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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
JANUARY 2014

Tuesday, January 7, 2014
Robert Baxt Lecture!
Doors open: 6:00 pm
General Meeting: 7:15 pm
Lecture 7:30 pm

(Outgoing) President's Message

“The time has come,' the Walrus said,

To talk of many things:

Of shoes — and ships — and sealing-wax —

Of cabbages — and kings —

And why the sea is boiling hot —

And whether pigs have wings.' “

From The Walrus and the Carpenter by Lewis Carroll

This will be my farewell message, as the outgoing president. It was a lot of fun to help run this club for 5 terms. But it is not about me. It is about the great team of the OMC Board of Directors. It is about the active membership. And, it is about the magic. We all brought a little something different to each and every board or general club meeting which gave an excellent variety of presentations to all who attended.

I would very much like to name every individual member here to give each and every one of you the credit that you deserve, but that would require printing out the entire club roster in such a limited amount of space. Without you, our club would not have lasted as long as it has. It would not be “The oldest independent magic club, west of the Mississippi, since 1925.” It is you, the membership that makes this club great.

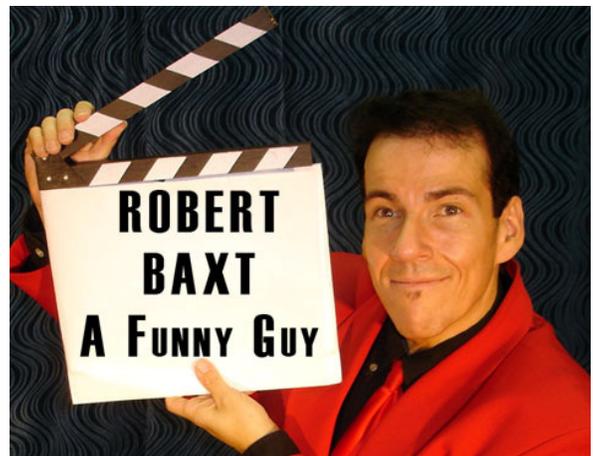
Our club secretary, Byron Walker, now takes the reigns as President. Mark Tarses continues on as Vice President. Mike Della Penna takes over as Secretary. Robert Herrick is now the Treasurer.

Gary Meyer joins the board as Historian and Doug Eakin joins the board as Sergeant at Arms.

Welcome 2014 OMC Board of Directors!

Now that is out of my system, Join us on January 7 for a fun filled evening of Magic, laughter and learning as we present the one and only Robert Baxt!

Comedy, magic, presentation, bits of business and stories will be shared by this very creative thinker in magic. He will have much to give away and even more to sell! You will not want to miss this fantastic night of magic!



Admission prices at the door for Robert's lecture are \$5 for current (2014) members and \$15 for non OMC Members. Non-members can join the OMC that night and get the member's admission price of \$5.

To find out the complete story about Robert, check out <http://www.robertbaxt.com>

I will see you at the January meeting!

Scott Alcalay, outgoing OMC President

Secretary's Report 3 December 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:30. The ballots for 2014 officers were counted and the suggested slate was elected by unanimous vote. Your 2014 officers are:

President – Byron Walker
Vice President – Mark Tarses
Secretary – Mike Della Penna
Treasurer – Robert Herrick
Librarian – Mike Della Penna
Historian – Gary Meyer
Sgt at Arms – Doug Eakin

Two members at large are to be appointed later. Scott discussed the January lecturer, Robert Baxt, who will make learning magic fun. The second reading was held for Glen Micheletti (Big Al Catraz) and he was voted into membership. An announcement was made that SAM Assembly 112 will have their Installation banquet and show 18 Jan 2014 (see sam112.com for information). Mike Della Penna announced that he will hold Winter Magic Camp at Playland NOTB Dec 27 and Dec 30 for youngsters 5-8 years of age. Scott mentioned that he will be performing there on New Year's Eve. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Byron Walker, 2013 OMC Secretary (last one from me – Mike Della Penna's job in 2014!)

Classic Magic with Apparatus Night at the OMC

Mike Della Penna led the OMC in our first meeting with this theme as a tribute to Dr Robert Albo. First up was **Fred Casto** performing The Squeeze Away Block, invented by Edward Massey. Fred referenced Dr Albo's Classic Magic With Apparatus, Volume Two, pages 66-67. Second on the bill was **Byron Walker** performing The Escaping Vampire, invented by California magic dealer Ben Wallace in 1945. This effect can be found in Albo Volume Two, pages 84-85. Third came **James Hamilton** with the magic of Alexander Herrmann. Jim displayed a fine poster of Herrmann, performed the Dissecting Drawer Box from Professor Hoffmann's Modern Magic (pages 346-347) as Herrmann would and showed a cigar dispenser owned by Herrmann and given to Jim by John Daniel. Fourth came **Larry Callaghan** displaying two models of arm chopper and his drawer box. Then **Doug Eakin** showed his very

deceptive penetration frame entitled Heart of Glass from Magical Adventures and Fairy Tales by Punx, found on pages 18-20. Last on the bill was **Mike Della Penna** with a die box version of Run Rabbit Run and the Milson-Worth manufactured Curious Cubes (shown in Albo Volume Two, pages 62-63 as Confusing Blocks). Our first evening with this theme was a success and thanks to Mike for moderating. Scribe's note – of the six performers three performed effects found in Dr Albo's second of eleven volumes on apparatus magic. Just thought you would find that interesting.

Byron Walker, 2013 OMC Secretary (last activity report from me – Mike's job in 2014 – thanks Mike!)

Previews of Coming Attractions!

January – Robert Baxt lecture at the bargain price of only \$5 for paid up OMC members. Robert is highly entertaining and it promises to be an evening of fun as well as learning,

February – OMC Installation Banquet and show, featuring Quazar The Electric Man. Timothy James and the winner of the 2013 inter-Club Stage competition, Mike Della Penna.

March – To be announced. Your suggestions are welcome.

April – The largest and finest Magic Flea Market and Auction in Northern California.