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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
JULY 2010

OMC DARK JULY

President's Message

My apologies for not making it to the June meeting. I seem to have used all my sick days at my regular job, so next time I will call in dead. I had to check into the emergency room that night. The guy next to me had a temperature of 104 degrees so they put him in bed with a guy who had the chills. I spoke to my doctor at Kaiser the next day. He was more encouraging in my case. He said there was nothing wrong with me that \$500 couldn't cure. He said he would have me walking in a few days and he was right. His bill was so high I had to sell my car!

Don't forget, when we come back in August, it will be time for 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.

Last year our club winner was Dan Chan who also won the Inter Club Competition. The September Annual show is one of our biggest and best public events and it shows off the Oakland Magic Circle to its fullest!

Our member Doug Kovacich, who is also the President of S.A.M. 112 in Pleasant Hill has suggested having an Inter Club picnic on Labor Day, September 6th. He suggested that a good central location would be at the Oakland Zoo picnic area. If you would be interested in this event, please contact Doug or me. This would be a great time for all our families and friends to get together to share the fellowship of the magic clubs. Remember: This is your club and the members make the difference.

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.

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. Call me if you want to arrange a time and place to meet: 510-851-4313. It is a fun way to spend time with your club.

See you in August for the stage contest!

Scott Alcalay

THIS JUST IN: Member Mike Della Penna reports that he just became a proud papa. Leo Phineas Della Penna, born June 16. 8 lbs, 9 oz. He says, "Everything is awesome!" (Just wait till the kid wants the car!)

Minutes of Meeting 1 June 2010

In President Scott Alcalay's absence the meeting was called to order at 7:25 by Vice-President Mark Tarses. The Secretary gave first readings for new members Aldrian Estepa and Andrew Dodds. Various members introduced their guests, of which we seemed to have a record number. Byron discussed the July 29-31 Golden Gate Gathering and recommended it, especially for those interested in close-up magic. Information can be obtained at bamagic.com. Calvin Tong distributed flyers for the Ring 216 Tom Ogden lecture and gave information on their July 14th Auction and Flea Market in San Jose. Frank Biafore discussed the magic lessons to be held at Playland-Not-At-The-Beach to be given by

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

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.

EXIT Theatre Presents Christian Cagigal's *Obscura: A Magic Show* an intimate evening of dark fables and strange happenings EXIT Café 8:30pm THUR/FRI/SAT JUNE 17 - AUGUST 14. (Preview June 17th, Opens June 18th, NO SHOWS JULY 1, 2, 3):

Tickets: \$20. Join magician Christian Cagigal as he weaves magic, fairy tales and dark fables into an intimate and engaging evening fraught with wonder, mystery and imagination. Cagigal has been regaling diverse audiences with his unique hybrid of theatre and "slightly creepy" magic at the EXIT Theatre.

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. Please send submissions to either scott@scottalcalay.com or byron.walker@comcast.net

OMC member Mike Della Penna June 28-July 2. Doug Kovacich, OMC member and President of S.A.M. Assembly 112 in Pleasant Hill announced that they would be having their Intra-Club stage competition to select a representative for the September OMC Inter-Club Stage Competition. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Byron Walker, Secretary OMC

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.

The OMC 2010 Lloyd Jones Memorial Intra-Club Close-Up Contest

Following a short intermission eight contestants signed up for the competition. In order of performance they were:

1. David Fry
2. Mike Della Penna
3. Nathaniel Segal
4. Peter Kim
5. Aldrian Estepa
6. Doug Kovacich
7. Brenton Cromwell
8. Andrew Dodds

In third place and winner of a Mark Tarses Magic Candy Bar was David Fry. In second place and winner of a magic candy bar was Nathaniel Segal. In first place and winner of \$75 and an engraved trophy (plus candy) was Andrew Dodds.

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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