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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.

January-February 2009

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A Word from the Pres.

Christmas has come and gone and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. We close the old year and begin a new one. We have some changes coming so let's try to make this year one of the best ever for TCA. One of the changes is the first time to have the TCA Convention in the summer. Happi Tymes is going all out to make this a special time so we need to do our part. I mentioned before "Be One Bring One" that means be at the convention and bring someone with you. I don't mean bring them in your car but to talk up the convention to your friends and alley members. You will hear this more before August.

When I teach a beginner clown class I tell them if I wanted to play the piano I wouldn't take a lesson or two. This is the same with the art of clowning. You have to keep improving and the way to do this is going to conventions and seminars. I hear clowns all the time say they don't have the money or time to go. Try to use this mind set. I can't afford not to go. At Convention you have more opportunities to learn, not only at the classes but in competition or just talking to other clowns. This can help make you a better clown.

I hope all of you have a wonderful 2009.

Bump A Nose

Andy "Smiley" Anderson

Dear TCA Members -

I have enjoyed serving as your Treasurer for the last 4 years and appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me to serve you again as your secretary. The board meets quarterly to conduct the ongoing business of Texas Clowning. If you have anything you would like for the board to address or consider, please contact me or any other board member with your ideas or concerns. Contact information for every board member can be found in each issue of *The Joey Journal*.

Reminder: with the next convention being in August - the time period for the next Sparkplug Award is shorter than normal - so hurry up and spark those new clowns! Be sure you ask them to put your name on their membership application as the referring member so that you will get credit for that "Spark".

We are all aware of the current economic slow-down in Texas and around the country and the world, and perhaps because of that, some of us might feel we cannot afford to attend a clown convention. But perhaps the opposite is true. In fact, it is often during conventions that we get our clown batteries recharged and this revitalization helps us to ramp-up our clowning to the next level - which might be what you need to increase your clowning activities (and maybe revenues if you are a working clown). So

while it might seem like money spent - it's really money INVESTED, invested in your clown and it could be just what you need to make more money! Becoming a better clown should make you more valuable! It's not too soon to start planning and saving for the next convention (either 2009 or 2010). So just maybe you cannot afford to NOT attend convention. (And aren't we lucky that the gas prices have dropped since last convention?!) (One more note: the COAI Convention will be in Houston in April 2010.)

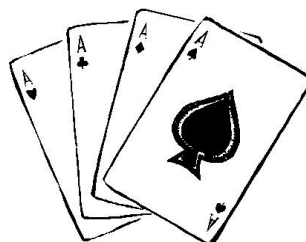
So I look forward to seeing many of you in August at the convention in Dallas. And if you can't join us there, we will miss you, and we sure hope we will see you the next time!

Stay in touch,
Mauri *Binkie* Norris

1/1/2008 - 1/10/2009

1/1/2008	Bank Balance		\$16,593.32
Revenue			
Dues		7,104.25	
Interest (C/D)		481.63	
Merchandise Sales		137.00	
Joey Journal Ads		360.00	
Total Revenues		8,082.88	
Expenses			
Board Expense		1,400.00	
Convention Expense		2,116.68	
Insurance		500.00	
Joey Journal Editor		90.00	
Joey Journal Mailing/Postage		1,048.05	
Joey Journal Printing		2,644.99	
Joey Journal Supplies/Envelopes		245.73	
Other Mailing/Postage		144.93	
Office / Supplies		107.36	
P O Box Rental		58.00	
Printing / Other		18.40	
Transfer to C/D		7,372.28	
Total Expenses		15,746.42	
1/10/2009 Bank Balance			\$8,929.78
C/D Balance \$15,000.00			

PSYCHIC CARD TRICK



Layout TWELVE cards face up in the following pattern, make certain to put RED and BLACK cards in this exact arrangement (R=red card and B=black card).

B	R	B
B	R	R
R	R	B
R	B	B

Ask volunteer to select any BLACK card (do not remove it) but not to reveal selection to you.

Then ask them to move UP or DOWN to the nearest RED card.

Then ask them to move LEFT or RIGHT to the nearest BLACK card.

Then ask them to move DIAGONALLY to the nearest RED card.

Then ask them to move UP or DOWN to the nearest BLACK card.

Then tell them that their final card is the BLACK card on the bottom row in the middle.

Works every time. Good luck and have fun!
Compliments of Mauri Norris

JOEY TO THE WORLD GOSPEL CLOWN CONVENTION

February 6-7, 2009

Sagemont Church in Houston, Texas

Well, fellow clowns, it's that time again. Time to bring on the greatest gospel clown convention you've ever attended. If you've never been don't you think it's time? Those of you have been, I'm sure you're looking forward to this year again.

Our theme this year is FEEDING THE FLOCK (I Peter 5:1-4). The cost of pre-registration is \$25.00 and for those who prefer to "walk-in" the cost is \$35.00. Where else could you get a fantastic 2 days of learning and on-hands experience?

Shepherding the flock will be RANDY CHRISTENSEN as our headliner. Randy will be performing on Friday evening along with Jeremy Clements and The Good News Kids. Along with Randy we also have on staff: Leon McBride, David Ginn, Duane Laflin, Sam T, Sue Kleinwachter, Steve Kissell, Barbi Nippler, Andy Anderson, Bombin, Chagy, Brenda Marshall, Coco Desilets, Benny Cavazos, Steve Roeske (Billy Prince Shoes), and heading up our Junior Joey program will be Kim Grice and Aurora Krause.

As we all know our beloved Billy Prince is no longer with us. Please join with us in February as we set aside a special time to honor and remember Billy and his love for clowning. His lovely wife, Clare, will join us in remembering Billy.

Registration opens on Friday at 11:30am and opens again on Saturday at 7:30am.

For more information you may check our website, www.joeytotheworld.org

Or call: Phyllis Sheffield at 281-489-9336/
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Kay Reed at 281-338-2213/
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Pre-registration deadline is January 10th but we will still accept pre-registration until February 2nd as long as there is no pre-buying of Saturday lunch or shirts.



**JOEY TO THE WORLD 2009
FEEDING THE FLOCK
1 PETER 5:1-4**

Ambassador 2009—Who will it be?

Hi Gang.

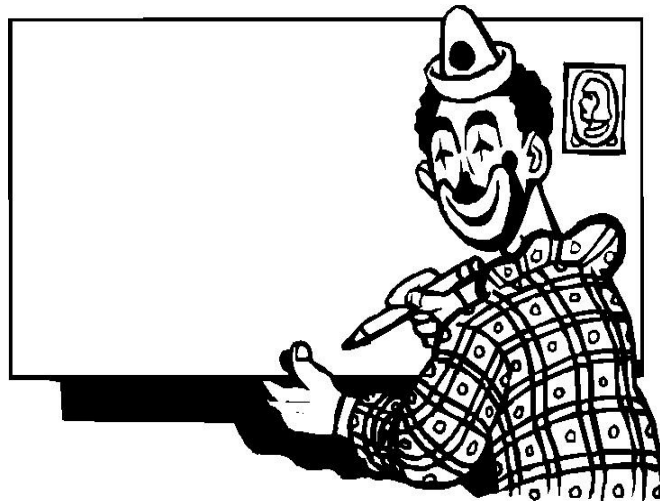
Well it has been four months since convention so that means it has been the same length of time since my feet have touched the earth. I still feel the same rush of surprise that I felt that evening as I was chosen from all the more worthy clowns that bless the State of Texas and T.C.A. with their own special style of clowning. The feeling of pride and acceptance that I felt that night still lingers on and only serves to make me more resolute to be worthy of such an honor. That being said it is now time to start writing those letters for your chose for Ambassador 2009. I will be the chairman of the committee this year and would like to encourage you to do this as swiftly as possible because the convention is in August this year and letters must be in no later then July 1st. Now we need to discuss the content of these ever so descriptive works of non-fiction. First tell us why you chose this person, what makes them stand out from the crowd. Tell us where they got their training, what they do best, how they use that talent to serve their alley and their community. Tell us what charities they support, are they active in their alley, have they served on the board of T.C.A. or held a position on the board of there home alley. Tell us about their teaching skills and if they enjoy sharing

with others what they know. Tell us if they have received any awards or other recognition for their clowning. Most of all tell us about their character, are they funny, kind, caring, gentle, willing to lend a hand to a fellow clown in trouble and are they just fun to be around?. Now that you have that special clown in mind go ahead and write that recommendation and come up with some reasons of your own and remember to write it as if we had never heard of this clown. Now send it to me and set in motion a moment that this person is never going to forget. My address is John Luce, 7913 Standley St., North Richland Hills Texas 76180

Bump-a-Nose...Make a Memory.

John Luce

Go ahead, get YOUR submission in NOW!!!!



***Regional Director
South/Central Area
Director Report***



I have been asked to write something educational or about something going on in our area for the Joey Journal as part of being a board member.

I have decided to write about what I know, and pertinent to our alley, The Jolly Joys Clown Alley of San Antonio. Read all about our alley on page 21 of the last Joey Journal. We just finished another great year. Kevin IRISH Watt, was elected President for a second term. I, Dale PATCHES Flashberg, stepped down as Vice-President and Gig Master; now serving as Member-At-Large, who replaced Bob BUZZ King. The Vice-President is now Diana BUTTONS McCurtain-Talbert, Treasurer; Olivia CUPCAKE Adamson was elected for her second term. Barbara LADY BUG Chambless stepped down as Secretary, giving the position to Phillip BILLY BUBBLES Wright. The Educational Committee got a few new faces to add to the great committee in existence. This year our alley participated in 50 gigs with 37 members and 5 associate members participating.

We had a Holiday Party with 51 members and guests attending. Entertainment was our own Pam PAMMY Ramirez, who was the chief planner, then transformed from ring master to entertaining clown. Other entertainment was by a drum group, Fascinating Rhythms, with our own Inez PANDORFUS Esquivel as a member of the group. A buffet was served by members of the church we meet at. Certificates of Appreciation were given out to board members for their achievements. A Rubber Chicken Award for Most Improved Clown was given to Phillip BILLY

BUBBLES Wright. The Red Nose Service Award for Most Bossed Gigs and Most Gigs Clowned was given to Donna DONNABELLE Manna.

Our last gig of the year was delivering gifts for Elf Louise, an organization that started in 1969 and has been going strong ever since. It is dedicated to providing Christmas gifts and a little bit of joy to the Bexar County less fortunate children. This year the program served 21,000 children and 5,500 families. We had 4 vehicles and seven clowns participate this year. Each year we get more and more clowns helping out for this event. DONNA BELLE, with son as Santa, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter (all association members; PATCHES; TUTTI FRUTTI and associate member husband Paul as Santa, PANDORFUS with son as Santa and his friend as Poncho Claus; BUTTONS, husband ROUDY as Santa, and Junior Joey Son FRECKLES. This made some great 'family' photos. This is the 6th year we have helped delivering packages for Elf Louise. What a great experience to see the smiling faces. They had anticipated Santa coming to deliver the gifts, but didn't know a clown would be coming up the walkway behind Santa with a bag full of gifts for the children.

Our alley already has a few gigs on the books, and a few gigs in the making. We are looking forward to another great year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Dale PATCHES Flashberg,

A Gaggle of Games

BY LISA TWINKLES EZELL

For the next few issues this column will appear to help you with your summer parties and picnics. The origin of these games will be listed if known*. If not, I can assure you that I did NOT create them on my own. I stole them from someone. And as I've often heard, "Only steal the good stuff!"

Clown Shoe Relay Race

from Steve "Peachey Keene" Long

Supplies needed:

- 6 Clown Shoe soles cut out of $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood or equivalent

Paint each pair a different bright color. Glue mesh foam shelf liner to the bottoms of each "sole" to prevent slipping.

Divide children into 3 teams. Divide each team into pairs. (In uneven teams, some kids may have to go twice.) Each pair has both a "put-er downer" and a "stepper on-er." As one child from

each team puts his/her "clown shoe" down, the other child steps on it. They continue this process until they reach the other side. Then they reverse roles. The "put-er downer" becomes the "stepper on-er" and vice versa. And, as usual, the first team to complete the race and all sit down is declared the winner.

The Mummy Game

unknown source

Supplies needed:

- 1 BIG roll of toilet paper for each team
- trash bag

Divide children into groups so that there is an equal number on each team.

Each team selects a "Mummy." The remaining team members wrap the Mummy from head to toe in toilet paper. The team finishing first is declared the winner.

With an all girl party, each team can wrap 1 girl as a "Princess" or "Bride" complete with veil, train, and bouquet. I usually give the teams a time limit and then judge both teams as winners. Girls can be really creative with this one.

I hope these games work well for you. They're simple, yet entertaining. Moms will love them. They photograph really well.

If you have any trouble understanding either of these games, call me on 713 460-4544 or email me at twinkles@52sunflowers.com

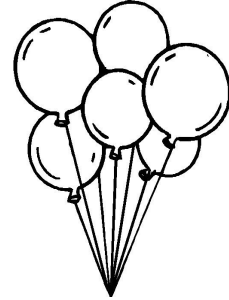
Now get out there and play!

* In the Holiday issue of *The Joey Journal*/I forgot to give credit to the sources. The Rudolph Run or Red Nose Relay came from Jackie *Lollibells* Garner and the Dixie Cup Relay is from Linda *PJHulet*.

**Check out our 2009 special offers
and What's Happening Page.
Something added every month
www.happitymesclowns.vpweb.com**

Welcome to TCA!

We have two New TCA Members:



#2026

Stephen Weser

HANK-Q

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and,

#2027

Philip Wright

BILLY BUBBLES

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210-289-3084

NOTE: As you know, we keep a Membership Directory online for our members. If you have a change of address, please notify this editor or the web master so that you will continue receiving your Joey Journal without interruption and other members will have your new information too. Thanks!

2009 DATES to NOTE

FEBRUARY 6-7

JOEY TO THE WORLD "JTTW"

Sagemont Church

11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway

Houston, Texas 77089 USA

Call for more info:

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Help us advertise the convention to everyone!

Next JJ Deadline is March 1

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