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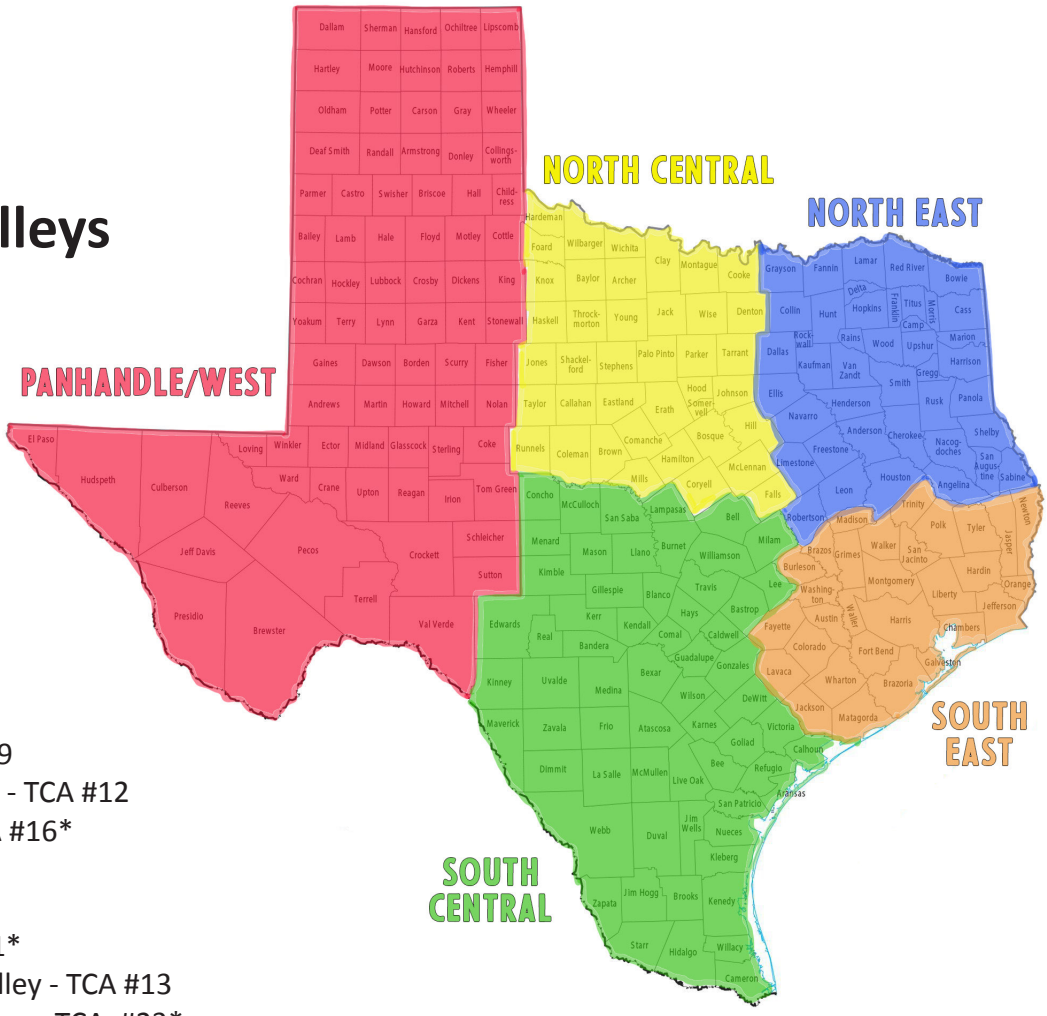

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PRESIDENT

by Patsy "Glitterbug" McMillan

I am sooo running out of words and have been racking my brain so much to have something to put on paper, that I am giving myself a headache with all sorts of random thoughts. Since I have kind of been on the theme of wisdom for the last couple of articles, I am choosing the word "cooperation" to focus on this time. Of course I looked up the meaning on the internet because it knows everything and the definition that came up is "the process of working together to the same end". In this great unsettled world it seems that too many have adopted the idea of not wanting to cooperate or to meet and figure out how to cooperate. My two cents in the "kumbaya" world is for all the clowns to show the rest of the universe how this can be accomplished, as we attempt to bring joy to others. I will now get off my "soap box" (it's getting kind of wobbly at the moment) and attend to TCA stuff.

As you read in the last JJ you should have noticed an article from our esteemed Treasurer, Debbie "Posie" Davis regarding a change in the way we will be able to pay our dues starting with 2023. Please take the time to review what was written and start getting your dues in for 2023.

Just repeating this request as sometimes our brains need a whole lot of help, so I am asking you to assist your TCA Board with some ideas to make TCA better. Of course, not every idea will be used but it can start a discussion that can be built upon to help our organization grow. As noted in the Joey Journal we meet four times a year and you can find a list with the board members' contact information there. Please submit your ideas to one of them.

Our next convention will be August of 2023 at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport – be sure to look for upcoming notices from Cinde Sanders and Susan Keys.

The last TCA Board meeting was held on May 19, 2023 in Wichita Falls, Texas - the city our JJ editor and website person, Greg Stanford, lives. It was my first time visiting and was excited to see what it looked like.

I am hoping that you have seen the info on the website about this year's convention are planning to attend. Can't wait to see y'all soon.

A Note from the Editor

by Greg "Zoots" Stanford

After ten years and 59 issues, I believe it's time for me to step down as the editor of the Joey Journal. I have appreciated the kind words and support over the years. I am thankful for the opportunity to have joined with those who have been involved with shaping the Joey Journal in the past.

If you have a interest in this role, please connect with me at greg@joeyjournal.com or shoot me a text and I can explain how I have done it and what is involved.

Among obvious editorial skills with the English language (you'll probably be gooder than me), you will need some experience with desktop publishing software and have said software along with basic computer/internet skills, a computer and internet access. I am more than willing to be available to assist you as needed.

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Entering a Contest? Yes, No, Why??

by Cinde "Boopsie" Sanders

From time to time, you may have the opportunity to enter a contest, either locally, nationally, or internationally. Contests can be fun and exciting, but also can be anxious and stressful.

The first question to ask is simply, "Should I compete in a contest? The obvious follow-up question is "Why do I want to perform in a contest?" Some clowns may question a valid reason to perform for their peers. Performing for other clowns is different than performing for "real people." But the fact is that the CLOWN in us always wins out. We love performing and a contest is an amazing chance to perform and show your talents. Any chance to perform is valuable and provides a platform to improve your performing skills. Getting audience feedback while performing, especially in front of your peers for a potential award, is the ultimate way to learn, improve, share, teach and maybe even WIN!

Let's get down to the Yes, No, Why??? Deciding to enter a contest takes a lot of guts. So, if you decide to enter and hope to win, you must think like and act like a winner even before the contest begins. Research, scripts, confidence and practice, practice, practice all go into thinking and acting like a WINNER.

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Here are a few tips on performing in a contest if you choose to do so.

- Make sure you WANT to enter and are willing to put in the work to show your talents. Enter for the right reason. If you want to win, then enter to WIN.
- Make sure you know the rules of the contest and abide by those rules.
- Make sure you practice, practice, practice. But remember practice is only good if you practice correctly. Practice for yourself in front of mirror, practice for your family, practice for your local alley, practice for a daycare or birthday party. Practice anytime you get a chance.
- If your act needs a volunteer, have the person picked out ahead of time. You can do this by talking to someone and asking for help before the contest begins or looking into the audience from backstage prior to your performance. You don't necessarily need to tell them what to do or say, but having a pre picked volunteer can save time and anxiety.
- Arrive early and check out the performing space. Take a little time to mentally go over your act and block out your movements on the stage. Know the best way to enter and exit the stage. Know the best way to get your props on and off. If you need music, special lighting, or a microphone, make sure you talk to the tech crew to check on all of that before the performance.
- The Most important tip that I can give is HAVE FUN! Yes, any performance can create nerves, especially a contest in front of your peers. But if you enter a contest and don't have fun, why enter? We are supposed to enjoy ALL of our performing experiences.

The more practiced you are, the more relaxed you'll be onstage, the more fun you'll have, and the greater the chance of victory! Now go forth and WIN!

Ambassador of Clowning Award

By Jackie "LOLLIBELLS" Garner

Texas Clown Association (TCA) was founded in 1982 and the first TCA AMBASSADOR OF CLOWNING AWARD was presented in 1983. This award is to recognize and honor the TCA member who most exemplifies the art of clowning and supports and promotes TCA. The award is a "lifetime achievement award" meaning that a member is only honored once (in a lifetime) with this prestigious award. Since this is presented once in a lifetime, it takes more than a little bit of clowning and TCA support to earn this award. TCA Ambassador Award recipients are granted lifetime membership in TCA (meaning they no longer pay annual dues – at the TCA Board of Directors' discretion). The award is usually presented during the annual TCA convention but an Ambassador selection is not mandatory each year. Nominees should have the following qualifications and/or traits:

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

Nomination letters should explain why the nominee should be considered for the award and provide examples of the points listed above – it is not enough to just say you want to nominate the person. The nominations are reviewed by a committee of past recipients of the award. Remember, that while most of the committee members are active in TCA, it is possible that they do not know every qualified member. Nominations should include sufficient details describing the nominee to the Committee members as if they do not know the nominee. Be sure to include such facts as:

- How long this nominee has been an active supporting TCA member?
- Have they held any position 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, just there when needed with no thought of being reimbursed for their time or effort?
- How have they displayed being a well-rounded clown; someone who gives to the community as an active volunteer, and who also demonstrated professionalism in the art of clowning?
- How has this nominee shown his/her dedication and promotion of the art of clowning in assisting others?

Nominations will be accepted from CURRENT TCA members only. Nominees must be CURRENT TCA members (to check membership status, contact the TCA Treasurer). Be sure to include your name and TCA number on your nomination letter as well as the REAL name and CLOWN name of your nominee. (Include your contact information too in case the committee has any questions about your nomination).

A list of the Ambassador Award recipients can be found on the TCA website.

Remember do not nominate any members who have already received the award.

The most recent recipient of the Ambassador Award serves as the Chair of the Ambassador Award Committee. (If that person is unavailable or declines to serve, a chair will be appointed by the TCA Board of Directors.) The Ambassador Committee Chair is responsible for submitting the nomination details and deadlines to The Joey Journal and collecting the nominations. Nominations will be accepted by

regular mail or e-mail. They must be dated or post-marked no later than the published deadline; and the deadline for this year's nominations will be **July 15, 2023**. The chair will validate each nomination received by the deadline (confirming the membership status of both the nominating member and their nominee). Nominations received and/or postmarked after the deadline will NOT be considered for the award. The nominations will be considered by the TCA Ambassador Committee which is made up of previous recipients. The award will be presented during the Award Banquet at the annual TCA convention.

Nominations for the 2024 Ambassador Award are being accepted by:

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DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2023

Ambassadors Award holders include:

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2021 – Cinde "Boopsie" 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
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2001 – Chandra "CHA CHA" Luce
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1998 – Kim "TUTTI FRUTTI" Grice
1997 – Mary Ann "CITRONELLA" Beck
1996 – Brenda "FLOWER" Marshall
1995 – Rolf "POOKIE" Kerr
1994 – Clarance "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

LAST WALK AROUND: Debbie "Confetti" Saavedra Garcia

by Cynthia Ann "Giddy-Up Annie" Parker

Debbie "Confetti" Saavedra Garcia of Pearland, Texas, made her last-walk-around on February 14, 2023. Cheerful Clown Alley has a tradition to honor clown members who have passed on with a celebration of their clown life, sharing stories with family members and closing their celebration with a bubble release and a bump a nose send-off. The bubble release celebration is a simple, yet powerful form of clown legacy shared among family, friends and the Cheerful Clown Alley family. On April 13, 2023, Cheerful Clown Alley members honored "Confetti". Laura Saavedra (Confetti's sister) wearing Confetti's official Alley vest, Laura and Allison Davalos (Confetti's sister-in-law and granddaughter) were present. Cheerful Clown Alley members were so thankful when Laura Saavedra (Confetti's sister) made a substantial donation in memory of Confetti and the art of clowning. Members shared stories about Confetti and ended their celebration with the traditional bubble release and bump-a-nose send-off. Confetti will be so missed! Bump-a-nose Confetti!

Confetti's family at the Alley Bubble release

If there was ever a "Clownmate" it was Debbie "CONFETTI" Saavedra Garcia. Whether she was your mentor at clown school or some new clown face she met at convention, you were a friend for life. As a clown student, Confetti was one of my clown mentors and I strived to be just like her. (We were both Hispanic and we would banter back in forth in Spanish, "que pasa Hollywood?" I would call her the "Hispanic Zsa Zsa Gabor" (For you young ones, Zsa Zsa was a beautiful flamboyant Hungarian Actress - a movie star 1916-2016) Confetti loved to wear those hats, big lashes and big shades.

Confetti had a God loving happy soul with a great big heart, who loved God, her husband, her children, her family, her clown family and her friends. Confetti was confident and strong emotionally which carried into that love of life and clowning. Confetti has done it all as a clown, she has worked, volunteered, competed, judged and has won her fair share of competitions and titles. And, if Cheerful Clown Alley needed help or a board member position filled like most recently in November of 2022, despite her illness; Confetti pitched in and became our Gig Coordinator. You could always count on Confetti rain or shine. She loved to play and share that fun loving spirit with whoever she was around.

When Confetti started going on the trail rides she would text and send me pictures and video clips at night. She knew we had horses & roping steers. She would tease me about coming to listen to the Ranchero music and we would laugh our heads off; I would remind her, mi esposo es gringo, "no puedo!" he calls it "chimichanga" music, "nombre"… I guess you had to be there… it would tickle us like teenage gals. Confetti knew he won't go. And when my husband got sick, Confetti was always asking about him, checking on us both, giving me lots of hugs, advice and comfort.

Live, Love and Laughter, that was our Confetti!!! Confetti was so loved by her clown family, and we were so blessed to have had her in our lives. She will be missed by many!!! My faith tells me, she is with her hubby playing music and spreading that cheerful contagious Confetti spirit all over Heaven. I can just see her breaking cascarones on folks in heaven, spreading that confetti and Confetti laughter all over.
Bump a nose Confetti,
Vaya con Dios. Te amo mucho!! God Bless You!

LAST WALK AROUND: Paul "B Bob" Howard DeBee Jr.

by Cynthia Ann "Giddy-Up Annie" Parker

Paul "B Bob" Howard DeBee Jr. of Cuero, Texas, made his last-walk-around on December 5,2022. Cheerful Clown Alley has a tradition to honor clown members who have passed on with a celebration of their clown life, sharing stories with family members and closing their celebration with a bubble release and a bump a nose send-off. The bubble release celebration is a simple, yet powerful form of clown legacy shared among family, friends and the Cheerful Clown Alley family. On April 13, 2023, Cheerful Clown Alley members honored "B Bob" with his spouse, MaryJane "Bunny" DeBee via zoom. Members shared stories about B Bob and ended their celebration with the traditional bubble release and bump a nose send-off. B Bob will be so missed! Bump a nose B Bob!

Former Cheerful Clown Alley member Paul "B Bob" Howard DeBee Jr. was born on November 7, 1957, in east Liverpool, Ohio. B Bob made his Last Walk Around on December 5, 2022.

The Last Walk-Around
Paul "B Bob" Howard DeBee Jr.
November 7, 1957 - December 5, 2022

B Bob and his lovely wife, MaryJane "Bunny" were active members who were very involved with Cheerful Clown Alley until their employment with the Stevenson Unit moved them away to Cuero, Texas. Cheerful Clown Alley members have so many fond memories of B Bob. B Bob did it all, from clown school, competitions, skits, gigs, parades, balloon art, magic tricks, clown ministry and more. He was always so much fun and great to watch his witty interaction with children. You will be missed! We love you and MaryJane; one of cutest clown couples ever!

(Taken from B Bob's obituary in part, to share with members.)
Paul enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18 and was stationed in Georgia where he met and married his first wife, Sarah. He served his country for 15 years. He was squad leader of ground surveillance radar, involved in training and world-wide operations, served in the Gulf War in Kuwait, stationed in Korea, Germany and was present in Berlin when the wall came down. Paul was a corporate manager for Dominoes for 21 years. He met the love of his life, MaryJane Krall at "Cheerful Clown School." Yay! Woo-Hoo! B Bob and Bunny married on April 1, 2006. (They wore red noses at their wedding.) Paul was a good husband to MaryJane and always supported her crazy foster pups (well, most of the time-lol). When Paul was not working, he enjoyed all their gigs in the small nearby towns. Paul donated numerous hours to local charities using his balloon art, clown ministry, Santa and Grinch roles. "He loved to give!" "He loved the Lord!"

Paul is preceded in death by his first wife, Sarah DeBee; his parents, Paul H. DeBee and Dorothy DeBee and his brother Joel Robert DeBee. Paul is survived by his wife MaryJane; his daughters, Tammy (Bob) Thompson, Shellie (Larry) Gray, and Ruth (Rich) Gantz; three grandchildren, Wayne (Karen) Gray, Kayla Gray and Sami (Tyler) Bodenhamer. Paul was also blessed with 3 great grandchildren.

"B Bob"
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Paul "B Bob" Debee
REACH SPRINGFEST 2015
Last walk around

LAST WALK AROUND: Carrie “Shimmy Giggles” Marr Ray

by Nancy “Bubbles the Clown” Arent

On April 30th 2023, had her last walk-round and left her family and her Clown family with some lasting memories.

Carrie was born in Ft Worth,Texas, on February 2, 1963, to Sandra Marr (Pickelwiggles) and Ronnie Marr. Carrie traveled a lot with her spouse Ricky of 37 years to many cruises; she loved to go to casinos, loved fishng and the first to always wanting to go some places new. A talented designer which she owned a business, a project manager,and Shimmy Giggles Entertainment company. She was always trying to improve her skills as a talented ballooner and in the Balloon Décor business.

She was a member of Clowns of America International (Past Membership Chairman), Texas Clown Association, Cowtown Clowns of Hurst, Texas, Mid-Cities Clown Alley of Irving, Texas (Past President) and numerous volunteer organizations that she helped out in many ways that most of us didn’t know.
She loved being Shimmy Giggles,which this was her true calling. She was always the first to gigs, and the last to leave. She was always trying to make sure the client and the kids were taken care of even if the time ran over.

Carrie was always trying to find ways to promote the Junior Joey program. She quoted that some day most of us won’t be here , so the new Joeys will lead the way. It was very important to her to keep clowning growing, and not to be forgotten.
During International Clown Week-August 1st-7th, It was always important to Carrie to do something for a special group, such as the Fire Department, Police Department or nursing homes to spread the good word about Clowning. So, if you can do what you can for a special group to honor Carrie, she would have liked that.

Carrie is survived in death by her father, Ronnie Eugene Marr; mother, Sandra Yvonne Marr; grandmother, Melba Marr and son, Richard Ray. Grandfather Louis Marr.

She is survived by her husband Ricky (Red) Ray of Euless, daughters Stormy Finley of Euless, Misty & Greg Arwood of Weatherford TX, brothers David (Debbie) Marr of Mineral Wells TX , Randy(Monda) Marr of Arlington TX , grandchildren Jaylynne Gill, Lauren and Sidney Bradley, Justin ,Korey & Jessica Ray, Trinity,Abby, Emma & Tyler Arwood. Two great grandchildren: Autumn & Myles Ray.

Carrie will be truly missed by her family and her Clown friends that she truly thought highly of.

In loving memory of
CARRIE LYNNE MARR RAY
02/02/1963 - 04/30/2023
Our beloved mother, wife, sister, friend.
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6PM - 8PM
MAY 10TH - FUNERAL
1:00PM

Area Alley Reports

Southeast Regional Report April - July, 2023

by Dale "loppo" DePrima

Spring brings a bunch of Busy Bees Cheerful Clowns. March saw Cheerful Clowns at

- "4 All the People" fundraiser
- Brighton Senior Living Saturday, March 25, 9am-12noon
- Brain Fair for Gathering Place clients and families-Interfaith Ministries

In April:

- Lighthouse of Houston Beeping Easter Egg Hunt
- REACH Unlimited
- Harris County Precinct 3 Zoo Party
- Gathering at Spring Branch Presbyterian

April Our Ongoing gig last Saturday of the month is CAMP PURSUIT

Also Monthly is ST LUKES HOSPITAL

May Clown School Tuesdays and Saturdays thru June and July graduation

West Texas/Panhandle May 2023

by Susan "Tinker" Butler

May 19, 2023
Oops Ally met in February at Kathys's to discuss the convention.
Voncille worked a "Special needs Party" at Coahoma face painting. She also worked several events face oainting including a gun and knife show in Abilene and a gem and mineral show in Big Spring.
Claudett Face painted at the Odessa Country club Easter party. She is clowning regularly at the Rodeo denistry. She has worked may other events.

Linda face painted at the Odessa Country club Easter party. She clowned at the Midland Special needs prom, She has clowned at many events and parties as well as the Springboard reunion.
Kathy is writing articles for Jest for clowns on caring clowns. She is mentoring clowns on line. She has been in contact with other clowns on competion to improve their skills not competing against each other. to improve more entertaining skills and their own skills. Kathy is suggesting a table at convetion to put free "stuff" out. She is also suggesting/ offering a questiong and answer area in the Joey Journal.

South Central Alley Report-- May 2023

by Aurora "Bebop" Krause

At this time in the South Central area I can only report on the happenings of the Jolly Joeys Clown Alley in San Antonio, I have been unable to get further information from our fellow clowns in the Corpus Christi area.

In San Antonio every April the city celebrates "Fiesta Week". This year Fiesta week was from April 19th to April 30th. The Jolly Joeys Clown Alley stays busy during this week by celebrating at local Churches, Day Cares, Assisted Living facilities and of course Fiesta parades. We do our best to bring the Fiesta festivities to those who may not be able to attend the many downtown events. This year we celebrated at these locations with music, comedy antics, balloons, glitter designs and face painting. The Jolly Joeys were awarded 3rd place in the amusement category at this year's Fiesta Week Battle of Flowers Parade. There were over 100 entries in this category alone, our theme was; "The Royal Jesters".

Our Alley meetings are picking up in attendance as we slowing get back to gathering for education and fellowship after the Covid break. We are very grateful for all of our Alley members who have renewed their membership.

North Central Area Report May 2023

by Greg "Zoots" Stanford

Cowtown will be celebrating it's 41st or 42nd birthday in August. They continue to focus on education and developing skills to be better clowns. They have a sign language class at one of their last alley meetings. At the April meeting, Nancy Arent shared a variety of games and ideas for use in nursing homes. They continue to have regular balloon jams at the local El Chicos. They were said to report the passing of Carrie Ray on April 30.

TCA Scholarship

by Diana "Buttons" McCurtain-Talbert

There's still time to submit for a scholarship for the 2023 convention. So far, there have been no submissions! And, we LOVE to support our Texas Clowns' learning and growth. Please review the following documents, and submit! You just might get a helping hand to the next convention!

Requirements for Scholarship

- All applications must be received by the date listed in the current Joey Journal. (See Education Director Job Description for how this date is determined)
- All applicants must be TCA members who have maintained membership for at least 1 year by the application deadline. (Previous recipients must wait two years before reapplying)
- Attach with the application form: A letter of reference from a TCA member who has first-hand knowledge of your clowning abilities & a picture of you in costume & make-up. (Photo will not be returned.)
- It is strongly suggested that the recipient participate in one or more competitions at the convention.
- Applicants must agree to write an article for The Joey Journal regarding their experiences at the TCA Convention they attended within thirty days of the convention.
- Questions for the application form:
    - o How long have you been clowning?
    - o Have you been a TCA Member for at least a year before the application deadline?
    - o What clowning venues are you most comfortable clowning and why?
    - o What clown skills are you interested in developing?
    - o What clown educational programs have you attended in the past two years?
    - o Have you received a TCA scholarship in the past two years?
    - o How will you apply the education you receive as a result of receiving this scholarship?
        - ▪ In your community?
        - ▪ In your alley?
        - ▪ In the service of clowning?
    - o Have you attended a TCA Convention in the past & when?

Deadline for scholarship is postmarked or emailed by June 30, 2023

To download the scholarship application, click the link below or visit the "Forms" menu at the top of the TexasClownAssociation.org website.

TCA Education Scholarship Application

TCA Board Minutes

Date: February 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Call to order at: 6:44 pm - 6:47 pm

Place: IHOP – 2710 State Hwy 121
Euless, TX 76039

Break for Dinner

Resumed meeting 7:27pm_____

√ Patsy McMillan	√ Pam Blacklock	√ Susan Butler
√ Cinde Sanders	√Judy Cornett	X Aurora Krause
√Debbie Davis	√Greg Stanford	X Dale DePrima
X Linda Cooper	X Martha Warren	

Guests:

John (TCA Chaplin) and L J Luce from Cowtown, Darris Cross & Nancy Silver from Memory Makers

- Read and discuss:

  Board of Directors minutes November 11, 2023

  Motion Judy Cornett 2nd: Cinde Sanders Approved: Unanimously

  With corrections of the North East Area Report. Changing name of the second alley combining from Rosey Nose to Happi Tymes

- Treasurer's Report: Debbie Davis

  Amount in Checking: $6629.07 Amount in Money Market: $26,203.53

  Amount in Educational: $5313.36 Amount in Convention: $1,000

  Motion:1st Patsy McMillan, 2nd Judy Cornett Approved: Unanimously

- 2023 Convention Report: Cinde Sanders

  Cinde presented a packet that included the registration form, Schedule, and information regarding ordering Convention Swag.

  - Cinde addressed the Registration fees of $215 until 3/31/23, a Master class that was going to be held on August 2 with a focus on Face Painting and Balloons, and that the Schedule is fluid and will be until Convention.

- Per TCA convention guidelines there will be 12 classes (minimum number). That way the classes can be repeated and everyone should have a chance to attend all of them.
- 18 people had already registered at $185. Cinde said she would talk to Susan re this since it was not offered to the entire convention attendees.
- Vendors would be spread out over the convention where 1-2 vendors would be scheduled per day. Hopefully, this will bring more business for each vendor and encourage the attendees to go to class. Currently, only one vendor is confirmed.
- Cinde is making sure she gets information to Greg to put on the website. Some info is already out there.

- Committee Reports:

  - Ambassador: Jackie Garner
    - Jackie was not in attendance so Patsy asked Cinde to contact Jackie and give her instructions as to process. (JJ article explaining what Ambassador is and how to nominate someone for the award, discuss the deadline, and get info published on the website.)

  - Education/Scholarship: Diana McCurtain-Talbert
    - Diana was not in attendance
    - Diana had been contacted about how to apply for a scholarship. She had sent an email to Patsy to let her know.

  - Historian: Cox
    - Voncille announced that she wanted to give the responsibility to someone else. She will be moving and will not have the space to work with the stuff.

  - Nominating: Elections 2023 - Judy Cornett
    - All current Board members said they would run again for their current seat.
    - Area Reps were not addressed since they are nominated and voted for by their areas (i.e. North Central, North East, Panhandle /West, South Central, and South East)

  - Alley Report Page: Cinde Sanders
    - Cinde asked some questions regarding the new Alley, "DFW Clowns "R" Us".
    - She had intended on submitting the application for Chartering the new Alley but needed to add a few things to the application before submission.

  - Membership Activity including Non-Renewal Reports: Debbie Davis

- Only 7 people had paid their renewals prior to the meeting. John Luce brought in 6 Cowtown renewals.
- There was a discussion that emails and other information had not been updated when renewals were sent in because no applications were completed. It was decided that the Area Reps would contact their covered membership to have everyone complete a new application and submit it to Judy Cornett who volunteered to compare the applications with the database for updates.

Discuss the Spark Plug Award – go over the guidelines and encourage everyone to promote

- Patsy suggested that we discuss the Spark Plug Award and the guidelines for the award.
- She said that the guidelines were not on the website. Greg said he would get them on the site and said he would include the guidelines in the upcoming Joey Journal.
- Everyone felt like we might get more new members if the members were reminded of the guidelines.

- Sunshine Fund: Judy Cornett $241.00

- Area Reports: (just a reminder all Board members are responsible for a minimum of 2 articles per year – deadlines are on or before Dec. 1, Feb. 1, April 1, Aug 1, and Oct. 1

- Website: Greg Stanford
  - Greg continues to add 2023 Convention information to the website
  - He continues to improve the site

- Area Director Reports: (please send a written report of your comments to Linda Cooper and Greg Stanford)

- North Central: Greg Stanford

COWTOWN continues their alley meetings at the El Chicos. Things are going well. They continue to work on gaining new members and encourage missing members to return. Work schedules kept some from attending. They have reached out to older, area high school students.
They utilize members for entertainment and learning at their meetings and also look for those outside the alley for guest speakers/entertainers. They are currently looking for gigs they can do, some of which they've yet to pick back up since COVID closed things down.
They had a bit of excitement when their meeting location closed down unexpectedly at the last minute for a gas leak, but they were able to quickly reschedule at a local Pizza Inn.

- North East: Martha Warren
  - No report provided, Martha not in attendance.

- Panhandle/West: Susan Butler

OOPS ALLEY had a lunch meeting the end of December to discuss a gig at an assisted living/nursing home facility. We also picked (UP?) a special gift donated by Wilma's family.
Linda, Claudette and Voncille face painted at the Odessa Country Club in December.
Susan and Linda attended the Magic Club Christmas party and show.
Kathy is speaking at the Rotary Club in San Angelo.
Claudette clowned at two events in Cairo Egypt. Her puppet is well known over there.
Linda will be greeting for Prom goers at the Special Needs Prom.
Oops alley donated a large box of clown fabric to a quilting guild that makes quilts for people fighting cancer. Much of the fabric was (donated?) by Wilma's family

- South/Central: Aurora Krause

In the SC area TCA is represented by the Jolly Joeys Clown Alley in San Antonio and in Corpus Christ by Danny "Lanky" Kallaja.
My attempts to reach other TCA members in this area did not produce responses other than those in San Antonio and Corpus.
The Jolly Joeys Clown Alley has started the 2023 year with a new slate of Officers. Their first Board meeting in 2023 included discussion on various plans in the works in regards to increasing our Alley's membership.
We had our first general membership meeting this past week and we had very good attendance and great discussion participation. We have several gigs coming up and our biggest event will be our participation in the San Antonio Battle of the Flowers parade in April during Fiesta week.
Also there are four Alley members who will be attending the WCA (World Clown Association) convention in Orlando in March. When we return we will be sharing with our Alley members or experience at WCA.
Below are thoughts/suggestions for TCA conventions from TCA members in my area:

- Shorten TCA convention Thursday thru Sunday
- When attendance is low offer fewer classes that are longer (90 minutes)
- Offer time with the Headliner (example: raffle time w/them)
- No entertainment at awards banquet (dinner and awards only)

I currently don't (have) an update from Danny "Lanky" Kollaja regarding the clown school he had hopes of conducting this February.

- South East: Dale DePrima
  - Not Here

Judy gave the report that Cheerful Clown Alley (CCA) clown school would start at the end of May. CCA is getting more Gigs but not enough volunteers to work them. Judy mentioned that Cheerful only tells Gig requesters that we gladly accept donations for our work and was interested in asking the others in the room if they ask for donations from people requesting clowns and whether or not other alleys did gigs where other entertainers were paid. Some alleys do suggest a certain amount of donation but no one said they ask if there are paid entertainers.

- Old Business:

  Did Toty & Andy get the competition manual translated??? we approved $150 for this
  Cinde said that Rudy Rosales is now translating and when he completes them, they will be given to Gemma Anderson for proofreading.

- New Business:
  - Brenda Marshall was looking over the by-laws for Cowtown. She contacte Patsy McMillan regarding whether or not a Board Member at Cowtown ha be a member of TCA. Patsy had done research regarding the question and us that the TCA by-laws address the need to be a member. Article XI, Sect 2, paragraph1 & 4, states: Paragraph 1 "TCA may grant a charter to a Clow Alley, the effect of which is to recognize the formal grouping.....to better carry out the principles of TCA and the acceptance of which requires the Clown Alley to comply with the Charter, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of TCA." Paragraph 4: "All Clown Alley officers shall be members in good standing of the Texas Clown Association, Inc."
    - All members agreed that the Board Members need to be Members TCA.
    - Patsy said that CCA pays the dues for CCA, TCA, and COAI to encour people to serve on the Board.
    - Patsy will notify Brenda of the Board's findings.

- Other goings-on:
  - Cinde Sanders offers a suggestion of possibly TCA hosting the Convention and inviting COAI to join in.

- Next Meeting(s):
  - Next meeting is May 19, 2023, in Wichita Falls at 6 pm.
    a. Greg will find a meeting location and hotel.

- Adjournment:

  Motion 1st Judy Cornett 2nd Pam Blacklock Approved Unanimously

  Time 9:33pm

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