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- 2. To provide the opportunity to study the art, history, and philosophy of clowning.
- 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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A Word from the Pres

What a wonderful time we had at the 2007 Texas Clown Association Convention! Cheerful Clown Alley did a fabulous job of keeping us on "track" and on "Laff Support" for 5 fabulous days.

A special "thank you" goes out to Frances "Cuddles" Poage and her committee members for all their hard work. If you'll remember, they worked on putting this convention together TWICE! The workshops were many and varied, all striving to make us better clowns. We got good feedback on the new Novice track, too.

We had more competitors than we've had in several years and competition still ran smoothly. Thanks go out to Buckle, Hot Dog, and Cuddles and their teams for making it seem effortless.

Congratulations to all the participants! It can be a daunting task to stand or perform before your peers. I believe we had a higher quality of skits and performances this year than ever before. Makeup gets more difficult to judge because the competitors come closer to perfection each year. Overall, competition has proved once again to be a valuable tool in growing all of us into better clowns.

A special nod goes to Tricia "Hanky" Gregory who earned the Best All Around Clown honor this year. She entered every competition possible and placed in most. Kudos to Tricia!

Your votes were counted and the announcement was made at the General Membership Meeting. Our annual convention will be held between July 15 and August 15 beginning in 2009. We are looking for someone to step up to host this groundbreaking event for TCA. Won't you give it consideration? Your Area Director has all the info you need to present a proposal.

As we look ahead toward the upcoming holidays, I wish you each a blessed season. Reach out in the Spirit and love your neighbor. Be kind to the clerk at the department store. Let someone else have that close parking space. Don't fuss when you're offered a raincheck for the treasured item in the sale flier. It's time to let your light shine and not keep it under a bowl.

Our family has grown this year; we have gained a precious daughter-in-love and an adorable granddaughter. I hope each of you will spend time with family and friends during the holidays. Take this opportunity to show others that the season is not about how much "stuff" you get. Remember . . . Jesus only received 3 gifts.

2008 is approaching rapidly. I encourage each of you to make a list of personal goals for the New Year and strive to accomplish them. Maybe one will be to be in "face" more. Take time, make time, there may not be another time . . . to make someone smile.

In His love,

Lisa "Twinkles" Ezell

Attention Board Members: We will meet January 12, 2008, in San Marcos, at the library. Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in January.

The results are in!

Drumroll please...

While it was a close vote, the majority spoke clearly that it was time for a change. Beginning in 2009, our annual convention will be held between July 15 and August 15.

We do not have a host alley for 2009 yet. If you voted to hold the convention in the summer, why not be the first to step up to host it in your home city? Contact your Area Director for the forms necessary to submit a bid. We're looking forward to hearing from YOU!



and Happy New Year to all TCA members. It has been a pleasure to be your editor this past year. I wish you more clowning and making

merry for the coming year. It is always lots of fun to hear interesting stories about our members and in this issue, I have highlighted one of our members who has received a special award for her volunteer work. Keep reading to find out who that might be! If you know of someone you would like highlighted, or have something to share with TCA members, please let me hear from you at joeyjournal@yahoo.com

Kay "Nannie Belle" Quittner

Songs of the Season

Sitting around the Yule logs wondering which songs to sing? Try some of these. See how many of these you can guess. (Answers appear elsewhere in this issue.)



- I. Homo sapiens of crystallized vapor.
- 2. Tintinnabulation.
- 3. A dozen twenty-four hour yule periods.
- 4. Desire a pair of incisors on December 25.
- 5. I spied my maternal parent osculating.
- 6. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy.
- 7. Quadruped with crimson proboscis.
- 8. Fantasia of colorless December 25.
- 9. Ancient benevolent despot.
- 10. Adorn the vestibule.



Roster of Ambassador Awards

1983 - Robert RAGS Thomas

1984 - Wynn WYNKY Veale

1985 - Charles WHISPERS McBride

1986 - Lillian FLOPSEY Martin Rosalie SUPERSTAR Perryman

1987 - Kay KLYNKY Veale

1988 - No Award

1989 - Mary SUGAR PLUM Lostak

1990 - Grenda POPPINS Walton

1991 - Lou HONEY Stoddard

1992 - Robert BOPPO Stoddard

1993 - T.J. GRITS McDougal

994 - Clarance MR. SUNSHINE Bull

1995 - Rolf POOKIE Kerr

1996 - Brenda FLOWER Marshall

1997 - Mary Ann CITRONELLA Beck

1998 - Kim TUTTI FRUTTI Oxford

1999 - No Award

2000 - Susan DUBBLE BUBBLE Borg

2001 – Chandra CHA CHA Luce

2002 - Linda ROLY POLY Green

2003 – Andy SMILEY Anderson

2004 - Linda GREENIE Greene

2005 - Ed BUCKLE Fitzgerald

2006 - Aurora BEBOP Krause

2007 - Lisa TWINKLES Ezell

Competition 2007 Report

First, allow me to again thank Cheerful clown Alley for a marvelous "vacation" from the real world. The pace was hectic, but it had to be or some things would have been left undone. The hotel staff was very accommodating and all the members of Cheerful were and are friendly and helpful. Everyone I spoke to commented on the wonderful experience Houston provided. A memory I'm glad I have; a memory that won't soon fade; and, a memory of my friends.

The 2007 Convention recently held in Houston was, the most enjoyable I have ever attended. The level of competition has risen to a very high level. All the competitors gave their best and the results reflect how truly talented our members are. Congratulations to all the competitors, not just the "winners." It requires a lot of courage to perform before, and be judged by, your peers. Everyone who entered into the competitions is a winner in my book.

The topic of ending competition at TCA has been mentioned in the past, and I believe the members have voted with their participation. We had an excellent turnout in the number of participants for every category of competition. There was only one makeup category (tramp/hobo) that did not have enough entries to warrant a separate category. Here

are the numbers: Balloons 36 entries, Makeup-33 entries, single skits-12, group skits-13, single parade-22, group parade-9, and performance-12. The real surprise for me was the number of individuals that participated in the competitions. Some of the groups were very large. Out of the 13 group skits a total of 48 clowns performed; in the group parade a total of 28 clowns walked our parade route; and, the grand total was 76 clowns who participated in at least one category.

These numbers are getting close to one half participation which I consider excellent for TCA, considering the numbers from the last few conventions. I am proud to be associated with a group that is so proactive in increasing its membership and raising the aggregate skill level of its existing members. I hope this is a trend that continues because TCA and each of us as individuals will benefit as a result.

We should be proud of ourselves.

Buckle

On the following page is a list of the recent WINNERS at the 2007 TCA Convention. I would like to thank all the competitors and congratulate all the winners.



Single Balloon: 1st place—Tricia Gregory

2nd— Mary Morris;3rd— Sammy Sims

Multiple Balloons:

Tana Fillingame Tricia Gregory Margaret Clauder 3 way tie for 1st place



Balloon Arrangement: 1st Place—Tricia Gregory

2nd Place—Pat Crossland 3rd Place—Susan Keys



Whiteface: 1st Place—Lynette Edwards

2nd Place—Kathy Keaton 3rd Place—Lauren Donaghey

Auguste: 1st Place—Linda Greene

2nd Place—David Garrido Leon

3rd Place—Valerie Bandy (tie for 3rd)

3d Place—Justin Lee Collins



Character: 1st Place—Kay Reed

2nd Place Margaret Clauder (tie for 2nd)

2nd Place: Susan Keys



Senior: 1st Place—Bob King

2nd Place—Barbara Meyer 3rd Place—Dale Flashberg

Single Paradeability: 1st Place—Tricia Gregory
2nd Place—Missy Dunbar
3rd Place—Mary Morris

Group Paradeability:

1st Place: Missy Dunbar and Alec Dunbar
2nd Place—Tana Fillingame and Virginia Russell
3rd Place—Martha Warren, Debbie David, Earl Warren, and
Kathy Keaton

Single Skit:

1st Place—Gloria Lindsey 2nd Place—Tricia Gregory 3rd Place—Susan Keys

Group Skit:

1st Place—Claudette Hays, Linda Greene, Joyce McKelvey, Kay Henry, and Susan Butler

2nd Place—Tana Fillingame, Gloria Lindsey, and Larry Thompson 3rd Place—Lynnette Edwards, Valerie Bandy, June Hinkle, Patsy McMillan, Norma Jean Lipert, Lois LaRose, MaryJane DeBee, and Justin Collins

Performance: 1st Place—Tricia Gregory
Best All Around Clown: Tricia Gregory
Ambassador of Clowning: Liza Ezell

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

TCA welcomes the newest members. Add these changes to your 2007 TCA Roster.

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Fastest Make-Up Application Contest ,,,Or the rest of the story

For those of you that missed the TCA Convention or were there and missed this Contest I will give you some idea what went on.

First of all, members of your Board were challenged by Randy Munson to compete in the contest. There were four of us that decided to give it a try. This will be the account of what happened from the eyes of one of the contestants that contestant being me.

In the Cowtown Clown Code of Ethics it says make the best of any situation, do not complain about setting, facilities, etc. so I'm not complaining I'm just stating the facts.

The contestants gathered in the great hall on Saturday morning. After the tables were set up the trash talk began. As soon as I opened my make-up case, being the smart person I am, I knew there was something wrong. You see when I started pulling out my supplies the case came with them. With more investigation I found the cap on my nose glue bottle had broken releasing glue into the bottom of my case. Making the best of any situation came to mind as I ran like lightning to the restroom to get as much of the glue off my hands as I could. Some people say when I run it's all in one place but I proved them wrong. Picking up as many paper towels

as I could on the way out of the door I ran back to the contest just in time t trip over the cable to the microphone that Putt-Putt was using leaving him literally speechless. I picked myself up off the floor and went back to my seat. The next thing I did was open my wet ones and found the container empty. But the show must go on. Have you ever tried to put on your make-up with glue on your hands and over all the containers? Take it from me it's not easy. My make-up went on better then I thought it would but it was hard to powder because someone (Klack) took my powder. While all this is going on I hear "you better hurry" being mentioned to Randy, as I looked up and across the table I noticed two of the other contestants had almost completed their make-up and it look very good for the amount of time allowed but Randy had not even started. Right away I started thinking something was up. When Ken said 30 seconds there was a gasp from the crowd, looking down the table I see Randy with his make-up complete. The thought came to me, how did he do that so fast?

All in all the contest was fun for everyone and that was what it was for, but the more I think about it the more I think some of us were set up. If you want the rest of the story watch the DVD's coming out soon.

Bump A Nose, Andy Anderson

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Oops!!! In the last issue credit was given to Ken Kitchen for "A CLOWN IN THIS TREE!!!" It was written by John Luce, so I want to give credit where credit is due for a great article. Sorry for the mistake Ken and John.

VOLUNTEERING

by Donna Manna

This past summer I was honored to receive the USAA Golden Eagle 2006 Volunteer of the Year. I was asked to submit some of my thoughts or reasons why I volunteer. Besides what is in the article, I would like to share part of those with you.

Besides all the reasons of doing good for the community and helping people, which are good reasons, I think that volunteering is the right thing to do. Whether you can volunteer one day a year or 50 times a year, if you volunteer on a people to people basis or sit in a back room sorting files, if you're volunteering is wide spread or small, it is the right thing to do. Each of us knows what that is.

All volunteering is good, but I would like to talk about my Clown Ministry work. There is a wide, wonderful, range of joy a clown can bring to the community.

San Antonio Children's Shelter. These children need all the laughter you can give to them.

Cancer Therapy and Research Center. Laughter helps heal the process.

Hospitals. Again laughing and healing go together.

Witte Museum. Our alley partnered up with the museum to promote the art of clowning.

Church. It is good to clown at a church and perform themes about the goodness in life.

Nursing Homes. It is wonderful to make these groups of people happy.

Brooke Army Medical Center. Visited with wounded soldiers and their families. This is a very special place to clown. Under the worst conditions, they still laugh and smile.

Veterans Hospital. Visiting patients, including hospice patients. Everyone needs joy in their heart at every stage of their life.

Parades. Everyone loves a clown.

Zoo Fundraiser Events. Interacting with children and adults while they visited the zoo.

Professional Groups. For example, the Retired Officers Wives Club. Would provide an educational program and perform.

So many other places or celebrations, where clowns would be needed to brighten the day such as Cancer Survivor Celebrations, Preemie Celebrations, Alzheimer Patients, Walk-A-Thons, and Programs for Pastoral Week, Special Needs children and adults, Deliver packages for Elf Louise.

The list is almost endless, wherever there is a need, I try to clown.

I feel it is important for me to be a role model to others so they will be encouraged to volunteer. I try to do this through my clowning and with my other volunteer activities

We each volunteer for various reasons, but we all clown from the heart. I urge each of you to find your special spot to bring joy to others and to receive joy back a thousand fold. Keep bringing laughter to others.

Donna "Donnabelle" Manna

The Joey Journal's FEATURED member is a recipient of the...

2006 Golden Eagle Volunteer of the Year

Donna Manna "Donnabelle"

Donna Manna isn't just clowning around when it comes to volunteering — she's actually a professional clown who takes her time and effort in the community very seriously.



"There are not enough adjectives to describe the effects clowning has on the people you interact with, and the effect it has on you," she said. "Sometimes, my heart feels like it is going to burst with happiness because of the joy I have brought into someone's life."

Mrs. Manna is president of Jolly Joeys Clown Alley and regional director for the Texas Clown Association. She performs magic, plays music, and uses puppets in educational programs for organizations such as the Children's

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Shelter, Cancer Therapy and Research Center, Brooke Army Medical Center, veterans' hospitals, and nursing homes.

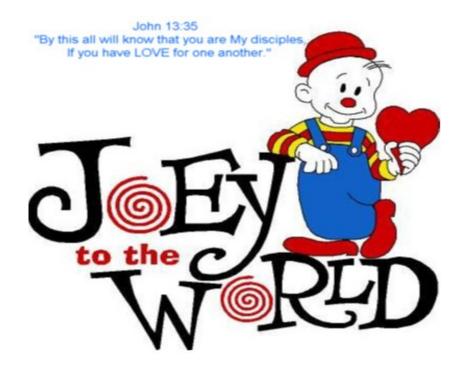
"When I can make a soldier who has been horribly wounded laugh; when an Alzheimer's patient taps his toes to the music I am playing; when a blind person feels my clown hair and nose; when a severely handicapped person has a twinkle in her eye; or when a child gives me a hug, I know it is the right thing to do."

Prior to attending clown school through the Northside School District, Mrs. Manna had only entertained her family with clowning, but she said the school opened up a new world by allowing her to work with the organizations in her community.

When she's not clowning around, Mrs. Manna teaches Junior Achievement classes, is a regular blood and platelet donor, and volunteers with her neighborhood association. She is also involved with her church, the Retired Officers Wives Club, and the Military Officers Association of America.

After 23 years with USAA, Mrs. Manna retired as Communication Center Supervisor. She and her husband Paul, also a USAA retiree, are about to celebrate 50 years of marriage. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING!!!



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Income:

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6,2798.88

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JJ Ads 160.00

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Reimb Seed Money

Withdrawal from CD

 Conv. Profit-2006
 3,135..16

 Other Income:
 27.00

 Total Income:
 9,602.04

Expenses:

Board Meeting Room Exp.

Board Member Expense 1,075.00
Convention Expense 190.00

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 $332\ current\ members;\ 238\ regular,\ 37\ family,\ 27\ associates;\ 6\ Jr.,\ 24\ Ambassadors/Lifetime$

CLACK'S CLOWN DICTIONARY

There are many wonderful words in our language that can be used to describe clown related activities and such. Often, people unfamiliar with the term ask about "Shtick." This prompted me to start a list of some of my favorite words which pertain to clowning.

Hopefully others will be inspired to send me words to add to this clown dictionary. Send me your favorite words to clack@jollyjoeys.com

Shtick: (sometimes Schtick or Shtik) from the Yiddish Shtik pranks literally piece - noun - A usually comic or repetitious performance or routine.

Adjective shticky [The things that a clown regularly does in his performance are his "shtick."]

Mufti: (often "in mufti") from the Arabic. A military term - noun - Ordinary clothes or civilian dress worn by a person who normally wears a uniform or costume. [A clown wearing a tuxedo or non-clowny clothing is said to be "in mufti."]

Padiddle: Modern English word originated by Frisbee afficianados – verb – To spin an object other than a ball on the tip of one's finger by moving the finger in small concentric circles. Noun padiddling [One who is skilled at spinning objects on his or her finger is said to be a "padiddler."]

Contra-Auguste: (sometimes Contre-Auguste)
Contra from the French against, Auguste from
German slang buffoon. – noun – In a traditional clown
trio, the less wild Auguste clown who usually acts as a
mediator between the Whiteface and the Auguste,
with his status somewhere between the two. He
aspires to be more like the Whiteface and may mimic
his behavior but may be so entertained by the
Auguste that he loses track of his goals and joins in
the fun. [Larry Fine from the Three Stooges and
Chico from the Marx brothers are among the most
recognizable "Contra-Augustes."]

Contra-Pitre: (pronounced contra-peet) from the French Contra against and Pitre clown or buffoon. - noun - A type of clown wearing little or no makeup or whose make-up is designed to have a more "human" look to it. Most often, this is an individual who becomes a clown due to situations or circumstances. Quite often this is a Character Clown. [Bill Irwin and Michael Jeter as Mr. Noodle and his brother Mr. Noodle on Elmo's World are examples of "Contra-Pitres."]

Answers to Songs of the Season

Frosty the Snowman;
 Jingle Bells;
 Twelve Days of Christmas;
 All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth;
 I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus;
 Walking Through a Winter Wonderland;
 Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer;
 Dreaming of a White Christmas;
 Good King Wenseslaus;
 Deck the Halls



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