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- 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.

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#### LAST CALL - MEMORIES AND MUSINGS

For Kay and Andy this issue of the *Joey Journal* is our curtain call. Starting with the next issue the *Joey Journal* will be edited by Greg Stanford. After somewhere between six and seven years, Kay and I are passing the torch. It has been at times, great fun, challenging, and rewarding - but like many things change is inevitable and new, fresh faces take the place of the old and familiar. And so the torch is passed and the tradition carries on.

The passing of one of TCA's founding members, Kay "Klynky" Henry had me reminiscing about her as a fellow clown and friend, TCA over the years, clowning over the years, and change in general. Change is inevitable, even though we oscillate between loving it and hating it. I remember Klynky talking about how much faces and costumes have changed over the years – and for the better. With the help of TCA, classes, and schools we have honed our skills and become better clowns. Costumes and faces will continue to change, even perhaps when we might not want it, because the world around us changes. For example, at some point I will have to change some of my costume because the thin striped cotton jerseys that I like are no longer available. No one is weaving the cloth, and that is just one of those things I have to accept.

The one thing about clowning that won't change is humor. As clowns we will strive to be funny - the skits may change to stay relevant, but the importance of humor, like music, is one of those innate human qualities that, at times, has indescribable power. It is a power that makes life complete, releases tension, and allows us to carry on.

So, *Joey* readers, change is on the way. Support your new editor with articles. Help him continue the tradition.

Bump-a-nose,

Kay and Andy Quittner

#### LAST WALKAROUND - Kay "Klynky" Henry



On Monday, September 24, 2012, TCA lost one of its founding members, Kay "Klynky" Henry. Kay was a friend and kindred spirit to all she met. Kay and her husband Veale attended clown school shortly after

she retired as a nurse in 1981. For a number of years, Kay and her husband entertained many as Wynky and Klynky.

Perhaps more than many, after losing two husbands to cancer, Klynky understood the power of humor and clowning. She really lived her words: "A Christian ought to be happy. It's not a dull way to go. Put on your humor ears and eyes, take laughter everywhere and make life fun. It's never too late to have a happy childhood."

Klynky clowned in hospitals and hospices and she even performed as PJ the Clown for an Odessa public television. Even after moving into a nursing home, friends helped her



put on make to perform with them. Klynky kept her humor to the end and tried to be that bright spot in the lives of others, further living her words: There are so many small things you can do to bring a little pleasure, brighten someone's day or at least make it more bearable." She was truly an inspiration. She will be missed, but not forgotten. (banjo)

#### Monkey See/Monkey Do by Nancy "Bubbles the Clown" Arent

Well we say that children mimic what we do; well here is a tip and a good lesson for all the New & Experienced Clowns.

I was working a school carnival awhile back face-painting. The line was really long, and I was trying to make sure I had a conversation to each child in line. I noticed that the carnival never gave me a bag, can, or anything to put the tickets in, so I just started to put the tickets in the front bib of my outfit.

I was painting for awhile, then here comes the cutest little boy, he sat down in the chair , I asked him what he would like to have, and then I asked for his tickets. He got up out of the chair, and then he proceeded to put them in my bib... I looked up, there was his Dad laughing, and I apologized, but the Dad said Monkey See/Monkey Do... I know I was embarrassed, and I was thankful that the parent was good natured. This could have been a disaster for the carnival and for ME.

We don't want to give any ideas to our guests that we are entertaining that we promote or allow touching. With all the horror stories that we hear, we certainly don't want to hurt the entertainers that do this for a living or a hobby. From that day on, I always have some kind of bag with me. Better safe, than sorry...

Also here is a small tip, did you ever go to a festival, carnival, etc, and noticed that some the little girls have pretty outfits on, and there are leggings or shorts underneath? Well I carry a brightly covered towel or sheet, and cover the legs up... You never know who is behind you watching...

Parents appreciate it, and it makes me feel that I kept them safe while they were in my chair... I think this shows that CLOWNS CARE of kid's safety, even it is only while they are being entertained whether getting face—painted, watching a magic show, getting a balloon, we all need to be on our guard and watch the kids... They need all the extra help we can give them...

Happy Clowning to All



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#### DO YOU KNOW SMILEY?

By: Mauri Binkie Norris

#### Andy **Smiley** Anderson

Over 28 years ago, Andy decided that he wanted to put a smile on the faces of children of all ages. Making people laugh was always a pleasure for Andy. So *Smiley* was 'born' and his first gig was at Andy's church on Father's Day in 1984. Today *Smiley* can be found at birthday parties, Day Care Centers, School Shows, Festivals, Gospel



shows and hospital visitations and volunteering for charity events and with CowTown Clowns Alley. Sometimes it is just *Smiley*, but often he goes along with other local clowns or his favorite clown and his real life partner, his wife of over 44 years Rhea *Sweet Pea* Anderson.

Smiley's favorite clowning events are hospital visitations and walk-arounds with magic and he also enjoys doing balloon sculptures. Andy likes to keep Smiley learning new things and his favorite learning place is at clown conventions. He says you not only learn in the convention classes but just by being around other clowns in the halls and dealer room and at the jams. Also, when Smiley is clowning with other clowns at alley gigs, he is always watching the other clowns to learn new tricks and techniques – even the newest clowns can teach you new things. Andy really enjoys learning from other clowns and especially finds Leon McBryde a fascinating teacher. Andy also teaches clown classes in the DFW area.

Smiley tries to clown every chance he gets; sometimes that is 3 or 4 times in a single week and sometimes it is only once or twice a month. When it comes to his preferred make-up brand, he has tried a lot of them - ProFace, Jim Howle, Ben Nye, and Mehron and he advises that you should just try a few and find the ones that work



best for you. There are lots of choices.

Andy tells a funny story: one day at Baylor Hospital in Irving Texas, while waiting on the rest of the

clown group to arrive to start their rounds, *Smiley* was sitting behind the information desk clowning with the other volunteers when all of a sudden it seemed from everywhere uniformed police and hospital security descended upon me. They walked to where *Smiley* was seated and asked "who set off the alarm?" Not having heard anything and thinking someone was setting him up, *Smiley* asked "what alarm?" The officers clearly were not amused at the answer and explained it was a silent alarm and presumably triggered by *Smiley's* big clown shoe. After an uncomfortable period of suspense the alarm was reset and hospital decorum was restored. As the police officers departed through the hospital front entrance, one was heard to report "you won't believe this but the alarm was set off by a bunch of clowns".

Andy has served on the TCA Board of Directors since 1998 in several capacities including his most recent 4

years as the TCA President. (That's 14 straight years! That's REAL service to TCA!) He remains on the TCA Board of Directors now as the Immediate Past President. He has also helped host several TCA Conventions including serving as the Chairman for the Planning Committee for the 2012 TCA Convention and will continue in that role for the 2013 TCA Convention. Andy considers one of the most important aspects of the annual conventions is the chance for TCA members to be around other clowns and absorb knowledge from them. He tells first time attendees at the TCA Conventions that their cup will run over before the convention is over but later a light will come on at different times when they are clowning and it will be a flashback of something that they picked up at convention.

Andy is a veteran having served in the U S Navy. He was raised in Fort Worth and he and Rhea now live in Hurst Texas and they run a shop selling clown magic and supplies (Kudo's). Andy is also an engraver and makes badges and awards and trophies. They have two sons and two

daughters-in-law and two grandsons and two granddaughters and two precious puppies.

I am very happy
I know Andy and
Rhea. They are
two genuinely
nice people and



Smiley and Sweet Pea are just icing on the cake!

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The new password is: traintrack



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