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From the President

Jay Anthony

Hello and Happy New Year.

It's just about time to start getting ready for our next convention. How time flies!!! In 2008 Sherry is out-doing herself. The theme is Pirates. Think about misguided Colorado River pirates and you'll be ready.

I'm sure all know that this is my first year as President. I didn't realize Lea's shoes were so large. There seems to be something to do all the time. Now that I'm starting to see all that has to be done, a simple thank you is really not enough.

We all missed Denise Bachis this year. She has done an incredible job as our treasurer. She will stay on as our New Mexico Rep. I hope she'll be able to join us at the Riverside very soon.

I will never be able to understand how Sherry and Candy managed as well as they did. They've done so much for WRCA. Both will be back next year serving in other capacities. Sherry will give us an over the top Theme Party. She was already working on 2008 before the last one was over.

Steps are underway to sign headliners that will have everyone shaking their heads and saying **WOW**. How Yvonne and Suds keep finding us top talent and vendors falls into the category of miracle.

With people like Joel, Willie, Joyce, Gerrie, Fred and Dennis, my job will be a breeze. I want to say thank you to everyone who helps us put together the "best convention" anywhere. With everyone doing what they do best, we'll continue to be number one.

See you in the movies!

Jay Anthony

From the Vice President

Matt Akers

Hey there, what an awesome conference. I don't think I slept more than four hours a night the entire week! Thanks for voting me on the board. I promise to do my best. For those of you who don't know me, here are a few tidbits. I ran away and joined the circus at 16 – OK, with today's laws my mother had to sign a permission slip. I had two years with the Bentley Brothers Circus, then took a small break to investigate other parts of life – this would be when I met my wife. I did one more tour with the circus and then settled down to family life. My wife and I have six children (if you call that settling down) and an entertainment business that includes clowning and magic as well as other children's party entertainment items.

My passion is for good old-fashioned slapstick, skit style clowning. If I can lift the burden of another and let them forget their troubles for a little while and smile, my mission in life is complete.

As Vice-President, part of my job is to head up the Don Fetherston Junior Joey Scholarship program. With this in mind, I'd like to encourage those interested to apply for the coming convention. The application and the details can be found on the web site <http://westregionclowns.org/sclorform.pdf>. Please apply; it gives me a chance to get to know the next generation of clowns. The best way to preserve our craft is to pass on our knowledge. Applications can be mailed to:

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Death is life's way of telling you that you're fired.

Registration News
Judy Anthony

Registration has become a fun part of the convention. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with stuffing goodie bags, cutting string for neck badges, giving out packets, cashiering, manning and womaning the Banquet seating chart, answering questions and making everyone feel at home. New clown tours of the hotel even got rave reviews. Thanks to State and Area Reps for showing off your territories. Did you like the goodie bag cups?

One of my favorite responsibilities during the convention is providing drawing numbers for various door prizes. The final drawing is at the Banquet, when we give away registrations for the next convention.

This year's winners were:

Free 2008 Registration and Free Room –
Elizabeth Brown

Free 2008 Registration –
Edith Stanfield and Ron Edwards

We will be in touch so they get their prizes.

We will spread out more next year. If you have any suggestions for registration night or goodie bag items, email or call me:

judyanthony3@cox.net or 602-279-8008.

Utah Rep
Tom Butte

We had 18 people from Utah at the WRCA convention in Laughlin. This included clowns, family and friends. I think a good time was had by all. It was fun dressing as a group for the theme party. We would encourage other groups to do this.

Because last year's event was such a success, we will be hosting our second annual Klown Kollege on Saturday, Feb. 5th from 9 to 5. The Utah Jesters have also decided (with pressure from Candy) to put in a bid for the national COAI convention in 2010. It has not been in the west for a long time. We will need the help from our WRCA friends to make it successful.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over for most of you, but not for the Utah Jesters. We always hold our Christmas party in January. It is a lot more fun to do it after the hustle and bustle of December is over. Clowns can be very busy during the Holiday season. It is always fun to see the expression on someone's face when you tell them in mid-January that you're headed to a Christmas party.

Tom Butte

From the Editor

Merrily we roll along, roll along from 2007 right into preparation for the 2008 WRCA convention. As has been said by many "bigger and better...."

I want to thank everyone for their help and suggestions on improving the Klatter. The late-breaking news can be found on your web site. <http://westregionclowns.org>.

Send me email at jayanthony3@cox.net. Call me at (602) 279-0888. If you just want to talk, use the same email and telephone number. The next Klatter should be in the mail by early June.

A computer beat me at chess one time, but it was no match for me at kick boxing!!

A friend is someone that reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

A girl phoned me and said, "Come on over; there's no one home." I went over. No one was home.

A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.

All sunshine makes a desert.

From the Secretary

Kathy Cornell

Howdy and Happy New Year!

I certainly hope your holidays were happy and healthy.

Last year's convention was as awesome as ever, thanks to all the hard work of our Founders, Officers and Organizers. I especially wish to thank our retiring officers Lea, Candy, Sherry and Denise. Your dedication and diligence have been greatly appreciated. I am proud to be a member of this exceptional organization and I consider it a privilege to serve as your new WRCA secretary. I am also happy to announce to you that my husband has taken on the role of Arizona State Representative. It is our goal to give something back to WRCA, as we have received so much.

On that note, I encourage you to start planning for this November now. Squirrel away a little money each month and make a shopping list so you'll know how much spending money you'll need to take with you. We have a Pirate theme planned, so get those creative minds working on a costume for the theme party. WRCA is way too much fun to keep to ourselves, so consider inviting someone new. I already miss your beautiful clown faces and I can't wait to see you all again in November.

Giggles and Grins until then,
Your sister in clowning,

Kathy "Dusti" Cornell



Southern California Rep

Ann Larson

What a wonderful convention we had in November! Everything ran sooo smoothly. Let's hope everyone took home something new to wear, use, or an idea to try out. I thought the banquet dinner was simply delicious too.

Thank you so much to the out-going officers for all their hard work, and congratulations to our talented new board. If I don't get in touch with your alley this year, please contact me so information can be updated. Lots of people (and new clowns) stop by the registration tables and look at alley information in the books.

Happy New Year!

Ann (Ana-Banana) Larson

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A bargain is something that you don't need at a price you can't resist.

Merchandise Chairmen

Carol Butte

Hi everyone,

The merchandise sales went well this year. We have sold enough so we will most likely order a new color next year. Most of the people I talked to requested black or yellow. I had a few people talk to me requesting Jackets. If we decide to order a nice jacket, because of the much greater expense, we would need to know in advance how many to order. So it would probably be on the registration form. What are your feelings? What color of shirt do you want? What style of shirt, T shirt, polo shirt, raglan? What other merchandise would you like to see? When I get your feedback, we will make a decision.

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Arizona Rep
Russell Cornell

Ahoy Mates,

I'd like to introduce myself to you. I am Russell Cornell, otherwise known as Wing-Nut.

I'm the new Arizona State Representative for W.R.C.A. I trust you all enjoyed the convention this year, as did I. It truly was out of this world. Now that we are back down to earth, it is time to start thinking about November. Also there will be a state wide gathering for a new Children's Entertainers Network (C.E.N.), sometime in early May. Please email me for more information. Now you swabbies get out your parrots, peg-legs, and eye-patches. Empty out your old trunks for the bounty of treasure that you're surely to find at the Riverside in November 2008. It's never too soon to start saving your doubloons, so you will be able to pillage the (SS-WRCA) for all she's worth. Here's hoping you had a bounty of blessings during the holidays. Thanks to all the Founders, Officers, Directors, Teachers and Vendors for making this year's convention a smashing success. See you in November.

(Your Navigator of Nonsense)
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Colorado Rep
Molly Kleeman

Wow!!! I am so very honored and flattered to receive the Bunny Hug! WRCA has been instrumental to my clowning career. So much of whom SKiDDLES is and so many of the things she does came from classes at the Riverside. I really wish there was a way I could give each and every one of YOU, whether you're an attendee, instructor, officer, or founder, who make WRCA what it is, an award. I owe much of my success to all of you. Thank You.

What a great bunch of classes we had. Several periods I wanted to take several classes at once. I hope those of you that attended my classes, got something useful that you can make your own.

We had a great group of clowns from Colorado this year. Congratulations, not just to the Colorado winners, but to all of you who came whether you competed or not.

Be sure to tell all your friends what a great time you had learning our craft, and invite them to go with you next year!

Hope your holidays were safe and happy!
Molly "SKiDDLES" Kleeman

Laughter is a smile with the volume turned up.

Puzzles

What do they mean?

ME REPEAT	LOV	I'M you	GO ItItIt
GR 12" AVE	AALLLL	Dribble Dribble	Running Home
INSULT + INJURY	BAD BAD	MathThe	Thought An

To find the answers to these puzzles go to the WRCA web site at <http://westregionclows.org>

New Mexico Rep
Denise Bachis

Since I wasn't able to attend the convention this year, I've had to depend on those who did to fill me in. From what they've said, it was a success and a good time was had by all.

I'm glad we had a good showing from New Mexico and hopefully more can attend next year including Nick and I.

We have a new board so let them know what you would like to see at next year's convention. That's how we grow and get better...with your input.

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COOL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos are posted on the website of the individuals that did not already place an order.

The website is
www.printroom.com/pro/coolphotography

The photos are password protected. If you scroll down to "clown competition" and click it, it will ask you for a password. The password is "funny". After viewing their photos if anyone would like to place an order they have to call me, I can't take orders off the internet. As soon as I receive a check their order will go out.

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Past President
Lea Wheeler

I am still flying high over our last convention. My hat is off to all the winners recognized and to all the winners that were not recognized. If you walked away from the convention with learning a new balloon sculpture or face painting or how to make people laugh and feel good, then you are a big winner.

Often times, some of our most prized members go unnoticed or worse yet, taken for granted. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job that Sherry Ralston (our Theme Chairman) performs every year. We have the best theme parties of all the conventions and it is because of Sherry and her organizational skills and imagination. Thank you, Sherry, for another year well done.

Our upcoming convention should surpass even this last one as the lineup of instructors will be unbelievable. So start saving your nickels and plan on coming back in November.

My deepest appreciation to you all for my last 4 years as your president. It could not have been a success without all the dedicated and hard workers that make up each convention. I thank you all.

Luralea (Cupcake) Wheeler,
Past President



Los Angles Rep
Joyce Payne

Hello Fellow WRCA-ers,

Well it happened again....a GREAT CONVENTION!! Lots of fun, growth and fellowship and I sincerely hope that all who attended got as much out of it as I did.

Now...on to the New Year! I am most optimistic about the coming year. I believe that our new "board" is both capable and enthusiastic about bringing our organization to new heights in clowning, and I am eager to see them in action and to contribute to their efforts in any way I can.

As I expect a fresh perspective from the board, I am also expecting the same of myself. I don't mean anything as cliché as a New Year's Resolution, but I will begin this year by auditing and re-evaluating the "who, what, where, when and why's" of my clowning. I hope my introspection results in a focus that better serves me, the art of clowning, and most importantly, my clowning public.

I invite each of you to do the same, not only in your clowning, but in all your endeavors. Again, not a "resolution", but a self-audit with plans for actions that ensure a perpetual process of growth and development. Because as the old saying goes, "When you're green you grow and when you're ripe you rot."

Until next time!
Joyce Payne

How did you like the Banquet? We thought the food and service were better than ever and plan to do another like it this time. We have a plan that improves the ticket / meal choice logistics to make that easier, too. Any comments or suggestions? Call Judy at 602-279-8008.

Southern Nevada
Dollie Circle

Calling all clowns from Southern NV!!
(And any or all other areas around- even Area 51, ha, ha!) I'd like to introduce myself for this coming year as your new So.NV representative for WRCA. My name is Dollie Circle (really!) and my clown name is Dollie-Wollie. (Yes, again, really!) I have been clowning for about 12 years now and I haven't missed a WRCA convention for the past 10 years. (Yea! Again, super "really"!!)

I am hoping to serve all our clowns (old and new) well this coming year. I will be giving you all the upcoming info and updates about clowning at our 2008 WRCA convention in Laughlin in November. So save the date!

If anyone has any questions, I'll surely try to get them answered ASAP for you. My phone number is: 702/434-6871 and my email is: dcircle@cox.net. Hope you are all planning early and saving \$\$ to attend our fabulous 2008 convention. Our theme party is to be anything "Pirate-ty," har, har! So let's get busy and be creative. Guaranteed fun!!! Till next time....

Bump a Nose & Har-de-har-har,
Dollie Circle aka Dollie-Wollie

From the Treasurer
Candy Will

I'm so excited about being a part of the Western Region Clown Association! I've been attending the convention every year since 1997. I am also the South West Regional Vice President for Clowns of America International and now also the newly elected president for the San Diego All Stars Clown Club. I really believe that being involved in any organization is the best way to be able to help fellow clowns by being "in the know".

2007 WRCA COMPETITION WINNERS

BALLOON COMPETITION

SINGLE BALLOON

1. Jennifer Pilcher, Winchester, CA
2. Ryan Farewell, Phelan, CA.
3. Clara Salazar, El Centro CA.

MULTIPLE BALLOONS

1. Jennifer Pilcher, Winchester, CA
2. Megan Murphy, Woodland, CA
3. Bob Disler, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

MASTER BALLOONS

1. Sharon Neilson, Kearns, UT

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOON AWARD

1. Jeremy Johnston, Mesa, AZ

JUNIOR JOEYS

MULTIPLE BALLOONS

1. Arthur Serrato

PARADEABILITY

VISUAL CLOWN

1. Karla Medeiros, San Juan Capistrano, CA.
2. Erica Krochmalny, Oregon City, OR
3. Kaye Wade, Studio City, CA

WORKING CLOWN

1. Rosemarie Ballard, Bonita, CA
2. Robert Fitch, Hoffman Estates, IL
3. Barb Mamrod, West Seneca, NY
3. Cynthia Johnston, Stockton, CA

SKIT COMPETITION

SINGLE CLOWN

1. Trudy Richardson, Rocklin, CA
2. Selma Bukstein, Laguna Woods, CA
3. Lorraine Bauer, Alden, NY
3. Brenda Walden, Grants Pass, OR

MULTIPLE

1. Janet Bausman, Lafayette, NY
2. Lorraine Bauer, Alden, NY
2. America Bustos, Norwalk, CA
3. Barbara Kaare-Lopez, Denver, CO

MASTER CLOWN

2. Rosemarie Ballard, Bonita, CA

MAKE-UP COMPETITION

JUNIOR JOEY

1. Zac Beach
2. Angel Velazquez

SENIOR

1. Ann Guenther, Laguna Woods, CA
2. Lorraine Bauer, Alden, NY

AUGUSTE

1. Robert Fitch, Hoffman Estates, IL
2. Joe Shelton, Rio Rancho, NM
3. Kathy Schmidt, Lakewood, CO
3. Robert Ramirez, Canyon Lake, CA

WHITE FACE

1. Karla Medeiros, San Juan Capistrano, CA.
2. Laura Narvaez, Los Angeles, CA
3. Jose Luis Vargas, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

CHARACTER CLOWN

1. John Joseph, Arlington Heights, IL
2. John Lorne, San Diego, CA
3. Karen Burrell, Chippewa Falls, WI

MASTER CLOWN

3. Rosemarie Ballard, Bonita, CA

FACE PAINTING COMPETITION

FULL FACE

1. Carol Turman, Round Hill, VA
2. Stacey Anderson, Grand Terrace, CA
3. Jennifer Pilcher, Winchester, CA

TATTOO

1. Roger Johnston, Mesa, AZ
2. Stacey Anderson, Grand Terrace, CA
3. Carol Turman, Round Hill, VA

AIR BRUSH

- Roger Johnston, Mesa, AZ

Pictures of Competition Winners can be viewed at:
<http://westregionclowns.org/winner4.html>

Make-up Competition Winners

Auguste



Robert Finch

Senior 1st

White Face



Karla Medeiros

Senior 2nd

Character



John Joseph

Junior 1st



Ann Guenther



Lorraine Bauer

Junior 2nd



Zac Beach



Angel Velazquez



BAD PUNS

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

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I am looking forward to the Treasurer position, as I have been treasurer for the Funny Business Clown Club of Orange County California and also the bookkeeper for the Cedar Creek Inn Restaurant where I live in San Juan Capistrano, California, since they first opened in October of 1996. Being the South West Regional Vice President for COAI, I know what it means to be there for the membership and I will do the same for WRCA, being a part of the board where the “best of the best” clowns attend!

Candy “Butterscotch” Will

How many of you believe in telekinesis?
Raise my hand.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Northern California Rep
Kelly Martinez

I am very honored and excited about becoming your Northern California Representative. My family and I had an incredible time at the 2007 convention. We enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting many new friends too. I hope everyone went home with lots of new ideas to incorporate into your shows.

Northern Ca, I need your help. Please send an email about yourself, your clown meetings and any special events you are planning. I would like to start a newsletter keeping us all up to date on what the clown world has to offer in Northern Ca!

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2008.

Kelly Martinez / Kelly the Clown
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