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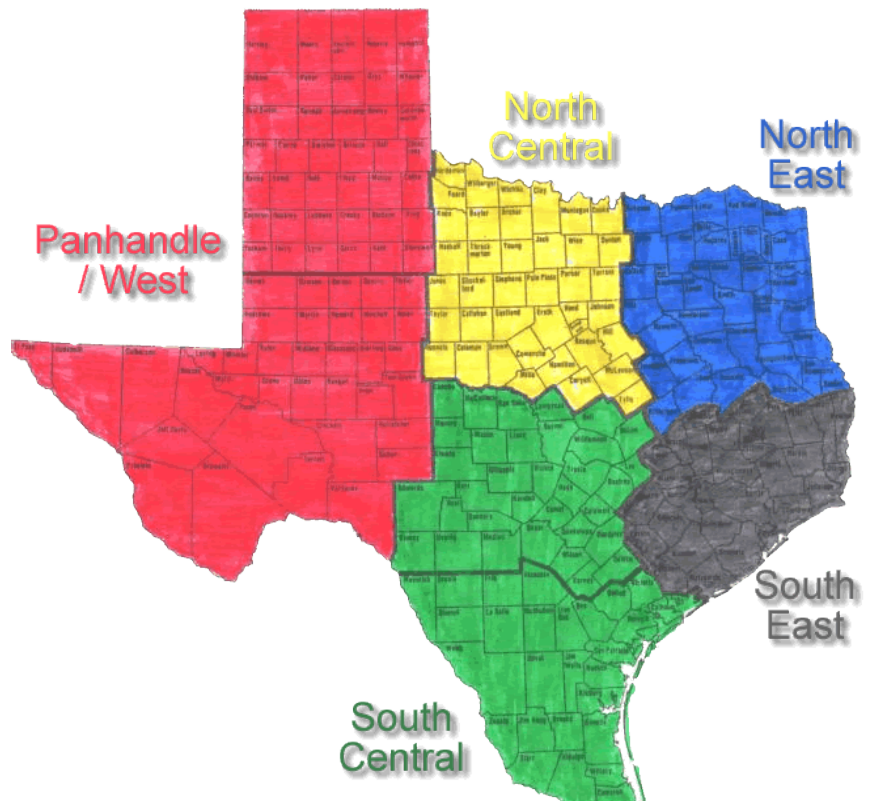
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Happi Tymes Clown Alley - TCA #12

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*

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Rosey Nose Clown Alley - TCA #25

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*Inactive Alleys



a word from the
PRESIDENT

by Patsy “Glitterbug” McMillan

I hope this missive finds you well and looking forward to every new day that God wakes you up in this wacky world we are experiencing.

Connection [kə'nekSH(ə)n] NOUN

1. a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else. people with whom one has social or professional contact

Are you finding yourself disconnected at the moment, because I know that I am – it has been a difficult time that most of us have had to put our lives on hold, that our normal way of operating has been changed. We may have chosen this time to just completely disconnect from the world or may have found another outlet for our lives. No matter what you have chosen, please consider re-connecting with your clown family. Attend your local meetings, plan on attending the upcoming convention in August, show us the new talents you have been working on, or share your past experiences to educate and rejuvenate the laughter and good will inside each of us.

The next TCA Board meeting will be May 21, 2022 in the DFW area. If you would like to attend, please feel free to do so – but if you cannot be there and would like an item to be addressed, give your request to any board member to have added to the agenda.



Come One Come All

By Debbie "Posie" Davis

Hi everyone it's time to pay our dues again! With the convention coming up August 3rd thru 7th in Spring Tx, you want to be paid up for this year. It's a State Fair theme and you don't want to miss all the fun!

Membership Dues

(Each new member must pay a one-time initiation fee of \$5 in addition to the year Membership Dues)

Regular = \$30

Family (*) = \$20

Junior = \$17.50 (10-15 yrs)

Senior = \$20 (over 90)

(*) Each additional family member after the first Regular member

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Be a Part of Clown State Fair History!

by Linda "Noodles" Cooper

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS? What?! That's right! This year's TCA Convention (August 3-7, 2022 in Spring, TX) is themed "Clown State Fair," so it only makes sense that our "program" will be turned into a "Blue Ribbon Winners Directory" And we want you ALL, whether or not you are attending the convention, to be part of this one-of-a-kind Blue Ribbon Event!



Here is a FUN way to be included in the Blue Ribbon Directory and support the convention:

SUBMIT YOUR BLUE RIBBON WINNER PHOTO! (And \$10 payment...information below)

We anticipate having pages and pages of pics of all of our clown friends in the program, so it will look.. well... like a program full of Winners! Pick your own category, are you a Blue Ribbon Winner for...A pickle eating contest?...Best calf?...Whoopie pie making?...Two Stepping?...Jitter Bug? Make up your own Blue Ribbon award.

- Send us your picture, along with your First Name "Clown Name" Last Name and what event you won your Blue Ribbon.
- We will crop your picture for you, to be the perfect square and add your blue ribbon – so no worries, there!
- This will only cost \$10! And will last a lifetime!
- SUGGESTION for ALLEYS: Organize a photo session at your next alley meeting. Line everyone up and snap pics (one person at a time), and send them over! EASY PEASY!
- The pic can be anything you want...in clown or not. Maybe you have a standard photo already? (Cheerful Clowns ask Giddy Up Annie for any pictures she may have of you)

All your friends are doing it!! But need more incentive? Submit your picture(s) and payment and you will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 VISA Gift card. One entry for every picture you send in!!!! Need not be present to win.

TRADITIONAL ADVERTISING / AD SALES Who doesn't like some friendly, pre-convention competition? Help support this year's convention through ad sales! When YOU sell the most ads (this will be # of ads you sell NOT \$ amount), YOU will:

- Receive unlimited bragging rights!
- Get your picture in the Joey Journal, and
- Be the lucky recipient of a \$25 VISA Gift Card!

NOTE: Make sure we know so you get credit for an ad!!! Tell us, or put it on the ad itself!

Advertising Details

Here's all the traditional ad sizes, but the space doesn't have to be for a traditional ad! Use this ad space for anything you can imagine! Write a "Blue Ribbon" message to a fellow clown! Use it for a cartoon, maybe even a grand prize winner announcement! Let's see you use that great clown creativity! Deadline for ads is July 1, 2022 (continued on next page).



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Inside Full Page Color	\$100
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Inside Half Page Color	\$75
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Inside Quarter Page Color	\$45
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Maximum space on each page will be 8 ½"x11" (minus small border)

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- Traditionally, alleys have purchased full page ads
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- Dealers are encouraged to include an ad so TCA members can use as a reference later in the year

Email ads or picture in .jpg format to: Cyndi "Giddy-Up Annie" Parker at GiddyUpAnnieCCA@gmail.com

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Or Use Venmo: @Mauri-Norris

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Hotel Reminder

Hey everyone, we are only 4 months from the TCA Convention. Just a friendly reminder to encourage you to make your hotel reservations for TCA. You are going to want to stay at the hotel so you can catch all the action, see your clown family, go to jams, have your props close by for competition, and attend lectures on time. It is a beautiful hotel and the surrounding areas are very relaxing. So, click the link <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1635429218929&key=GRP> and you will be taken to the reservation site.

If you have any questions about the hotel, please send me an email at judy.a.cornett@gmail.com or call me at 713-201-8681. I will be happy to help.



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Ambassador of Clowning Award

By Cinde "Boopise" Sanders

I would like to ask you to send me a letter to Nominate the next TCA Ambassador to be honored at the next Convention in August.

The Purpose of TCA as written in the bylaws reads:

- To promote, preserve, and improve the profession of clowning
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The clown who is named Ambassador each year is recognized for upholding this mission and spreading the joy of our art. I was honored to be named Ambassador at the 2021 Convention. There is no greater affirmation of our accomplishments than to be recognized by our peers. No one knows better than all of us what it takes to be a clown and performer; the hours and money we put into our work to make it perfect. But most of all, no one knows better than all of us the fullness of our hearts as we see the smiles on the faces of those beautiful children and adults.

Since 1983 it has been a tradition to name a TCA member as Ambassador of Clowning for the year. I would like to accept nominations for the clown you think deserves this honor for 2022. As you think of the person you want to nominate, please go to the TCA Members page on the TCA website to see who an ambassador is already. <http://texasclownassociation.com/members-only/history-and-archives/tca-ambassadors/>



The nominee should meet the following criteria:

- Be an active and current member of TCA
- Must be known for his/her dedication and promotion of clowning without personal gain
- Should be a well-rounded clown, someone who gives to the community, is an active volunteer and who is a professional in the ART of clowning
- Should promote TCA in all facets of clowning, should strive always to be positive, upbeat, agreeable and have a fair attitude. Be willing to share ideas and be available to assist with a smile.

Nomination Letter:

Please send a letter of nomination to me at Cinde Sanders, 3316 Northaven Road, Dallas, Texas 75229 or email me at cindesanders@gmail.com. The letter should contain examples of the pointes listed below and have details enough to describe the nominee to the committee members as if they do not know the person being nominated. Here are a few examples to include:

- How long the nominee has been an active supporting TCA member
- Have they held any positions in their alley or on the TCA board or TCA committees



- How do they support and promote TCA in their clowning
- How have they exhibited extra ordinary clownmanship
- How has the nominee been shown to be positive, upbeat, agreeable and sharing
- Are they unselfish in assisting others, caring and most of all, available when needed with no thoughts of being reimbursed for their time or effort.

I look forward to seeing your letters of nomination. Spread the joy and recognize one of our own as an outstanding Ambassador of Clowning.

Let me know how I can help

Cinde "Boopsie" Sanders

TCA Ambassadors

2021 – Cinde Sanders

2019 – Greg "Zoots" Stanford

2018 – Patsy "Glitterbug" McMillan

2017 – Christie "Louella" McNeill

2016 – Diana "Buttons" McCurtain-Talbert

2015 – Judy "PEEP" Cornett

2014 – Martha "MISS COOKIE" Warren

2013 – Donna "DONNABELLE" Manna

2012 – Patti "PATTICAKE" Gilbert

2011 – June "CRICKET" Hinkle

2010 – Susan "TINKER" Butler

2009 – Mauri "BINKIE" Norris

2008 – John "JOHN JOHN" Luce

2007 – Lisa "TWINKLES" Ezell

2006 – Aurora "BEBOP" Krause

2005 – Ed "BUCKLE" Fitzgerald

2004 – Linda "GREENIE" Greene

2003 – Andy "SMILEY" Anderson

2002 – Linda "ROLY POLY" Green

2001 – Chandra "CHA CHA" Luce

2000 – Susan "DUBBLE BUBBLE" Keys

1998 – Kim "TUTTI FRUTTI" Grice

1997 – Mary Ann "CITRONELLA" Beck

1996 – Brenda "FLOWER" Marshall

1995 – Rolf "POOKIE" Kerr

1994 – Clarence "MR. SUNSHINE" Bull

1993 – Tom "GRITS" McDougal

1992 – Robert "BOPPO" Stoddard

1991 – Lou "HONEY" Stoddard

1990 – Grenda "POPPINS" Walton

1989 – Mary "SUGAR PLUM" Lostak

1987 – Kay "KLYNKY" Veale-Henry

1986 – Rosalie "SUPERSTAR" Perryman

1986 – Lillian "FLOPSEY" Martin

1985 – Charles "WHISPERS" McBride

1984 – Wynn "WYNKY" Veale

1983 – Robert "RAGS" Thomas



On A Roll with



THINGS TO PONDER...

Don't put off trying something new just because you think you lack experience ... Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic, by professionals.

What do banks charge a fee on insufficient funds when they already know there is not enough money in the account?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut. Why can't he fix a hole in the boat?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are dead?

If Tarzan has been in the jungle for so long, why doesn't he have a beard?

If money does not grow on trees, why does banks have branches?

If laughter is the best medicine, why do people sometimes say that they died laughing?

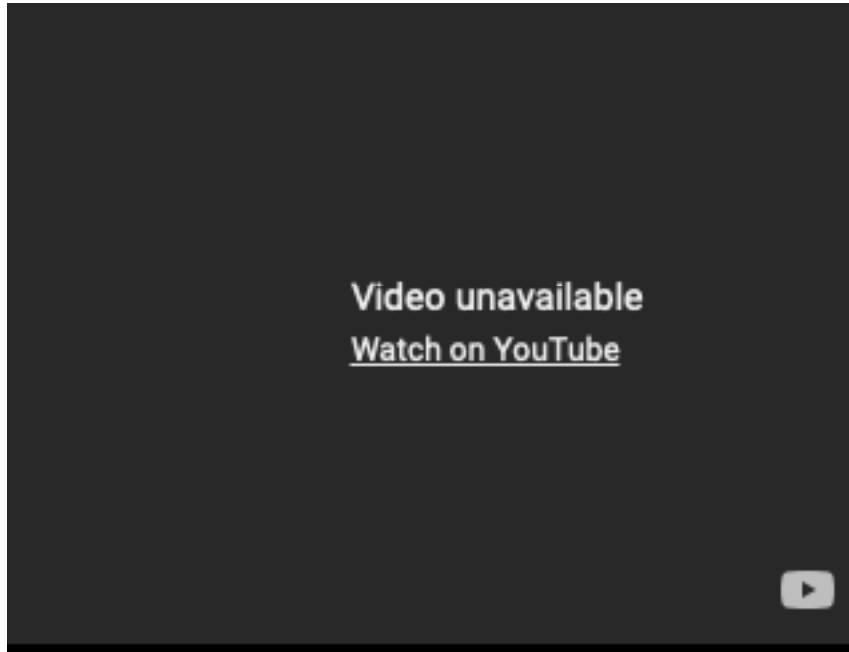
Why does grape flavor smell the way it does when actual grapes don't taste or smell anything like that?



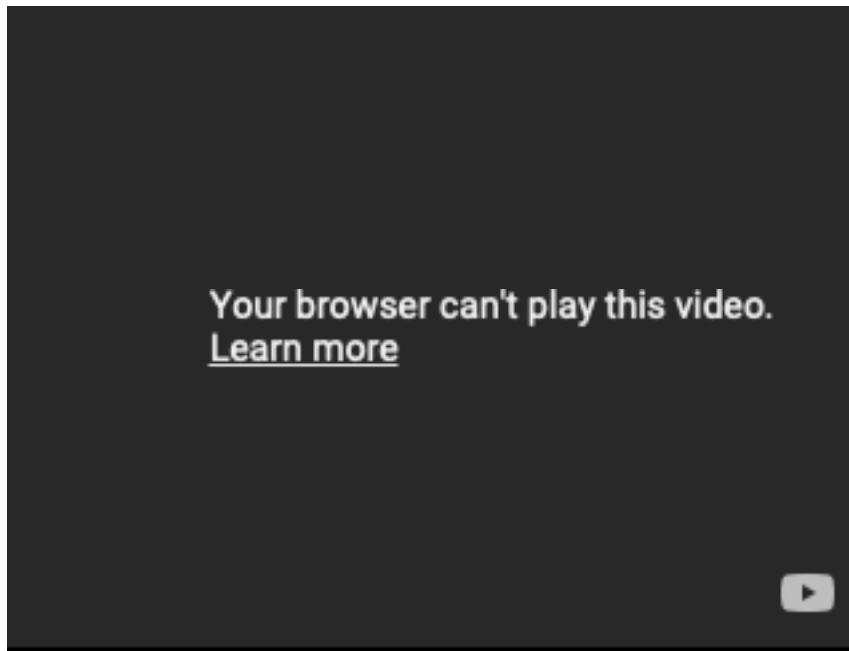


What's on the **TUBE?**

Check out “Clowning - Staying with the Problem: A Clown Routine” from MrDramaWorkshops on youtube. A resource for constructing a skit.



Take a peak at Jamie Adkins' show and see how he uses the audience from their seats to be involved in his show.





Clown Memories

by Ruth "Buttons" Rolston

There are so many memories I could share about the more than thirty years I have been in clowning I could probably fill many pages. I did not plan to be a clown, but was persuaded to do so and have never regretted the choice. Most of my gigs were done as a single clown and so my experiences took place in this capacity.

Most Memorable: This would have to be my week at Clown Camp in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. I never knew clowns did so much. Richard Snowberg and his staff presented us with so many opportunities to learn. Did you know 'pie throwing' was an art and that clowns do not spit water at the audience? They are able to pretend and if they do spit it, it is at another clown.

Most Embarrassing: This was the several times when children first saw me in clown and screamed in terror and their mothers did nothing to calm them down. I did not expect their reactions. Once in an opening of a new Clinic for our Hospital, a mother told her little one that if he did not behave, she would have that clown give him a shot. Another incident was when a mother would not let her little girl get a balloon animal from me because she did not believe they were free and the little girl cried. She finally gave in, but I had already packed up all of my supplies and was unable to meet her needs at the time. After that, I always unpacked and made an animal no matter how late I was. Good lesson for new clowns.

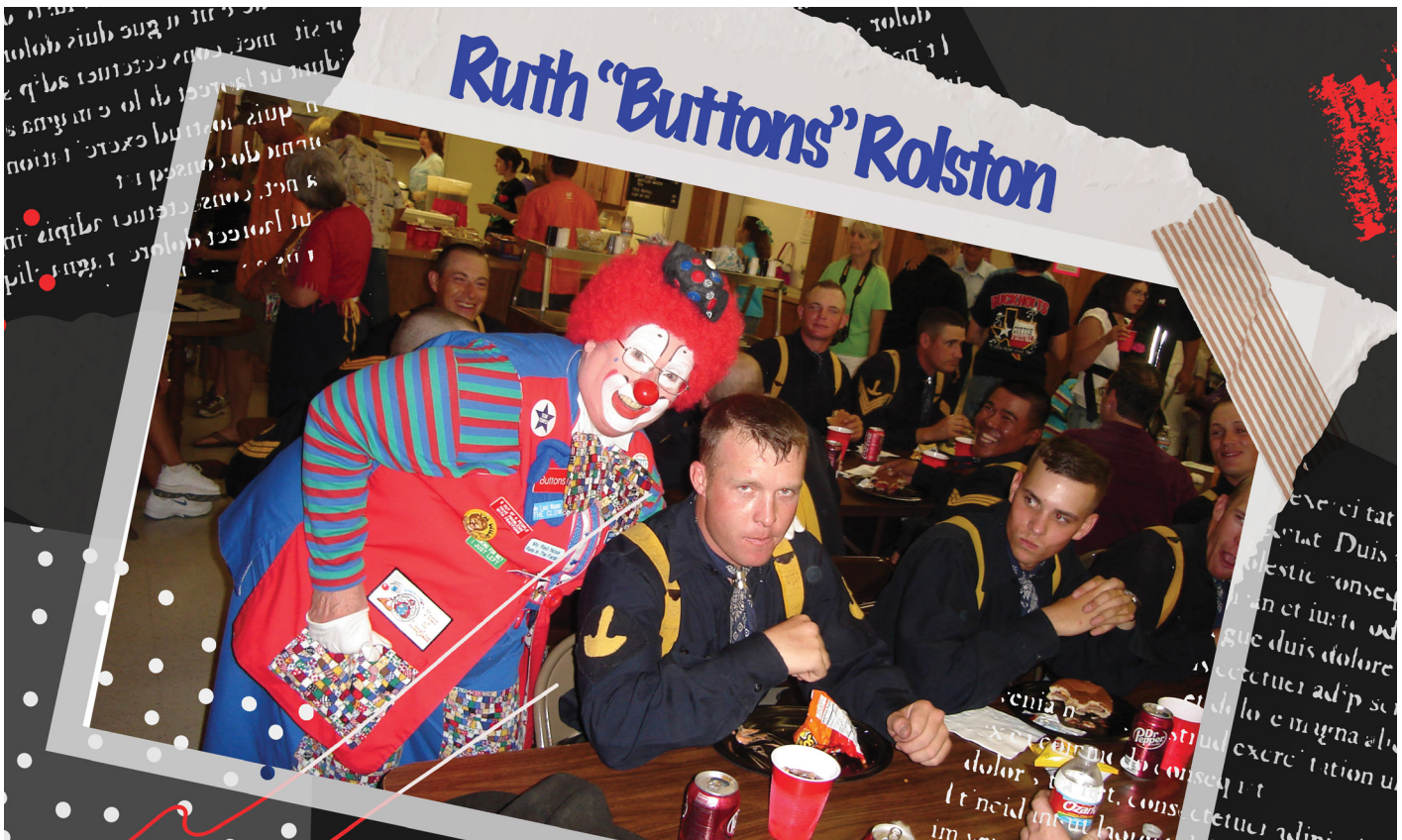
Most Rewarding: This has to be seeing an adult enjoying a clown in the hospital as much as the children. Often this is more than the children.

Special Opportunities: Thanks for International Clown Week. I have been able to provide a service to my community during this week many times. What I do as an individual is to prepare five (5) gift baskets and deliver them in clown as a "Thank You" to selected community agencies. You would not believe what I heard when I took one to our local newspaper one year. I have a friend who works there and he said they were so surprised because no one ever thinks of them. The obvious ones are the Police, the Firefighters and First Responders, Medical, and other service organizations, but sometimes it helps to pick out someone who would least expect it.

Most Challenging: I have several of these to mention:

1. Playing to 11-12 year-olds when they figure out all your gags and you are entertaining 1-2 year-olds who have no clue.
2. When the parents and/or grandparents decide to become a part of the birthday party.
3. Entertaining members of two Alzheimer's Support Groups and they want to play with your props. Several times I had trouble getting my 'stuff' back because they thought I had given it to them to keep.
4. When the number of guests at the party exceed what you had agreed to when you committed to entertain.

One of my favorite routines is folding a yellow towel into a raw chicken. It is not an original, but it has provided a great deal of entertainment. I do not remember where I learned it. A small towel makes a chicken and a large towel can make a turkey. Maybe you can find the directions.



Be sure to check out the TCA website at

www.texasclownassociation.com

The members only password is: clowns22

Be sure to connect to our official TCA facebook page - you can find the link on our website. Follow us and stay current with what is going on with TCA.



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Submitted by Linda "Greenie" Greene

"I never imagined I'd be a cover girl," says Kathy Keaton long time TCA , Oop's alley member and "Caring Clown Director for The World Clown Assn." It was my honor to be asked to write an article about humor, health and wellness for military members by The American Stress Institute.

Combat Stress magazine is written with our military Service Members, Veterans, first responders, and their families in mind. We want all of our members and guests to find contentment in their lives by learning about stress management and finding what works best for each of them. Stress is unavoidable and comes in many shapes and sizes. It can even be considered a part of who we are. Being in a state of peaceful happiness may seem like a lofty goal but harnessing your stress in a positive way makes it obtainable. Serving in the military or being a police officer, firefighter or paramedic brings unique challenges and some extraordinarily bad days. The American Institute of Stress is dedicated to helping you, our Heroes and their families, cope with and heal your mind and body from the stress associated with your careers and sacrifices.

As a military wife, mother and medical healthcare clown, Kathy was asked to write an article for soldiers and their families. Finding humor when your on the move every three years, making new friends, leaving old friends, getting kids into school and becoming active in the new military community can be difficult. In her article Kathy shares with military families how to find stress during the many challenges that come along. You can read the entire article at [Combat Stress Magazine/winter 2018](#) .



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Area-Alley Reports

North Central Area Report

Submitted by Greg "Zoots" Stanford

Cowtown

This is Nancy Arent/Cowtown Clowns President---Our 3 Alleys had our 3rd joint meeting at the IHop in Arlington on the 14th of March.

It was Cowtown's turn to present the program, we has Shawn Patello doing Improv. I did have a little bag for everyone that said "Irish" a Happy St. Patricks Day.. and a St Patricks Day door prize..

Attendance was low. We still have 3 more months to see how it goes.

Happi Tymes

This is William "Wee-Bo" Beaty the PreZ at Happi Tymes Clown Alley in Arlington, TX!

I have to say, this is really shaping up to be a great year to be a clown! Things are really kicking off, and we are all working non-stop! There are so many people that want to learn clowning, so we are doing our best to be a huge net to pull those folks in!

Our membership has been low the past few years, so we decided to join the 3 alleys in our area together on a trial basis: Happi Tymes, Mid Cities, and Cowtown. Membership has been low still due to Covid fears, people leaving the area, being displaced, health issues, etc. BUT!.... Fear Not! If you are new to our area, come visit us! Tell your friends! We meet at IHop on I30...1315 Wet&Wild Way, Arlington, TX at 7pm every Second Monday!

We update our website, about a week before our meetings, here: <https://www.happitymesclowns.com/nextmeeting>

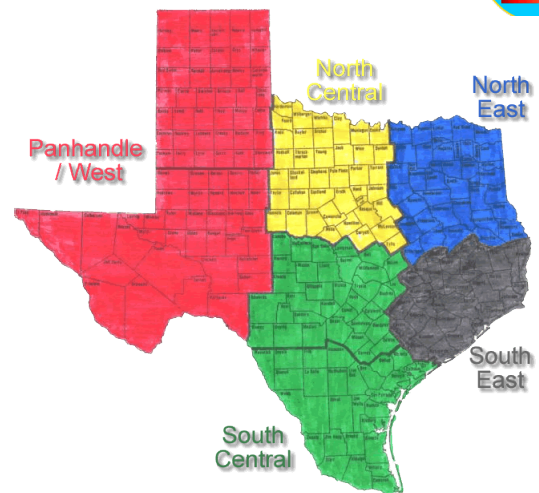
You can also join us live on our Happi Tymes Facebook page! Come see us virtually, and be sure to say hello!
! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/131531883567532>

By all 3 alleys meeting together one night a month it tripled our resources, and has brought top notch talent to our past 3 meetings! Happi Tymes had team building with Tami and Bender from Clowning Around in January. Then, Mid Cities brought us David and Kyle Knight to show us all the things that go on behind the scenes in their productions! Cinde Sanders showed us some really awesome Valentine's Day Magic. Finally, Cowtown brought us Shawn Patrello in March, where we practiced improv! I can't wait to see what's next!!!

Can't wait to see my clown family in August!

See you all soon!

William "Wee-Bo" Beaty





Southeast Area Report

Submitted by Roberta "Squiggles" Hawes

Cheerful Clown Alley is very busy! How many clowns does it take to put on a convention, clown school and keep a Kitchen Band going? A bunch!

Many hands are diligently working to put on the themed 'Clown State Fair' 2022 TCA convention in Spring, Texas. The talented headliner Karen Hoyer (karenhoyer.com) and a list of excellent workshops plus competitions are reason enough to attend. Be sure to mark your calendar August 3-7 as this is one event you do not want to miss. If you haven't done so, please send in your registration as soon as possible in order to take advantage of early bird prices. The forms are on the CCA website <http://texasclownassociation.com/tca-convention/registration/>

Clown School is a reality this year and we already have students signed up! The education team is hard at work in putting all the pieces together for another amazing learning experience. We are so fortunate to have many multi-talented people in our alley to pass on their knowledge and expertise.

Our Kitchen Band leader, KitKat is keeping us in tune with monthly meetings to develop a new program. She is also working to arrange with the Center of Pursuit to attend their workshop in May and to make instruments with the residents. Kit Kat will also be a lecturer at the convention on how to put a kitchen band together.

Remember your clown prayer and bump a nose,
Cheerful Clown Alley #166
Southeast Area Rep
Houston, TX 77055



South Central Area Report

Respectfully submitted by: Diana McCurtain-Talbert

Jolly Joeys is starting to ramp up in their offerings to the community. We have had a couple of gigs since starting the new year and have a lot on the books as we head into the Spring. April is shaping up to be a busy month as we head into San Antonio's Fiesta week. We have several parades on the books along with the nursing homes, community walks, where we'll be doing shows, balloon twisting, glitter tattooing and face painting.

The Jolly Joeys is hoping to set ourselves up for easier access to the community. We have just set up a Jolly Joeys phone which our VP/Gig Coordinator holds. This will allow us to have seamless transition from year to year as the VP position changes. And, we have just added a form to the website so that when potential clients reach out, we get some solid information on what they're looking for with minimal effort. Feel free to check out: www.jollyjoeys.org

In addition, after 3 years of no newsletter, we have also revived our Alley newsletter. We have put out 3 editions so far, and plan to do this monthly, going forward.

We also are in the process of picking up General Liability insurance for the alley.

And finally, we have adjusted our meeting schedule down from 2x/month to 1x/month. We alternate months between business meeting and educational meeting. And, we also have a monthly JAM.

The Clown Alley (#15) of Corpus Christi (currently, inactive)

Is still trying to come back. They are starting out with identifying locals who are still clowning, and or interested in clowning. And are currently meeting via a Facebook group. As they get that core group going, they will assess, where to go from there.



We need your creativity to fill the pages of our next Joey Journal. We have so many creative, talented and skilled members each issue could be bursting at the seams. The next deadline coming up is for the April/May issue. Put your thoughts, experiences, routines or ideas in print and send them to greg@joeyjournal.com. Don't forget pictures! We loves pictures! Let us see what you are doing, where you are going. Need an idea? Drop Greg a note and he'll give you some direction or help you flesh out your thoughts.