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a word from the
PRESIDENT

by Patsy “Glitterbug” McMillan

It is that time again when I will be sitting down to put words on paper to really mess with your minds. Wow, hope I don't damage your brains and sensibilities as I attempt make this happen. My word at this time is “**dil·ly·dal·ly** ['dilē ,dalē] which means to **waste time through aimless wandering or indecision** If you could be inside my head you would be screaming for me to settle down and get this over with. So here it is

By the time you get this issue of the Joey Journal, 2023 will be halfway completed and I am hoping you are having a fantastic time presenting your skills and knowledge to make everyone smile. We had our last Board meeting in Greg Stanford's hometown of Wichita Falls which if you read my last letter you would have noticed I said it was my first time visiting there. Don't really know where my brain was that day but I was actually in Wichita Falls for the 2008 convention along with a bunch of clowns. The new game is “Where's Patsy” – let me know when you actually see her.

It seems the Board has kind of let the item of providing membership cards fall through the cracks, and we will endeavor to get this corrected shortly. Cinde Sanders is writing a letter to coordinate with this and Judy Cornett has volunteered to sit at TCA desk at convention to help facilitate every paid member getting a card.

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 upcoming convention will be August of 2023 at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport – be sure to check the TCA website, and be on the look out for upcoming notices from Cinde Sanders and Susan Keys. The next TCA Board meeting will be at the convention on August 2, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room. 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.

I am hoping that you are getting excited about this year's convention and are planning to attend. Can't wait to see y'all soon.



2023 TCA Convention

Headliner

Bungles the clown (Jeffrey Potts)



DFW Clowns "R" Us is excited to announce the Amazing and Talented Bungles the Clown (Jeffrey Potts) as headliner for the 2023 TCA Convention.

Jeffrey Potts is a professional clown with over 40 years of experience. He is known for his character Bungles the Clown and is a "Family Edu-tainer," combining entertainment with education. He is the owner of Learn & Laugh Productions, inventor of Bungles Props and Funny Stuff, co-founder of The American Clown Academy, former education director for The World Clown Association, and current artistic director for the International Clown Festival. Potts is also a skilled prop maker, known as the "Pie-Guy," and enjoys both performing on stage and one-on-one interaction. He is passionate about the art of clowning and loves to share his knowledge.



Jeff is an amazing teacher and mentor. His lectures cover a range of topics related to clowning, such as the ancient art of clowning, the use of puppets, comedy, improvisation, pie throwing, the use of clowning in ministry, skit creation, make-up design, juggling, and more. The lectures are suitable for different audiences and can be adapted to different settings, such as summer library programs, schools, or the lecture setting.



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2023 TCA Convention Schedule August 3-6, 2023 Westin DFW Airport Hotel Irving, Texas

Pre-Convention Master Classes (Wednesday, August 2, 2023)

Special Pre-convention face paint and balloon extravaganza (free with full convention registration and \$75 for day rate participants)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

- 4:00-8:00pm – Registration open – **Foyer**
- 2:00-4:00pm – TCA Board meeting - **Cottonwood**
- 4:30-6:00pm – Teri Stokes décor workshop - **Library**
- 6:30-9:00pm – Christopher Lyle balloon workshop– **Sunnyside**
- 6:30-9:00pm – Kelli Cowart face paint workshop – **Washington Irving**

2023 TCA Convention Master Schedule (Thursday, August 3 – Sunday, August 6, 2023)

Thursday, August 3, 2023

- 9:00am-12:00pm – Registration set up- **Foyer**
- 12:00pm – 4:00pm- registration open – **Foyer**
- 12:00-4:00pm – Competition Sign Up - Foyer**
- 9:00am-12:00pm – Silent Auction Set up – **Sunnyside**
- 12:00pm-4:00pm – Silent Auction open - **Sunnyside**
- 9:00am-12:00pm – Vendor set up – **Red Oak**
- 9:00am-1:00pm – Judges Training - **Cottonwood**
- 12:00pm-4:00pm – Vendor Room open – **Red Oak** – **All American Balloons, Sharon Hodges Face paint supplies and Bronson Chadwick magic**
- 12:45-1:15pm First Timers' orientation – **Library**
- 1:00pm – Balloon Competition sign up closed - Foyer**
- 1:30-2:45 – Bronson Chadwick magic workshop – **Post Oak** (Red nose group)
- 1:30-2:45 – Jeff Potts Skits “R” Us workshop – **Live Oak** (Yellow nose group)
- 2:00pm – Balloon competition single - Mesquite**
- 2:30pm – balloon competition multiple – Mesquite**
- 2:00pm – Face paint competition sign up closed - Foyer**



3:00-4:15pm –Workshop with Kelly Ballagh - **Library** (Red nose group)

3:00-4:15pm –Workshop Your Choice (Yellow Nose Group)

- Teri Stokes balloon workshop – **Post Oak**
- Margaret Clauder Storytelling workshop– **Washington Irving**

3:00pm- face paint cheek art competition - **Magnolia**

3:30pm – face paint full face competition - **Magnolia**

4:30-6:30pm – General meeting – **Live Oak**

6:30-8:00pm – dinner break

8:00pm – 9:00pm - Jeff Potts headliner performance- (“Hey Clown, Do Something Funny”) - **Live Oak**

9:00-10:00pm - TCA board Dessert Social

Friday, August 4, 2023

9:00am-5:00pm – registration open – **Foyer**

9:00am – competition sign up for make-up/costume, skit, performance and paradeability – Foyer

11:00am – all competition sign up CLOSED

9:00am-5:00pm – vendor room open – **Red Oak** – (1) **Bronson Chadwick- magic, etc., (2) All American Balloons – balloons, face paint and accessories, (3) Toty and Andy products from Mexico**

9:00am-5:00pm – Silent Auction open - **Sunnyside**

8:00-9:15am – May Day (First of May costume and make-up workshop) – **Magnolia**

9:15-10:30am – Maricella and her Puppet Friends – Give the Gift of Laughter workshop
Post Oak (Red Nose Group)

9:15-10:30am – Toty and Andy workshop – Express Yourself! – **Live Oak** (Yellow Nose Group)

10:45am-12:00pm - Workshop with Kelly Ballagh– **Library** (Yellow Nose Group)

10:45am-12:00pm – Workshop Your Choice (Red Nose Group)

- Teri Stokes balloon workshop – **Post Oak**
- Margaret Clauder storytelling workshop– **Washington Irving**

12:00-2:00pm – Jose Julio Ortega - Payaso Tilin. – special workshop sponsored by (SSCC) Spanish Speaking Clown Community – On site Box lunch available for purchase – **Live Oak**

2:00-3:15pm - Maricella and her Puppet Friends – Give the Gift of Laughter workshop – **Post Oak** (Yellow Nose Group)

2:00-3:15pm – Toty and Andy workshop – Express Yourself! – **Live Oak** (Red Nose Group)

3:30-4:45pm – Bronson Chadwick magic workshop – **Post Oak** (Yellow Nose Group)

3:30-4:45pm – Jeff Potts Skits “R” Us workshop – **Live Oak** (Red Nose Group)

5:00-6:30pm – dinner on your own

6:30pm – make-up/costume competition- **Live Oak**

8:00pm – performance competition (MC Maricela) – **Live Oak**

9:30pm – Skit Competition (MC Jeff Potts) – **Live Oak**



Saturday, August 5, 2023

9:00am – group photo - **Foyer**

9:30-11:00am- Paradeability - **Foyer** (hosted by Jeff Potts)

11:00-12:30pm - Lunch on your own

11:00-2:00pm - **Chicken Coop (vendor booths available to TCA members for \$25 each – limit 10 booths)– Washington Irving**

11:00am-2:00pm – Silent Auction Last Chance – **Sunnyside**

11:00am-2:00pm – registration open – **Foyer**

11:30-1:30pm – Free Range Chicken Games - **Library**

2:00-3:00pm – Workshops Your Choice

- Improv with Jeff Potts – **Mesquite**
- Face painting with Lindsey Foster - **Magnolia**

3:00-4:00pm – Workshop your choice

- “Media and Me” workshop with Rudie Da Clown– **Magnolia**
- Balloon JAM with Teri Stokes - **Library**

4:00-5:00pm – Workshops Your Choice

- Juggling with Tony Win - **Mesquite**
- Lindsay Foster – learn to draw intricate faces and art on balloons - **Magnolia**

6:00-7:00 - Social Hour (cash bar) – Lindsey and Tony stilt walking greeters - **Foyer**

7:00pm – Banquet – strolling magic with Dal Sanders and Laughter Yoga with Kathy Keaton – **Live Oak**

Sunday, August 6, 2023

9:00-10:00am – Sunday Worship Service – Jeff Potts – The J.O.Y. of Clowning
Irving Lecture Hall

10:00-11:30am – Closing Breakfast – **Irving Lecture Hall**

Notes:

- Thursday and Friday we will split the registrants up into two groups for the workshops – Red Nose and Yellow Nose. This way everyone can experience all workshops provided. Saturday you have a choice of workshops to go to
- **Blue represents the Pre-convention balloon and face paint master classes**
- **Red represents the room where the event will be held**
- **Green represents Vendors**
- **Purple Represents Competition sign up open/closed**
- Highlighted Yellow represents **Competitions**



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Chicken Coop

(In house Vendor opportunity)

Do you want to be a part of the

Chicken Coop

at the 2023 TCA Convention?

You can get a Vendor table for only **\$25**. We are opening a special date and time for TCA participants to bring gently used or new items to sale, trade or donate.

Saturday, August 5th from 11am-2pm is YOUR time. Just call, text or email to reserve your space. First Come First Served. Spaces are limited to 10 vendor tables.

**Cinde "Boopsie" Sanders
214-796-8122
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Convention Swag

This year you will be able to go online and buy your own SWAG for the 2023 TCA Convention.

We have several different designs of Men's and Women's Classic T-shirts, Premium T-shirts, Tote Bags and even a bucket hat...all in a variety of colors and sizes.

Just go to:

<https://dfw-clowns-r-us.creator-spring.com>

Order your swag today. It is a great way to advertise the Convention and remind your fellow clowns to make plans to join us on August 3-6, 2023.





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Featured Presenters

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Kelly Ballagh

“Corporate entertainer, clown, actor, comedian, artist, and all-around good guy”



Kelly Ballagh – Growing up in California, Kelly was a very shy kid. Nobody who meets him today believes that, but he swears it's true! Then came the slow, progressive slide into the comedic arts. First came art.

Kelly would spend Sunday mornings in church drawing whatever came to mind inside his sketchbooks. He chooses to think that it was divine guidance at work. God does work in mysterious ways, right? Then, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus came into the picture. During his travels Kelly met some Ringling clowns, who saw the potential "clown" within him. Long story short... Kelly was offered the chance to literally "run away and join the circus", and he did! During his 3-ring career, Kelly eventually became Boss Clown for the Red Unit, training, managing, and organizing all the clowns on the show. That's right... I said "organizing" clowns! You think herding cats is tough? Today Kelly is a corporate entertainer, clown, actor, physical comedian, artist and all-around good guy.

<https://youtu.be/FTcQdSqWaoM>



MARICELA AND FRIENDS

“Give the Gift of Laughter”

Born and raised in San José, Costa Rica, Maricela Carelock began singing, playing the twelve-string guitar, and writing songs at an early age. She has been in the United States since 1989 and as a mother of eight, Maricela soon discovered that she was created to inspire joy, hope, and love in the lives of others. Based out of Carrollton, Texas, Maricela has traveled across the globe entertaining, inspiring, and educating both children and adults alike with her uplifting songs, ventriloquism, and joyful puppets. Maricela's bilingual shows encourage good morals, love, friendship, respect, health, obedience, excellence, and self-esteem. She has written songs for every occasion and her friends –the puppets-- are almost REAL!

<https://youtu.be/t70L3c17nT8>



Toty and Andy

El Duo Toty y Andy saben entretener a toda la familia con diversion cirquense pura y comedia infantil en donde los niños tendran mucha risas y una experiencia unica

Toty and Andy are clowns originating in Mexico City. They specialize in family entertainment for all types of events, from Schools to Corporate events and from Television and Live Circus. Toty has been studying and working as a professional clown for two decades and before that worked with the Mexico City Children's Theater in acting, dance and clowning. In 2011 Toty won the award for Clown of the Year by the TCA (Texas Clown Association). Andy has been working as a clown since the age of 3 alongside his Dad. Andy is versatile with many talents. He plays the trombone and trumpet and is a great juggler. He has won many awards with his talents and skits. The Duo has performed with the Carson & Barnes Circus and the Shrine Circus. Throughout the years, they also have won many awards at the TCA conventions in the categories of costume, makeup, and skits. The clown duo knows how to entertain the entire family with pure circus fun and kid-friendly comedy and bring laughter and unique experience to the community.



Balloons with Terri Stokes



Terri Stokes is a certified balloon artist from Kingwood, Texas with over twenty years of experience. She is an international award-winning balloon artist, a face painter, a professional balloon instructor for Qualatex Balloons and a professional clown.

Teri is a past winner of "All around clown" at TCA and she loves traveling, friends, competing, and transforming a room with her art. You can find Teri's masterpieces in the lobby of the hotel during the convention and learn from her mastery in workshops and JAMS.



Bronson Chadwick

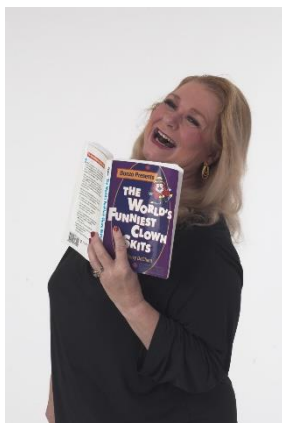
Hocus Focus: The Organic Approach to Magic,



In his brand-new lecture, Bronson teaches how to perform truly remarkable magic for family audiences and how to create your own magic that is unique to your clowning character so you'll never be handicapped in performing "pre-packaged" presentations. While a native Fort Worthian, Bronson has worked extensively across the United States and abroad. Bronson and his wife now reside in sunny Midland, Texas. To date he's entertained over 1,000,000 people.

<https://youtu.be/CBihlkH3OIk>

Storytelling with Margaret Clauder



Margaret Clauder is a costumed storyteller, which means she assumes a character in which to tell her stories. Her characters varied but they include: Mother Goose, THE Bookworm, Masai Maggie, Mother Nature, Singing Bird the Native American, Patchy the Scarecrow, Mrs. Claus and more. Not just a storyteller, but also a puppeteer, ventriloquist, comedian and magician, Margaret will weave all of those skills into her program as she engages her audience and keeps them laughing with her comedy. She has performed for schools and libraries all over Texas and has also toured the US many times.

<https://youtu.be/2WS1BXqGEzI>



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Master Balloon Decor

Hands on balloon decor development with Teri Stokes
4:30-6:00pm



Master Balloon Art

"The Yellow Suit Experience with Christopher Lyle."
An interactive experience in balloon creations from a leader in the industry
6:30-9:00pm



Master Face Painting

Bring your paints and Geek Out with instructor Kelli Cowart
6:30-9:00pm



Teri Stokes



Christopher Lyle



Kelli Cowart



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THANK YOU, CINDE





DFW Clowns “R” Us Alley Update

by William “Wee-Bo” Beaty, Alley President

Soooo, who the heck are the DFW Clowns “R” Us???? Well, I’ll tell ya! The past few months Mid-Cities of Irving, and Happi Tymes of Arlington did a trial run to see how we could work together to gain membership, and be a better, stronger alley! I have to say it has been a huge success!

Membership from both alleys have been rocky the last few years, and many of our members have retired from clowning, and/or passed away. We finally decided it was time to merge!

We have really been pushing recruitment for new members, and as time goes on we hope to use technology, social media, and a fresh new website to pull in fresh blood! Recently, our alley had a clown school, with the intention of teaching them, in order to teach others the art of clowning. They were incredible, and so much fun to work with. Them and a few new members from our alley shared many great ideas we hope to implement after we wrap up the convention.

BTW, IF you haven’t already, don’t forget to sign up, and bring your friends, family, and strangers!!! There are some very talented presenters, a chicken game session, unique vendors, as well as master classes on day 1! Take a look at the schedule if you haven’t already, and I’ll see ya’ll there!

I believe there is still a strong need for clowns in our local communities, and there are people that want to fill all those empty spots. We just need to know where to look, and get word out that we still exist!

Keep pushing your alleys! Clowning may be changing, but it will never go away!

