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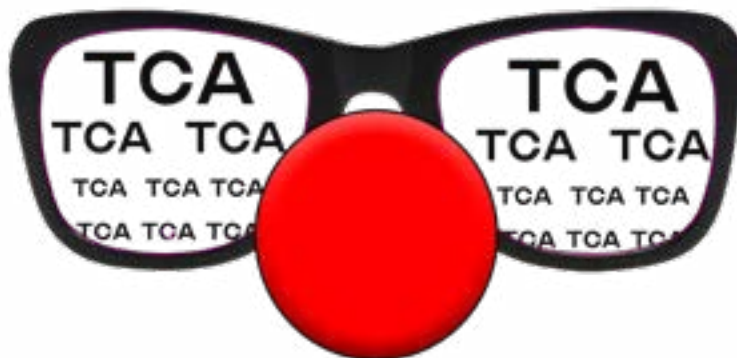


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# Purpose of TCA

1. To promote, preserve, and improve the profession of clowning.
- 2 To provide the opportunity to study the art, history, and philosophy of clowning.
3. To educate its members and the general public in the wholesome and clean entertainment that is provided by the profession of clowning.
4. To provide news to the members of all clown events in the state of Texas.

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Be sure to check out the TCA website at

[www.texasclownassociation.com](http://www.texasclownassociation.com)

The members only password is: iluvclowns

Be sure to connect to our official TCA facebook page - you can find the link on our website. Follow us and stay current with what is going on with TCA.



## TCA Clown Alleys



### **Panhandle/West Region**

Oops Alley - TCA #2

### **North Central Region**

Cowtown Clowns - TCA #9

Happi Tymes Clown Alley - TCA #12

The Clown Arounds - TCA #16

### **North East Region**

Tejas KlowN Club - TCA #1\*

Texas Mid-Cities Clown Alley - TCA #13

Payasos Latinos de America - TCA #23\*

Cedar Creek Clowns - TCA #24\*

Rosey Nose Clown Alley - TCA #25

### **South East Region**

Space City Clown Alley - TCA #6\*

Montgomery County Clowns - TCA #11\*

Cheeful Clown Alley - TCA #14

Coastal Confetti Clowns - TCA #18\*

### **South/Central Region**

Jolly Joey Clown Alley - TCA #19

The Clown Alley - TCA #15

\*Inactive Alleys



# *a word from the* **PRESIDENT**

I am **Soooo Excited** to see what the Team has planned for us. The Convention this year is going to be different as we will not be having official Competition, **BUT** you can still perform before a live audience. There will be 4 opportunities to perform: 1. Open Mic One, 2. Open Mic Two, 3. Single Paradeability, and 4. Group Paradeability. Although the performances will not be "Judged" by TCA Judges, they will be judged by the audience for "People's Choice" awards. See details later in this issue. There will not be a Vendor Room, there will be sales of the Lecturer's wares directly after their lecture and we will have a Swap Meet on Two nights, so bring your gently used or new costumes and anything you have that someone else might want to have. You can swap it, sell it, buy it, or give it away. See more details later in this Journal. The program will be a mix of live lectures supplemented with a few lectures being virtual shown at the hotel that only people registered for the convention will be able to see. **All of the above is for the 2021 Convention ONLY, we go back to the official convention agenda next year.** It will still be in Killeen, Texas at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel 1721 E Central Texas Freeway, from August 5th through the morning of the 8th. I hope you will be able to make it this year. More information will be found further in this issue so make sure you read all the way through. I believe this will be a great convention and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Please help us keep the Joey Journal going by submitting an article for the next issue of the Digital Joey Journal. Aside from Convention news, Greg has only been getting a few articles. The articles don't have to be long or any specific type, it can be something you have learned, something you or your group has done that you would like to share with the other members (pictures would be welcome), articles of how your clown has survived COVID, or other articles that you have read elsewhere about clowning, just to name a few. If you do submit one that was written by someone else, please ask their permission and give them credit in your article.

If you have not received any of my emails this year, please send me your email so I can make sure we have a current email for you on file. I have been sending out emails with TCA info and I would hate for you to miss the emails.

We need you and miss you. Please plan on attending the 2021 convention. Cindy Sanders and Susan Keys have successfully retained the lecturers and headliners that we were going to have this year so I am excited for TCA 2021. I hope you are excited as well and are making plans to attend. We can't wait to get together again this year for a "Clown Family" reunion.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at [judy.a.cornett@gmail.com](mailto:judy.a.cornett@gmail.com) or you can call my cell at 713-201-8681.



## ONE TIME ONLY!

by Cinde "Boopsie" Sanders

WE ARE BACK! I am so excited to see you again. On August 5-8th we will be coming together to celebrate the amazing art of clowning and family entertainment at the  
**Texas Clown Association Convention of 2021.**



**Convention goal is to HAVE FUN!**

We are so excited to announce several **ONE TIME ONLY** events. Because this past year has been so uncertain, we are all on a different level of recovery. So, this year we are going to help each other to return to our very best.

**ONE TIME ONLY – People's Choice Open Mic** – We will NOT have competition in the traditional TCA way. Get ready to have some Real fun! We have two opportunities to perform in an open mic setting. You have up to 5 minutes to perform any routine, skit, song, poem, story, acrobatic effect, animal act, sound effect or any other way you want to express yourself. Be Creative! Be Fun! Be Entertaining! Be Yourself! **This is your time to shine.** We will give a first and second place award voted by the people in the audience.



**ONE TIME ONLY – People's Choice Paradeability.** We will have single and group parade opportunities. You can participate in one or both. You will have one minute to walk the parade route and perform your skit. First and second place awards will be given in each category voted by the people in the audience.

**ONE TIME ONLY – Swap Shop.** Since we are not hosting a traditional vendor room, you are welcome to bring your new or gently used costumes, magic, props or whatever you think others might want. We can swap or trade or sell, etc. We will have two opportunities to swap and sell.



**ONE TIME ONLY – Jr. Joey registration special.** Young clowns ages 9-16 can come to the convention for \$70 and they do not have to pay the TCA dues. We have a lot of fun planned so come ready to party.





by Patsy “Glitterbug” McMillan

Well as you can tell from the top of the page TCA will be hosting another unique event for the **2021 CONVENTION ONLY**.

If you have gently used costumes, hats, shirts, shoes and wigs that you would like to barter, sell or trade please feel free to bring these to the convention to have a “swap-a-rama” good time. Make sure items are gently used and clean (leave the fleas at home).

Also if you have props, magic tricks that you have purchased and not used please feel free to bring these too. They may look better on someone else’s shelf since you have looked at them for a while and don’t really know what to do with them.

Check the schedule for the times this fantastic event will be taking place. **Please be aware that you are totally responsible for your own “stuff”.** Bring it to the “Swap Shop” at the appropriate time and take it back to your personal hotel room at the end of each swapping/shopping time. Anything left in the room will be considered trash.





# 2021 TCA Convention Schedule

## Thursday, August 5, 2021

9:00am – 4:00pm - registration open

10:00am-12:45pm - TCA Board meeting - Bradley Room

12:00-1:00pm – special Jr Joey class – Brittany Allen/Matthew Lish – Abrams Room

12:30-1:00pm – First Timers' orientation - Bradley Room

1:00-2:15pm – Welcome Session – Phantom Room

Welcome announcements

Matthew "Phineas" Lish (Headliner) – "I Think, Therefore I Clown"

2:30-3:15pm – Annie Banannie by Virtual ZOOM – Iron Horse Room

3:30-5:30pm – General Meeting – Phantom Room

5:30-7:00pm – dinner break and set up for Swap Shop

7:00-7:30pm – TCA board Ice Cream social – Iron Horse Room

7:30-8:30pm - Open mic (People's Choice) – Iron Horse Room

8:30-10:00pm – Swap Shop – Phantom Room

## Friday, August 6, 2021

9:00am-4:00pm – registration open

8:30-9:30am – special Jr Joey class – Brittany Allen/Matthew Lish – Abrams room

9:00-9:30am - A visit with Kathy Keaton author of Prescription Humor – Phantom Room  
(children will be brought in during this time)

9:30-11:00am – Workshop – Phantom Room

Dal Sanders will perform a daycare/school show for a live child audience followed by discussion of how to perform and build a daycare/school show.

11:00-12:30pm – lunch break

12:30-1:45pm – Workshops

David Pitts – Puppet and ventriloquism workshop – Abrams Room

Matthew Lish - Juggling Workshop – Iron Horse Room

2:00-3:15pm - Workshops

David Pitts – Cartoon drawing workshop – Abrams Room

Teri Stokes – balloon designs for line work – Iron Horse Room

3:30-4:15 – Steve Axtell by Virtual ZOOM – Phantom Room

4:30-5:45pm – JAM – Terri Stokes and Matthew Lish – Iron Horse Room

5:45-7:00pm – dinner break

7:00-8:30pm – Open Mic (People's Choice) – Iron Horse Room

8:30-10:00pm – Swap Shop – Phantom Room





## **Saturday, August 7, 2021**

9:00am – gather in lobby to carpool (or walk) to Killeen Mall (for photo and parade)

9:45am - Group photo – Killeen Mall

10:00-12:00pm- Paradeability (People's Choice) - Killeen Mall

10:00-12:00pm – Open Mic (People's Choice) – Killeen Mall

12:00-1:00pm - Lunch on your own (there is a food court at the mall)

1:00-4:00pm – registration open

1:00-2:15pm – Workshops

Matthew Lish – Prop making workshop – Abrams Room

Brittany Allen - Marketing and Branding Workshop – Iron Horse Room

2:30-3:45pm – Workshops

Margaret Clauder – Storytelling workshop – Abrams Room

Suzy Wall - Face painting – Line work that works for you; ideas and techniques to move that line and still paint the WOW ones – Iron Horse Room

4:00-5:00pm – Pricilla Mooseburger – make-up and costumes – Virtual ZOOM

6:00pm – Social Hour (cash bar) – Phantom Room

7:00pm – Banquet and Live Auction (storytelling by Margaret Clauder) – Phantom

## **Sunday, August 8, 2021**

9:00-10:00am – Sunday Worship Service - Jackie Garner (Lollibells) – Iron Horse Room

10:00-11:30am – Closing Breakfast – Phantom Room





## One Amazing Workshop after Another after another after another after another...



Are you ready to experience your inner creativity? Well get ready to learn and have SO much fun with our convention headliner **Matthew "Phineas" Lish**. He is a second-generation clown and holds the world record for juggling on a pogo stick. He was also a member of the World-Famous Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown Alley during the circus' Final Farewell Tour and has been seen on TV, Off Broadway and the Coney Island Boardwalk. Matthew has also worked as a Walt Disney Imaginer, The Muppets Jim Henson's Creature Shop and Sesame Street. At the convention Matthew is going to work with the Jr. Joey program and share

his talents and experiences with all of us through unique performances, lectures, and workshops.

**Dal Sanders** will perform a live daycare show for children and then explain his process of writing a routine and controlling an audience as well as share some unique magic tricks and ideas.

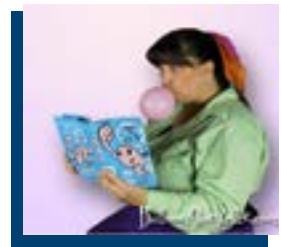




## Virtual ZOOM lectures

If there is one good thing that came out of the crazy year of 2020, it is that we found ZOOM. Since we were not able to meet in person, entertainers had to find a way to communicate with their audience. This is a medium that is here to stay. We found that we can communicate with many, many more people all over the world through screens and broadband and for a fraction of the cost. So we are taking advantage of this medium by bringing you THREE amazing virtual lectures from performers that we probably could not have otherwise.

**Annie Bananie** - Children's book author and balloon storyteller. She will bring her hilarious ideas and performance to our members.



**Steve Axtell** – Axtell Expressions will share his amazing puppet designs, discuss the creative process and show a virtual tour of his studio

**Tricia Manuel** with Pricilla Mooseburger  
Originals will talk about make up and costuming and share stories and experiences.



## Other Amazing Lectures and Workshops:

**Teri Stokes** – The Art of Balloon Making

**Suzy Wall** – Face Painting for Large Lines

**David Pitts** – Ventriloquism and caricature drawings

**Kathy Keaton** – author of Prescription Humor

**Brittany Allen** – Marketing and Branding and Jr. Joey leader

**Margaret Clauder** - Storytelling



## A Fresh Perspective

by Diana "Buttons" McCurtain-Talbert

It's been about 18 months since the world stopped. Going out to eat stopped. Parties stopped, clowning stopped, and yes, sadly conventions, alley meetings, gigs, parades everything came to a standstill. But, as the world slowly begins to open up again, we're able to dust off our balloons, toys, costumes, shoes, and noses! And we're able to put the keys in the car and take off to Anywhere USA! And in August, Anywhere USA equals Killeen, TX. This is a good time to look back. Back at what you missed, what you knew you wanted to work on and refine, what you hoped to get better at in the wonderful world of clowning! And it's a chance to look forward, to catching up with friends and loved ones from near and far (after all Texas is pretty big!), to growing our skills and to take a great big clown step forward in putting yourself out there, getting on stage to entertain, to grow and to learn!

This year, things will look a little different from a competition perspective. No judges sitting at a table saying quarter turn, quarter turn, show us your stuff. It's going to be simple, enjoyable getting on stage to practice a new bit, to entertain your friends, or to get on a stage for the first time ever with no worries about it being a judged competition. How fun is that? For those who so often end up in the judge's seat, let me encourage you to bring your costume! Get on stage! Some of us have never seen some of you in makeup! Make this year a year to look forward, a year to give your time, your talent, and your character to the wonderful clowns of TCA!

I'll be up there! Will you join me!







*I was challenged recently by Diana McCurtain – Talbert to share a piece of my clown journey.*

## SINGING TELEGRAMS WITHOUT A SONG

by Kathy “Piccolo” Keaton



It was early in the 80's and I'd only been doing children's birthday parties for a few years. Just before Valentines Day, I decided I'd deliver singing telegrams. My husband thought it was a stupid idea, that no one would want a clown coming into their business. I mentioned it to a friend and she immediately said she wanted me to do a special delivery for her husband. I didn't do any advertising, but each time I did a delivery, I was hired on the spot, to deliver to someone else! I spent the entire day blowing up balloons (for the balloon bo-kay) that was included in each delivery, and driving from one place to another to catch the person off guard.



By the end of the day I had made nearly \$500 (to my husband's surprise.) I had gone to restaurants, schools, banks, the police dept, the library and other fun places. Each time I was hired on the spot to go to another place. I continued to deliver for probably over 30 years. The funny part is, I have never sung a note. No one (not one person) has ever noticed.



## Are You Getting Excited?

By Vonicle "Dimple" Cox

Hello, everyone! I hope you are as excited as I am for the upcoming convention. I want to see my clown family as it has been two years already. This year's convention is going to be different than any we have ever had. There will be competition but not in the "normal" sense. There will be a parade and the competition will be People's Choice! How different is that for TCA? There will be two open mic nights so get ready! There will be several choices in classes both in person and virtual. There will be special Jr. Joey classes and the age has changed a little just for THIS YEAR ONLY which is 9-15 years. We hope to help build our TCA after what it has been through. We have Kathy Keaton, Dal Sanders, David Pitts, Matthew Lish, Teri Stokes, Annie Bananie (Zoom), Brittany Allen, Steve Axtell (Zoom), Margaret Clauder, Suzy Wall and Tricia Manuel (Zoom) to present classes. What a great lineup of names and experience to teach us! Can't Wait to see you in Killeen.

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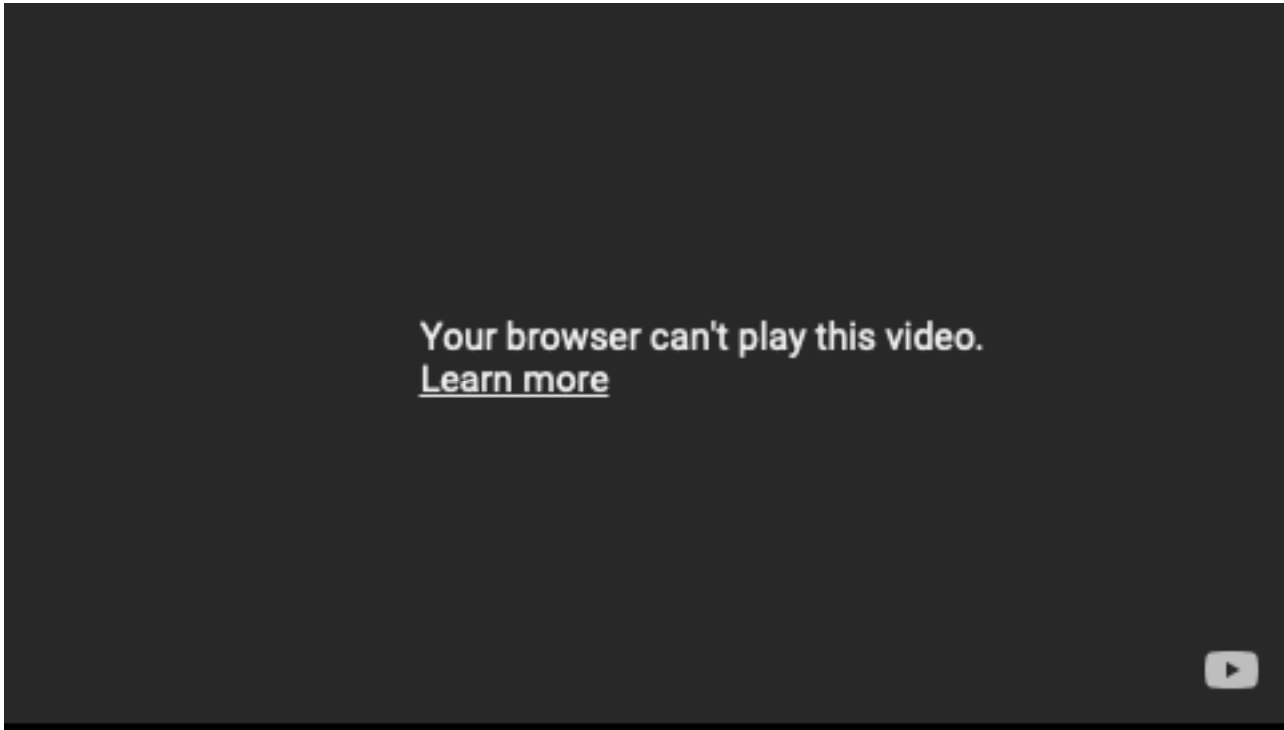
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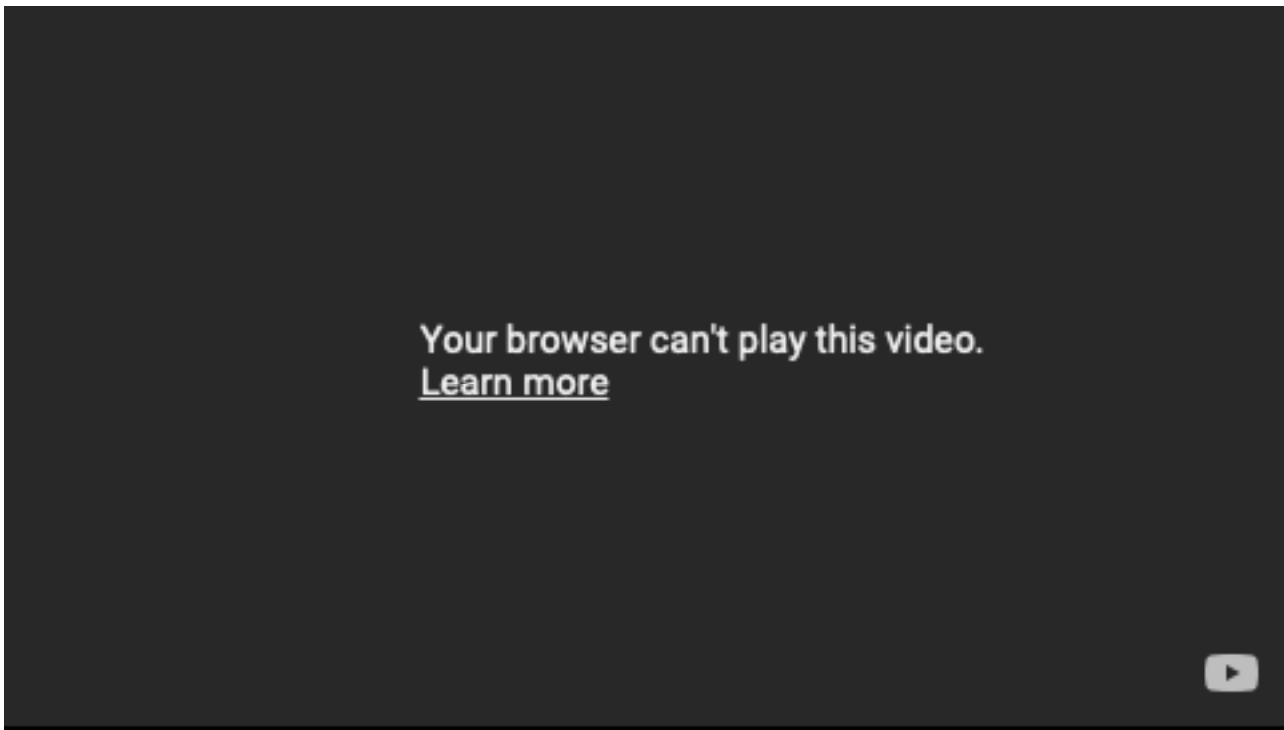


# What's on the **TUBE?**

Here's a short new report on clowns and their universal physical comedy.



Check out this quick, fun routine with a ring toss and a volunteer.





## North East Area Report

By Susan "Dubble Bubble" Keys

### Mid Cities Clown Alley 85 submitted by Matthew Spraggins

April 12, 7 - 9 pm:

17 attendees

Guest speaker talked about party characters at fun birthday parties. Mostly trademarked characters, but still fun. How she set up her show, bubbles, dancing, contest, photos and more fun.

May 18th, 7 -

Joint Alley Meeting with Mid-Cities, Happi Tymes & CowTown clown alleys.(not sure of head count) Clown families with kids of all ages came. Breakfast foods to eat Story time theme pajama party. Guest speaker Mrs. Elizabeth was a storyteller. Had contests for coloring, best pajamas, fun music and more.

Next Meeting June 15th, 7 - 9 pm

Guest speaker will be Tharpo talking about happiness and/or hypnosis

### Rosy Nose Clown Alley submitted by Jane Wilson

We have resumed meeting in April at BERGFUELD Park in Tyler with a Bring a Sack Supper and GET RE-ACQUAINTED MEETING.

IN MAY WE MET AT THE METHODIST FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH A PLANNING MEETING.

In June we have a fellow who does an impression of THE LONE RANGER with a history of him. We are just glad to be meeting again.

June 26 we have a 12-8 Fair in Whitehouse (in, not at Ha ha)

Then July 5-8th some of are doing a VBS in McDade and July 12 -15 a VBS at WEST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHANDLER

### Memory Makers Alley submitted by Darris Cross

We have most of our members showing up to most meetings. Jim Carr went through sickness and is now recovering. We have been reaching out to different places and businesses to let them know that we're here and willing to help as a alley to promote or anything like that. We've had shirts made they should be coming in soon with our logo on them for our members. We like to thank the vice president, Terry Cunningham, for the fine job he's doing. Kim Cunningham, our secretary and treasurer, is doing an awesome job. Are Paulandarian and I know I said that wrong Heather he's doing her job.

Other active members Nancy Silvers, Eli, Jim Carr and Josh Cunningham are attending on a regular basis. We all report whatever we might have done in the month prior and what we are going to do in the month to be, to share and when we can, we will go to one another's events just for moral support.



## **Panhandle/West Area Report**

**by Susan "Tinker" Butler**

Oops Alley, June 12, 2021

Oops is starting to do a few gigs and show individually.

Linda has done a few shows. She and Claudett are doing a benefit for the NICU at ORMC hospital in Odessa. Linda is going to do a benefit for a young child battle cancer.

Susan attended a magic program at the Music City Mall in Odessa. Brunson Chadwick and Larry Pitts have opened a new magic/juggling show at the Music City Mall in Odessa with classes scheduled. I found out where the secret trap door is if you stay past the mall closing hours.

Some of Oops will meet on Tuesday, June 14, to discuss convention plans and performance plans.

## **South Central Area Report**

**by Diana "Buttons" McCurtain-Talbert**

Jolly Joeys will begin meeting again with our first meeting on July 8, 2021. We have four gigs scheduled between June and August of this year. Slowly starting back.

# Important Convention Deadlines

Ambassador Nominations - July 1, 2021

Convention Book Ads - July 1, 2021

Convention t-shirt order - July 1, 2021

Scholarship Application - July 15, 2021

Hotel Reservation (to guarantee a room) - July 30, 2021

