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From the President

Jay Anthony

It's that time again. Another year and another convention and another week with my clown family. I look forward to our time together. It'll give me time to catch up on everything that's happened over the last year.

I'm very impressed with the job everyone's done in preparation for this convention. A lot of work has been done by many people. I'm sure this year's convention will be as good as or better than any of the past conventions.

Suds has lined up a fantastic group of vendors this year. If you need it, you'll find it here this year.

We've an all-star lineup of instructors that are ready to teach us everything they know. The instructors will be teaching everything you need to add to your skills in clowning.

Are you ready for the Theme Party? I wonder how many Johnny Depps will show up! I'm wondering what Sherry has put together for us this year. Every year seems to be better than the year before. Make sure you give her a hardy hand shake for a job well done.

With classes all day and jams all night, it'll be a wonder if anyone gets any sleep.

I'll see you real soon,
Be Happy,

Jay Anthony

The last thing I want to do is insult you. But it IS on the list.

Vice President

Matt Akers

Here we are. It's time to raid and pillage those pirate props, jokes, and gags, pack your bags and PARTY! I know some old tricks are coming out of the treasure chest along with a new twist.

Almost time for 2008 and I'm looking forward to this year's convention for lots of reasons. Last year Lea Wheeler asked me to help with guided tours around the casino for the newbies; I thought, well, what the heck. So I put on the Happy face and what happened next was incredible. I took 3 people around the casino showed them the classrooms, food area, etc. Then we ended up at the Starview room for questions and answers. These newbies (all very neat people) kinda became my groupies. Being new to convention, they felt comfortable coming to me and asking anything about convention all week long. I bet I made friends for life doing that; it was the top. I got to do for others what Yummy and Upstairs did for me in 2k. So if you want the biggest pick-you-up ever and you know the layout of the building, put on your outfit and make-up (better to be dressed for this one) and show up at 5 o'clock. Catch Jay Anthony or me in the Starview room and take newbies on a tour. I promise it will make your week even better than ever before.



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It's not who you know, it's whom you know.
Marriage is not a word. It's a sentence.
Gargling is a good way to see if your throat leaks.

Treasurer
Candy Will

Hi WRCA Members!

This is your WRCA Treasurer getting ready for a great convention coming up in November and this year's theme is PIRATES! Now anyone who knows me, knows how much I love PIRATES! I'm really looking forward to seeing old and new members come and take advantage of the many wonderful classes and headliners who will be at this year's convention! AND I be lookin' fer all ye scurvy dogs that be attendin' the Pirate Party and all Pirate festivities, cause that be the Pirate way! So make sure to say HI if you see a crazy looking lady pirate clown walking around, cause that just may be me....

ARRRGGGHHH!

Candy Will
WRCA Treasurer
Butterscotch the Clown
AKA Cap'n Scutterbotch

Theme Party Chair
Sherry Ralston

Hi All,
I hope you are planning to attend the Convention this year. I look forward to seeing all my friends, and making new friends too. I know things have been tight money-wise with all of us this year, but don't forget, by going to the Convention, you will help your business to learn new ideas, see and buy new products, and network with people in your area. Don't forget to keep your business fresh. Every convention, class, and Jam that you go to helps your business, so don't think it is just all fun and not worth it. It is well worth it, and is a part of training for your job just like many businesses do.

This year we have a great line up of Headliners!! Just look at them all on the Web page. I am sure this means we will have some awesome classes to choose from, and many great Vendor Rooms as well. Yeah, I hope to go to more classes this year too, and be more free to hang out with all my friends. The convention is a great trip for me to get away, learn more for my business, stock up on Face Paints, Magic, etc., and have a ball with all of the great people there.

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If a man stands in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?
There are 3 kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't

Southern California
Ann Larson

Ahoy to all my red-nosed friends (and noseless others). Need a new nose? Our upcoming convention in November is THE place to find one. Along with Jay (thanks, Jay), I am looking forward to all the "prestidigitation" Harry Allen and Suds can teach me. The kids always seem to guess where my red sponge ball went!

Join the fun on theme night, but remember, all really sharp swords will have to be checked at the door. Bring money, or plastic - the wonderful vendors will love you. This is the time to replenish supplies or buy something new to liven up yourself or your act. Please stop by my table on Sunday night during registration and say hello.

Ann "Ana-Banana" Larson
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Jr Joey's
Gerrie Farrer

HELLO JUNIORS and TEENS,

It is that time of year again. I can't wait! I hope you had a great year. I know I did.

Just thought I'd let you know. I am working on some great classes. I want to know what classes you would like to see. Also, if you are coming to the convention, are you new or coming back?

Please e-mail me. My e-mail is happyildarling@embarqmail.com. Just e-mail me and let me know how you are doing!!! I would love it.
Keep Smiling, Happy Lil' Darling

Save the whales: collect the whole set.
A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
If man evolved from apes why do we still have apes?
Heck is where people go who don't believe in Gosh.

Southern Nevada
Dollie Circle

Here, Here! It's getting closer!!! The sun is setting on the yardarm, all you Pirates--clowns too. Come one, come all, we need you to enjoy the most wonderful convention on Earth!!!! Er, well, at least the Southwest Desert, har, har! I have started my pirate costume and I'm thinking about what to pack already.

The schedule is to be up on our website around October 1st. So watch for that date and you'll be getting a better idea of what's in store for us this year.

www.westregionclowns.org Yea, -can't wait!!!!

So until November, work hard, think harder, pack tight (i.e., skits, ballooning, make-up, costuming, etc) and I'll see you in Laughlin when we'll party-hardy and study-nutty at the Riverside Hotel November 9-13th. If you have any questions, please email me at dcircle@cox.net or call 702-434-6871. Please come to the Southern Nevada reception table upon checking in and sign our Nevada guestbook. And I'll have some other goodies for you too. See ya.....

Your shipshape shipmate,

Dollie-Wollie

REGISTRATION GUIDE
Judy Anthony

Hello to all who will attend the 2008 Convention.

Anyone attending class(es) must be registered either for the full convention (\$120 for adults, \$50 for juniors age 6-17) or for a Day Pass (\$50 per day, \$25 for juniors). It's best to register in advance by mail (check or money order - use registration form or flyer at our website) or you can at the door (cash, check or money order). **Sorry - no credit cards.**

Everyone starts the convention in the Starview Room. **Registration times are from 5 to 7 PM on Sunday, Nov. 9th (best) or Monday or Tuesday from 7 to 9 AM.** Please let me know by November 6th if your arrival won't let you check in at one of those times (Judy Anthony, 602-279-8008 or judyanthony3@cox.net).

The full convention price includes the banquet. Your packet will have a banquet Voucher that you need to trade for a ticket showing your menu choice. **Select your seat on the table charts and mark your table number on your ticket during registration, no later than Tuesday at 9 AM.** Guest banquet tickets will be sold for \$35. **If you won't be attending the banquet, PLEASE return your Voucher to registration or give it to someone who will use it.**

Discount tickets for the Riverview Buffet restaurant will be sold Sunday night and Monday and Tuesday mornings at the registration desk. If you have Buffet tickets left over, we will buy them back at the same price.

Colorado

Molly Kleeman

Ahoy!

Once again, the summer has rushed by and it is very nearly time to pack up your eye patch and head for Laughlin! I can't wait to meet you or see you again, matey! I think the pirate theme will be fun.

Did you celebrate National Clown Week? While I've been very busy with several projects for a BIG upcoming Denver event (ask me about it!), I did take time one

evening to promote National Clown Week. I have a cute little car, with my balloon art airbrushed all over it, and so I made up some printable magnet sheets that read "International Clown Week Aug 1 - 7," put one on each side, picked up Debi "Ditsy" Carpenter and we headed out to the Golden Super Cruise www.goldensupercruise.com. While I don't see the August pictures yet,

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Past President
Lea Wheeler

Hidee Ho fellow clowns and friends,

We are all excited about this upcoming convention. There will be something for everyone, new clowns, old clowns and all of those in between, and I mean clown age, not people ages.

We had lots of new clowns last year and they surpassed many of us oldies. It is amazing how much can be learned every year and I am really looking forward to learning more.

On a more personal note, my husband, cat and I have made a life changing move to Roseburg, Oregon, and are in the process of purchasing 7+ acres with a home. We are excited to see trees, deer, wild turkeys and green. Quite a change from our 22 years of being desert rats in Yuma, AZ. We enjoyed those years and are looking forward to enjoying the next 30 years here in Oregon.

I'm looking forward to seeing my WRCA family in Laughlin.

Yours, Lea



SHUTTLE FROM LAS VEGAS AIRPORT

Call Tri State Super Shuttle for reservations at 800-801-8687. You must tell them you are with the WRCA Clown Convention to get a special discount rate of \$39.95 each way between Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada.

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Ditsy and I were also there in June and can be seen on page 6 of the June pictures. My car was getting a new clutch *{o(during the July Super Cruise or we would have been there then as well.

On August 17th my alley held our summer picnic, and we were delighted to have Rosemarie Ballard stop by as she was passing through on her cross-country RV trip. The alley provided fried chicken and the rest was potluck, which was delicious. After lunch we played with bubbles, played a very fun name-game, and then Rosemarie taught a fantastic class about movement and how it can help you in your clowning. We had the best participation for Rosemarie's class that I can remember having for anything in the last several years. SHE WAS WONDERFUL!!!

I really want to help you put your best foot forward this year, so be sure to stop by and see me!

Your Pal,

Molly "SKIDDLES" Kleeman

Plan on being in Denver, March 16th to 21st, 2009 for the World Clown Association Convention!

YOU'LL BE MISSED



DON "HOMER" BURDA
1935 - SEPT. 11, 2008

Northern California
Kelly Martinez

The WRCA Convention is almost here! I love this convention and my whole family and I start planning for the fun times months in advance. We have made the convention a yearly family event by getting together once a week to write and practice skits with my children and our friends. We enjoy bringing new people each year so they can learn how wonderful it is to be in the clown world.

The convention has a large variety of classes offered with some of the best instructors. I encourage everyone to take as many classes as possible. You will learn so much in such a short time that your head can possibly explode with all your new knowledge!

There are so many things to do in Laughlin other than the clown events. Take a few hours and visit Oatman, check out the wild donkeys, shop in their gift stores and even catch a "shoot-out" right in the middle of the street! The Riverside has a great car museum; you can check them out and dream or maybe even buy one! Take a ride in the evening on the water taxi and see all the casinos with their lights twinkling in the dark.

WRCA has a Jr Joey program that is incredible. Our children have a great time learning clown skills from delightful instructors as they enjoy making new friends and building their confidence.

I am especially proud of the WRCA for their awareness of our members with special needs. My sister has attended many times and is treated with respect and kindness. She works so hard practicing so she can enjoy the thrill of competition. I would like to thank the WRCA for making this possible for her to participate in our events.

I hope everyone is able to come this year. We have amazing talent within our members and we can learn from each other. The "jams" at night are not only for learning how to face paint, juggle or learn a new balloon, but it is a great way to make new friends that understand our love for the art of clowning.

I encourage everyone to attend. This is a week you will never forget!

Kelly Martinez
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Secretary
Kathy Cornell

Howdy fellow frown extractors,

Did you know that there's a mile in every smile? It's true that smiles go a lot farther than frowns, so thank you all for spreading so many smiles around. That reminds me, it's almost time to fill up those smile tanks again. That's exactly what WRCA is about, replenishing you with the best smile fuel money can buy. And one tank will last you a whole year. Together friends, we can stamp out frowndom one smile at a time.

This is my 7th year in a row at WRCA and I find myself as excited this year as I was at the first one. So I had to ask myself why? I suppose that I am like that wide eyed child who sees a clown in a crowd and is immediately drawn to that marvelous clown magnetism. So how could I possibly resist over 300 of you? I truly treasure the kinship we share. I sometimes feel like a lone fish in the sea until (come November) I spy a school of fish just like me. Boy, I must really miss you guys a lot, cause I'm getting all sentimental and corny.

What I'm really trying to say here is that YOU are what makes WRCA special. It just wouldn't be the same without each and every one of your precious little fish faces. OK, I admit it, I've been watching "Finding Nemo" but I really do love you guys. Hope to see you ALL there!

Giggles & Grins until then,
Kathy "Dusti" Cornell

P.S. Don't worry Joel, we won't forget the chocolate.



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Utah **Tom Butte**

Will shiver me timbers,

It's that time again. Where we all come and dock at the Isle of the Riverside and tell are tells of are great voyages we all had during the year.

The Utah Jesters had another klown kollege which was somewhat successful. And the way things are shaking down, it looks like we will have a few more people than last year attending. ARRRRRRRRRG.

Just think. In a couple of hundred thousand seconds we will all be together at a fun-filled clown convention. Why we might even see someone jump from the plank, I mean learn something new or create something new. But make no bones about it, we will discover the great buried treasures of the deep and one part of that treasure is each of you.

Because with you we will all have fun in sharing and caring in the things we like best, and that's our skills in makeup, balloons, face painting and juggling or whatever. Hope to see all you land lubbers soon.

And may you make it safely to Laughlin.

Your friend in clowning,
Tom "Sammy T" Butte

If you spread out all the sand in North Africa, it would cover the Sahara Desert.

Los Angeles **Joyce Payne**

Its anticipation.... and reservations time! This year will be a special one for me personally, because we have over a dozen new clowns from the Los Angeles area who are making this their first clown convention. Most of these clowns are a product of our clown school taught by co-instructors Judy Fullenwider, Evelyn Silverman and myself. So look out for our team of new, excited and inquisitive faces!

Another treat this year is having Norm Barnhart appear as one of headliners. He is a multi-talented performer and most importantly a wonderful teacher. I hope you all get to see how he incorporates balloon animals into his magic show. We are in for a unique pleasure! I also hope you get to check out his website, NornBarnhart.com, and read his amazing bio.

And the final thing that I am always the most thrilled about, THE THEME PARTY!! I can't wait to see the Electric Slide...done pirate style!

So, great lecturers, entertainers, all those vendors, new clowns to meet and greet and a theme party, who could ask for anything more?

Don't miss this and tell a friend!

Competition Director
Joyce Quisenberry

Hello WRCA people,

I can't believe it's that time of the year! I need to put on my convention hat and get things going. Right now I am lining up the judges and ordering the plaques. I am leaving the rules the same as last year but want input to revise them for next year. So now will be your chance to let me know how you feel about any rules you would like to change or at least argue your point. Also, we will be moving the tramp/hobo category to the same time as character, so if there are not enough in hobos, we can move them into the character category. So start practicing those skits. Do it in front of some kids if you get the chance and ask their opinion, but be ready for their answer. If they aren't laughing, the judges probably won't either.

Questions? Call me (951)781-4379

So until we meet again,
see ya in Laughlin!!!!
Joyce Q

Hard work never killed anyone, but why chance it?

Northern Nevada
Sharon Gohlke

Hello Western Region Northern Nevada clowns!!

Sorry, but my computer got something nasty, called a virus. So I won't be able to talk to you guys by email.

I hope you got your registration in for the upcoming 2008 convention. This year's theme party is pirates. If you have never been to one, you need to come and have lots of fun. Sherry Ralston is in charge of the party and she knows how to throw a party! If you do not have fun, then it's your fault. A big kudos to Sherry. I have been coming to the convention for about 13 years, and just when you think it can't get any better....

They have vendors that bring lots of supplies,

Arizona
Russell Cornell

Ahoy again Arizona clowns,

This is yer shipmate Wing-Nut here. I know I promised bounty bags at registration this year, but I decided to keep the loot for myself. Arrrrrrrr! Alright, I'll have treasure chests for ye scally-wags instead. So be sure to stop by the Arizona table after Registration Sunday Nov. 9th so that I can take yer picture for our before and after section of the Arizona photo album. Then ye get yer plunder. If ye could bring me yer clown picture for the "after" section of our album, I would appreciate yer generosity.

Now pack up yer gear and meet me here on the S.S. WRCA. If yer not here we'll Shang-hi you and make ye walk the plank. Ah what's the use? The sharks won't eat ya cause everyone knows that clowns taste funny. So don't ye miss the boat!

Your Navigator of Nonsense
Russell "Wing-Nut" Cornell
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so bring the green stuff (money). Plus they have classes, so come to learn, and if you are a veteran clown like me, you can help new clowns. I always try and learn 1 or 2 new things to bring home with me.

There is not enough paper or time to tell you of all the enjoyable things at the convention, so just come and see for yourself. So, for now, goodbye, see you at the convention. Make sure you stop by my table and say a big hello to Sparkie from Northern Nevada.

Sharon "Sparkie the Clown" Gohlke
Northern Nevada Rep.

Karaoke is Japanese for "tone deaf".
What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
Strip mining prevents forest fires

KODAK MOMENTS

DO:

1. Do mark your camera, film containers and discs with your name and home phone number.
2. Do create and practice a "pose."
3. Do remember that light sources, like windows, should be behind the camera, or the contrast may ruin the picture.
4. Do ask if you can take a photo of someone's costume, props, balloon creation, etc.
5. Do be willing to stop and be photographed; use your "pose."
6. Do take some candid shots (in good taste).
7. Do wait for the competitor to leave the stage and judging area for photos.
8. Do ask an instructor if you can take pictures or videos.

DON'T:

1. Don't forget your camera!
2. Don't take pictures in the casino gaming areas.
3. Don't take anyone's picture if they say no.
4. Don't call a person then "flash" their eyes.
5. Don't stand in front of others without checking for other photographers.
6. Don't disturb the competitor or judges during judging.
7. Don't take shots from too far or too close (most stage shots will be too far).
8. Don't video classes or shows without the consent of the teacher or star.
9. Don't ask to use the "official" photographer's backdrops and props for your photos.
10. Don't block aisles with your equipment (tripods), and make sure your cords are not a hazard.

2008 WRCA CONVENTION PACKING LIST

CLOWN STUFF

HAT, HAIR, GLOVES
 GLOVE EXTENDERS
 COLLAR, SHIRT
 SOCKS, SHOES
 PANTS, BELT
 SUSPENDERS
 BLOUSE, SKIRT
 DRESS, BLOOMERS
 PETTICOAT
 (or put on shopping list)

MAKEUP KIT

WHITE, COLORS
 ROUGE, GLITTER GEL
 MASCARA, EYELASHES
 NOSE, JEWELS, GLUE
 POWDER SOCK
 BABY OIL
 BABY SHAMPOO
 COTTON SWABS
 PAPER TOWELS
 NAIL POLISH

PEOPLE STUFF

HAIRBRUSH
 TOOTHBRUSH & PASTE
 CLEAN SHIRT
 CLEAN SOCKS
 DEODORANT

AWARDS STUFF

FANCY DUDS
 (not formal)

COMPETITION STUFF

PARADE PROPS
 SKIT MUSIC
 SKIT SCRIPT
 SKIT PROPS
 BALLOON PUMP
 BALLOONS
 SMALL SCISSORS
 NEEDLE & THREAD
 SAFETY PINS (just in case)

CONVENTION STUFF

NOTEBOOK, PEN, TOTE BAG
 CAMERA & FILM/MEMORY STICK
 BUSINESS CARDS
 SHOPPING LIST
 CHECKS
 CHARGE CARD
 BALLOONS
 FACE PAINTS, BRUSHES
 JUGGLING BALLS
 QUARTERS

MISSED MEALS

TRAIL MIX
 POPTARTS
 TUNA LUNCH KITS
 CHIPS
 SODAS

THEME PARTY

PIRATES. BE YOUR FAVORITE
 SCALLY - WAG.

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New Mexico

Denise Bachis

Wow, I can't believe it's almost that time again. I am so looking forward to the convention this year, especially since I was unable to attend last year. I missed all my friends, the learning experience and, of course, all the fun!

I've already heard from several friends and new acquaintances that are planning on attending. For those who haven't touched bases with me, please do. I'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions that aren't answered on the web page or if you just want to chat, give me a call or e-mail.

Let's get together at the convention and talk about what you've been doing with your clowning and entertaining.

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This year we are going to have a great Theme Party! I don't think I have to explain this year what to wear. Pirates, it's easy! So, don't come without a costume or we might make you walk the plank.

Hey, don't forget about all the Jams every night. We started Face Painting at the Jams too, so bring both paints and balloons with you. We want everyone to come Jam with us no matter what your skill level is. If you feel intimidated, don't – someone there will help you learn. We all started somewhere, and all of us are still learning. That's what the Jams are all about. The Hobo Stew is also a great place to practice what you have learned. If you are in Clown costume and volunteer to Face Paint, make Balloons or do Walk Around at the Hobo Stew, you get in for free! See you all soon, and don't forget to bring your Balloons and Face Paints.

Keep up the laughter!
Sherry "Lollypop" Ralston