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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  
August 2015

**Our September meeting will feature:  
Northern California Inter-Club  
Stage Magic Contest  
and Spaghetti Dinner**

**\$150 First Prize!**

**\$75 Runner-Up!**

**Schedule for Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

**6:00pm Doors Open**

**7:00 Dinner**

**8:00 Show**

**President's Message**

Thanks to everyone for a really fun, strong stage competition. We are now gearing up for the big one in just two weeks, so let me get to it!

Acts should be 8-12 minutes long. Acts that run 8-12 minutes in length will receive a bonus 10 points towards their final scores. Acts must be at least 7 minutes to be in consideration. At 14 minutes, the curtain will be closed.

No large open flame. A single candle or small amount of flash paper is fine.

And lastly, while this is quite subjective, we do have quite a few families that attend the event, so please take that into consideration when choosing your material.

Dante has volunteered to run the sound for us, but we are still looking for someone to run the spotlight as well as someone to pull the curtain backstage. Both of these positions come with free admission.

Please contact me [mikedellapenna@yahoo.com](mailto:mikedellapenna@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer. And as always if you can come a little early to help set up or stay a little late to help with clean up, it would be most appreciated.

The raffle needs prizes. Feel free to bring a gift card, bottle of wine, and even a magic trick! If you have a specialized skill and would like to donate your professional time – a photo shoot or web page design, for example – please consider doing so. Our raffle continues to be excellent because of the outstanding generosity of our members.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there! Oh, and I know it's all over the place, but just in case you don't have that link handy, here's how you buy a ticket!

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2156118>

Best wishes,  
Mike Della Penna

**Dan Fleshman Lecture & Workshop**

Restaurant magic specialist Dan Fleshman will be lecturing at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following day (Wednesday 10/7), Playland-Not-at-the-Beach will host an intimate, two-hour workshop with Dan that will end with the group all heading to lunch at a local semi-unsuspecting restaurant to continue the lesson. Stay tuned for more details.

## Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Della Penna at 7:25 PM. Rules of the 2015 OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition were discussed. Larry Wright discussed the SAM Assembly 112 Ice Cream Social and show to be held Aug 23. Contact him at president@112.com. Nathaniel talked about his magic class at U.C. Berkeley, Gary showed videos donated to the OMC library, Frank said that Playland NOTB will be open every day, Larry talked about the recent death of Lee Grabel at age 96, Robert Herrick talked of the Northern California Inter-Club Stage Competition and dinner hosted by the OMC and Mike discussed the Dan Fleshman lecture to be held at the October meeting. First readings for membership were held for Nate Wilson as a junior member and for Mark McGuire.

Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

## Upcoming Meetings

**September 1st– Inter Club Stage Competition & Spaghetti Feed**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – Dan Fleshman Lecture**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open Performance**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Dr. Albo Magic with Classic Apparatus Night**

## 2015 OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

Four OMC members answered the call to represent the club at the September Northern California Inter-Club Stage Competition. First up was Nathaniel Segal, assisted by Jennifer. Nathaniel produced a rose from a big flash, linking rings, rope effect, Rubik's cube, a water vanish, torn and restored paper and completed his card trick – all under his allotted 12 minutes. Next performer was our mentalist, Dr. Robert Herrick. Dr. Robert was able to locate the site of Manya Casto's pain using the major arcana from his tarot deck. Our other mentalist, Greg Keeling, was the third performer. Greg divined the serial number on a dollar bill, performed a magic square effect and had his IRS form match a spectator's deductions. Our final performer was Jeff Korst. Jeff produced a champagne bottle, performed the hydrostatic glass, card productions and closed with the Hindu thread. While ballots were being counted, we were treated to a fine performance by Bill and Marlene Seagraves, houseguests of Fred and Manya Casto, visiting from New Zealand on their way to Magic Live. Magical Nathaniel captured second place in the balloting, and the big winner, to represent the OMC in September, was Jeff Korst.

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