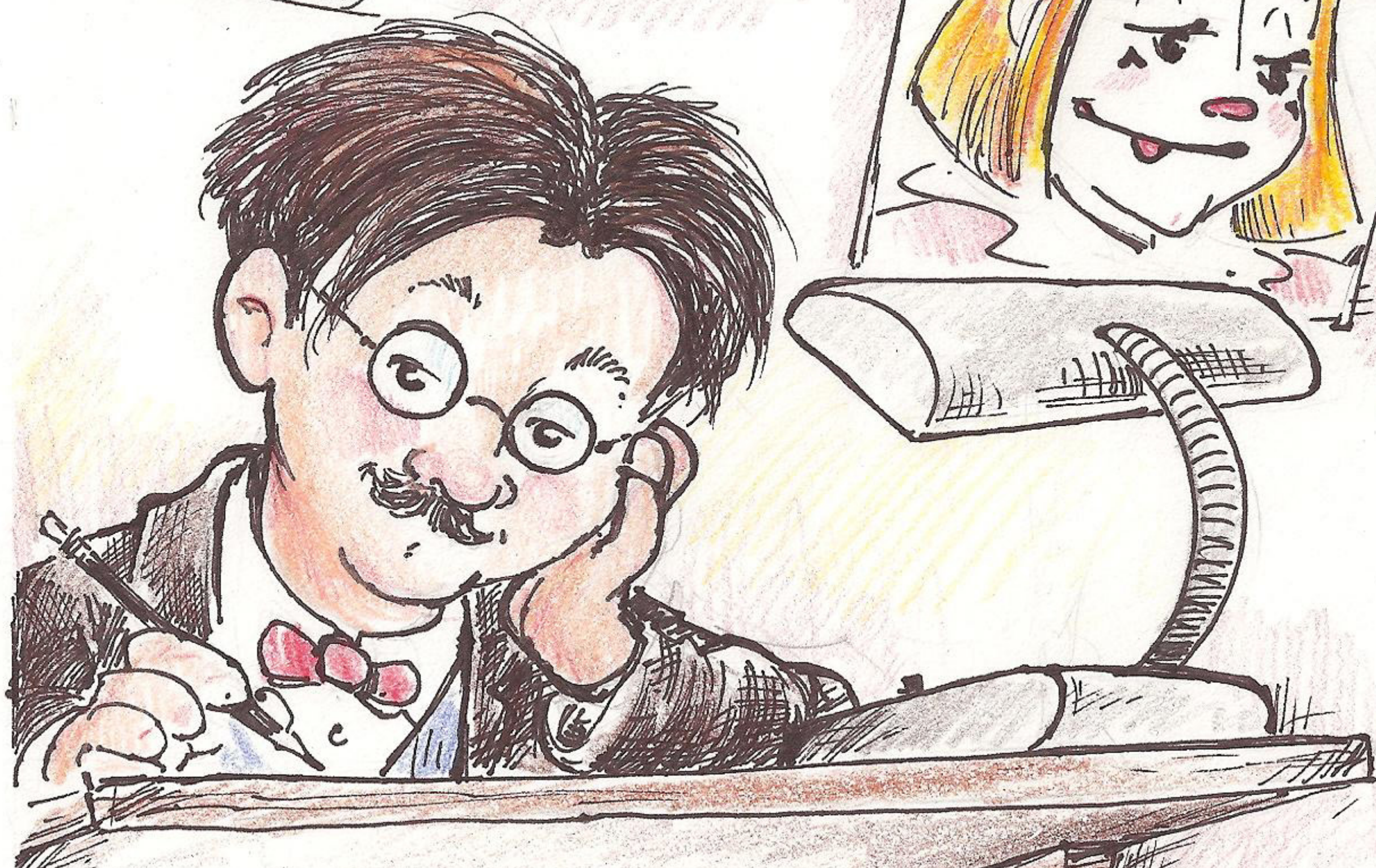
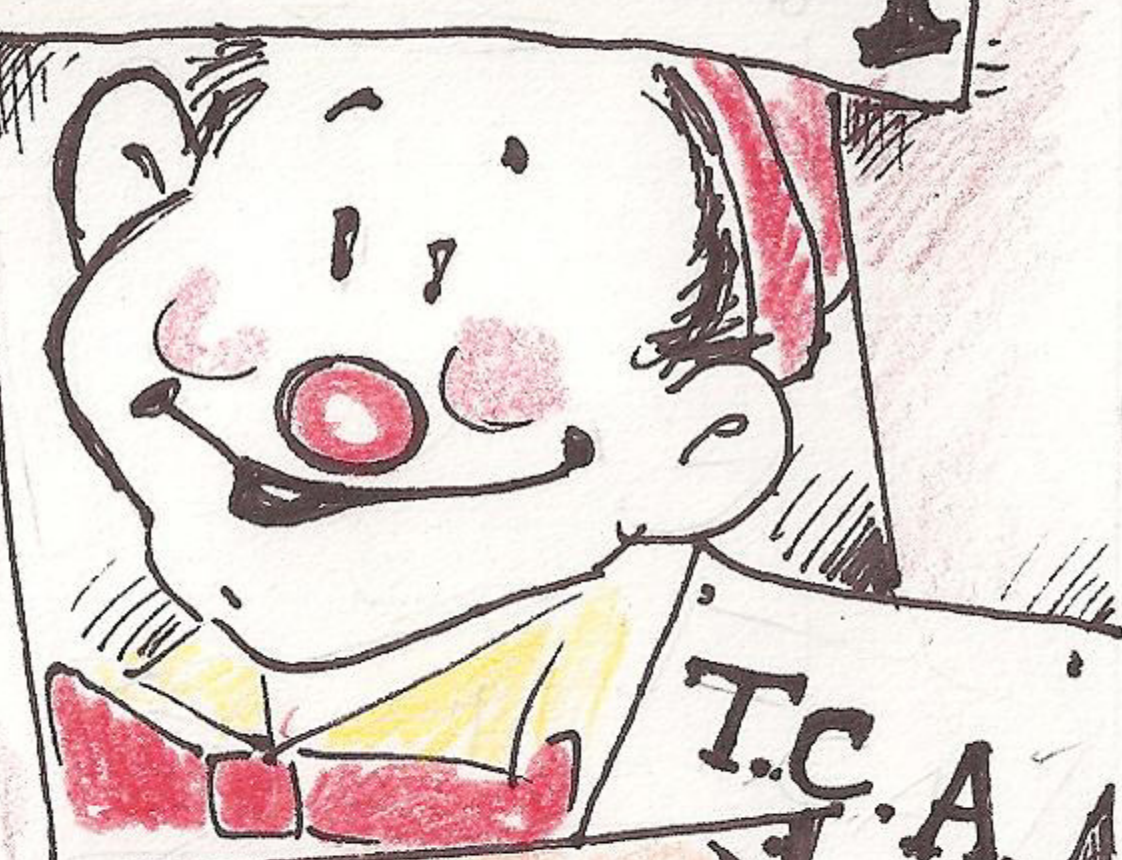
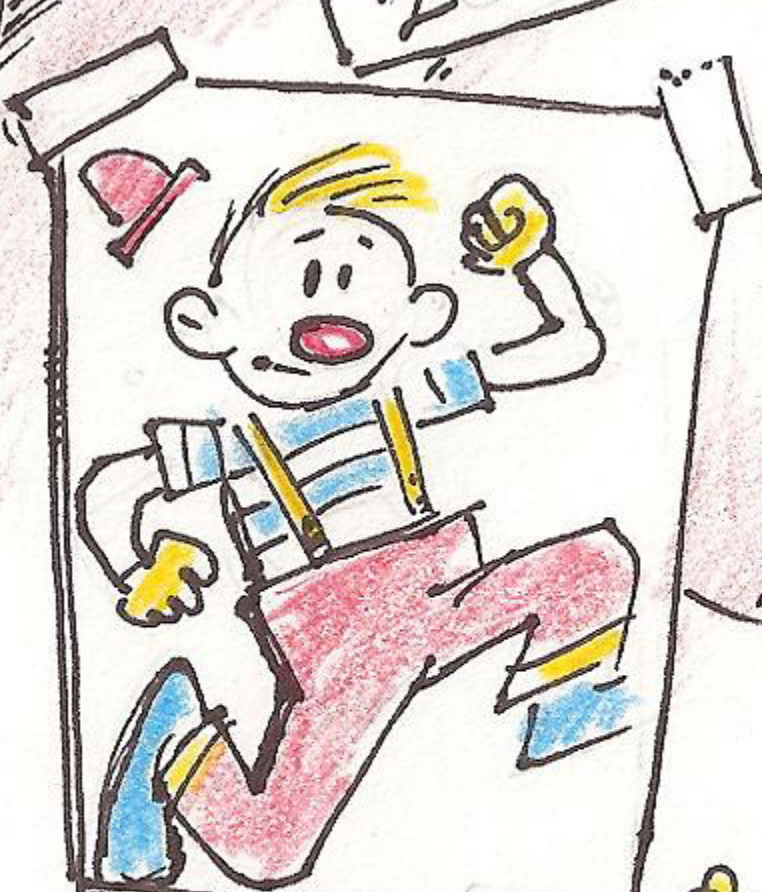
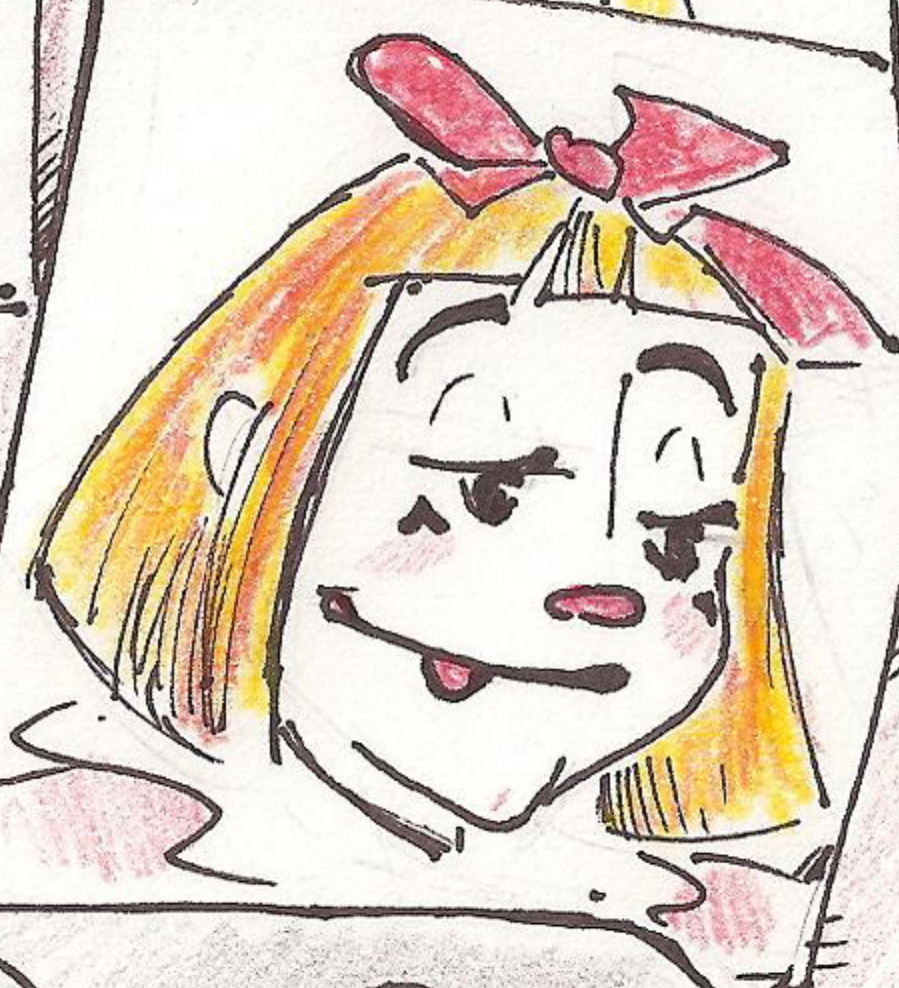




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### ***Purpose of the Texas Clown Association***

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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TCA Convention Registration Info

2008 Roster of TCA Members

## A Word from the Pres



What have you been doing this summer? Church picnics, fundraisers, nursing homes and hospitals, early morning fun runs and more opportunities abound for those who want to volunteer. But what are you doing? National Clown Week is August 1-7 and we'd like to hear what you and your alley have planned. Send a note to [joeyjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:joeyjournal@yahoo.com) to share your ideas. We can all learn from one another.

That brings me to a story I received from a friend some time ago about a newspaper reporter interviewing a farmer known for his excellent corn crops. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed with your neighbors when they are entering corn competitions each year against you?"

The farmer replied, "Don't you know? The wind picks up pollen from ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

Isn't this true with clowning, too? If we are good clowns, competing against each other, but not sharing what we know and our best resources with

others, over time, cross-pollination will breed mediocre clowns. It's up to us to hold ourselves, and each other, to a standard of excellence in clowning. We should plant seeds of distinction into new Firsts of May. Then nurture them and watch them grow into clowns of excellence as well. You can make a difference.

And remember . . . never pass up an opportunity to make someone smile. Spend time with those you love. Extend a little kindness . . . we can all do that.

Lisa "*Twinkles*" Ezell

### **COMPETITION IS REALLY FUN, TRY IT`!!!!!!**

I hope you are planning to join us for this wonderful 25th Anniversary Party and while you are there, be sure you are planning to COMPETE. It's not required, but it's FUN and a great learning experience. Also, we have lots of great giveaways and things you can qualify to win while at convention. When you arrive at the hotel, drop by the Convention Registration area and the TCA table for more information and to ask any questions.

Get your convention registration in soon - it really helps our hosts plan for the right number of attendees.

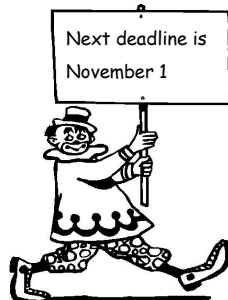
I hope to see many of you there.

Mauri BINKI Norris

## Slate of TCA Officers for 2008-2009

President: Andy Anderson  
VP: Kim Grice  
Secretary: Mauri Norris  
Treasurer: Andy Quittner  
Sgt. At Arms: John Luce, Ed Fitzgerald and  
Peggy Barton

There will be a time at the TCA General Meeting to nominate someone from the floor for an office. I hope to see as many of you there as can be to help elect the officers that will run our Association for the next two years. Bump-A-Nose, Andy A.



\*\*\*TCA Minutes and past Joey Journals\*\*\*  
may be found on our website at  
[www.texasclownassociation.org](http://www.texasclownassociation.org)

**Special Note:** The new password  
is "webclowns."

## **DATES to NOTE**

### ***AUGUST 1-7***

National Clown Week—Go out and clown!!!!

### ***AUGUST 2***

The Jolley Joeys of San Antonio are hosting a 1-day workshop presenting "CHAGY" See page 20

### ***AUGUST 10-23***

#### **Advanced Studies - The Harvest**

Camp Bethel (near Roanoke) VA  
Space is limited  
For more info [www.AdvancedStudies08.com](http://www.AdvancedStudies08.com)  
or call 540-473-2271

### ***OCTOBER 1-5 register now!!!!!!***

***for our own \*TCA Convention in Wichita Falls 25th Anniversary Celebration***

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

For more learning opportunities check out [www.clownevents.com](http://www.clownevents.com) or

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**Summer Fun in the DFW Area!**

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Celebrate National Clown Week  
by Clowning Around with

**Chagy!**

One day workshop hosted by the  
Jolly Joeys of San Antonio



Saturday, August 2, 2008

Cost - \$15

Contact Kim TUTTI FRUTTI Grice

for more info – 210-698-8820 or

[tuttifrutticlown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tuttifrutticlown@sbcglobal.net)





## **TCA BY—LAW CHANGES COMING UP.....**

The following changes the TCAs By-Laws will be submitted to the membership for vote during the general membership meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at the *General Membership Meeting*.

The first change removes the "associate membership" category. Rather than requiring that a regular member reside in Texas, the change opens membership to all; however, a concurrent change will require that all board members be Texas residents.

The second change decreases the number of area directors from seven to five. The Board recommends that the Southern region be combined with the Central Region (the combined region will have two alleys) and that the Panhandle region combine with the West region (only one alley in combined region).

The final change is a matter of efficiency and clean up. There is no reason to have a "permanent address" in the by-laws. It is a better practice to have the flexibility to change that address, as and when needed. Below are the changes, *Smaller, italics* denotes removed text, underline denotes added text.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

*Section 1. Regular Membership:* Regular Membership shall be open to any person resident of the State of Texas who is sixteen (16) years of age or over desiring to pursue the ancient and honorable art of clowning, and who is dedicated to its advancement, provided the provisions of the by-Laws are fulfilled.

Regular Members will have voting rights, may hold a position on the Board (if the member is a resident of the State of Texas and is at least twenty-one (21) years of age prior to taking office), will pay annual dues as set forth by the Board of Directors and will receive The Joey Journal.

All prospective members must submit an application for membership that includes their home address and age.

*Section 2. Associate Membership:* Associate Membership shall be open to anyone over the age of sixteen (16) desiring to be a part of this Association with the rights of a Regular Member, with two exceptions: (i) Associate Members will not have voting rights and will not hold a position on the Board, and (ii) Associate Members will pay annual dues in an amount less than Regular Members as decided by the Board of Directors. This includes anyone out of the State of Texas or anyone with an interest in the art of clowning.

Sections 3 through 8 will be respectively renumbered as Sections 2 through 7

### ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Section 1. Qualifications:* All Members of the Board of Directors must be regular members, in good standing, of the Texas Clown Association and a resident of the State of Texas. A potential board member must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time the person is nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. No single person may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors.

*Section 2. Numbers:* The Board of Directors shall be composed of eleven (11) ~~thirteen (13)~~ members. Those members shall be: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Immediate Past-President, and five (5) ~~seven (7)~~ Area Directors.

References to "area representatives" in Article VII and Article XI will be changed to "area directors"

*Section 2. Principal Office:* The principal office of this corporation shall be any convenient address in the State of Texas as set by vote of the Board of Directors during one of its duly noticed meetings *located at 4502 Gardendale, Houston, Texas 77092.*

## **Please Join Us in Wichita Falls**

Our 25th Anniversary Convention is coming soon. I attended the TCA board meeting in July at the Wichita Falls convention sight - the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel - and found it to be just right for a TCA Convention. The room rates are VERY reasonable - starting at just \$64.50 (+tax) per night for a King or 2 Queens and a limited number of suites are available for slightly more. The rooms have cable TV, computer connections, hair dryers, iron and ironing board, and coffee pot. Also our room had the sink outside the main bath area, making it easier for roomies to share. The hotel has an indoor pool on the main floor near the lobby; so pack your swimsuit. And I suggest that when making your room reservation and upon check-in you request a room facing the pool. (I am not sure that the hotel can guarantee your room location in advance, but it's worth asking.) These rooms are perfect for the Door Decorating Contest - everyone will be able to see the Clowns' Rooms from all around the lobby and atrium area. There is also a Fitness Center with treadmills and steppers and more - so bring your running shoes. There is a hotel restaurant - The Barn & Grill - and they offer a reasonably priced hot breakfast buffet and menu lunch and dinner. Hours for the restaurant are limited but the hotel is trying to work with the TCA schedule where possible. There is a bar in the hotel as well. Make your reservations soon - there is NO COST to make a reservation. Call 940-766-6000 and reference: TEXAS CLOWN ASSOCIATION. The host alley has reserved a block of rooms and if we have enough TCA guests, they will save lots of money on the meeting space needed for lectures, vendors and competitions. We need YOU!!!!!!!

More convention news in the next JJ issue.....

## Ambassador of Clowning

TCA's most prestigious honor is the Ambassador of Clowning. In 2007 I was pleasantly surprised to be the recipient of this great award. My sincerest thanks go to those whose letters of recommendation sold the committee on me. I am blessed and humbled to receive this gift. Standing in the big clown shoes of some of the best of the best: Rags, Wynky, Whispers, Flopsey, Superstar, Klynky, Sugar Plum, Poppins, Honey, Boppo, Grits, Mr. Sunshine, Pookie, Flower, Citronella, Tutti Frutti, Dubble Bubble, Cha Cha, Roly Poly, Smiley, Greenie, Buckle and BeBop is an unparalleled honor, as I respect and admire each I have known. Thank you to my friends who have helped to make me the clown I am today and thank you to TCA and the Ambassador Committee for giving me this honor. I love you all.

Now it's time to start considering who you would like to nominate for the 2008 Ambassador of Clowning. Both the clown recommending as well as the clown recommended must be current members in good standing of TCA. This honor, when given, is awarded at the banquet at our annual convention.

Who has gone above and beyond? Which clown has a heart of gold and an unparalleled volunteer spirit? Who has mentored you? Why is this person so special

to you? What special contributions have they made to the art of clowning?

Please take a few minutes and jot down pertinent information about your clown sage and friend. Let us know when he/she started clowning, where they clown, what type of clowning they do. Have they served on the board of your local alley or TCA? Do they teach at clown school? Why should the Ambassador Committee consider your friend as the 2008 Ambassador of Clowning? Make sure to include as many details as you know. Some of the committee members may be unfamiliar with all of this clown's accomplishments and will be making their decisions on your letters alone.

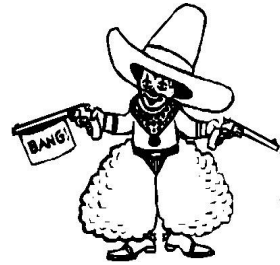
Please send your letters of recommendation to Lisa "Twinkles" Ezell at [twinkles@52sunflowers.com](mailto:twinkles@52sunflowers.com) or via snail-mail to 2530 Pomeran Dr, Houston TX 77080. **The deadline for receipt of your nomination has been extended to September 15, 2008.** The Ambassador committee will review all nominations and make a decision based on your letters. Should there be a recipient this year, his or her name will be announced at the banquet at the 2008 Convention in Wichita Falls.

Hope to see you at the 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Lisa "Twinkles" Ezell

## Party time: Check out the link on the TCA website

([www.TexasClownAssociation.org](http://www.TexasClownAssociation.org)) to the host alley's convention information. A convention schedule is posted there. If you don't have web access or can't get to the site for some reason, there is a Ice Cream Social in the Hospitality Room on Wednesday night, the Anniversary Party is Friday Night and plans are underway for a really fun party. And Saturday night is the traditional awards banquet, complete with entertainment. The banquet attire is dressy and western, so break out those fancy cowboy and cowgirl duds.



### **Wanted: Pictures of All Clowns**

Be a part of our wonderful history review by sending in pictures for our slide show presentation during our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I am compiling all the pictures I receive (unless the response is overwhelming) into a video presentation to be shown during the TCA Convention in Wichita Falls this year. To make sure you are included, please submit photos via

(best way) e-mail attachment PDF format

(next best way) snail mail with your name and address on the picture

Please label the clowns in the photo and the year if you know it.

Please submit ASAP so you don't forget. Be a part of the next 25 years by joining us in Wichita Falls in October!

E-mail address is [merrymakers1@juno.com](mailto:merrymakers1@juno.com) and snail mail is Susan Keys, 2313 Meadow Crest, Irving, TX 75060 Thanks, Dubble Bubble, Historian Co-chair







**GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST  
TCA 25<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY MUGS AND  
BADGES**

**PROCEEDS WILL HELP SUPPORT TCA'S THE  
BIRTHDAY BASH (at convention.)**

**MUGS \$15.95 and BADGES \$7.00**

**ORDER FROM KUDO'S .     *Andy "Banjo" Quittner***



**CARPOOL to CONVENTION**

We are all aware that the current fuel costs are making travelling very expensive. But we do not want to miss seeing you this year. Increased costs make it more important than ever to carpool and to share your hotel room. If you need a ride or have room for others in your car or need a roommate, please let me know and I will work with others to match up as many requests as possible (but please understand that I cannot promise to find you a match). Call me at 713-664-7733 or email [Mnorris@kanaly.com](mailto:Mnorris@kanaly.com)

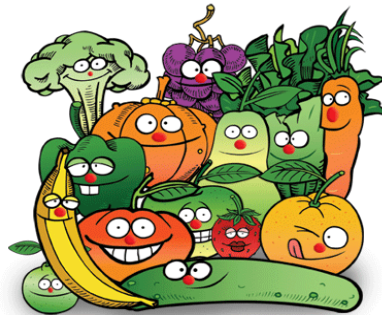
**ADVANCED STUDIES '08**  
**In the Performance Art of Clowning**  
**August 18th - 23rd, 2008**

Over the last two years we have been preparing the next crop of performing clowns. We started with "Ignite the Fire Within" rekindling the desire to carry the torch of clowning to the next level. We followed that with "Planting the Seeds", taking new members of the clown community and encouraging them to grow into performers.

"The Harvest '08" will be the last of a three-year project - - where we will see the results of the last two years. Each phase - "Ignite the Fire Within", "Planting the Seeds" and now "The Harvest" has been a complete training program within itself, and this year is no different. If you missed the first years programs, you can catch up with this year's camp.

I encourage you to come and take advantage of the most incredible staff assembled in the Art of Clowning. I look forward to personally welcoming each one of you to "The Harvest '08".....Leon McBryde  
To register online: [www.advancedstudies08.com](http://www.advancedstudies08.com) or call 540-473-2271.

***THE HARVEST***



## TREASURY FINANCIALS

This is where our money was used this year.

12-31/07 bank balance of \$16,593.32 thru present balance of \$11,820.77

BUDGET vs ACTUAL  
2008 thru 7/14/08

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Revenue		\$16,593.32
Dues	7500	\$5,713.00
CD Withdrawal		
Interest - CD	250	
Convention Profit	3200	
Convention Seed		
Sale - TCA Pins etc	50	\$94.00
Advertising JJ	200	\$360.00
Other Income		
TOTAL INCOME	11200	\$6,167.00

Expenses		
Bad Checks		
Bank Charges		
Board Expense	1200	\$800.00
Convention	2400	\$180.00
Convention Seed	1000	
Insurance	600	\$500.00
JJ Editor	150	
JJ Mailing/Postage	1000	\$513.40
JJ Printing	3200	\$1,169.09
JJ Supplies	300	\$146.39
Mailing other/postage	250	\$132.63
Office(mbr cards/labels/+)	100	\$107.36
PO Permit	100	
Printing other	75	\$18.40
Educational Committee	500	
Area Dir - Welcome Pkts		
Website	180	
Trf to C/D		\$7,372.28
TOTAL EXPENSE	11055	\$10,939.55
NET (rev less expenses)	145	\$11,820.77

C/D \$15,179.81 at 4/16/08 4.75% 8 mos. due 9/16/2008  
260 members paid thru 3/31/2009; 195reg, 33fmly,  
19ambass,8assoc,3lifetime,2jr  
Mailed 410 renewal notices for 2006, 2007,  
& 2008  
28 renewed from 2007, 2 from 2006, 1 from 2005, rest from  
2008

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