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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 2009

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 4th.  
Doors open at 6:00  
Business Meeting at 7:30  
Dave Berry Intra-Club Stage Competition at 7:45

#### President's Message

Greetings,

In August we will regroup for our annual Dave Berry Intra-club stage competition to see who will represent the OMC at the September Inter-club stage competition and spaghetti dinner extravaganza. Tickets will once again be available through Brown Paper Tickets and are on sale now.

A small group met at the Alameda County Fair on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for a mini lecture on River Boat Gambling by Ernie Guderjhan.

In attendance were Mark Tarses, Dagmar Theison, Roy Porfido and yours truly. Later that evening we met up with Brenton Cromwell and Felix and Andrew Harth. It was reported that Mike DellaPenna was also on the fair grounds but was caught up in the whirl-wind action of the carnival rides. We stayed for the fire works and left at about 10:00 PM. A fun time was had by all.

For both the Intra and inter-club contests this year we will need someone to run the follow spot. From the expert demonstration by Fred on the follow spot, I am sure one of our talented members will step up to this opportunistic adventure of club service.

After the stage competition, we will have some free performance time. Please have something prepared to show either close up or stand up. All performances are welcome!

At the board meeting, it was decided that at the September inter club contest each paid admission would receive a ballot to vote for their favorite performer. This should improve audience involvement in the contest.

Magically, Scott Alcalay

#### Secretary's Report: OMC Meeting June 2, 2009

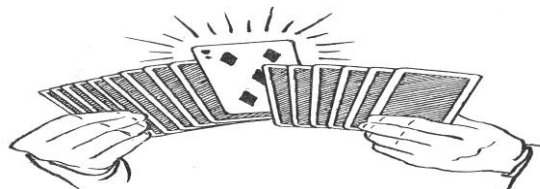
The meeting featured the annual Lloyd Jones Intra-Club Close-Up Contest. This contest was named in recognition of Lloyd's many years of service to the Oakland Magic Circle and we had a record ten contestants. In order of performance they were:

Larry Callaghan  
Steve Nelson  
Calvin Tong  
Dan Chan  
Brenton Cromwell  
David Fry  
Mike DellaPenna  
Austin Bishart  
Frank Olivier  
Jeff Korst

The winner was Calvin Tong, with Frank Olivier a very close second. Calvin went home with a trophy, a check for \$50 and our congratulations for a beautifully routined act.  
Byron Walker, Secretary

#### Rules for the Stage Contest

- Paid up OMC members only.
- Act should be 8-12 minutes
- No fire
- No "blue" material
- Judging will be by the members.
- Judging will be based upon favorite performer.
  - (Please take into consideration appearance, technical skills, and primarily entertainment value.)



For those of you that speak Chinese, Gary Meyer sends along the following:

### BIG BROTHER OF ENTERTAINMENT

Every week a show from Taiwan is played on San Francisco's KTSF Channel 26 that features amateur magicians judged by professionals such as Lu Chen ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lu\\_Chen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lu_Chen)). The show, generally broadcast on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 is sort of like AMERICA'S GOT TALENT . The first half tends to be comedy, music and wacky acts with the second half tending to focus on magic.

You can see many Lu Chen performances on the show at:

[http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=619B83F5898C9CC3](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=619B83F5898C9CC3)

A pop singer and magician, Elva, has photos but the video is missing at:

<http://elvasingapore.blogspot.com/2008/06/elva-magician-on-variety-big-brother.html>

The show is in Mandarin with Chinese subtitles but most of the magic does not require understanding the language. I have seen some superb routines.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variety\\_Big\\_Brother](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variety_Big_Brother)

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT has also featured some good and bad acts.

Another kind of BIG BROTHER show, the British version of the reality show had participants do magic on one show. At least they don;t reveal anything.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74lLnNryJYs>

This two part routine by LuChen on Big Brother of Entertainment is really impressively handled. I

suggest adding the links

<http://tinyurl.com/kqgfx2>

<http://tinyurl.com/nqz7yo>

### LOCAL NEWS

The Ringling Brothers red unit will be in the area this summer. The theme of this years show, "Zing Zang Zoom", is magic, with local magician Alex Ramon (Gonzalez) as "Zingmaster". Shows are at Oakland Oracle Arena (Aug12-16), San Jose HP Pavilion (Aug 19-23), and Sacramento Arco Arena (Aug 27-30). Google "Ringling" for times and tickets. SAM 112 will be purchasing a group of tickets. Please call Doug at 925-435-4828 for dates and more information

### Future Events

September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.

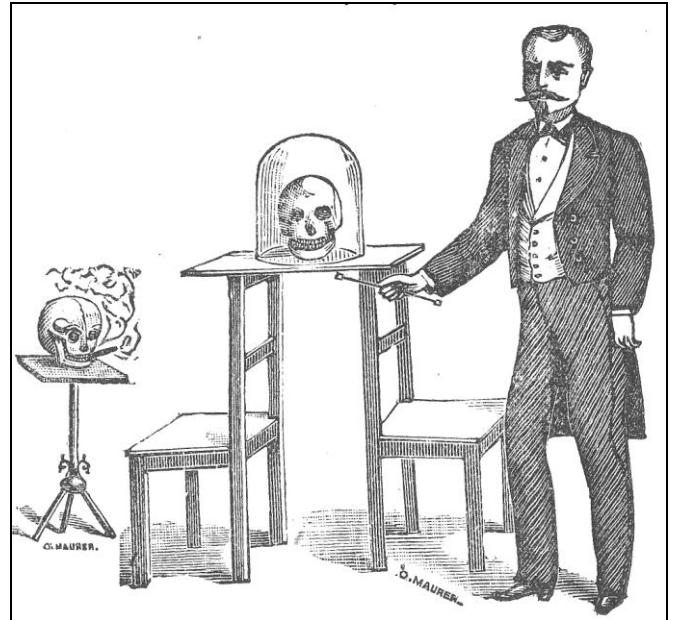
October – TBA

November – Nominations for 2010 officers

December – Election of 2010 officers

January – Daryl Martinez lecture

February – Installation Banquet and Show



All news for the newsletter is due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

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