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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  
APRIL 2010

Tuesday, April 6, 2010:  
Annual Flea Market and Auction  
6:00 Doors open for sellers  
6:30 Doors open for buyers  
7:30 Auction

### President's Message

In April (is it that time already?) is Northern California's LARGEST AND FINEST magic flea market and auction. Start dusting off your unused props, gimmicks, books and multi media magic surplus. We had over 100 in attendance last year. Let's see if we break that record this year!!

Tables are first come, first served. The price for sellers is \$10 for OMC members and \$15 for non OMC members for a full table. Half tables are \$5 and \$10 for non OMC members. Limit 1 table per person.

Several magic dealers will be in attendance, Daryl, Frank Balzarak, and possibly James George (The ITR guy).

If you plan on selling, please bring adequate change (lots of 1s and 5s). You may also want to bring a table cover to cover the dingy tables they have at the hall.

The auction portion will start promptly at 7:30. We will have a microphone for use at the auction podium. Please use it so the buyers can hear you. Because of the many people who will be auctioning their goods, auction time will be limited to 10 minutes. If we have enough time, we may have a second go round for the auctioneer. Remember, 10% of the auction goes to benefit your club.

Volunteers are needed to help with the auction. We need 2 members on the stage to assist in bagging. Manya and Dagmar will be logging the sellers items while Fred, David S.

and Steve Davis will be doing the accounting for the buyers.

Jumping ahead to May, we have lined up a mini lecture by Ric Ewing 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 ½ hour and then we will open up the performance time.

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.

I will see you at the Flea Market!

Sincerely,  
Scott Alcalay

### Minutes of Meeting 2 March 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:15 PM.

The second reading for Nathaniel Segal was given and he was voted into membership. Scott discussed the upcoming Auction and Flea Market in April.

David Fry announced that Shawn Farquhar will be lecturing in San Francisco for \$35 and Calvin Tong announced that he will be lecturing for Ring 216 in San Jose on March 10<sup>th</sup> for \$25. Scott announced the "Night of Illusion Theatre" produced by Michael Stroud and Magic Genii in Sunnyvale on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The identity of the teen age magicians that are now OMC members pictured in the March OMC Bulletin was revealed. Similar contributions from OMC members were requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.  
Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

## March Magic at the OMC

After two months of the Daryl Lecture and the 85<sup>th</sup> Installation Banquet it was time for the OMC members to perform, and eleven members stepped up. The first performer was Past President Rene Castillo who entertained us with his favorite card effects and concluded with his Amazing Rising Man. Second to perform was Past President Fred Casto, performing his improved version of J. C. Wagner's Torn & Restored Card. Fred then destroyed Brenton's coat by passing a knife through it, then shrank the hole so only his thumb would pass through the hole and then healed the coat completely. Next up was President Scott Alcalay who performed a tribute to his Grandmother using her door key and then her mysterious end table that seemed to have a mind of its own. Jeff Korst then gave us an amazing lesson in physics and hydraulics, followed by an unusual marshmallow and cocoa effect. Brenton Cromwell was our fifth performer and displayed various card transpositions, concluding with his version of Dai Vernon's Triumph. Newest member Nathaniel Segal, who is the House Magician at Playland-Not-At-The-Beach showed us his latest effect involving a Rubik's Cube, matching all six sides with his prediction and then "solving the cube". Bartender/magician "Gaddy" told us he would perform the rope trick from the 1584 "Discoverie of Witchcraft" by Reginald Scot. The routine may have started that way but Gaddy's routine was way beyond anything Reggie may have thought possible. With Valentine's Day just past Calvin Tong gave us "A Lesson In Love". Of course rather than using the traditional candy and flowers Cal used his favorite items, cards and coins. Mike Della Penna received his applause even before performing by announcing that he has a baby boy on the way. Mike followed his announcement with an extremely amusing routine with Clara the Duck and turned his close-up case into a close-up table for a coin and card matrix. Mark Stock told us of his interest in crime. With the assistance of guest Erika, Mark acted as a human polygraph machine and could tell truth from untruth. Mark was then able to predict a number only thought of. Our eleventh and final performer was Ace Miles who carried on a lively conversation with Maynard the Monkey. With the help of his

daughter Mellisa, Mike Della Penna and an ominous looking cannon, Ace then performed his famous Flying Monkey of Death effect, a fine and messy ending to a fine night of magic at the OMC.

Byron Walker, Secretary

## Future Events

May – Ric Ewing lecture

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.

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