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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.

A Word From the President

by Andy “Smiley” Anderson

This will be my last letter to this great organization known as Texas Clown Association. It has been a privilege and honor to serve you. I would like to thank you for the support and confidence you have shown me as your President. Like any other President you need to have good people around you and I have had. At the convention in September we will be having an election for the officers that will lead us for the next two years. The election will be held at our general membership meeting at Fort Concho. Please plan to attend this event. Some of the Board members are finishing their first terms. Some have been on the board a while and this will be their last term. These are the last terms for Mauri Norris and Christi McNeill, but Judy Cornett and Patsy McMillan have agreed to be on the ballot again this time. These four ladies I would say went above and beyond the call to duty as board members. When we did not have an Alley that could host the convention they stepped up not once but two times and put together great conventions as well as always helping anywhere that was needed. Christi , Patsy, Judy and Mauri are all members of the Can Do Club in my book. So when you get a chance tell them “Thank you”. I hope to see a good group of Texas Clowns in San Angelo because if you don’t make it you will miss a great time.

Bump A Nose

Andy

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

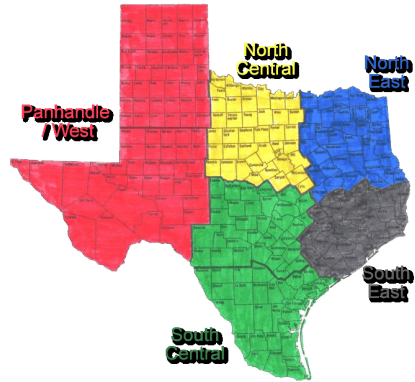
Coastal Confetti Clowns - TCA #18*

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: heart16

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.

OOPS Alley Convention Need To Know List

by Linda “Greenie” Greene

September 21st is almost here. Our convention is almost ready for your arrival. Oops Alley has worked hard to give you a convention full of great classes, headliners and spectacular first time events. Have you ever shot a REAL cannon at a REAL West Texas fort? We are an alley of West Texas clowns anxious to welcome you to this year’s convention. Even our Friday night party will be an opportunity to see some fun and creative hats like only clowns can come up with. There will be prizes for the funniest, the most elaborate and most creative hats. **YOU ARE WORKING ON YOUR HATS, RIGHT???** Don’t forget to put a heart on your hat somewhere.

Linda Greene will have an informative welcoming session Thursday at 2:00 for all first time convention attendees. If you have someone new from your area, please encourage them to join us for this kickoff time. We want them to get the very most from this TCA convention. We can’t even describe how big the “goodie bags” are this year. So we won’t. It’s hard to describe a

big goodie bag anyhow. There’s lots of great stuff that you never knew you needed in the bags. We are pleased this year to be giving “Clown I-Pads” to each attendee. Yes, you read it right. Register now to ensure you get your “Clown I-Pad”.

Some other fun facts about this year’s convention. Free full breakfast every day. Free picnic lunch at the park one of the days. Free dinner at Fort Concho one evening. Banquet dinner included in your registration. The Clarion hotel rooms have a small refrigerator and a microwave.

The San Angelo Convention Center is ready to welcome TCA clowns from all over Texas.

We can’t wait to hug your little clown necks. So get yourself to San Angelo Sept 21st-25th.

greeniethelclown@hotmail.com

WELCOME OUR NEW TCA MEMBERS

By Mauri “Binkie” Norris

Nidia Arenas-Segura - ARENITA - Hurst TX
Don Winkler - SIR-LAFFS-A-LOT - San Antonio TX
Brook Eisenman - PEABODY - Amarillo TX
Liane Fox - HUGGS - Montgomery TX
Elvira Jimenez - LILYLU - South Houston TX
Regina Martinez - SILLY SPARKLES - Pflugerville TX

For more contact information on these new TCA members, please refer to the online membership directory or contact me (maurinorris@yahoo.com). Remember referring new members to TCA could get you a PAID registration to the 2017 TCA convention. Be sure that any new member you refer, includes your name on their membership application. This is especially important if they join TCA online (via PayPal). They MUST send the membership details and referring member name to me either in paper form in the USPS or through the online registration form. My mailing information is in the front of this magazine.

Attention Ballooney People

We need some fun balloon arrangements for the Mad Hatter party on Friday evening. Large or small, anything goes, but put a heart on it somewhere. The guests will help us judge the favorites. If you can help us out, please contact Linda Greene at greeniethedclown@hotmail.com or sign up at the convention. This is for fun and to show us your balloon talent. THERE WILL BE PRIZES.



Come Walk With The Doc!

Please Join Us

Wed. Sept 21st 5:00 p.m.

by Kathy “Piccolo” Keaton

We have something special planned for opening day of the conference. A “walk with the Doc” Dr. Michael Blanc, Interventional Cardiologist from San Angelo Community Medical Center and Community members will move their weekly walk to meet and greet the clowns at the gazebo across from the Convention Center.

Each week a different topic on health is discussed. The weekly discussion will be on the effects of humor and laughter on our health and well being.

“It was 16 years ago I learned that humor truly is good medicine and why hospitals should include clowns as part of the healing process. Since 2003, I have been a working clown at San Angelo Community Medical Center doing “Clown Rounds” for staff, patients, caregivers and family members. Doctor Blanc is one of my greatest cheer leaders and will share how and why a humorous attitude and laughter is good for your heart and your

health.” Piccolo”

(This “could be a good media opportunity – So wear something clowny if possible)



Keedo's Prop Shop: Color Changing Teapot

by Joyce "Keedo" Dowell

Today you'll need: a used or new teapot, one freezie-pop container, a coping saw, Epoxy glue & Polyurethane (a clear paint). We are going to make a Color Changing Teapot. You can find a teapot at a thrift store & the freezie-pop container at a dollar store. Thoroughly clean the teapot & check for leaks. If it leaks put a layer of Polyurethane covering the bottom of the inside of the teapot. This will seal any leaks. With the coping saw cut the freezie-pop containers apart. Epoxy five of the containers to the bottom of the teapot. Be sure to put all the containers in the center with all the tops touching. When gluing the tops together, do a neat job so silks or crepe paper won't snag as they are pulled out. Allow everything to dry. Fill the kettle several times with water at different levels until you find a level where you can pour water & not flood the containers. Mark this with a Sharpie. If necessary, use a funnel to fill the pot to keep from spilling water on your silks. Now fill up the kettle with water & practice, practice, practice! I use five stem glasses with three drops each of different color food colorings dried overnight in four.



Warm water in the teapot works best in reactivating the food coloring. When you pick up the glasses, hold them so your hand covers the food coloring area so no one sees it. I start with pouring water in the clear glass and take a drink. I continue with my patter and I pull out the green silk. Wrap it around the stem of the glass with the green coloring in it – pour the water and it looks as if you have poured green water out of the same teapot. Continue with blue, red, black, & yellow. I finish by pouring water into the clear glass again. Ya'll choose colors for your own patter. Note to Gospel Clowns: I use these colors because the patter is the 23rd Psalm. I shall not want (clear), green pastures (green), still waters (blue), He leadeth me (red), shadow of death (black), anointed my head with oil (yellow), goodness & mercy (clear) This also can be used in a similar manner as the Wordless book is used for the Salvation Message.

(Reprinted from The Cheerful Chatter - Houston, TX.)





HERE'S HOW TO WIN

- 1. Purchase a "Lucky Logo Card" from "Kornpop" or Mauri Norris**
- 2. "Lucky Logo Cards" are \$20 each**
- 3. There are ONLY 54 "Lucky Logo Cards" (when they are gone . . .THEY ARE GONE)**

**Only 1 card per person unless all cards are not purchased by time of drawing*

if all 54 "LUCKY LOGO CARDS" are sold one person will win \$500
(if all cards are NOT sold – Winner will receive ½ of total amount sold)

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF TCA AND REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION TO PLAY! (OOPS ALLEY members may not play)

At the end of our headliner show "COMEDY TONIGHT" (Fri evening) ONE "LUCKY LOGO CARD" will be drawn

SILENT AUCTION

LAST YEARS AUCTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Your donation of a product or service valued at \$25 helps TCA fund the Convention.

If you can help with by donating a nice item or gift, please contact Pam "Touché" Blaylock at 713-240-3632 as soon as possible (you can e-mail to: textouch98@hotmail.com). You may bring your donation to the Convention but it helps to know what is coming and who brought it.

If you don't have a product or gift to donate – be sure to go by and see all the GREAT items in the Silent Auction area and place your bid!

RAFFLE



Also looking for donations for the RAFFLE. Nice items will be put on display and you can enter for only \$1.00/ticket (6 for \$5) . . . enter as many times as you want!! We already have some really cool items –

- * Handmade baby quilt made by Klynky's Daughter & Balloon Bags!
- * Clowns – Clowns and MORE Clowns!!
- * Clown Clothing
- * Jewelry
- * Collectables
- * Magic Tricks and MORE - MORE - MORE!!!

A % of the money made at the raffle goes to our non- profit of choice San Angelo Safe Kids

And . . . we need MORE items.

Please contact: Martha "Miss Cookie" Warren at martha2cool@sbcglobal.net if you have something super to donate.



**KA-
BOOOOOOM !!!**

Be sure to watch for ticket sellers Wed & Thurs for your chance to
SHOOT OFF A REAL CANNON AT THE FORT!
Tickets are \$5 each/3 for \$10
You must have your ticket with you at the general membership meeting at Ft. Concho to win!
All TCA Clowns and those registered are eligible



2016 TCA Convention Schedule

Wednesday September 21, 2016

12:00 pm - Registration Opens and Vendors Set up

6:00 pm - Registration Closes

4:00 -6:00 pm - Vendors Open

2:00 pm - First time attendees Class – Linda “Greenie” Greene (**I ♥ TEXAS**)

3:00 - 4:15 pm Classes Begin :

I ♥ TEXAS	Voncille “Dimple” Cox	Basic Balloons – “A Good Place To Start” - BRING BALLOONS & PUMP
Stage Area	Suzie “Twinkles” Wall	Face Painting – “Your Blank Canvas”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Rick “Jots” and Monica “ SonShyne” Chaney	“What Kind of Clown are You?”

(Clowns are encouraged to dress “clowny” if possible)

5:00 - Meet across the street - for “Walk With the Doc”

Meet Michael Blanc, M.D., interventional cardiologist - (across the street) for an open discussion about humor and your health. We will follow up with a short walk for those who wish to join this weekly community event offered by San Angelo Community Medical Center. (Possible media opportunity for TCA)

6:00 pm - Dinner on your own

6:00 - 7:30 pm - Board Meeting - **Hospitality Room**

7:30 - 8:45 pm Classes

I ♥ TEXAS	Norm Barnhart	“Cool Magic for Cool Kids”
STAGE AREA	Sharon Hodges	“Let’s Get Creative with Face Paint”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Jackie Garner/Aurora Krause/Susan Butler and Judy Cornett - Moderated by: Kathy Keaton	“Caring Clown Panel”

9:00 pm - Ice Cream Social – TCA Board of Directors - **Hospitality Room**
Followed by Balloon Jams – ending at mid-night

Classroom Names

I ♥ TEXAS

I ♥ TCA

I ♥ CLOWNING

Thursday September 22, 2016

6:00 - 8:00 am Free Breakfast for Registered Hotel Guests

(Chances to shoot off a real cannon go on sale – Look for ticket sellers!)

8:00 - 3:30 pm Registration/Competition Sign up/Vendors room opens/Silent Auction/Raffle Tickets

8:00 - 9:15 am

I ♥ TEXAS	VIV Pena	“Easy Balloons for the Beginner”
I ♥ TCA	Catie Weidenhofer	“Safety First Whether Clowning or Not”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Suzie “Twinkles” Wall	“Answering Your Call to Clown and Witness”

9:30 - 10:45 am

I ♥ TEXAS	Bronson Chadwick/Magician	“Magic You Have Not Seen”
I ♥ TCA	Norm Barnhart	“Improv Clowning on the Fly”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Rick “Jots” & Monica “SonShyne” Chaney	“Clown Costumes That Make You Look Like a Pro”
HOSPITALITY ROOM	Greg “Zoots” Stanford	Judges and Competitor’s Meeting

11:00 - 12:00 pm

I ♥ TEXAS	Harlin Rhodes (Young guests will be present)	“The Daycare Show”
I ♥ TCA	Diana “Buttons” McCurtain-Talbert	“Making the Most of Photo Ops”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Aurora “Bebop” Krause	“Clowning 101”

12:00 - 1:15 pm Lunch on your own

1:15 - 2:30 pm Classes Begin

Hotel Hospitality Room	Sharon Hodges	“Stencils in Face Painting”
I ♥ TCA	David “Kornpop” McCullough	“Magnificent Balloon Décor for Events”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Susan “Dubble Bubble” Keys	“Not Every Puppet Needs a Hand”

2:45 - 3:45 pm

I ♥ TEXAS	Bronson Chadwick/Magician	“Showtime”
I ♥ TCA	Jackie “Lolli” Garner	“Children Go Where I Send You”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Linda “Greenie” Greene	“Tools for Designing Your Birthday Party”

Thursday September 22, 2016

2:30pm – Single Balloon Competition (@ Hotel Hospitality Room)

3:00pm Multiple Balloon Competition (@ Hotel Hospitality Room)

3:00pm - Make up Competition and Performance Competition – Cut Off

3:30 Vendor Room Closes

4:15pm Meet at the Fort (5 minutes away)

Welcome – Fort Curator

TCA General Membership Meeting

Meet the Chef/Safe-Kids Director (our non-profit of choice)

5:30pm Flag Retreat/Taps/Cannon

6:00pm Free Dinner Buffet – Courtesy of San Angelo Community Medical Center (@ Fort)

8:00pm Performance competition check in/Staging

8:30pm Performance competition (M.C. Norm Barnhart)

10:00pm Hospitality Room opens – hosted by: Happi Tymes
Balloon Jams – ending at midnight

Friday September 23, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 am Free Breakfast @Hotel for Registered Guests

8:00 am Registration and Vendors opens/Silent Auction/Raffle Tickets

8:45 am Make Up Competition sign-in/Staging

9:00 am Face Painting Competition Cut Off/Skit Competition Cut Off

9:15 am Make up Competition

12:00 pm – Picnic in the Park – (sponsored by San Angelo MOMS Club)

Eat a sandwich – enjoy the river – count the Monarch’s as during their annual migration to Mexico they stop in San Angelo.

1:00-2:00 pm Classes Begin

STAGE AREA	Sharon Hodges	“Stencils and Face Painting” <i>(Repeat class)</i>
I ♥ TCA	Norm Barnhart	“Comedy Magic”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Dal Sanders	“Entertain - Educate - Inspire”

2:15-3:15 pm

I ♥ TEXAS	Rick Jots” & Monica “SonShyne” Chaney	“There’s a Birthday Everyday”
I ♥ TCA	Jackie “Lolli” Garner	“Writing Skits in 20 Minutes or Less
I ♥ CLOWNING	Dal Sanders	“Holidazzle”

3:15 pm – Registration Closes

Competition Closes

Paradability Competition Closes

3:30pm – Skit Competition sign in/Staging

4:00 pm – Single Skit Competition – followed by group

5:00 pm - Vendors Close

6:00 pm – Dinner on your own

7:30 pm – “Comedy Tonight” Featuring Norm Barnhart/Norm The Clown and

The Amazing Normando The Great

9:00 pm – Mad Hatter Party (Hosted by Oops) Don’t forget to wear your CRAZY HAT!

Balloon Jams after – ending at midnight

Saturday September 24, 2016

6:00 – 8:00am Free Breakfast for Registered Hotel Guests

8:00am Registration/Silent Auction/Raffle open

8:00am Vendors Open – Last chance

10:00am Group Photo

10:30am Parade check in

11:00am – Paradability

12:00pm – Lunch on your own

1:15 – 2:15pm Classes

STAGE AREA	Harlin Rhodes (young guests will be present)	“Ewey Gooley Science Show for Kids”
I ♥ TCA	Norm Barnhart	“Gospel Balloons”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Viv Pena	“Intermediate Balloons”

2:30-3:30pm Classes

I ♥ TEXAS	Rick Jots” & Monica “SonShyne” Chaney	“Creativity With Props”
I ♥ TCA	Bronson Chadwick	“Magic 101” More than for Birthday Parties”
I ♥ CLOWNING	Susan “Dubble Bubble” Keys	“Tag, you are IT! Let’s play! “

4:00pm – Vendors Close/Silent Auction and Raffle Close - Winner’s List posted by 5:00pm
Pickup Items by 6:00pm

7:00pm Banquet – Awards – M.C. - Andy Anderson

Sunday September 24, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 Free Breakfast

8:30 Clown Church @ Hotel in Hospitality Room

HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR ROOM YET?

Convention time is getting closer and your room is ready.

Tell them you are with TCA and get the special \$94 room rate/ includes full breakfast (King room-up to 2 people Double room-up to 3 people)

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TCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Andy Anderson in the Visione Room at the site of the 2017 Convention at La Torretta Resort & Spa, 600 La Torretta Boulevard, Montgomery, TX 77356.

In attendance were the following: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Martha Warren, Judy Cornett, Voncille Hardy-Cox, Greg Stanford, and Diana McCurtain-Talbert.

- 1. Guests** were Mary Whipple, Pam Blacklock and Rhea Anderson.
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes from the January board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Mauri Norris motioned to accept minutes and Christie McNeil seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on website and published in the Joey Journal.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Mauri Norris distributed the treasurer's report showing us to have \$41,190.66 with only two Joey Journal distributions in these numbers. We have already experienced \$600 for the board expenses out of the \$1500 budgeted. The 990N, E postcard tax return has been filed. Current members through 3/31/16 is 144. We are still lagging behind on dues and it was noted that a lot of people wait until convention to pay dues but then don't receive the Joey Journal to have convention information. It was discovered last year that we weren't covered for conventions in our insurance policy, but it has been corrected this year; and Dwayne Wilhite's early convention registration was donated to the Gideon's, Christie McNeil motioned that we accept the budget as presented and Diana McCurtain-Talbert seconded - passed unanimously. It will be filed for audit.

BROKE AT 10:30 AM FOR A TOUR OF 2017 CONVENTION SITE,
LaTORRETTA SPA & RESORT -- RESUMED AT 12:11 PM
ADJOURNED AT 12:19 FOR LUNCH - RECONVENED AT 1:44 PM

4. Convention Reports:

2016 Oops Alley Convention Report:

Kathy Keaton says that everything is coming together and they feel pretty organized with everything at this time. Diana McCurtain-Talbert is going to help them with advertising. Also have several sponsors to help with cost. Oops alley is going to do some entertaining to reciprocate for the

sponsors. They are coordinating that for possibly the day ahead. Reception and general meeting will be held at Fort Concho. Kathy needs advice and assistance with sound. Greg Stanford, Diana McCurtain-Talbert, and Andy Anderson said they would help her with sound. 25 rooms at the hotel have been booked and 51 people have made reservations for the convention already. Very good numbers at this stage of planning before the convention.

2017 Cheerful Clown Alley Convention Report:

Mary Whipple of Cheerful Clown Alley stated that they have chosen the charity of choice for the convention, and it is Boys and Girls Country which she passed out brochures about them for everyone to see. The theme is School Daze which will be based on High School with a clown prom as the theme party. Christi McNeil will be doing lecturers and vendors and is asking the membership send her suggestions for new headliners. Cheerful is working on the logo at this time. Mary said they are trying branch out and do something that hasn't been done in a while. Mary said they are planning to have a king and queen of prom and other fun things that you did in high school. Looks like they are being creative but would like to have ideas from the membership. Martha Warren suggested having a caricature artist.

5. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador -- Judy Cornett sent in articles to the Joey Journal and had them translated into Spanish, along with an article for Ambassador.
- Education – Linda Greene has talked to members to submit articles to the Joey Journal. She also wrote an article about scholarships, how to apply and that they must write article if they win. Linda is in process of taking all instructors and classes and inserting them into the schedule; and working on first of May clowns. Linda has a question about last year's first of May. Are they following up with last years to see if we have retained them and how can we go about finding who they are and contacting them to come back and join us again. Linda Greene and Kathy Keaton will contact them to follow up where they are to help grow the organization. Kathy Keaton will contact David McCullough to see if they can get the information from him.

Mauri Norris mentioned that she sends out approx. 3 letters welcoming newly joined TCA members, and that we need to have a yearly plan to keep the first of Mays

- Historian – nothing at this time.
- Nominating – David McCullough was not able to be at the board meet-

ing, but had asked Andy to quiz the current board members to see if they wanted to run for board again. Voncille Hardy-Cox, Judy Cornett, David McCullough, and Patsy McMillan all agreed to run. Need vice president, treasurer, area directors

- Competition – Greg Stanford has nothing to report but will get with Kathy Keaton to make sure everything ready for 2016.
- Membership – Nothing to be reported at this time.
- Sunshine – nothing at this time
- Spark Plug – Mauri Norris had no report at this time.
- Joey Journal – Greg Stanford had articles enough for this distribution and maybe enough for the upcoming. Greg will double check to make sure he is correct.
- Website – nothing at this time

6. Area Director Reports:

North Central - Martha Warren said Patricia Frias (Catnip) started a clown class at Boys & Girls Club last Wednesday. They have 4 weeks of classes before the summer starts. She will introduce some skits and then do a show for the rest of the kids on the 4th week. Martha sent newsletters out about auction items and resent Kathy Keaton's email about everything that is happening regarding the convention. Looked for containers for raffle tickets (to have all the same size) and found some for the price of 3 for \$1.00. Should start the buying process soon. Pandorfus sent info to Pam Blacklock about guidelines for the silent auction. Martha said they are having a joint meeting for all 3 alleys in their area next Monday, and Star Wars is the theme.

Northeast - David McCullough –was absent, no report.

Panhandle/West – Kathy said Oops Alley was busy working on the 2016 convention. Also Clowns under Construction sent her news of what they are doing. Suzy Wall will do a class on how to clown in other countries. Mentioned there was an article about them in a Baptist magazine.

South/Central – Greg Stanford did not make contact with anyone in his area. Diana McCurtain-Talbert said they are planning a one day workshop to inform people what clowning is about. Aurora Krause will be helping in this endeavor. Kimatha Grice is planning a clown school which may be 4 or 6 weeks. They just recently had Lew E do a workshop and had a very good turnout. Pandorfus is their education director and doing good job. Had a juggler come in to teach and was impressed that they

could keep so many balls up in the air. Mike “Splatter” Ford is going to do a class on props for Jolly Joeys. They just put together by-laws this year and are looking into doing background checks for the new and seasoned alley members.

Southeast – Judy Cornett did an article for Joey Journal for the Texas clowns that were at COAI. . Mentioned that Cheerful will be starting clown school on June 14th with 8 week class and Lew E Andrews will be the Saturday workshop on July 16th. It is open to all alleys and we will get back to you with the fee. Judy checked with all the alleys in her area and Cheerful was very responsive because they are the only alley that is still active.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Forms on webpage –everything seems to be OK at this time.

Membership – still working on getting numbers increased.

Joyce “Keedo” Dowell won the early bird prize for paying dues early

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Andy Anderson put together a bid for doing the awards for the 2016 convention and gave us the proposal. Diana McCurtain-Talbert made the motion to approve and Martha Warren seconded. Passed unanimously - Image Engravers will be doing the awards this year

Convention time line -Tabling the timeline discussion until the next board meeting.

Convention Policies on Page 4 under Profits and Losses. We don’t have anything in the current policy that addresses sponsorships and profits that was made.

The board has asked Mauri Norris to review the wording regarding this by the next board meeting. It is necessary for us to account for sponsorships, donations and grants that may be given to the host alley to determine profits made from the convention. We also need someone accountable to the Board to make sure everyone is adhering to the guidelines for convention processes.

Judy Cornett and Andy Anderson will review the Policies and Guidelines and Mauri Norris will be reviewing the financial reports to see what changes need to be made.

Voncille Hardy-Cox made a motion to raise TCA dues by \$5.00 across the board for every category to begin on 4/1/17. Kathy Keaton seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Diana McCurtain-Talbert made a motion of raising the TCA per registrant expense to \$10 per person to assist with the TCA convention expenses to start with the 2017 convention. Martha Warren seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Tabling the timeline discussion until the next board meeting.

Diana McCurtain-Talbert made a motion to change the split to 60% host/40% TCA for the net profit of convention monies starting with the 2017 convention. Christie McNeil seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board agreed on TCA putting a full page ad in the 2016 convention book at a cost of \$100 – which will be designed by Diana McCurtain Talbert - all agreed unanimously.

Background checks: This discussion is because of the change in the world today. It is becoming necessary for everyone working with children to have a background check. Will need a security officer to handle paperwork for you to give you a YES or NO only – not any details of the rejection. It was decided to table the background discussion until the next board meeting.

9. Next meeting is July 23rd at Diana McCurtain-Talbert's church in San Antonio. Will get the address to you shortly.

10. Christie McNeil motioned to adjourn and Martha Warren seconded. All agreed and meeting was over at 3:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy McMillan
TCA Secretary 4/30/16

2016 Convention Competition

by Greg “Zoots” Stanford, Competition Director

One of the highlights of TCA Convention is the competitions. There are competitions for makeup & costume, facepainting, balloon sculpture, skits, performances and paradability. There are competitions for single clowns and for groups.

Not only do you get to see some great performances, but you can get some great advice and guidance on how to do what you do better.

Of course to get that great feedback, you need experienced clowns working as judges, and TCA has some great ones.

For this year’s Convention Competition, we have spots for 30 judges in all categories of competition. Please consider helping this year’s competition by volunteering to be a judge.

There will be a Judges and Competitor’s meeting at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 22, in the Hospitality room. We’ll answer questions and help you get ready to judge or compete.

You can get a head start by checking out the competition manual found online at texas-clownassociation.com/competition.html.

If you are available to volunteer to judge an event or two, you can email Greg (greg@joey-journal.com) or you can use an online judge sign up by clicking on the link on the TCA facebook page or the TCA website.



TCA Convention 2016 Photo Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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* Photo collection will include all photos and a slide show set to music.

USB All Photo Collection: \$30.00 ea. _____

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Group Photo (8x10) – Print Only: \$10.00 ea. _____

Photo Session: \$50.00 _____

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