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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
July/August 2011

Our August Meeting will feature:

OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

Schedule for Tuesday, August 2, 2011

6:30p.m. Doors Open

7:10p.m. Business Meeting

8:00 Stage Competition

President's Message

We're almost packed!

It's true, my wife and I are going on a month-long cross-country road trip with our one-year old, Leo. We are very excited. We're nuts. But we are excited.

So much to report and so little time. Here are the highlights:

- The close up competition was great. So much wonderful support – huge thanks go out to Ric and Kara Ewing and Frank Biafore for the great set-up and video support.
- The Alameda County Fair was a hoot. Tom Jorgenson is my new favorite person. If you go to http://www.alamedacountyfair.com/2011_fair/Attractions/index.php?row=0 scroll down – both Picasso's Art Center and Kiddy Karaoke are Tom's doing. Not pictured is Tom's Magic Theatre where we were lucky enough to catch a performance.
- August is our Intra-club stage competition. Rules are outlined below. I will still be out in America somewhere. Vice President Mark Tarses will be in

charge. Any questions about the night can be directed to Mark at mtarses@gmail.com or Byron at byron.walker@comcast.net.

- Please notice on our events list is an Interclub Labor Day picnic to be hosted by San Jose's IBM Ring 216. It's sure to be a great time – and it's the day before our Interclub Stage Competition. So much magic love in the Bay Area!
- "Make Believe" the movie. SEE IT! I got an advanced copy from Gary and have watched it twice already. It's great.
- There will be a celebration of Richard Tuck's life this month (see details below). I am very sad to be missing it and I hope many of you are able to attend. It's going to be quite wonderful.

I will miss you all this August and hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I look forward to seeing everyone come September.

All the best,

Mike Della Penna

Minutes of June Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by President Mike Della Penna at 7:25 PM.
- Second readings for membership were given for Steve Segal and for Jerry Barrilleaux. Both were voted into membership.
- The first reading was given for Nick Buckwalter for Junior membership.
- Under Good of the Order Scott Alcalay announced that once again he would be leading an OMC expedition to the Alameda County Fair on July 1st and he has arranged

a presentation by this year's magician performer, Tom Jorgenson. Frank Biafore of Playland NATB has arranged for complimentary ride tickets.

- Calvin Tong discussed the Golden Gate Gathering to be held June 16-18 and the San Jose Ring 216 annual auction on June 8th.
- Frank Biafore announced that a "Celebration of Life" for Richard Tuck will be held at Playland NATB on July 23rd and that he will be hosting a magic camp for youngsters. We can contact him at (510)932-2430 for further information.
- Mike Della Penna will be on a month's vacation in August so VP Mark Tarses will preside. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Byron walker, Secretary

June Close Up Competition

Mike had asked Byron to give a presentation before the contest on Lloyd Jones and why he has been honored to have the contest named for him. Lloyd had been for many years a driving force in the success of the OMC. Among Lloyd's accomplishments was winning the fine trophy at the 1957 PCAM that was displayed at the conclusion of the presentation. This year we had a record eight contestants for the trophy and \$75 cash prize. The contestants were Calvin Tong, Jeff Korst, Nick Buckwalter, Mike Della Penna, Nathaniel Segal, Aldrian Estepa, Rick Ewing and Brenton Cromwell While the votes were being tabulated we were entertained by Jerry Barrilleaux and his Great Three Frog Trick. In addition, Jerry gave each OMC member a set of frogs, complete with the essential gimmick. Jerry's thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated! The voting results were:
Third Place – Aldrian Estepa
Second Place – Rick Ewing
First Place – Jeff Korst, who took home a trophy and a check for \$75

Byron Walker, Secretary

Rules for Stage Competition

- Must be a paid up member to compete
- All eligible except winner of the previous year's contest
- Must perform an 8-12 minute stage act
- Winner gets \$75 and will represent the OMC at the September intra- club contest to compete for the \$150 prize and trophy

Future OMC Events

August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition
Inter-Club Labor Day Picnic- Venue TBA, IBM Ring 216 is hosting
September – OMC Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner
October – Bizarre Magic
November – Nominations for 2011 officers
December – Election of 2011 officers

About Town

Richard's Celebration

Saturday, July 23, 2011

At Playland-Not-at-the-Beach

photo from
www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org



A special day to honor the life of Richard Tuck and his passion for the amusements of America's past — circuses and carnivals, coasters and collectables, films and old-fashioned fun. Join us for this special day of celebration, not sorrow, as Playland continues on in the spirit in which Richard intended, as an "alternate universe" full of magic and laughter, a place free from the difficulties of the outside world. All those who knew Richard are encouraged to attend.

**CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED MAGIC DOCUMENTARY
"MAKE BELIEVE" OPENS AT THE BALBOA JULY 22**



A coming of age journey set in the quirky subculture of magic, "Make Believe" follows six of the world's best young magicians as they pursue the title of Teen World Champion and lead us on their personal journeys of transformation through magic.

The movie has its Northern California Premiere at the Balboa Theatre in San Francisco. Many screenings will feature guest appearances by both teen and professional magicians before the showings. Winner of the prize for Best Documentary at the Los Angeles Film Festival and the Audience Award at the Austin Film Festival, "Make Believe" will screen daily from Friday July 22-Thursday, July 28.

CALL FOR MAGICIANS

The Balboa Theatre is seeking magicians who would like to be considered for

performances during the engagement of "Make Believe."

We are looking for close up and walk around magic to be performed in the lobby before the showings and platform shows lasting 5-8 minutes on our small (6'x6') stage though some past magicians prefer performing in the aisle. The theatre seats 300 people so your effects should show well to people in the back of the theater.

Performers will be provided free admission (including a guest) to see "Make Believe" and will be mentioned in the Balboa website and newsletter send to over 7000 people weekly). You are also be encouraged to bring business cards, postcards or fliers so audience members can make contact bookings. Please send a note of your interest to Omar Rodriguez tromar@gmail.com no later than July 17 (the sooner the better). You must include the following:

- Name:
- Stage Name (if appropriate):
- Email:
- Telephone (best number please):
Under 21 ___ Over 21 ___
- Date(s) you are available. Please check:
Matinees (1:30-4:45) ___ Evenings 6:30-9:15). If you can only do partial shifts please note times.
- Type of Magic (check one or more)
Close-up ___ (need table) Walk around ___
Stage/Platform ___ (we have a spotlight; both mic on stand and lavalier mic.)

Magic For Sale Including:

Squared Circle, Russ Walsh Appearing Cane, Apparatus for Eric Peterson's Card Prediction, Fu Manchu's Phantom Bag Escape, 8" Chinese Linking Rings
For Complete Detailed list, contact Kristine Miller at 510 525-0106 or hanmillhaven@sbcglobal.net

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please send submissions to mikedellapenna@yahoo.com or byron.walker@comcast.net