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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  
AUGUST 2010

### **OMC INTRA-CLUB STAGE COMPETITION**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2010**

**Doors open: 6:00 pm**

**Business meeting: 7:15 pm**

**Share a new trick/effect: 7:30**

**Stage contest: 8:00 pm**

**If you are performing in the stage competition, please be at the hall no later than 7:00 pm as David Fry will be able to do a sound check/ run through.**

#### **President's Message**

We're back! I hope everyone had a great July. Lots of things happened during that month: Mike Della Penna taught a class in magic at Playland Not at the Beach. Mark Tarses did a guest spot there, too. A small group went to the Alameda County Fair and saw Frank Thurston (grand nephew of the great Howard Thurston). While at the fair, Byron and Ann Marie saw Little Feat in the amphitheater and you should have seen them dancing up a storm!! Later on in the evening we relaxed to the sights of a fireworks sky show and then on to some carnival rides. We all went on the dark ride (eh, nothing special) and then Magical Nathaniel and I climbed the stairs and slid down the giant slide. Whoosh! By 11:00 p.m. we were all pretty tired and came home. A BIG THANK YOU to Richard Tuck for providing the ride tickets.

I recently joined the S.A.M. and have been going to the Pleasant Hill S.A.M. 112 meetings. Our member, Doug Kovacich is the president of that group and is suggesting we have an "all bay area magic clubs" family picnic. He suggested that the Oakland Zoo picnic grounds would be a great central location. He suggested the date of Monday, September 6 (Labor day) as that is a holiday and it should not interfere with any weekend

performers. It would be basically a pot luck: salads, sides and desserts with the magic clubs providing beverages and paper plates, etc. There will be several grills for grilling and also a stage area for us to share the magic. This would be a great time for all our spouses, partners, and families to get together for a fun afternoon of camaraderie with the other magic clubs. Please contact me so we can get a head count on who will be attending. I will be the liaison with the other clubs and we can have a great time!

September is the annual INTER-CLUB stage competition and spaghetti dinner. Prices for tickets will be same as last year: \$15 adults and \$10 children under 12. Tickets will be again available through Brown Paper Tickets. Call them at 1-800-838-3006 and ask for The Oakland Magic Circle show. We are limited to 100 dinner tickets, so do not delay!. This event is one of our largest public events and we show off our club to the fullest!

Magically yours,  
Scott Alcalay

#### **RULES FOR THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER STAGE CONTESTS**

1. All acts should be 8 - 12 minutes.
2. All material must be suitable for a family audience.
3. No open flame (flash paper / flash string ok)

### Minutes of July Meeting 2010

No July meeting No July minutes.

### FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

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

#### 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: Allan Ackerman, Norman Beck, Jason England, Paul Vigil and Mike Gallo. For more information, go to [www.bamagic.com](http://www.bamagic.com). Dealer room includes Byron Walker (Byron Walker Magic Books) and Tony Miller (R.F.A. Magic Productions).

#### Playland Not-at-the-Beach Presents Magic Camp - 2010

August 9th - 13th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ages 7 through 107 welcome

Session 1 Sold Out Fast

Make your reservation for Session 2 Today  
Come join teacher and popular performer Mike Della Penna for a week of magic instruction at Playland Not-at-the-Beach! Each student will receive a special book and all necessary equipment and props to make his or her show a success. Food will not be provided, though students are encouraged to bring a snack or light lunch as we will provide time for snack. The cost is only \$220.

Space is limited to 10 students. This incredibly fun Magic Camp will fill up fast, so sign up soon! Reservations can be made by mail, over the phone using a credit card at (510) 232-4264 X24, or at the Playland box office.



#### Sep 17 & Sep 18, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. - Two Shows Only! Belrose Theatre

1415 5th Avenue San Rafael, CA \$20 <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/115924>

#### "Benny Bendini's Incredible Magic Hat Show" & "Germar's Comedy Magic with a Twist"

One shape makes many hats!  
20 quick-change characters delight with comedy magic, chapeaugraphy, music, mime, visual jests & vignettes with hilarious comical situations. With his unique blend of magic and standup comedy, Germar will have you laughing hilariously and then gasping with amazement!

Additional Information: [MagicCircus.com](http://MagicCircus.com)

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

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