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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
JANUARY 2011

Next Meeting: January 4, 2011
Doors open at 6:00
Business meeting at 7:15
John Carney Lecture: 7:30 pm

Well, after 3 years, my reign of OMC president comes to a close. What a long, strange trip it's been. Membership has increased. The newsletter has been on time and informative. Flyers for our events have been distributed to the other local clubs. Attendance has grown for the Flea Market and Auction. Attendance has grown for the Installation Banquet and Inter-Club Stage Competition. Several great shows for each year have taken place. We have had great lectures every January, and we have had some great participation from our club members.

Although I am passing the gavel to a new president, your board of directors will remain in place. A big thank you to Manya for keeping our finances straight. A big thank you to Mark Tarses for assisting in the logistics of our yearly banquets and providing snacks for the club meetings and a space to hold our board meetings. A big thank you to Byron Walker for a great job as secretary and co-newsletter editor and liaison to the other magic clubs in San Jose and elsewhere. A big thank you to both David Samant and Dagmar for all their help in logistics for our banquets and public events. A big thank you to Fred Casto for the Auction accounting and spotlight operation. And to David Fry, thank you for running the sound at the public events. Without this inner circle team of dedicated individuals our club would not be what it is today. And let's not forget the membership as well, for without you, we would have no club.

At the December meeting, with 4 ballots and unanimous affirmation by those in

attendance, your next OMC club president is Mike Della Penna.

Thank you, Mike for accepting the challenge which awaits you!

I am looking forward to seeing John Carney for our January lecture. I have seen John perform many times at the Magic Castle and we had him at one of our Installation Banquets in the past. Although we are not quite sure yet what he will teach, we do know that Carney embodies the state of his art, combining exceptional skill and creativity with pure entertainment. Don't forget, door charge for this event is \$10 for OMC members who have paid their 2011 dues and \$20 for non members.

Our 2011 Installation Banquet and show is February 1st. We have the Brown Paper Tickets site set up and more on that further down the news letter. Our show will feature the winner of the 2010 OMC Inter-Club stage competition, Steve Nelson; The Magic of Chin-Chin; Christopher Hart, our headliner; a special guest star and I will continue as Master of Ceremonies.

See you in January!
Scott



Your next OMC President

Minutes of December 7 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:15 p.m. Secretary Byron Walker had tabulated the results of the voting for officers for 2011. Elected were:

President – Mike Della Penna
Vice President – Mark Tarses
Secretary – Byron Walker
Treasurer – Manya Casto
Historian – Fred Casto
Librarian – David Sament
Sgt at Arms – Dagmar Theison

Former President Rich Stewman was present and announced the opening of his new magic shop at 935 Manor Blvd in San Leandro. Hours are 10-5 Mon-Sat and OMC members showing their 2011 OMC membership card will receive a 10% discount, another example of why it doesn't cost to belong to the OMC, it pays. Jeff Korst announced that he is currently performing close-up magic at California Magic. Frank Biafore distributed cards that when shown at several local markets with your purchase will rebate funds to Playland not at the Beach. The second reading for membership of Aldrian Estepa was given and he was voted into membership. Mike Pisani re-introduced himself to the members. Even though he has been living in Burbank he has maintained his membership in the OMC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Byron Walker, Secretary

Show Time!

The theme for the evening was "Magic for Children". Fred Casto led off. By request he first discussed the Magic Cruise disaster that had made headlines around the world. It turns out that seven OMC members were aboard: Fred and Manya Casto, Dan and Diane Solo, Robert and Billie Herrick and Dagmar Theison. Dan Solo had slipped and fractured his spine but to the relief of members he has recovered and at the meeting. Fred then performed his most puzzling matchbox routine. Nathaniel Segal then performed his red rope routine that involved a rope production, Professor's Nightmare, linking ropes and a restoration. Frank Biafore followed with his puzzling tube routine. Gary Meyer was up next with his circle to square, the milk pitcher and a dramatic paper to pole. Scott Alcalay followed with his Chop a Woppa routine, assisted by a not completely willing Diane Solo. Incoming

President Mike Della Penna told in amusing rhyme the story of Fred the Elf and the giant coloring book. Frank Olivier closed the show with his unique brand of children's magic. Included was his Nine of Diamonds Trick, Frank lost his head, performed an unusual foot trick using Ann Marie's foot, demonstrated a rising card from pants, and closed with a drop your pants card trick. Frank then announced that he was available for children's parties. It was a hoot!
Byron Walker, Secretary

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

January 2011 – John Carney Lecture
February 2011 – Installation Banquet & Show
March 2011 – To Be Announced
April 2011 – The Largest and Finest Magic Auction and Flea Market in Northern California!!!

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

Dues for 2011 are payable now. Please bring your \$20 (\$15 for life members) to the January meeting, or mail your check payable to Oakland Magic Circle to:
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The John Carney Lecture will be a

