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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

It has come to my attention that some of the information in the newest TCA Member Roster is incorrect. I have had a few members contact me about their email, phone number or other information that needs to be updated. Our roster is only published once a year in the Joey Journal. We have a roster on the TCA web page that can be updates when new information is available. If you have something to change in the TCA roster this is how you can let us know and we can correct your information. Send any corrections to our Treasurer Mauri Norris at maurinorris@yahoo.com. Mauri in turn will make the correction in the data base then send it to our TCA Editor/web master Greg Stanford. Greg will make the correction on the web page roster and publish the information in the next Joey Journal. Then you can change the information in your roster addition of The Joey Journal. Anytime you have information that changes let us know so we can keep everything up to date.

Don't forget to make your reservations for TCA 2016 Convention in San Angelo and invite a friend.

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*

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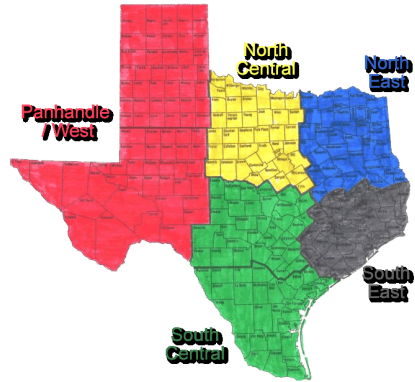
Coastal Confetti Clowns - TCA #18*

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.

TCA Convention 2016: ‘CLOWNING IS ART FROM THE HEART’

September 21-25 – San Angelo, Texas

by Kathy “Piccolo” Keaton

It has been fourteen years since we invited everyone in TCA out to West Texas. Oop’s Alley and friends are truly looking forward to being your hosts for the upcoming convention!

Every clown has a story of why and how they first began. Many of those who continue to improve and expand their skills and character soon discover that their love and desire to have fun, share laughter, entertain and make a difference, truly comes from within their heart. It is a magical thing that seems to happen and is often unexpected.

That’s why the slogan for the 2016 Convention is “Clowning is Art from the Heart.”

Oop’s Alley and the 2016 TCA Convention Committee is hard at work to bring you everything your funny little heart could desire. We are inviting a new and exciting multi-talented headliner to TEXAS (to be announced soon) We are busy connecting with amazing vendors, talented

instructors and already have many surprises of heart filled fun in the works.



This will be a first for San Angelo and there is already excitement growing in the area from The City, The Visitor’s Center, local community members, the media and sponsors. They are very curious, and ready with open arms and an open heart to help welcome TCA and its fun clown convention to town.

Early Registration is at an all time high with Wanda “Miss Birdie” Carter, member of Happi Tymes Alley, the winner of the Chocolate Basket for the “Early

Registration” sign-up held in Tyler (I hear there may be another chocolate basket in our silent auction).

Looking forward to seeing your red nose, big shoes, props, skits, laughter and huge heart at TCA 2016!!!

Our hotel is The Clarion – (325-658-2828) Rooms are \$94 and registration is now open. **Be sure to tell them you are with TCA.**

If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions about the convention please contact Kathy “Piccolo” Keaton at kpiccolo28@juno.com. or call me at 325-650-1301.

Directory Updates

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11081 Timber Creek Dr
Tyler, TX 75707

DAVID and JULIE McCULLOUGH
new P O Box #1229

MELINDA SCHROEDER
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Navasota, TX 77868

JAMES (JIM) and JUDY WELLS
Corrected phone number
972-834-2614

TCA Membership Dues

by Mauri “Blinki” Norris

Annual dues for TCA cover the period of April 1 - March 31. Regular memberships are \$25; Juniors (under age 16 as of 3/31/2016) are \$12.50. Additional adult Family members (age 16 or over with the same mailing address) are \$15 each.

You can pay your dues by check issued to TCA and mailed to me at the address below or you can use your credit card via PayPal - go to the TCA website at www.texasclownassociation.com. Under the ABOUT TCA tab, click the MEMBERSHIP tab and follow the prompts.

Members are encouraged to pay dues EARLY - before the April 1st due date. By doing so you save TCA money as TCA does not need to mail you a reminder postcard. Also, by doing so, your name is entered into a DRAWING and one winner will get their dues REFUNDED! So please consider paying your dues EARLY --- you may get your TCA membership FREE!

Anyone paying their dues prior to April 1, 2016 will be entered in the drawing. The winner will be drawn at the April 2016 TCA Board meeting.

Mail your dues payments to:
Mauri Norris
6504 Kenyon Lane
Bellaire, TX 77401

(Example: Long Sleeve XXXL = \$19 +\$3 = \$22 – the first X is included in base price)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR CONTACT PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL _____

Complete above form and enclose your check payable to TCA 2016 Convention and mail to:
Mauri Norris, 6504 Kenyon Ln., Bellaire, TX 77401



**OOPS ALLEY and the
TCA Board of Directors**

invite you to the

**Texas Clown Association
33rd Annual Convention
September 21-25, 2016**

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:

\$135 until 12/31/2015
\$165 1/1/2016 - 8/31/2016
**\$195 after 8/31/2016 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, 2016)

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

\$135 JUNIOR JOEYS

(ages 10 - 15) all times

PLEASE PRINT! ONE FORM PER PERSON!

Name: _____

Clown Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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 (cost: \$35 each) \$ _____

T-Shirt Size _____ \$ _____

SHORT SLEEVE (S-M-L-XL: \$15)

LONG SLEEVE (S-M-L-XL: \$19)

(2X-10X: \$1.50 per extra X)

TOTAL \$ _____

ISSUE and MAIL Checks to:

TCA 2016 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. See TCA website or call about using credit card or PayPal.

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

The Clarion Hotel

San Angelo Hotel and Conference Center

441 Rio Concho Dr.

San Angelo TX 76903

Room Rate: \$94/ht(+tax) (includes breakfast)
King rm-up to 2 people Double rm-up to 3 people

To book your room, contact the hotel at:
325-658-2828

Tell them you are with the
Texas Clown Association.

Make your reservation early to ensure you have a room.
Please plan to stay at the convention hotel to help
TCA 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:

Kathy 'Piccolo' Keaton 325-650-1301

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TCA 2016 Convention in San Angelo Texas

T-shirts and **extra meal tickets** are ready for order now. Only PRE-ORDERED and PRE-PAID t-shirts are available. Order before July 31st to be sure you have this wonderful keepsake.

Use this form if you have already sent in your Convention registration form, otherwise use the registration form on the opposite side.

The meals at the 2016 convention will be:

- 1) Awards Banquet and
- 2) Hospital Reception/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Extra tickets for the Awards Banquet: \$35 each HOW MANY: _____
Hospital Reception/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres: ticket is required (but it is no charge)

T-Shirts are all UNISEX

SHORT SLEEVES – sizes S-M-L-XL \$15

Sizes 2X-10X available at \$1.50 extra per extra X

LONG SLEEVES – sizes S-M-L-XL \$19

Sizes 2X-10X available at \$1.50 extra per extra X

HOW MANY SIZES

Welcome Our New Members

by Mauri “Binkie” Norris

Christa LOLLIPOP Dobbs – Midland, TX
Heather IRIS Shaw – Mt Pleasant, TX
Mary DIVA Owen – Houston, TX
Bri=any ZOE Allen – Lewisville, TX
Trevor PUZZLES Laswell – Plano, TX
Todd THE GREAT TODDINI Sinelli – Richardson, TX
Vicki DUMPLIN’ Shumate – Wichita Falls, TX
Ann HAPPY GO LUCKY French – Chandler, TX
James BARNEY C. MORE Long – Lafayette, CO
Hau Yun (Casey) SKY Wun – Houston, TX
Paul PAPARATZY Walsh – Bennett, WI
Chris MAYFLOWER Walsh – Bennett, WI
Naomi GIGGLES Walsh – Bennett, WI
Charity Walsh – Bennett, WI
Annemarie CUPCAKE Crowley – Katy, TX
Violeta MOMMA Wright – Diana, TX
Gia LOONEY BALLOONEY Wright - JUNIOR – Diana, TX
Arelí Orr – JUNIOR – Tyler, TX
Jeanie MIMI Murray – Houston, TX
Miriam BIRIBAMBA Argumeda – Watauga, TX
Kit SONFLOWER Scott – Bullard, TX
Joshua Potts – Canton, OH
Melinda BLOOMER Michiels – Zachary, LA
Vicki LOLLIPOP Burroughs – Houston, TX
Cecilia BOMBOLINA Rodriguez – Dallas, TX
SebasUan NINO Rodriguez - JUNIOR – Dallas, TX
Linda NOODLES Cooper – Baytown, TX

For more contact information on these new TCA members, please refer to the online membership directory. Remember, referring new members to TCA could get you a PAID registration to the 2017 TCA Convention. Be sure any new members that you refer, include your name on their membership application. This is especially important if they join TCA on-line (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.

As Time Goes By...

By Ruth "Buttons" Rolston

It seems only yesterday, as the saying goes, I was saying, "I do not have enough time to be Chairman of the Clowns for the Volunteers"! Well, that was over twenty-five years ago. The Clown Troupe is long gone, but I am still here and doing a few gigs a year. Some of us never seem to give up on clowning.

People who know me from the beginning ask whether or not I continue to clown. They seem surprised when I say, "Oh, Yes". For some of us it gets in the blood and stays there. There is one small town nearby where I do the Parade for their Cotton Festival and then make balloon animals for a couple of hours for the kids. I have come to be called, "Their Clown".

I have presented a program for an Alzheimer's respite group on several occasions. I do a lone Clown Week and choose four or five locations to visit when I choose to celebrate this week. People are surprised by this idea, but I know the meaning, so it only matters to know it has been completed.

Folks shy away from Birthday Parties in my area because they seem not to want to pay what a clown appearance is really worth. The years of preparation add up and the props and prizes for the kids can add to the costs. Oh, well, I had rather do service type of activities, anyway. I don't spend much time at the hospital these days. I have slowed down and prefer not to do all the walking. We clowns do get older like everyone else. We are not like Santa Claus.

It has been a joy to clown all these years and a wonderful experience almost missed by being busy doing other things. Some days I did not want to get ready for my role, but then something special would happen and I knew I was supposed to do be where I was. For new clowns I can only say, take the role seriously or do not do it. There is something special about a 'real' clown and people will know it.

Last Walk Around: Duane “Morgan” Wilhite

By Diana “Buttons” McCurtain-Talbert

Duane Morgan Wilhite, 66, passed away on 20 December 2015 in Sweetwater, TX while traveling to his eldest granddaughter’s wedding. He was born on August 10, 1949, in Des Moines, IA to Orlan and Mabel (Harban) Wilhite.

Duane grew up in the Philippines. He graduated from East High, Des Moines, IA in 1968. After high school he briefly attended college at Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, PA. Duane joined the Air Force in 1975, and served for 24 years. He retired in 1999, achieving the rank of SMSgt. Duane married Peggy in 1970, in N. Tonawanda, NY. They were married for 14 years. In 1986, Duane married Dena in San Antonio, TX. Duane was a member of numerous churches, organizations and clubs during his years of traveling with the military.

Duane was a member of the Jolly Joeys Clown Alley in San Antonio, TX. He also served on the Boards of the Texas Clown Association and the World Clown Association. He was truly loved and will be missed.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214 or True Life Church (Missions), 202 W. Byrd Blvd., Universal City, TX 78148. Condolences may be left on Duane Wilhite’s online guest book at <http://memorial.yourtribute.com/Duane-Wilhite/>.



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 re-



activating 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. The written patter I use is on page 20.



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

Color Changing Teapot Lesson Patter

by Joyce “Keedo” Dowell

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Pour clear water into the glass without food coloring in it.) Saying, He takes care of all my needs, food, money, water (take a drink). He maketh me lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me besides the still waters. (Pull out a green silk and pour water into the glass with the blue food coloring in it.) He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. (Pull out a red silk and pour water into the glass with the red food coloring in it.) He is my Lord, my savior, he comforts me. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for though art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. (Pull out a black silk and pour water into the glass with the dark food coloring in it.) It says we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. We don’t stop in it, we don’t get stuck in it, we go all the way through and out the other side. So no matter how bad the situation seems to be, we will get through it and God will be with us the entire time. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointed my head with oil: my cup runneth over. (Pull out a yellow silk and pour water into the glass with yellow food coloring in it.) Traditionally the honored guest at a banquet is anointed with oil. God does that for us. Imagine that, we are His honored guests. Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Pour out clear water again into the glass with no food coloring.) God is holy and pure and His love and kindness will be with you and me forever.

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Amazon Smile

by Greg “Zoots” Stanford

I’m guessing many of you are like me and enjoy the convenience and selection found at Amazon.com. Whether it’s books, music, movies, obscure items that no one would carry, you can find it on Amazon.

Now, this isn’t a commercial for the online shopping network and I’m sure some of you have horror stories, but now your Amazon shopping can benefit the Texas Clown Association.

Kathy Keaton has set us up with a Amazon Smile account. What this means is when you shop on Amazon, a donation is made to TCA. By your shopping you can help our great organization.

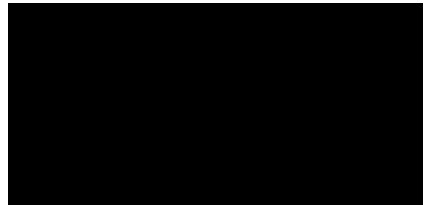
Here’s how it works. Go to “Smile.Amazon.com” in your favorite web browser. Log in using your regular Amazon login and select the non-profit you want to donate to, in this case you want “Texas Clown Association.” Now when you want to purchase something, go to

Smile.Amazon.com and shop away. It’s the same Amazon, with

the same prices and such, however, now any eligible product purchased will send a donation to TCA.

That’s all there is to it. You might want to create a bookmark, so you can get there easily.

So, log in and shop away, and help out TCA.



Things You May Not Know About the Joey Journal

by Greg “Zoots” Stanford

As the editor of the Joey Journal, I thought I would share a few things with that you may not know are available to you through the Joey Journal.

1. You can advertise. If you have a clown-related business, then you can contract with the Joey Journal to include your add.

Advertisements must be prepaid and camera ready. Rates: Back cover - \$80.00; Inside back cover - \$70.00; Full page - \$70.00; 1/2-page - \$40.00; 1/4 page size - \$25.00; and a business card size ad - \$10.00 an issue.

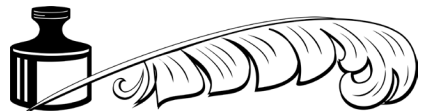
2. Clownified Ads You can list clown-related items for sale, trade or donation free of charge in our Clownified ads. Vendor businesses not included.

3. Get Your Writing in Print. You as a member of TCA can and are encouraged to write articles, alley reports and how-to's for the Joey Journal. You don't have to be professional writer to tell us what you are doing or share a tip or trick you've

learned along the way. Send in your article for possible inclusion in a future issue.

4. Publish Your Pictures. Do you have fun pictures of you or others clowning around? The Joey is a great place to show off your work. Send in your individual or alley clown pics for possible use in up coming issues.

Send submissions to Greg Stanford at greg@joeyjournal.com or if you need to mail something, 1818 11th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301.





Don't wait, get registered today!

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