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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 2013

Tuesday, JUNE 4, 2013
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 pm
Close-up Contest: 8:00 pm

President's Message

June at the Oakland Magic Circle brings us to a variety of topics and announcements. But first and foremost, a huge thank you to all who participated in our open performance night. Many excellent magical presentations! More about that in Byron's Secretary's report. If you did not make it to the May meeting, you missed magical excellence by many of our members.

For the June meeting, it is our annual close up contest open to all current OMC members. Prize for first place are a trophy, bragging rights, and \$75 dollars!

The rules of the contest remain the same.

◆ **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.**

This should prove to be a fun night in that you can also invite your friends to experience the magic of the OMC.

As you are aware, the OMC is DARK in July. This is the time we take for the annual trip to the Alameda County Fair. This year, Alameda County fair will be presenting their fireworks show every Friday during the run of the fair. I will send out a note later this month with available dates. I do not know who the grounds acts are, but we have always had a

fun time wandering around the agricultural and commercial exhibits. I would like to give thanks to Frank Biafore for supplying complimentary ride tickets from Butler Amusements for the carnival rides for our previous visits. Playland not at the Beach has a special connection with the fine people at Butler Amusements. When we come back in August, which will be our Intra-Club Stage Magic competition, here again, we will have a chance to invite your friends for an evening of performance. The winner, as you know, goes on to represent the OMC in the Annual Inter-Club Stage Competition in September.

Magically,
Scott Alcalay



Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting 7 May 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:20 PM. Larry Wright announced that he has retired from the U.S. Treasury Dept and will rejoin the OMC. He brought Carol, a fellow member of SAM Assembly 112. Various members discussed three upcoming magic-themed movies: Now You See It, Desperate Acts of Magic and Deceptive Practices: The Mysteries and Mentors of Ricky Jay. Fred Casto showed a framed Okito letter and photo, formerly belonging to Dr Robert Albo, that he acquired at a local auction. Jeff Korst discussed his upcoming shows, Larry Wright announced a

SAM Assembly 112 sponsored lecture by Tom Ogden in Martinez June 8th and the recent passing of Dennis Loomis was mourned. The requirements for the annual OMC Close-Up Contest, held at the June meeting were discussed and participants were requested to work on their 6-12 minute act immediately, or sooner if possible.

Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

Showtime at the OMC!

A pleasing ten performers responded to the call to perform. Leading off was a past President of the IBM, Fred Casto with a mental marvel. Next up was our other past President of the IBM, Jack Browne with his 4 card trick and his shot glass/bag routine. Scott Alcalay presented his great chain escape ala Houdini. David Anders followed with his back of the room card effect. Alan Sands, with the assistance of Claire, presented his new daring broken bottle effect. Larry Wright, with Dagmar assisting, performed his calendar card effect. Ken Taylor performed his original spot card routine that should make other spot card routines obsolete. Steve Nelson, now a regular performer at the Alameda Theater, presented a stunning prediction effect, followed by catching a paint ball by mouth. Jeff Korst, assisted by Manya, presented his red hank to egg with a surprise climax. The show ended with Robert Herrick presenting a demonstration of spoon bending with the power of the mind. Steve Nelson concluded the evening with two amusing anecdotes from his performances.

Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

Future Events

June – Close Up Contest
July – DARK
August – Intra-Club Stage Competition
September – Inter Club Stage Competition and Dinner
October – Creepy, Spooky Magic, Houdini, Escapes, Danger!
November – Nominations for 2014 Board
December – Elections for 2014 Board

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

July 18, 19, 20, GGG (Golden Gate Gathering) Convention

This is the greatest annual magician's convention in the Bay Area! If you have not attended this event in the past, you must

attend this year! Location - Crowne Plaza in Foster City. Registration for the Golden Gate Gathering is \$200 (USD)
Payment should be made via PayPal to d.nelson.magic@gmail.com. Lecturers include: Steve Ehlers, Tony Chang, Ray Kosby, and Asi Wind.
Registration is simple. Just go to <http://bamagic.com/register/> and you will see everything you need to know!



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6:00 Doors open
6:00-7:00 Chinese Music
7:00-8:30 Dinner
8:30-9:30 Magic & Variety
9:30-10:00 Karaoke

Comedy Legend Tom Ogden will be lecturing Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at The California Magic Dinner Theater. This lecture is presented by SAM 112 and SHOULD NOT BE MISSED!! SAM 112 Members: \$15, non SAM 112 members \$20 payable at the door. For more information, visit <http://sam112.com/>

Finally, IBM Ring 216 is having their annual flea market on June 12. For information, visit <http://www.ring216.org/>

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