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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  
January 2012

Our January Meeting will feature:

## **A Lecture by Daryl**

Schedule for Tuesday, January 3, 2012

6:00p.m. Doors Open

7:30p.m Lecture

### **President's Message**

Greetings and happy holidays to you all! Those able to endure the fickle heating system of Bjornson Hall were the lucky ones as Walt Anthony's lecture was excellent. A favorite exercise involved working in teams to perform new presentations of the Professor's Nightmare. Walt made us think, create, and attempt to improve our approach to the craft. Thank you, Walt!

It has been a very nice year leading our club. I want to thank you all for the kindness and support you have shown throughout the year. I feel I leave you in good hands with president-elect Scott Alcalay. He loves this club, and with all of our support will give us a great 2012. But before we look ahead at the new year, let's take a brief look back at 2011 and the OMC:

In January, the great John Carney lectured for us. February brought Christopher Hart to headline our Installation Banquet. We got cozy in March and watched movies together. April Auction!!! May flowers brought a flea problem joyously controlled by Professor B. June's close up competition appeared on the big screen. July was dark, but the fireworks in Alameda brightened our night. August I missed, but Robert and Dagmar

knew that; in September they proved they knew even more. October was appropriately spooky with guest bizzarrist Kay Tracy. November was bookish and wonderful. December was cold and yet kindled by the creative fire of Walt Anthony.

This year we also lost our dear friends Richard Tuck and Dr. Robert Albo. We continue to miss them even as we celebrate their lives of magic, creativity and joy.

Best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year,

Mike Della Penna

### **Incoming President's Message**

Dear Oakland Magic Circle,

I am looking forward to serving another year as president of this great club. I have many ideas for this coming year that you will want to experience. As noted in the upcoming events section, the March meeting will have 2 mini lectures on various aspects of creativity. Then, after the lectures there should be about 30 minutes available for performance time. I hope to make creativity the theme for this next year with many, many performance opportunities available to you, the members. I have also lined up Tobias Beckwith for May for a 1/2 hour mini talk on improving your performances.

We also need to be a club that encourages younger magicians to join and foster their growth. It is these younger magicians who will help us keep the Oakland Magic Circle the "Oldest Independent Magic Club West of the Mississippi"

A real magic club has members who enjoy getting up and performing their new effects in a safe space before they go out into the open world to share their magic. We are that kind of space, so I

encourage everyone to participate in the open performance times.

Once again I am anticipating a very productive 2012 for us all. See you in January at Daryl's lecture!

Sincerely,  
Scott Alcalay

## Minutes from December Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Della Penna at 7:25 PM. The election of officers was held and the OMC officers for 2012 are:

President – Scott Alcalay

Vice President – Mark Tarses

Secretary – Byron Walker

Treasurer – David Fry

Historian – David Sament

Librarian – Mike Della Penna

Sgt at Arms – Dagmar Theison

Members at Large - Robert Herrick, Steve Segal

Because of schedule conflicts the December OMC Board meeting was changed to Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike confirmed that Derek Hughes will be one of the acts at the February Installation Banquet and Show in addition to Robert and Dagmar. Another act will be announced soon. Scott discussed his recent trip to the Magic Castle and Steve Segal highly recommended the movie **Hugo**, especially since it has many scenes of interest to magicians. Mark reminded members that the Houdini exhibit at Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco closes January 16<sup>th</sup> and is well worth the visit. Guest Robert Strong was introduced, website [www.strongmagic.com](http://www.strongmagic.com). The meeting was adjourned at 7:45, followed by a lecture by Walt Anthony on the presentation of magic.

Byron Walker, Secretary

## Dues for 2012

Dues are now due for 2012. They continue to be only \$20. That's right. \$20 to be part of the oldest and greatest independent magic club west of the Mississippi!

And it gets better. Pay your dues at the January Daryl lecture and get in for only \$5!

AGAIN, IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES AT THE JANUARY DARYL LECTURE YOU PAY

ONLY \$5 FOR THE LECTURE INSTEAD OF \$15, SAVING HALF YOUR 2012 DUES THAT ONE NIGHT!!!

If you cannot make the January lecture, please mail your check for \$20 make payable to the Oakland Magic Circle. Address your check to our new treasurer, David Fry at 90 Athol St. #1C, Oakland, CA 94606.

Please do this now to save unnecessary grief to our new treasurer (we like him and would like to keep him!) so he can prepare the 2012 roster.

Thank You! The OMC

## Future OMC Events

**January** – Daryl Lecture

**February** – Installation Banquet

**March** – Phil Ackerly & Dennis Fox Lectures

**April** – Biggest and Finest Flea Market and Magic Auction in Northern California

**May** – Tobias Beckwith Lecture

**June** – Close Up Competition

**August** – OMC Stage Competition

**September** – Interclub Stage Competition

**October** – TBA

**November** – Book Club (I'm hoping for a Byron Walker Lecture –MDP)

**December** – TBA

**I predict you will pay your dues...**



All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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