

# December



**At the Downtown Anaheim Community Center**

## **OCMC Holiday Celebration & Potluck**

(Don't forget to RSVP w/#Guests & Potluck Item to Joy at:  
[ljn224@gmail.com](mailto:ljn224@gmail.com) )

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**250 E Center St, Anaheim, CA 92805**

Doors open at 6:30 for Meet & Greet  
Celebration starts at **7:00**

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### **Officers:**

President.....**Brad Erickson**  
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## **Public Show**

**Friday, 3-November-2023, OCMC has our winter show for the public. It was a huge success. We had 6 outstanding acts. MC George Reis opened the event getting the audience in the mood for the evening. Scheduled to perform were Western Palacios, Fernando Alvarez, Phil Ureno, Brett Bolich, Robert Reynoso, and Julian Devero. Throughout the show, Jaron Lee raffled out many wonderful door prizes.**



**Jaron announces another lucky winner.**

**Some really cool door prizes for some lucky guests.**





**Western warmed up the audience with a wonderful comedy routine that set the tone for the evening.**



**Fernando encapsulates his journey as a magician by sharing magic from his first show.**



**The Professor educates & inspires as he shares knowledge extracted from his broad studies.**



**Brett's comedy elevated the room's energy to new heights.**



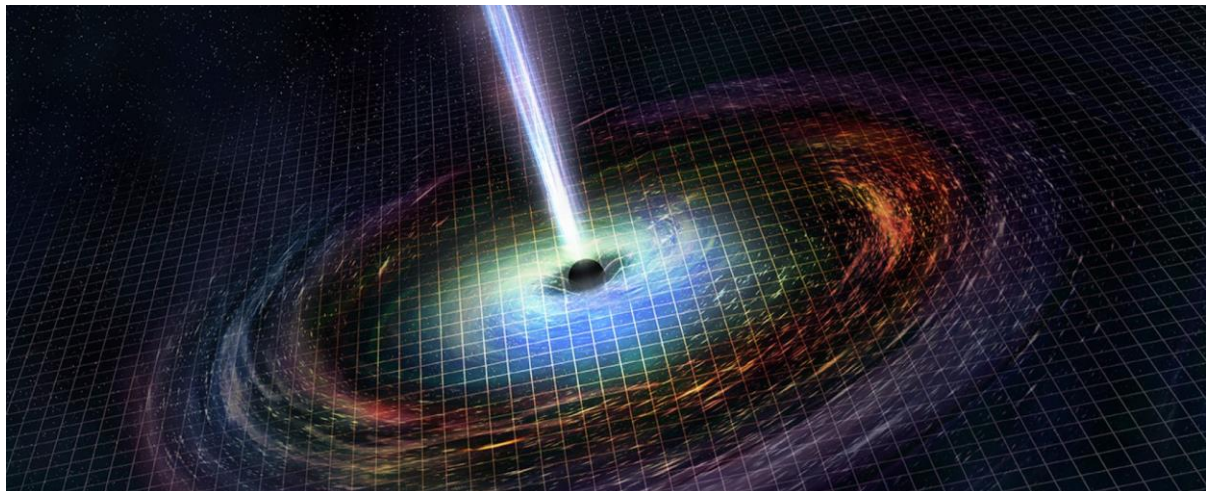
**Robert's communication skills continue to astonish and amaze everyone.**



**Julian closes the evening with another killer performance.**



**All 6 show stopping performers take a final bow.**





**It's time to pay dues for 2024**

**You can pay dues on the OCMC Club website:**



**[TheOCMC.com](http://TheOCMC.com)**

**Select the Join or Renew Membership tab.**

**You can also pay Phil directly at the next meeting.**

**Meanwhile, as Phil says, Keep Calm and Pay Your Dues!**

**Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted.**

# December's Celebration & Potluck

OCMC will have its annual Holiday Celebration & Potluck. All member are invited to bring a dish and celebrate. There will be an opportunity for Show & Tell\*

There will be a Broken Wand ceremony member Mel Bennett.



## \*IMPORTANT\*

Please **RSVP** for Holiday Pot Luck.to Joy at: [lin224@gmail.com](mailto:lin224@gmail.com) .

Also, let us know:

How many guests are you bringing?

What Potluck item are you bringing?



## 2023 OCMC Schedule



December 13th	Holiday Potluck & Mini-Show
January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Mini-Lecture w/Brettso the Great (show flow)

The OCMC newsletter will regularly feature articles on magic written by Member George Reis.

This is the 9th of a series of articles in which George will share his thoughts on learning magic. He would love your feedback, so please feel free to email him to share your thoughts and ideas.



On Learning Magic

George Reis

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### **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**

Yes, we should sweat the small stuff. The granularity. The details.

Author Robin Sherma said it well, “Moving from superficiality to granularity will separate you from the 95% of humanity that is stuck at average.”

Think about the very best products that you own or want to own. Maybe a phone, tablet, computer, car, piece of furniture, etc. Think about that outstanding concert virtuoso, actor, basketball player, artist. Think of the amazing hair stylist or that perfect restaurant meal. Each of these products, performances, and experiences involved making sure that every detail was as perfect as possible.

I laugh to myself when I try to imagine Steve Jobs saying, “That’s good enough, most people won’t notice the remaining flaws,” or Yo Yo Ma saying, “My cello is a bit out of tune, but only the musicians

in the audience will notice.” Or Shin Lim saying, “The last phase of my matrix is a bit rough, but I’ll perform it anyway – it will be good enough.”

The chef doesn’t accept substandard ingredients, incorrectly cooked food, flavors that are passable, or a presentation that isn’t mouth-watering. The concert virtuoso doesn’t stop practicing when it’s “good enough.” That new car doesn’t have imperfections in the paint or loose steering that is “acceptable.” The stylist listens to your direction and makes sure that you get the cut and style that you want.

In magic, think of the masters of magic. They pay attention to every detail. Their timing is exact. Their patter is entertaining and focused. Each move is perfect. Magic moments are amazing. Every detail has been worked out, practiced, rehearsed, and perfected.

The difference between the many and the best is in the attention to detail. The best study every detail and make certain that nothing is accepted as “good enough.”

Take some time in the coming days and weeks to watch your favorite magicians. Watch their performances and pay attention to every detail. Notice the timing, their patter, their technique, their ability to control the audience. Study every subtlety. Then, make a recording of yourself performing your best routine. Analyze that video – focus on the details. Listen to your patter. Look at your timing. Watch your technique. Study the magic moments. What details are the weakest? What isn’t hitting the standard of your favorite magician? What is making your performance less than it should be?

Sweat the small stuff as you work on your routines. Focus on the details. Make your magic the best it can be. Don’t accept “good enough” and strive for being your best!

Let’s strive to be our best selves and not settle for “good enough.”

Move from superficiality to granularity to excel well above average!

## **November-2023 Meeting**



**At our regular scheduled meeting, Election for 2024 OCMC Board Members was conducted.**

**The new OCMC Board for 2024 will be announced at the December Holiday Celebration.**

**Before the elections, some members had a chance to show their latest effects.**



**Jaron guides Julian through a card mystery**





**Julian extrapolates the whole hole**





**Ed provides a brief lesson in Geography**





**Brad makes a Telephone Call for Assistance**





**Fernando steals a Thought**





## November Raffle



**Thanks to all who participated!  
All proceeds go to our club.**

Winner of the Door Prize,  
a Turkey Thanksgiving Card  
was  
Julian Devero.

Only members wearing their  
name tag at the November  
meeting were qualified for the  
Door Prize.



### **Other Events in the Area:**

For more Ring96 info, visit their website @ [www.Ring96.com](http://www.Ring96.com)