

# ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

At the Garden Grove Women's Club

9501 Chapman Ave.

The corner of Chapman and Gilbert

The next meeting on October 16th. 2019

## October Contest

Doors open at 7:00 PM – Contest begins at 7:30 PM.



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### Officers:

President..... **Julian Devero**  
Vice President..... **Brad Erickson**  
Secretary..... **Joy Fujita**  
Treasurer..... **Brenda Montoya**  
Sergeant at Arms..... **Harrison Kaplan**  
Webmaster.....,..... **Phil Ureno**  
Newsletter..... **Robert Widmer**  
Raffle..... **Bill Pearce**  
Advisor..... **Armando Gutierrez**

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### September Meeting Club Updates

Last August, Lecturer Ken Sands spoke of the Mentalists ability to get the job done due to his status as a Knower; well, I'm going to appropriate that phrase on Armando, Armando's demonstrated his status as a Knower knowing how to put a complete 5 member OCMC board in place in less than an hour.

For about a year now, the club has been operating with a skeleton crew board. Armando as the VP Stand-in, adroitly balancing his unique sense of humor with strict professionalism. Always dressed to the nines, Armando and the few members of the board, Robert Widmer, Steve Nakauchi, and OCMC Life Member Harrison Kaplan met at Mae's Diner for a board meeting, (By the way, Mae's has an awesome Curry Turkey Salad!) Armando, direct and to the point, laid out what the club needed. That vision played out at last Wednesday nights club meeting when Armando set the tone, by stating, that he would refuse to budge from the front table until an entire board was assembled. In about 45 minutes, a new complete board was in place. Frank Yee requested a vote of affirmation, which was unanimous. Armando's leadership will be strongly missed. He let us know that the October Stage Contest may be his last meeting, depending on his health. Although, we may see him at future meetings, he is

planning to attend board meetings. The club wished Armando all the best. Thank you, Armando, for your incredible leadership in guiding the club back to operating on all cylinders.

So, now we have a full line-up of seven fantastic officers, comprised of Julian Devero as President. We all remember Julian's fantastic lecture on card magic back in July. Brad Erickson is our new Vice-president. We remember Brad's performance of the Endless Chain swindle at June's Close-up contest. A trick we don't often see. Rounding out the board, we have Joy Fujita as Secretary and Brenda Montoya as Treasurer. Robert Widmer as Newsletter Webmaster. Life member Harrison Kaplan is our Sergeant at Arms (Harrison's presence alone will keep the riff raff out). Past President Phil Ureno will be the Webmaster. Bill Pearce will continue to handle the raffle. This is an excellent board promising a lot of fun and magic in the future.



**2019 Board Members - Orange County Magic Club**

Note: Raffle Superstar Bill Pearce has let everyone know that the raffle ticket prices will stay the same; however, you will receive a lesser amount of tickets. The odds will not change. As Bill explained, the price of the actual paper tickets has increased; so, for the same price, you will receive less tickets—the odds will remain the same.

Speaking of odds, we have our first 3-time raffle winner. Congratulations Brenda Montoya was to holder of 3 winning raffle tickets at Wednesday nights meeting. We've often seen double winners; but I think Brenda may be our first triple winner. Wow, Good Job Brenda!



**October Contest!!!  
Stage Contest**

**The Orange County Magic Club  
Presents  
Floyd Baldwin Stage Contest Wednesday 16 October 2019**

**Other Magic Events:**

**OCMC Lunch Meetings** on Fridays

Every Friday at noon OCMC club members meet for lunch at:

Marie Calendar's  
18889 Brookhurst Street  
Fountain Valley, CA  
714-963-6791

Members are encouraged to attend, buy a lunch, then session on tricks and/or talk about Magic.

**Magic Sessions** – Beginning in November, Harrison has volunteered to begin leading magic sessions prior to club meetings beginning at 6:45.

Harrison has been studying and performing magic for over 40 years and has known and had sessions with some of magic's heavyweights such as Charlie

Miller, Ed Marlo, Larry Jennings, Bruce Cervon, Dai Vernon, Stewart James and many others.

He has a ridiculously large library of magic. This enables him to be very selective in choosing the best and most practical material, which can save the learners time and confusion of finding which techniques work best for different effects.

Session topics will range from card and coin magic, to impromptu magic with everyday items (bottle caps, cigarette papers, dice, paper napkins, string, and corks, etc.). Most of the magic effects will be at the basic to immediate level.

These sessions are for magicians only. Harrison will guide session attendees in a focused and concentrated manner to maximize the magicians learning experience.

Attendees at the club's September meeting, know that Harrison possesses the chops to deliver a really solid learning experience. His performance with a deck of cards was simply flawless in both technique and presentation.

Sessions will begin as 6:45 and last to approximately 7:15 prior to the monthly club meeting.

**Silent Auction** – Any member can bring one magic item per month to be put in the Silent Auction. You can either donate the item to the club and the club keeps all the money or you keep 80% of the sale price while the club gets 20% of the sale price.

The Silent Auction is a win/win for both the club and the members. This is your chance to get rid of that magic trick that is just sitting in your closet collecting dust. Turn that prop, gimmick, book, DVD, or VHS into some cold hard cash so you can buy some more magic.

I picked up the 6 DVD set The Lost Works of Brother John Hamman for only \$20. There are real hidden gems often showing up in the silent auction. Next time, your purchasing your raffle tickets, take a few seconds to browse the items in the hidden auction; you'll be pleasantly surprised.

This auction is meant for items worth \$20. or more.

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### **October: Stage contest.**

The contestants:

**Phil Ureno**  
**Julian Devero**  
**Brad Erickson**  
**Ed Smith**  
**Fernando Alvarez**

There will be 3 contest judges:

**Armando Gutierrez**  
**Harrison Kaplan**  
**Ken Sands**

Contestant Rules:

1. Contestant **must be a paid member** in good standing
2. Contestant **shall perform on the stage** (no close up, or in front of stage)
3. **No fire** is to be used for any trick or effect.
4. Contestant is responsible for any table, cover, music, chairs that are needed.
5. **The act shall be 5 to 12 minutes in length.** Any act that exceeds 12 minutes will be penalized in the event of a tie with another act.
6. Contestant must have notified the contest chairperson their intention to compete prior to the cutoff date published in the OCMC newsletter.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to vote.
8. A contestant who previously won the Floyd Baldwin Contest may not repeat the same act.
9. The Three Judges will be scoring the performers in the Stage Contest with the following Ten Point System:
  - 1) Introduction
  - 2) Opening Trick
  - 3) Deportment
  - 4) Dress/Costume
  - 5) Material/Tricks
  - 6) Transition from trick to trick
  - 7) Character/ Acting
  - 8) Interaction with Audience
  - 9) Speech/Patter
  - 10) Closing Trick
10. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will have their name engraved on the club's perpetual Floyd Baldwin Trophy.
11. The OCMC President or delegate will announce the winner's and make the awards at the end of the evening.

Attention Members Who Shall Be in The October Stage Contest:

If you are doing a non-talking act set to music, then you will be responsible for bringing in your own playing equipment. To wit: Playing devices, the music, speakers, extension cords, etc.

You are also responsible for having some club member you know, to run the music for you during your act. Have all of this preparation done before coming to the October meeting. Don't expect some random member at the meeting to put everything together for you at the "last minute", just before you perform in the Stage Contest. If you're in the Stage Contest, that needs music to be played, then you are responsible that your needed music gets played. This includes having a club member you know, to watch over your music equipment, to make sure it isn't stolen.

### September Meeting Presentations

Mel Bennett started out our Halloween magic night with two enchantingly magic tricks. Mel was assisted by his psychic skull shaker. A simple nod by the psychic skull let us know the spirit of Halloween was in the room. For his first trick, Mel was assisted by Brenda, Brenda selected a card which later found by Red Skeleton.

For Mel's 2<sup>nd</sup> trick, 3 blocks, representing the top, middle and bottom of a skeleton (Mr. Bones) were out of order, but, in the end, Mr. Bone's top was on top, middle in the middle and bottom on the bottom-every thing was in the right spot.



Our money man, Larry Campbell followed with a trick using just a coin, a purse and glass bowl. Joy joined Larry on stage to assist.

Bill Pearce was 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Halloween rendition of Twisting the Aces; in this case, Twisting the Twos with a double surprise ending. Boo Hoo Hoo.



Harrison Kaplan had 4 members select cards, totally losing them in the deck, shuffling the deck and then finding the cards. Tom Constable, Mel Bennett, Brenda Montoya and Ed Smith all selected cards and Harrison had them returned to a deck and totally mixed them into the deck; yet, Harrison still finds all 4 cards. Pretty Amazing Stuff!

Next up, Our new VP Brad Erickson, introduced volunteer Brenda to the presence of a Poltergeist in our midst. The season of Halloween has definitely arrived.





Ed Smith finished off this Halloween magic night with a funny routine using cards to induct Joy as a new witch—A good witch, of course. Using his props, a black caldron, some New Orleans pearls and a deck of cards, Ed guided us through the process of accepting a new witch into the group; again, I stress—we are talking about a Good Witch (think Glenda, Good Witch of the North), not one

of those ugly ones with warts on their noses, etc.

**Bill Pearce** conducted the raffle. Many happy winners.

Winner	Prize	Format
<b>Brad Erickson</b>	“Incredible Dancing Paper Napkin” Francis & Allen	DVD
<b>Brenda Montoya</b>	Linking Ring 2000 Complete Set	MAGS
<b>Brenda Montoya</b>	Royal Jazz Quartet-Regal Jumbo Card Frame Princess Card Trick, Magic Stop Light, Wild Card, CardsMatch, Pepsi Deck	BAG TRX (7)
<b>Brenda Montoya</b>	Reel Magic ISS. 28 Josh Jay Genii, Aug ‘19 Olmedini	MEDIA
<b>Bill Pearce</b>	Backup Bunny w/DVD Wonder Imagery	TRICK
<b>Brad Erickson</b>	Dixie Dooley Presents: Darwin Three Secrets Revealed-Keppler Flash Lites-Herman	BKLT



**"Magic happens not in the hands of the performer, but in  
the minds of the spectators."**

**Brother John Hamman**

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