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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
MAY 2010

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Guest Speakers!
6:00 pm doors open
7:15 General business meeting
7:30 Special guest speakers

President's Message

Is it my imagination or is our flea market growing by leaps and bounds? I am not sure, but I think we reached capacity this year. I think we used up all the space we could afford that would be available for the buyers and sellers to move comfortably around the room.

There were a great many deals to be had there. I did not have a chance to see everything, but Daryl seemed to be giving stuff away. Next to him Richard Tuck and the guys from Playland Not At The Beach had some fine collectable magic for sale. There was also Loren Lind with his grab bags that benefited the SYM. Over in the kitchen area, Claire Coustier had some very nice handmade jewelry and across the way from her was Phil Ackerly selling stuff he bought at previous flea markets. In the center of the room was Cal Tong, and Jay Alexander. Jay had some really interesting antique mentalism props he was selling. And in his usual spot, our very own Byron Walker with a table full of magical knowledge.

At the auction table, sellers were given 7 minutes to pitch their wares. As always, some of the best buys came from Phil Temple. Imagine, his Thurston-Dante book set which retails for \$150 went for \$50. Plus he had many more great deals.

I want to thank all those club members and non-members who helped set up and clean up the hall for this event. I believe he last person out the door left at 12:06 a.m..

Next year for this event we may require a pre-registration for tables and auction time. As much as we want to give everyone a chance up on the auction dais, 3 hours was way too long and then to have the flea market reopen kept everyone there way too late.

BUT! This proves we are the LARGEST and FINEST magic flea market in the Bay Area!

June will be 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. This year I was informed that magician Frank Thurston will be performing. Frank is a descendent of the great Howard Thurston. I will be getting the dates soon for the fireworks display. Each year we have a small group who gather for this event and enjoy the fair.

Sincerely,
Scott Alcalay

The May Meeting

For May, we have lined up several mini lectures. Our own Ken Taylor, who is a man of many talents, will be bringing Richard Haile of the San Francisco Opera Company and a member of the S.F. company's Phantom to give us a lecture on using your voice to best advantage.

Next we have Ric Ewing who will present a talk on routining an effect for maximum audience appeal. I saw him present this at the S.A.M. 112 meeting and thought that our members would benefit from this talk. This should last about 1/2 hour. We also have Manya who will give us a short talk on stage management technique and how to run the backstage at our public shows.

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

June – Lloyd Jones Close-up contest for OMC Members
July – No Meeting, trip to Alameda County Fair
August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition
September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.
October – TBA
November – Nominations for 2011 officers
December – Election of 2011 officers

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

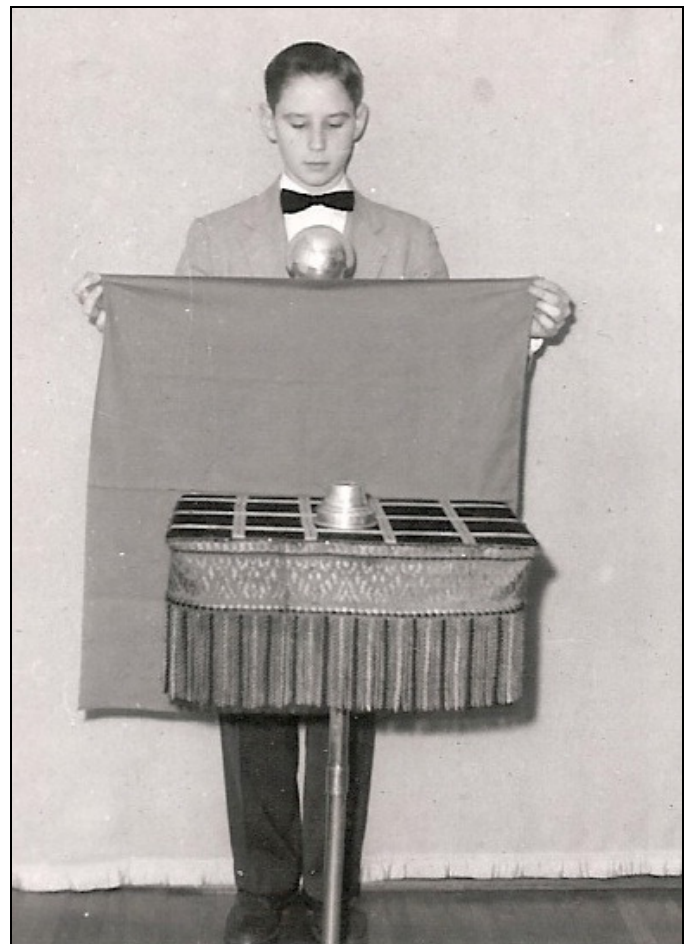
May 19th, IBM Ring 216 Sponsors a lecture by Nathan Kranzo

Who is Nate Kranzo? He is a comedian, magician, mind reader, and entertainer! Nathan Kranzo is a full time entertainer who has acquired a reputation for creating unique and original magic. In addition, Nathan has a monthly column in MUM Magazine so make sure you check it out. The lecture will be held at "Saratoga Prospect Center" (formally North Campus), 19848 Prospect Road, Saratoga, Calif, 95070. Time: 7:30pm, Member cost is \$10, Non-Member Cost is \$25. This is a "Pay at the Door Event only." For additional information on Nathan Kranzo, check out his web site below:
<http://www.hismagic.com/>

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

CONTEST!!!

Do you recognize this teenage magician performing Zombie? He is now a prominent member of the Oakland Magic Circle. His identity will be revealed at the May meeting.



Lost and Found

Turned in after the February installation banquet was what appears to be the top part of a cane, a brown plastic plug with a black cord attached.



If you want it back, contact Byron at 510-276-1854.

