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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 2010

Tuesday, June 1, 2010
Lloyd Jones Annual Close Up Contest
6:00 pm doors open
7:15 General business meeting
7:30 Let the fun begin!

President's Message

June is the Annual Close-up contest. As like last year, there will be a cash prize. So polish up your moves and sleights and be ready for some great magic.

July will once again be a trip to the Alameda County Fair. The fireworks show is July 2nd. This year I was informed that magician Frank Thurston will be performing at various times around the fairgrounds. Frank is a descendent of the great Howard Thurston.

August is our Intra Club stage competition. We are looking for the stage act to represent the OMC at the Annual Interclub Stage Competition and Spaghetti dinner. The ideal act is 8 to 12 minutes. The September Annual show is one of our biggest and best public events and it shows off the Oakland Magic Circle to its fullest!

October we have a lecture by James Ridner a.k.a. Sabretooth. He will be presenting his lecture entitled: Vanish the Gremlins and Magic Appears. This will include something for all our performing members who want to look at technique and enhance their performance.

In closing, your board of directors is encouraging feedback on the new distribution of our club newsletter.

Also, if we get enough members and their families showing interest in the Alameda county Fair outing, we might be able to get some group discount tickets. Up until now, we are just purchasing the family ticket packet. It is a fun way to spend time with your club.

Prize Increases for the OMC!

At the May OMC Board Meeting it was decided to increase the monetary awards at the three annual contests.

1. For the June Lloyd Jones Memorial Close-Up Contest first prize is increased from \$50 to \$75. (OMC members only, 6-12 minute act).
2. At the August Stage Competition first prize is increased from zero to \$75. (OMC members only, 8-12 minute act).
3. At the September Inter-Club Stage Competition the temporary increase from \$100 to \$150 is made permanent. (Each contestant to represent a greater Bay Area magic club, 8-12 minute act). The winner also has the opportunity to perform at the February Installation Banquet for an additional \$150.

The usual rules apply to all three contests – the previous year's winner is not eligible to compete and no open flame or material unsuitable for a family audience.

Byron Walker, Secretary

Minutes of Meeting 4 May 2010

Because of our President's laryngitis, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Vice-President Mark Tarses. Mark announced that he had noisy buckets for the Miser's dream for sale at only \$3. He also suggested that members not perform magic in Saudi Arabia as they are currently executing magicians, believing that legerdemain must be considered "black magic". Members that did not receive the May Bulletin by Email were requested to check with David Fry, as he is now distributing them electronically. It was made clear that we value the membership of those without computers, and they will continue

to receive them via the postal service. Your Secretary pointed out that over the past three years the membership has grown from a little over forty members to nearly eighty. He mentioned that not only will this save the OMC considerable money in postage, envelopes and printing it will keep him from resigning.

Mike DellaPenna announced that he will be giving magic lessons at Playland Not At The Beach; if interested talk to Mike at the June meeting. President Scott found his voice long enough to announce that the OMC will attend in a group at The Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton on Fireworks Night, Friday 2 July. We will meet with magician Frank Thurston who is performing at the fair this year. More information will be given at the June meeting. Members were anxiously waiting to learn the identity of the handsome young magician performing Zombie pictured in the May Bulletin. For the benefit of the unfortunate members not able to attend, it was your Historian, Fred Casto. Members were encouraged to secretly submit their youthful photos of them performing magic to your President or Secretary, who jointly slave over each Bulletin. The second reading for membership of Doug Kovacich was given and he was voted into membership. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM, followed by two lectures. The first was by Richard Halle, who spoke on using the voice effectively. We have Ken Taylor to thank for arranging this lecture. The second talk was by Ric Ewing, who discussed how to analyze a magical effect to increase its impact on an audience.

Byron Walker, Secretary

OMC GOES DIGITAL

The OMC is now going to be emailing the newsletter for you to print out, in addition to posting it on the website www.oaklandmagiccircle.com. The sender of the newsletter will read newsletter@oaklandmagiccircle.com. Thanks to David Fry, this will now all be handled electronically.

For those who do not have computers, you will still receive the newsletter via the US Postal Service.

Future Events

July – No Meeting, trip to Alameda County Fair
August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition
September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.

October – Sabretooth lecture

November – Nominations for 2011 officers

December – Election of 2011 officers

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

June 9th, IBM Ring 216 Sponsors a lecture by **Tom Ogden**. Location: Yu-Ai Kai Center, 588 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA, Time: 7:30pm, Member cost is \$10, Non-Member Cost is \$25. This is a "Pay at the Door Event only." Contact IBM Ring 216 Vice President Cal Tong if you have any questions. ctong-dsl@sbcglobal.net

July 14th, IBM Ring 216 Magic Auction and Flea Market

This month we hold our annual IBM RING 216 Auction. General admission will be at 7:00 PM. The auction will start at around 8:00 PM. Those who purchase tables should arrive at 6:30 PM. Only those purchasing tables will be allowed in prior to 7:00 PM. Contact Patrick Reed. Tables should be reserved and paid for in advance as we have a limited number (approximately 13 large tables, 3 small). Large tables (about 3x8 feet) are \$10, small (3x4 feet) are \$5. At the door, tables will cost \$15 and \$7 respectively - if any are still available. 10% of the total proceeds of auctioned items go to the club, rounded to the nearest dollar.

July 29 - 31, 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. Cost: \$175 (Paypal it to: kentfgunn@hotmail.com). Lecturers include: Johnny Thompson, Norman Beck, Jason England, Paul Vigil and Mike Gallo. For more information, go to www.bamagic.com. Dealer room includes Byron Walker (Byron Walker Magic Books) and Tony Miller (R.F.A. Magic Productions).

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

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