click [HERE](#).

Well, I think I have said enough for now. Byron is breathing down my neck to keep this limited to just 2 pages.

Magically,
Scott Alcalay

Minutes of Meeting 7 August 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Tarses at 7:30 PM. OMC Librarian Mike Della Penna said he and Byron Walker would be rearranging the OMC Library on Aug 16. Since the OMC Historian, David Sament, is taking a leave of absence, Mike also volunteered to take over the job for the rest of 2012.

Rick Allen discussed JOHN CALVERT IN CONVERSATION to be held at Bjornson Hall on Tuesday Oct 2nd. It was agreed to charge \$5 for paid up OMC members, \$15 for non-members and split the gate between Calvert and the OMC. Rick will handle publicity among the media, the OMC among the magic community.

Dave Anderson discussed the 3rd annual Magicians Labor Day picnic Sep 3rd in Livermore. Info from Dave at 707)287-1833. Mike Della Penna recently went to the Lake Tahoe area to see local magician Alex Ramon. Jerry Barrilleaux (pronounced "Barlow" – I asked) performed at Playland NOTB, had his performance taped, and it ran on the show Oddities of San Francisco, shown on the Science Channel. (No mention that their geography was a bit off since Jerry lives in Concord and Playland is in El Cerrito.)

Jeff Korst discussed upcoming performances at the California Magic Dinner Theater and Byron discussed the upcoming 6th annual Golden Gate Gathering.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.
Byron Walker, Secretary

The 2012 OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

This is held every August to select the performer to represent the OMC at the September Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner. Prizes have recently been increased so that the first place winner receives \$75 plus an engraved trophy and now the second place winner receives \$25. The competitors were:

Magical Nathaniel (Segal)

Mike Della Penna

Doug Kovicich

Voting among OMC members awarded first prize to Nathaniel, who will represent the OMC in September, and second place to Mike Della Penna.

Byron Walker, Secretary

Future Events

October – An Evening in Conversation with JOHN CALVERT!!!

November – Nominations for 2013 officers

December – Election of 2013 officers

January 2013 – Nick Lewin Lecture (2013 dues due)

February 2013 – Installation Banquet and Show

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

Saturday, September 22

Hocus Pocus Magic Shop in Fresno. Paul Gross, owner of Hocus Pocus is the one who generously donates our magical raffle prizes every year. He is having his BIG EVENT. An outrageous SWAP MEET and FOUR LECTURES!!! [Go](http://www.hocus-pocus.com) to www.hocus-pocus.com for more information and to reserve your space.

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

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