

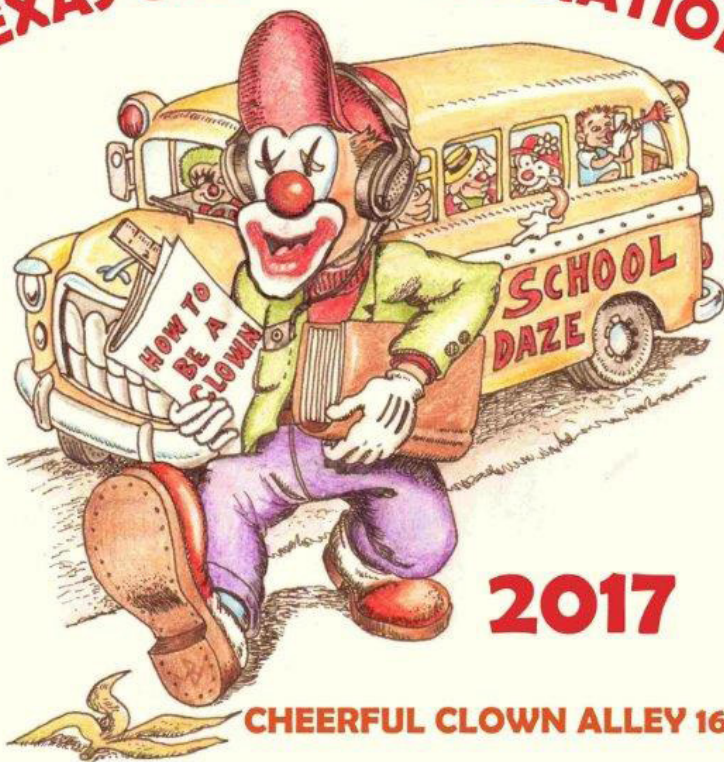
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Purpose of the Texas Clown Association

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.

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*

Rosy Nose Clown Alley - TCA #25

South East Region

Space City Clown Alley - TCA #6*

Montgomery County Clowns - TCA #11*

Cheerful Clown Alley - TCA #14

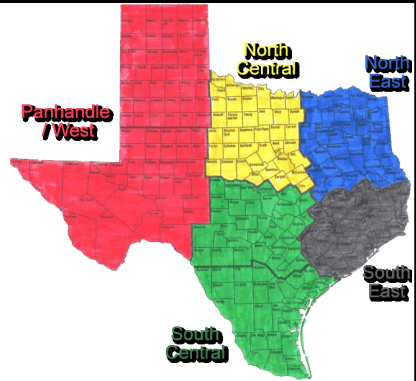
Coastal Confetti Clowns - TCA #18*

South / Central Region

Jolly Joey Clown Alley - TCA #19

The Clown Alley - TCA #15

*Inactive Alleys



Be sure to check out the TCA website at

www.texasclownassociation.com

The members only password is: daze17

Be sure to connect to our official TCA Facebook page from our website and follow us to stay current with what is going on with TCA.

Proposed By-Law Change

The following proposed by-law changes will be brought to the membership at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 for a vote. The suggested changes are in Article V and have to do with the length of terms for the board members and the number of terms they can serve in one capacity. If you have any questions about this please contact Judy Cornett or Andy Anderson for clarification.

CURRENT BY-LAW

Article V. ELECTION AND BALLOTING

Section 3. Re-election:

- a. Any member of the Board of Directors shall be qualified to succeed himself at the expiration of his term.
- b. Board of Directors (officers and area representatives) shall be elected for a period of two (2) years.
- c. Each officer and/or area representative shall be allowed to succeed himself or herself one time, but under no circumstances shall any person remain in the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years (whether by election or appointment).

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Article V. ELECTION AND BALLOTING

Section 3. Re-election:

- a. Any member of the Board of Directors shall be qualified to succeed himself at the expiration of his term.
- b. Board of Directors (officers and area representatives) shall be elected for a period of **one (1) year.**
- c. Each officer and/or area representative shall be allowed to succeed himself or herself **two times,** but under no circumstances shall any person remain in the same office for more than **three (3)** consecutive years (whether by election or appointment).

A Word from the President

By Judy “Peep” Cornett

Hey there fellow clowns. I hope you had a great time during Clown Week. Please share some of the things you did to celebrate Clown Week in an article for the Joey Journal. I am sure the other members would love to hear about them. I know I would.

By the time you read this you should be packing your bags and practicing your upcoming competition. The convention is only a couple of weeks away so if you haven't registered please do so. The Cheerful Clowns are working extremely hard to ensure you have a great time.

Check out the updated TCA website at TexasClownAssociation.com especially the Convention tab. The Convention tab has a lot of information including the Tentative Schedule and a list of the vendors for this year. Check Competition Rules if you plan on competing or would be willing to judge if asked. If you would like to judge please let Susan “Double Bubble” Keys or Susan “Tinker” Butler.

By the way if you have an article you would like to publish in the Joey Journal, Greg would love to see it. It can be on clowning, building props, what is going on in your Alley. Something you would like to share with TCA members. And if you have pictures to go with the article make sure you include them.

Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th . Don't forget, if you have an idea or comment for the Board contact us. The contact information for each board member is in your Joey Journal and we would love to hear from you. We want to boost the membership and make TCA better than ever and your ideas could help us get there.

I hope to see each and every one of you in Montgomery for the 2017 TCA Convention. We are going to have a great time.

TCA Convention Highlights

By Christie “Louella” McNeill

I wanted to give everyone a sneak peek at what we have in store for you at TCA 2017.

As you know we are excited to have Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt as our headliner. She is from Tucson, Arizona. Also coming to lecture is Regina “Cha Cha” Wollrabe, she and Julie consider themselves twin sisters from another mother. These two ladies are hilarious by themselves, but together you’d better watch out, they may cause you some “serious laughter injuries”. They will be performing a show together on Thursday evening with a Q&A session directly after their show. They will be doing 11 lectures between the two of them. Julie’s 4pm class on Wednesday afternoon is titled Bring It On (this is a fun hands on class where the attendees bring a prop or a gag and we all try to come up with new and better uses for it) so bring that prop or gag from home that never gets used, and see what y’all can come up with.

Have you ever wanted to start performing educational school or library shows? Well if you have we are having Julian “The Library Rat” Franklin perform one of his shows for us on Friday evening it will be followed by a Q&A session, and the he will be back

on Saturday afternoon with two 90 minute lectures. One of his lectures is How To Write a Library or School Show and the other is Kid Control (he will teach us a few simple tricks, tips, and techniques that will give you the ability to mold each performance in such a way that the audience behaved almost as if they were following a script). I’m pretty sure we all could stand to learn a few things on this subject. Julian taught school for 16 years and in 2001, he began Julian Franklin Productions, with him performing 100-120 school days per year (at up to 5 shows per day which means 350+ paid educational school performances each year) and another 80 or more library shows during the summer. If you haven’t figured it out yet, this equates to mega \$\$, and what working clown doesn’t want to make more money per year.

There will be 45 lectures by 20 lecturers, plus the Judging Seminar at 1:00pm on Wednesday afternoon. The First Time Attendees class is also on Wednesday afternoon beginning at 2:00.

Mary “Starlight” Morris, one of our vendors and face painting instructors, has had to bow out due to unforeseen circumstances, but we are excited to tell you that the amazing

Suzy “Twinkles” Wall will replace her and teach 3 face painting classes. Thank you Suzy for helping us out. Suzy will teach one of 2 split cake face painting classes(1:30 Friday), and she suggests if you have a split cake at home that you don’t use or like please bring it to her class and she’ll try to help you incorporate it into a new or one of your own designs.

Don’t forget to bring any items that you want airbrushed (other than white, short-sleeved t-shirts sizes S-XL, which they will have available at their dealer table). Examples are tote bags, caps, long sleeved t-shirts or light weight jackets.

Our dealers room will have 12 vendors for your shopping convenience. They are Andy Anderson with stickers, buttons and badges; our photographers Sam & Eye;-Julie Varholdt selling t-shirts and other clown stuff; and our costumer is Kitty Kuhr. There will also be Clarence Bull with makeup and Gospel magic; Pam Muenchow and her clown jewels and more; Dave Hinkin will have magic items; Steve Roeske will be back selling his wonderful clown shoes; Airgrafix the airbrush artists; Kim Canales with homemade goodies and snacks; Rebecca Andrews with Bubba’s Clown Supplies; and last but certainly not least All American Balloons selling balloons and face paints. Kitty Kuhr of Sunshine and Company

also makes/sells a lot of Santa items, but she doesn’t bring these items to clown conventions, so look at her website(www.sunshineandcompany.com) and see if you would like to order anything and she could bring it with her. If you will not be able to attend the convention, but would like to come and shop in our vendor room, it only costs \$10.00, just check in at the registration desk and get your one day shopping pass.

We are raffling a one hour, 1 on 1 time with Julie Varholdt and one with Regina Wollrabe also. Buy a raffle ticket(s) and hope to win. The drawing will take place during the General Membership Meeting at 3:30 Thursday afternoon in the Venice Ballroom.

I hope I have peaked your interest in TCA 2017, and are as excited about attending as we are about having our clown family visit us in Montgomery, Texas. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa September 27 through October 1, 2017. Our special room rate is only available until September 7, so if you haven’t made your hotel reservations there isn’t much time left.

So we will see you in September!!

From a Caring Clown's Perspective

by Lana Sue "Joyfull" Fridge

During training in hospital or Caring Clowning, we learn many helpful things concerning interaction with patients and their families. We know that our job begins when we step out of our cars. Positive response with everyone we encounter should take place everywhere: the parking lot, the hallways, the cafeteria and in the patient rooms.

Our smile and cheerful attitude make a good first impression, and we know that we only have one opportunity to do that. When we see a child or adult, we should smile, pause and make eye contact. Then wait for them to react to us. If it's a positive reaction; we can approach slowly.

When I am in clown as JOYFULL, I raise my hand shoulder high, wiggle my fingers and giggle. Then, when I get about five feet

from the child, I lean over to the child's height and talk with them at eye level. I know that speaking softly and being calm can ease the child's anxiety. As JOYFULL, I am never loud or boisterous; as there is no place for that in a hospital, or anywhere else.

Clowns have learned that when a person becomes a patient, many of his or her choices are taken away from them. But, at least, he or she has the right to say 'yes or no' to a visitor. Before entering a room through a door that is standing open; I make eye contact if possible or knock to gain their attention. I ask the patient, not a family member (unless it's a very young child), if I may come in. As JOYFULL, I smile and say, "Hi, would you like a short visit from a clown, or would you rather rest?" I give them the opportunity to say 'no', because the timing may not be good for a visit. If there is a doctor or hospital employee in the room talking with the patient, I go on to the next room. At North Hills Hospital, when the door is closed, I move on down the hall. I have learned that I love hospital clowning with adults, as well as children, since many adults are children at heart!

Another important factor when clowning is the proper amount of space for interaction. There are



three general areas of space: and as Caring Clowns, unless otherwise invited; we should use only one – public. The first is private – up to two feet from the person; the second is personal – from two to four feet; and public space - is four feet or more. Approaching someone too closely can cause intimidation or fear. In summation: I smile, pause, make eye contact, go

closer or get permission to enter a patient room; go slowly and not too close!

Clowning at North Hills Hospital and bringing smiles to patients, families, staff and volunteers is one of JOYFULL'S favorite things to do! And...if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

TCA Scholarship Applicants Needed

Texas Clown Association is excited to offer a scholarship to the 2017 TCA convention in Montgomery, TX.

Application criteria is listed on the TCA web site

Help us educate the clowns in Texas.

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Linda Greene 4204 Dawn Cr. Midland, TX. 79707

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2017 TCA Convention

by Mauri “Binkie” Norris

Here are a few reminders, tips and details you might find helpful.

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$165 until after August 31st, so hurry and get registered to save money.

The rate goes up to \$195 starting on September 1st. Juniors (under age 16) are \$140 at all times. While you can register at the door on opening day, registering in advance allows us to prepare for you specifically (and have your name badge ready and have enough of other things, like programs, schedules and goodie bags, for everyone).

DAY RATES

If you cannot attend for the full 4 ½ days (Wednesday afternoon to Sunday after breakfast), you might want to consider joining us for just one day. The **DAY RATE** (Registration) is only \$75. This entitles the **DAY REGISTRANT** to attend any classes on that day, any shows, observe any open competitions, plus admission to the **DEALER ROOM** and **Hospitality Room** (but no meals). Day Registrants are not allowed to participate in any competitions; only **FULL** registrants are eligible to compete.

DEALER ROOM ONLY

If you need something in particular

from one of our numerous and varied Dealers, you can purchase entry to the **DEALER ROOM ONLY** for \$10. Please be sure to check in with the convention Registration table before entering the Dealer Room without registration. Remember others paid for the privilege to shop in this room and you should too.

CONVENTION MEALS

Your full registration includes 2 meals (Saturday night Awards Banquet and the Sunday morning breakfast buffet) plus the snacks at the Theme Party (cake and punch). Extra tickets are available for these meals if you have guests with you. If you need or want extra tickets and have not already purchased them, please do so now or when you first check-in at the convention table.

TCA MEMBERSHIP

Remember all full registrants must be **CURRENT** TCA members. If you have not joined TCA or paid your TCA dues (for the 4/1/17-3/31/18 membership year), please take care of that before you arrive at the convention. Otherwise you will be expected to pay when you arrive at the convention. It gets crazy at convention check-in, so better to take care of that in advance. **DAY RATE** Registrants and

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27 de septiembre – 1ero de octubre de 2017

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www.texasclownassociation.com

MATRÍCULA:

\$165 1/1/2017 - 31/08/2017

\$195 después 31/08/2017 y

en la puerta

cuota de conveniencia adicional de \$5 para las inscripciones pagadas por tarjeta de crédito/PayPal

(No se recibirán cheques en la puerta – sólo en efectivo)

(No reembolsos después de 31 de julio de 2017)

La inscripción incluye: todos los shows, talleres, sesiones "fams" de crecimiento, admisión diaria a la sala de distribuidores, competiciones, sala de hospitalidad, el banquete de premios el sábado y desayuno del domingo (todo para una sola persona).

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How Many Years A Clown? _____

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**Texas Clown Association
34th Annual Convention**

September 27-October 1, 2017

ALL convention registrants must be current TCA members. See the TCA website for a membership application. Dues are due annually on 4/1!
www.texasclownassociation.com

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$140 until 12/31/2016

\$165 1/1/2017 - 8/31/2017

\$195 after 8/31/2017 and

at the door

\$5 additional convenience fee for registrations paid by credit card/PayPal

(no checks at the door – cash only)
(No refunds after July 31, 2017)

Registration includes: all scheduled workshops and shows, jams, daily admission to the dealers room, competitions, hospitality room, Saturday awards banquet and Sunday breakfast (all for one person).

\$140 JUNIOR JOEYS

(ages 10 - 15) all times

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TCA # _____ (registrants must be TCA members)

Is this your 1st TCA Convention? Yes No

CONVENTION FEES:

Registration (see right side) \$ _____

Extra Banquet Ticket \$45ea \$ _____

Extra Breakfast Ticket \$25ea \$ _____

T-Shirt Size _____ \$ _____

Short Sleeve (S-M-L-XL): \$15

Short Sleeve (XXL and larger): \$18

Long Sleeve (S-M-L-XL): \$18

Long Sleeve (XXL and larger): \$20

TOTAL \$ _____

ISSUE and MAIL Checks to:

TCA 2017 CONVENTION
c/o Mauri Norris; 6504 Kenyon Lane;
Bellaire, TX 77401

Want to *Charge-it*? Additional \$5 convenience fee for credit card or PayPal payments. Link on the TCA website will be available soon. Keep watching.

Juniors enjoy all the same convention events and activities as the adult registrants, plus special classes geared for younger clowns.

LaTorretta Lake Resort and Spa
600 LaTorretta Boulevard
Montgomery, TX 77356 (near Houston)

Room Rate: \$105/nt+\$1/nt Resort fee (+tax)
up to 4 people per room (includes WIFI)
All rooms are SUITES (1 King or 2 Queens)
All rooms have refrigerator (no microwave)

To book your room, contact the hotel at:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_news&eventID=14769887

Tell them you are with the
Texas Clown Association.

Make your reservation early (deadline 9/8/17) to ensure you have a room. Please plan to stay at the convention hotel to help Cheerful meet its room block and save money on the convention meeting space.

Watch the TCA website for more convention information, as details become available.

Questions? Contact:

Judy "Peep" Cornett 713-201-8681

Judy.a.cornett@gmail.com

Mauri "Binkie" Norris 713-201-9995

maurinorris@yahoo.com

Teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

TCA # _____ (los registrantes deben ser miembros de TCA)

¿Es tu 1^{er} Convenio de TCA? Sí No

CONVENIO DE HONORARIOS:

Registración (ver lado derecho) \$ _____

Boleto extra de banquete \$45 c/u \$ _____

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Manga larga (S-M-L-XL: \$TBD)

(2X-10X: \$TBD por extra X)

TOTAL \$ _____

Favor de mandar su cheque por correo a:

TCA 2017 CONVENTION

c/o Mauri Norris, 6504 Kenyon Lane;

Bellaire, TX 77401

¿Quiéres cobrarlo a la tarjeta de crédito? Habrá una tarifa adicional de conveniencia de \$5 por cobrarlo a la tarjeta de crédito o pagos de PayPal. Enlace en la página web TCA estará disponible muy pronto. Favor de ver la evolución.

(10 – 15 años) todo el tiempo
Jóvenes disfrutan de los mismos eventos de convención y actividades como los adultos inscritos, además de clases especiales para payasos jóvenes .

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Montgomery, TX 77356 (near Houston)

Tarifa: \$105/noche + tarifa de Resort de \$11/noche

(+impuestos)

Hasta 4 personas por habitación (incluye WIFI)

Todas las habitaciones son SUITES (1 cama King o 2 Queens)

Todas las habitaciones tienen refrigerador (no microondas)

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<https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=wel>

come [el news&eventID=147699887](http://news&eventID=147699887)

Dígalos que usted está con

Texas Clown Association (TCA).

Haga su reservación temprano (fecha límite 8 de sep. de 2017) para asegurar una habitación. Por favor haga planes para alojarse en el hotel de convención para ayudar a nuestros organizadores satisfacer su bloque de habitaciones y ahorrar dinero en el convenio de salas.

Vea el sitio web de TCA

<http://www.texasclownassociation.com/convention.html>
para más información sobre la convención, a como se van dando los datos disponibles.

¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con:

Mauri “**Binkie**” Norris 713-201-9995

maurinorris@yahoo.com

DEALER ROOM ONLY folks are not required to be TCA members.

RAFFLE/AUCTION/GOLDEN TICKET

There will be lots of wonderful items available for raffle or auction. For the raffle, you buy tickets and place your tickets into the container for the item(s) you hope to win and cross your fingers. Raffle tickets will be sold all during the convention. For the Silent Auction items, you simply write in your bid for the item(s) you want and continue to watch in case someone else out-bids you, and then you can raise your bid, until time runs out. Drawing/cut-off time will be announced and winners will be posted. Everyone that is a FULL REGISTRANT for the convention will receive one GOLDEN TICKET in their registration packet. Bring this ticket to the Awards Banquet and place it in the drawing container and cross your fingers and hope to win a FREE Registration to the 2018 COAI Convention.

CONVENTION LOGO T-SHIRTS

The lovely purple convention logo t-shirts are only being PRE-SOLD. If you want one, you need to order VERY SOON. The best way is online, but you can write and mail a check too (but you might want to give me a heads-up if you are mailing a check – call Binkie at 713-201-9995). In order to have the shirts ready by the convention, we have

to place the order with the supplier in advance, so late orders cannot be accepted.

Also, don't forget about the **MUM contest** and the **PROM/Theme Party** (prizes will be awarded for costume categories at the party). The **PROM KING** and **PROM QUEEN** will be crowned too. Learn more in the Joey Journal and online.

RESORT FACILITIES

The venue is a beautiful lakeside full service resort and spa. Review the convention schedule to see if you can carve out a bit of time to enjoy some of the great amenities of this wonderful resort. Or come early or stay over, and maybe bring the whole family. There are things like, putt-putt golf, many pools and a water park as well as a championship golf course.

TCA 2017 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9-27-17

12:00-5:00PM Registration Open In East Entry Registration Area

12:00-5:00PM Competition Sign Up Open In East Entry Registration Area

12:00-4:00PM Greenland Room-Vendor Room Set Up

1:00-3:45 Judges Seminar Diana McCurtain-Talbert

2:00-3:30PM First Time Attendees Class - Linda "Greenie" Greene

4:00-9:00PM Greenland Room Vendor Room Open For Shopping

4:00-5:00PM Classes

1. Susan "Double Bubble" Keys - Hospital Clowning
2. Teri "Happy Heart" Stokes - Beginning To Intermediate Balloons
3. Kitty "Sunshine" Kuhr - Costuming
4. Julie "Lovely Buttons" Varholdt - Bring It On

5:00-6:30PM Dinner On Your Own

6:30-7:30PM Classes

1. Regina "Cha Cha" Wollrabe - Mime Basics
2. Suzy "Twinkles" Wall - Curls, Swirls and Silly Stuff Face Painting
3. Becca Andrews - The Beauty Of Great Looking Clown Make-up
(this class will be repeated)
4. Aldo "Cheerio" Iglehart - Beginning Juggling

6:30-8:30PM TCA Board Meeting

7:00-8:00PM Registration Open

7:45-8:45PM Classes

1. Diana "Buttons" McCurtain-Talbert - Making The Most of Photo Ops
2. Michael Crayton - Every Day Balloon Designs
3. Dave Hinkin - Magic 101
4. Regina "Cha Cha" Wollrabe - Bean Bag and Balloon Games

9:00PM Ice Cream Social Sponsored By Your TCA Board Of Directors

10:00PM Balloon And Face Painting Jams

Thursday 9-28-17

7:00-8:00AM Hospitality Room Open

8:00-12:00 Registration Open

8:00-12:00 Competition Sign Up Open

8:00-3:00PM Vendor Room Open

8:00-9:00AM Classes

1. Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt - To Skit or Not To Skit
2. Competition Co-Directors & Past Director - Competitors & Judges Meeting
3. Becky “Skeeter” Deltenere - Tools, Techniques & Beginning Designs of Face Painting
4. Lulu “Boofa” Mire - Keep Their Attention: Stage Presence For Clowns

9:15-10:15AM Classes

1. Vern “Pogo” King - The History Of Clowning A One Man Show
2. Kitty “Sunshine” Kuhr - Storytelling Basics
3. Aldo “Cheerio” Iglehart - Intermediate To Advanced Juggling
4. Regina “Cha Cha” Wollrabe - Creating and Performing A Show

10:30-12:00PM These Are 90 Minute Classes

1. Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt - How To Make Something From Nothing
2. Becky “Skeeter” Deltenere - Split Cake Heaven
3. Dave Hinkin - Advanced Magic
4. Lulu “Boofa” Mire - Improve Your Clown Thru Improv

12:00PM Cutoff For Balloon Competitions

12:00-1:00PM Lunch On Your Own

1:00-3:00PM Registration Open

1:00-3:00PM Competition Sign Up Open

1:00-2:00PM Classes

1. Teri “Happy Heart” Stokes - Tried & True Restaurant Balloons
2. Becky “Skeeter” Deltenre - Fast Full Faces
3. B.J. Barksdale, LPC-S, NCC - Do’s & Don’ts, What Is Trauma & Why Should I Treat These Kids Differently

2:15-2:30PM Single Balloon Competition

2:45-3:15PM Multiple Balloon Competition

2:15-3:15PM Classes

1. Sonshine Sisters - Prison Ministry
2. Becca Andrews - The Beauty of Great Looking Clown Make-up (this is a repeat class)
3. Diana “Buttons” McCurtain-Talbert - Technology & Clowning How To Add Music To Your Show

3:00PM Cutoff For Performance And Makeup Competitions

3:30-5:00PM TCA General Membership Meeting

5:00-6:00PM Dinner On Your Own

6:00PM Performance Competition Check-In/Staging

6:30-8:00PM Venice Ballroom Performance Competition

8:30-9:30PM Lovely Buttons & Cha Cha Show, Followed By a Q&A

10:00PM Hospitality Room Open

10:00PM Jams

1. Face Painting Jam
2. Balloon Jam Hosted by Qualatex with Teri-“Happy Heart” Stokes

FRIDAY 9-29-17

7:00-8:00AM Hospitality Room Open

8:00-9:00AM Registration Open

8:00-9:00AM Competition Sign Up Open

8:00-3:00PM Vendor Room Open

8:00-9:00AM Classes

1. Regina “Cha Cha” Wollrabe - Running A Business ADHD Style
2. Teri “Happy Heart” Stokes - 20 Ways To Grow Your Balloon Business
3. Suzy “Twinkles” Wall - Sparkles & Gems Face Painting

9:00AM Cutoff For Face Painting And Skit Competitions

8:45AM Make-Up Competition Sign In And Staging

9:15-12:30PM VENICE BALLROOM MAKE-UP COMPETITIONS

12:30-1:30PM Sack Lunches By Cheerful Clown Alley Hospitality Room

1:00-3:00PM Registration Open

1:00-3:00PM Competition Sign Up Open

1:30-1:45PM Cheek Art Face Painting Competition

2:00-2:30PM Full-Face Face Painting Competition

1:30-3:00PM These Are 90 Minute Classes

1. Suzy “Twinkles” Wall - Split Cakes Bring your fact paint to class
2. Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt - How To Entertain While Being An Assembly Line
3. Teri “Happy Heart” Stokes - Hands On Balloon Decor

3:00PM Cutoff For Paradability Competition

3:00PM Skit Competition Sign In And Staging

3:30PM Skit Competitions

Dinner On Your Own Following Skit Competitions (The Times For Dinner And The Evening Activities May Vary Due To Competition Time Over Or Under Runs)

7:30-8:30PM School Show With Julian “The Library Rat” Franklin

9PM TIL ? - Prom (Ticket Required)

Saturday 9-30-17

7:30-8:30AM Hospitality Room Open

8:30-2:00PM Vendor Room Open

8:30-9:30AM Classes

1. Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt - What’s Really Behind That Wall
2. Frown Busters - Clown Ministry
3. Kitty Kuhr - Storytelling 2
4. Andy “Smiley” Anderson - Nuts & Bolts of Magic

9:30AM Group Photo

10:15AM Parade Competition Staging And Sign In

10:30-12:30PM Parade Competitions

12:30-2:00PM Lunch On Your Own

1:00-2:00PM Last Chance To Shop The Vendor Room

2:00-3:30PM These Are 90 Minute Classes

1. Julian “The Library Rat” Franklin - Kid Control
2. Regina “Cha Cha” Wollrabe - Mime 2
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4. John “Shorty” Luce - Stilt Walking

3:45-5:15PM These Are 90 Minute Classes

1. Julian “The Library Rat” Franklin - How To Write A School Show
2. Regina “Cha Cha” Wollrabe - How To Raise Or Mentor A Junior Joey

7:00PM Awards Banquet (Banquet Ticket Required)

Hospitality Room Open After Awards Banquet Concludes

Sunday 10-1-2017

8:30-9:30AM Worship Service With Clarence “Mr. Sonshine” Bull

9:45-10:45AM Breakfast (Ticket Required)

11:00 AM Hotel Check Out

Who Makes TCA Conventions a Success?...We Do!

by Aurora “Bebop” Krause

Attending an annual clown convention can start the learning process into the world of clowning for new clowns and it can re-charge and inspire those who are already living their clowning dreams. This year TCA is providing us with a wonderful headliner, Julie “Lovely Buttons” Varholdt, we mustn’t miss out on this opportunity to learn from a wonderful and talented individual. However, in addition to a great headliner, making this a successful convention also depends on each one of us individually. Why?...Because it’s our individual attitude and approach to this great annual event that will make the difference. We must each bring with us the excitement of an open mind, a positive attitude and our love for sharing the Art of Clowning.

Here are a few thoughts on making our TCA-2017 convention our best one ever:

Come Ready to Make Friends

We’ve all made special efforts to be at this convention and we’re all here to learn and have fun in the process. If we want to meet someone, we should approach them and introduce ourselves. We should make them feel welcomed and comfortable by showing an interest in them.

Listen and Offer to Share

As we make new friends and share clowning skills and topics, we

should strive to learn their interests or particular skills. You’d be surprised at how sharing a little information opens doors to lasting friendships of learning and sharing.

Pace Yourself and Stay Flexible

We should study the class schedule when we register and know what sessions are important to meeting our goals. We mustn’t overdo it with every late night jam session offered. We

should pace ourselves; some days will not work-out exactly as planned, it’s best if we keep an open mind, stay flexible and keep our sense-of-humor handy.



A clown convention offers a learning environment like no other convention can. It’s up to us to make this the perfect convention by enjoying great performances alongside great friendships.....What a Treat!!

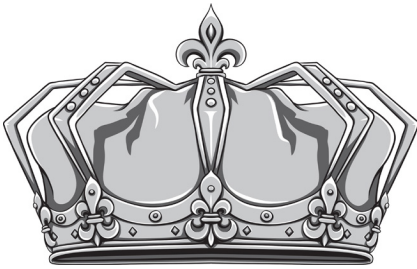
I look forward to seeing y’all at TCA-2017 in Montgomery, Texas!! Visit bebop at www.bebopsworld.com.

voting ballots will be distributed with your packet that you will receive at check in and the ballot drop box will be located at the check in desk. The voting will end on Friday at noon. The winner of the Mum Contest will be announced at the Prom.

Please understand this is just another element of fun that we added to this convention. Please know that it is just for encouraging play and camaraderie. It is not mandatory.

Questions:

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PROM KING & QUEEN CONTEST

Who will you want to nominate for King and Queen of the Clown Prom. There will be election voting ballots will available at the check in desk and at the prom. Who do you think will make a fun ambassador of this CLOWN Prom as King and Queen, they can reign until the next prom, if they wish since they will be the King and Queen. What clown guy or gal that is in attendance of

the convention that demonstrates the spirit of fun, has a good sense of humor and who do you think will look good wearing a shiny crown in front of their peers. The announcement of elected King and Queen will take place at the Clown Prom.

PROM INFORMATION - It is your CLOWN Prom, you can find your Prom outfit at the Thrift store, online and you then can add your element of bling and style to it or be creative and design and make your very own prom outfit. You can be serious about your prom outfit or you can make it as clowny as you wish, remember you are the designer and you know what will make you happy. Keep your cost low so you can keep your level of fun at high at the Prom! Have you asked anyone to be your Prom Date?

Be sure to Smile all night, because, we will be taking Prom Pictures, so that you will have a lasting photo memory of your Clown Prom. It will a night to remember so you will want these pictures as a keepsake!

We hope to keep the music playing and you dancing all night but yes, we will have some breaks, so you can ask someone new to dance or maybe rest your feet or check out the refreshments of cake and punch which all proms are famous for.

Don't Forget!!!

To add to the fun, we will be displaying old high school pictures of our clown friends at the prom. We ask that each convention attendee provide copies of one or two pictures from your high school days, if you wish. It is not mandatory. It will be used for a High School Flashback of Memories! Please be sure

to write your given name and clown name on the back and drop them in the designated box, at check in, on the first day of the convention.

Questions: FANCI: trg8121@yahoo.com

Golden Ticket Contest by LuLu "Boofa" Mire

When you attend the 2017 TCA convention, you may just end up going to the 2018 COAI convention. FOR FREE!

GUESS WHAT?! Our friends at Clowns of America International have graciously given us one free convention registration (for 2018) to raffle off at this year's TCA convention!!

So, what's the catch? Nothing! You simply have to be registered for this year's TCA convention to be eligible! That's it!

COAI appreciates all of our support, and this is one way they would like to show their gratitude to us! Individuals, alleys and regions are all important to COAI; we are all about promoting and celebrating the art of clowning! COAI hopes this free registration will help someone get to a national

convention to further their studies, practice and appreciation for clowning – all while strengthening relationships.

The TCA convention planning committee is excited to raffle this amazing prize out to one lucky clown at this year's TCA convention! Will YOU get that golden ticket?! Special thanks again to COAI!!! www.coai.org

Winner will be announced at 2017 TCA convention banquet.





BACK to School Supply Drive

For our Charity of Choice:
Boys and Girls Country

by Tiffani “Fanci” Goodin

Please join Cheerful Clown Alley in collecting the following requested school supplies. We will collect the supplies before and during the convention.

The Cheerful Clown Alley will present all the supplies to the Boys and Girls Country after the convention because they always this ongoing need.

Requested items: mechanical pencils and refills, ear buds, flash drives, page protectors, poster board, dry erase markers, all-purpose wipes, 3 subject notebooks, composition books, tri-fold presentation boards, index cards, sturdy back backs for teens, #2 wood pencils, colored pencils, pencil bags, manila paper, assorted colored construction paper, large glue stick, assorted sizes of scissors, kleenex, black/blue/red writing pens, assorted colored pocket folders (with brads inside), composition wide ruled notebook paper, ziplock brand bags (sandwich and gallon size), large and small pink erasers, notebook binders (1/2 inch and inch size)

Or any school supplies of your choice for children in elementary, junior high, high school and college.

We welcome donations or gift cards and we will do the shopping for you.

For questions contact: June “Cricket” Hinkle, School Supply Coordinator
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For more information about our Charity of choice:
www.boyandgirlscountry.org



“Charmin and Touche’ and the Cheerful Clown are looking forward to seeing YOU at the upcoming TCA 2017 Convention in beautiful Montgomery, Texas at La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa!! Don’t forget....September 27th through October 1st, 2017.”