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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  
June 2011

Our June meeting will feature:  
**Lloyd E. Jones Close Up Contest**

\$75 First Prize!!!

Schedule for Tuesday, June 7, 2011

6:00 p.m. Doors Open

6:45 p.m. Teach-In

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

8:00 p.m. Close Up Contest\*

\*Guests welcome

our June meeting. Voting is restricted to non-competing OMC members, however it's a great event for laymen to attend. Plus this year we are hoping to have a projection screen in place to enhance the audience experience. Please let anyone who wants to see a great night of magic know they are welcome to arrive after the business meeting --- 7:45 p.m. or so. The competition will start at 8:00 p.m. Good luck!

All the best,  
Mike Della Penna

**President's Message**

The May meeting was wonderful. We began by reviving the long lost "teach-in" as Fred Casto taught us a pretty neat way to pick lottery numbers while penetrating and then restoring a dollar bill. I have seen more than one of you toying around with this since that night. This month, the teach-in will be led by Mark Tarses as he revisits the Busby/Walton classic, Card Warp. (Mark actually gives credit to Fred Casto for teaching him the effect at a teach-in of years past ☺)

Of course, Professor B and his Amazing Fleas were the hit of the night. The only thing better than his performance is the fact that the kindly professor is joining our club! Welcome, Jerry!

Thank you as well to all those who participated (see Byron's notes below) in the open performance portion of the night. It's important for all of us to get up and try something out. It's healthy for the club and it's fun! Consider it next time an open performance comes around.

A reminder: Friends and family are welcome to attend the close up competition at

**Close Up Competition**

*"With close-up magic becoming more and more the thing, the cups and balls will soon be as much a part of every magician's program as is the cut and restored rope and the sympathetic silks."*

- Lloyd E. Jones, *Genii*, Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1936.

**General Information**

- ◆ All acts are to be 6-12 minutes in length.
- ◆ Acts will be judged in the following three categories:
  - ◆ Presentation
  - ◆ Technique & Technical Ability
  - ◆ Magical / Entertainment Value
- ◆ All non-competing OMC members are eligible to vote.
- ◆ Voting members must be present for the full duration of the competition.

**Minutes of Meeting 3 May 2011**

- The meeting was called to order by President Mike Della Penna at 7:15 p.m.
- Mark Tarses announced that he had made copies of the Simpson's magic episode for anyone who wanted a copy.

## Alameda County Fair – July 1st

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, join your fellow OMC members for a trip to the Alameda County Fair! Please email Scott at [scott@scottalcalay.com](mailto:scott@scottalcalay.com) if interested – he will be organizing our outing. I believe there will be a magic lecture of some kind, possibly some free ride passes, and most definitely some excellent fireworks and friends.

## Future Events

**June** – Lloyd Jones Close-Up Contest for OMC Members

**July 1st**– Annual Scott Alcalay Trip to the Alameda County Fair (no regular meeting)

**August** – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

**September** – OMC Inter-Club Stage Competition and Spaghetti Dinner.

**October** – TBA

**November** – Nominations for 2012 officers

**December** – Election of 2012 officers

## About Town

**Jimmy Fingers Lecture.** Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-9p.m. Round Table Pizza Banquet Room. 14940 Camden Avenue (at Union) in San Jose. Complimentary pizza and mingling at 7p.m. Lecture starts at 7:30p.m. \$20.

**Dan Harlan Lecture** - \$20 Thurs. June 16, 2011, 7:30 p.m. 1937 Concourse Dr, San Jose. Info from Patrick Reed, [preed@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:preed@saratoga.ca.us)

**Golden Gate Gathering.** June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Lee Asher, Eric Jones, Bob White, Curtis Kam, Howard Schwarzman, and Steve Mayhew. <http://www.bamagic.com/> for more on the Golden Gate Gathering.

**IBM Ring 216 Magic Auction & Flea Market** June 8, 2011 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. Tables should be reserved and paid for in advance Large tables (about 3x8 feet) are \$10, small (3x4 feet) are \$5. \$15 and \$7 at the door. Contact Raahul Srinivasan at [raahuls@gmail.com](mailto:raahuls@gmail.com) for more information.

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

- Jerry Barrilleaux recently returned from visiting the display on Houdini and other Jewish magicians at the Skirball Museum in Southern California. The exhibit, with some deletions, arrives in San Francisco later this year.
- Byron had attended the auction of the magic collection of Milbourne Christopher in NYC. It grossed more than a million dollars in less than seven hours. While in town he also visited the Conjuring Arts Research Center and saw *Play Dead*, the off-Broadway play by Teller and Todd Robbins.
- Fred Casto reported on the 4F Convention he had attended.
- Frank Biafore announced that Playland NATB will have a magic camp starring our president and that a Celebration of Life for Richard Tuck will be held there on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of July.
- The club had purchased two of Loren Lind's grab bags at the April auction, and members were invited to take an item of their choice.
- Mike plans on designing business cards for OMC members to give to those who might like to join.
- The first reading for membership was given for Jerry Barrilleaux.
- Treasurer Manya Casto reported on the April auction: we had an astounding 80 buyers, 22 sellers, sold 27 tables and netted about \$430 for the club, enough to cover the deficit of the Feb Installation banquet.

Byron Walker, Secretary

## Showtime at the OMC!

Headlining the show this evening was Jerry Barrilleaux, who as *Professor B and His Trained Fleas* gave an amazing demonstration of the power of the flea for our amusement and edification. His demonstration is often a headline attraction at Playland NATB and we were amazed, amused, and astounded.

After a brief coffee and cookie break Scott Alcalay took to the underused OMC stage to demonstrate his acquisition at the Feb OMC Flea Market, Abbott's Arrowhead Illusion. Aldrian Estepa then demonstrated how to restore a torn card with fire. Mark Stock performed the card act that he has been working on. Mike Della Penna closed the show by showing us how two jokers can be fishermen as they locate the four aces via Bill Goodwin's *Hold the Mayo*.

Byron Walker, Secretary