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From the President

Jay Anthony

Hello and happy sailing. I've heard that the Colorado River will be overrun by "river pirates" this year. But not to fear, the high sheriff in charge of looking out the window will maintain order.

I am looking forward to what should be a great convention. Once again there will be something for everybody. Duane Laflin, Harry Allen and Suds will be giving us a few pointers on prestidigitation. Mama Clown will share with all of us and on Twister Tuesday we'll have a special guest twister. I could go on and on about the upcoming convention and trust me I will. After checking the line up and the parties, I'm wondering if anyone will get any sleep.

Let us know if there's someone you would like to see as an instructor at WRCA. We'll do our best to get the best.

For the latest on your convention, go to <http://westregionclowns.org>. You'll be able to get the latest news and updates there first.

I have to go now. Judy wants me to take a walk and she said she's done polishing the plank.



Los Angeles Rep

Joyce Payne

Hello fellow WRCA-ers,

I have always encouraged everyone to try new performance venues; yet I have yet to address one of the major hindrances to stepping out into those new "stages" of development, that is "STAGE FRIGHT"...or "glossophobia". One of the most important elements in overcoming stage fright is to know that it is normal and a manifestation of your desire to do well. Here are a few quick tips to managing and eventually conquering stage fright:

1. Breathing is essential (breathe deeply and in regular rhythm).
2. Exercise your large muscles (shake out your arms and legs, relieve your neck and back by stretching and rolling your head).
3. Eat or drink wisely prior to your performance (avoid sugars, caffeine, alcohol and nicotine).
4. Preparation is the best cure for stage fright. It is only what you do not know that will cause you anxiety.

I hope that each of you will have the opportunity to test these tactics. Overcoming stage fright is the prelude to my topic for the next issue "showmanship".

And a reminder: Duane Laflin is scheduled to lecture at our November convention. (IMO) He is the best example of showmanship and stage presence. I hope you all begin your planning now to "treat" yourself to his brilliant lectures and performances.

Thinking with my HEAD, clowning with my HEART,

Joyce "JOY" Payne

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Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.
When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane and going the wrong way.
Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

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Registration News
Judy Anthony

Time marches on, and as all living expenses have gone up, convention expenses have too. Our registration prices changed a little this year to be able to keep our convention high quality. Nevertheless, we are still a great bargain. Our early discount price is still under \$100, and hotel rooms are available at probably the best price in the country for a clown convention. Here are more details:

Full Convention registration price includes WRCA membership, classes, competitions, shopping at our vendors, activities, parties, awards banquet with entertainment and Klown Klatter newsletter (3 issues per year).

Adult pre-registration discount is \$95 per adult if postmarked on or before 9/1/08. After 9/1/08 and at the door, full registration is \$120.

Registration for Juniors and Teens (age 6-17 by 11/9/08) is \$50. This price is based on age, not classes taken. Some experienced young'uns choose to attend adult classes, which is OK with us. All Juniors and Teens need to check in with our Junior Program Director, Gerrie, regardless of which classes they choose to attend. Several scholarships are available for Junior Joeys. Go to our website (<http://westregionclowns.org> "Fetherston Scholarship") or contact our Vice President Matt Akers for an application.

Application must arrive no later than Sept. 15th.

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Northern Nevada Rep
Sharon Gohlke

Hello Nevada Clowns,

Well I finally got caught up. I got a computer and I'm trying to see if I can get it too work. First, I would like to welcome Dollie Circle aka Dollie-Wollie for agreeing to be the Southern Nevada Rep.

A lot of people do not realize, Nevada is as long as California. At the convention, when someone asked me what state I was from and I said Nevada, they would think I didn't come very far, but in fact, I traveled 10-12 hours to get to the convention if I drove. So again a big thank you, Dollie, for helping with Nevada.

If anyone out there would like to chat with Sparkie from Nevada, my Email address is: Sparkietheclown@peoplepc.com. I will close for now. I hope to see all WRCA clowns at the convention.

Come up to my table and say a big hello. Have a big and great year.

Sharon R. Gohlke/Sparkie the Clown
Northern Nevada Rep.

From the Editor

The 2008 WRCA convention is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to talking to everyone. Trust me I can do it, with a little time left for an extra dessert.

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 October.

2008 Headliners



Duane Laflin



Mama Clown



Harry Allen



Pricilla Mooseburger

From the Secretary

Kathy Cornell

Ahoy there, fellow wonder-wits! The S.S. WRCA has already set sail and is about to embark on the high seas. Arr salties, does ye have yer costume ready fer ye pirate theme party? Are ye bringin' some new mates on board? Does ye have yer plunder shopping list all made out? November may seem far off but she'll be here before ye know it. Be sure to register early 'cause the money you save may buy you a new clown nose. From up here in the crows-nest I can tell you this year's gonna be another truly amazing convention. So don't miss it! I can't wait to see all your beautiful clown faces.

Giggles & Grins
Kathy "Dusti" Cornell

P.S. Hey Joel we'll be bringing you
chocolate!

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Day Passes are available; however, people attending on a day pass are not eligible to compete or for door prizes.

And for those who have family coming to Laughlin but not attending the convention, we offer banquet tickets for guests for \$35 each.

We received so many wonderful compliments last year, we are going to do our "sit-down" banquet again, with waiters and three great menu choices.

There's a flyer in this newsletter. Need more? Go to our website at:

<http://westregionclowns.org>

FYI - REVISED REFUND POLICY for early registrations:

1. To get a refund, you must make a request in writing or by email.
2. All refunds are subject to a refund fee.
3. Refund fee is \$25 per PERSON if request is RECEIVED BEFORE the first day of the convention.
4. On or after the first day of the convention, the refund fee is 50% of the amount paid. Requests must be received by 11/30/08.



Southern California Rep

Ann Larson

Wow, in just a few months it will be time to think about participating in the November convention and it just gets better every year. It's not too early to start putting together a costume for the pirate theme party either. And, something else to think about - if you have never competed, maybe this would be a good year to stretch yourself and try a skit, makeup, paradeability, etc. Everything different we do as clowns enriches our character's expertise. Check out the rules on the WRCA website and go for it! Of course, everyone should be participating at the Hobo Stew. This is a wonderful venue to try out something new.

We are going to have a super convention. See you there.

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Utah Rep
Tom Butte

OH MY HECK

173 days a couple of hundred hours and a whole bunch of seconds. And it will be time for the greatest family reunion, I mean clown convention, in the area. The group from Utah looks to bring a lot more than last year. It will be great to see everyone from last year. And it will be a pleasure to meet the new joeys from all over the country. So don't forget to pack your clown stuff like balloons, face paints, costumes, make up, balloons, yourself, your neighbor, your friend, your dog, cat. Well maybe not your cat, but please bring plenty of people. I know our officers have been working their socks off to make this a fun filled week for all of us. Hope to see you there and have a wonderful clown summer.

Your Utah Rep
Tom SAMMY "T" Butte

Arizona Rep
Russell Cornell

Ahoy Mates,

Ahoy Arizona,

As your new Arizona area Rep., I look forward to getting to know all of you better at this year's convention. I will have some bounty bags for you, so be sure to stop by the Arizona State table after registration. We need more pictures for our Arizona State album, but if you don't have one handy, I'd like to take one of you when you stop by my table. I also would like to know if there are any new clown alleys in Arizona as well as what the old ones are up to. Have an awesome Arizona Summer and I'll see you this fall in November, on the (S.S.-WRCA).

(Your Navigator of Nonsense)
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ACTUAL BUMPER STICKERS

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.
Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.
I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
Warning: Dates in calendar are closer than they appear.
He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
You're just jealous because the voices talk to me.
Just because everyone's out to get me doesn't mean I'm paranoid.

Colorado Rep
Molly Kleeman

Klatter Time Already???

Have you been as busy as I am this spring? My phone has been ringing off the hook. Of course, this isn't all by accident. After winning some awards at a recent clown convention, I wrote a press release about it. Because of this, I was featured on the local NBC affiliate news stations website for about 24 hours and in addition to the story, they had a link to my web site! PURE GOLD! I was also mentioned in an article by Denver Post Columnist Bill Husted.

Now, I don't know much about press releases, but after just a short time on the internet I was able to determine the proper format and also some great ideas about how to word it and make it newsworthy. So even if you haven't just won some awards, you may well be able to come up with a newsworthy press release that can get your phone ringing!

OR . . . you can start preparing now to compete at WRCA this November and then write about your own awards!

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New Mexico Rep
Denise Bachis

Less than 6 months away...Are you ready? It sounds as though this will be another great year of learning, fun and entertainment! Start putting that money aside and encourage your fellow clowns and other entertainers to attend. There is something for everyone at WRCA. Check out the web site and pass it on to others. Our alley has learned and grown so much. We have such a great time and our clown family has grown so much by attending. We are all planning on another great convention.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. If you know of any New Mexico clown-related education happening, let me know so I can pass on the information.

The local magic shop sponsors some great magic shows. There's a group who gets together doing balloons once a month...what a great way to learn. I know the libraries have some fun programs for the summer also.

Hope to see all of you there!!!

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Past President
Lea Wheeler

Hidee Ho my WRCA family,

This finds me packing and moving to Oregon. I will let everyone know our new address as soon as we know. I am really looking forward to the convention. I am hoping to be able to bring some Oregoneons into our family of fun.

We leave for Roseburg, Oregon on the 19th of May with Dick driving the packed down van and I get to drive the Prius with our 14 year old, toothless cat. Wheeeee!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in November...it should be another fabulous convention.

Love to you all,
Lea (Cupcake) Wheeler,
Past President, WRCA



Quotes

When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick.

George Burns

Getting older is no problem. You just have to live long enough.

Groucho Marx

A word to the wise ain't necessary -- it's the stupid ones that need the advice.

Bill Cosby

Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect.

Steven Wright

Always do whatever's next.

George Carlin

The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby.

Natalie Wood

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Southern Nevada
Dollie Circle

Har, Har, Har'd Har!!!! Calling out all you hardy clowns from Southern NV.

Come join us this year for the latest and greatest in education and in finding any new items we may need from our vendors. We'll be having a great time at our pirate theme party. Meeting new friends (and our old ones too) is always a highlight of our conventions.

There is going to be a great slate of entertainment, lecturers and vendors scheduled just for us. And believe me our bored, oops, sorry, board is hard at work planning our convention this year (as always).

I will be giving you all the upcoming info and updates about what's happening with our 2008 WRCA convention as I receive it. So

save the date! November 9-13, 2008. Get your bags ready and don't forget your theme party costumes! I hope you have gotten some good ideas by now.

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 on attending our fabulous 2008 convention. Guaranteed fun!!! Till next time...

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

