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From the President  
**Candy Will**

WOW!! It's almost time for our next WRCA convention! I am getting excited about seeing everyone again AND we have lots of fun planned for everyone! 30 years, can you believe it? There are some surprises in store and we have changed up our Open Mike Night to "WRCA'S GOT TALENT". So make sure you have something to present for that night, as we will have some very "WACKY" judges to make it a fun and crazy evening. Have you gone down your checklist for all the items you need to participate? If you are a balloonist, make sure you bring balloons and your pump. There will be so many balloon classes it will make your head spin! If you are a face painter, bring your paints; you won't want to miss all the classes we have in store. We have so many different classes, it will be a very educational convention, and if you plan to compete, this is the place! Bring your costumes, make up, balloons and face paint and come and show off. We look forward to all the entertainers coming, old and new, and we are always looking for and listening to new ideas, so bring those too! This is going to be a GREAT convention!

See you all soon!  
Candy "Butterscotch" Will  
WRCA President



Los Angeles Rep  
**Joyce Payne**

Hello All WRCA Los Angeles Area Members!

This is my first Klatter article since assuming the WRCA LA Area Representative position. I'm glad that the WRCA recognizes that LA is a unique place in which to clown and needs more personal representation. In future articles I would like to address topics that are specific and unique to Los Angeles. That would include any information or suggestions I may offer to you all as well as information any of you would like to share with other LA members.

I do look forward to seeing you all at our 30th anniversary convention in November! My personal favorite part is the theme party. This year's theme is "Super Heroes and Villains." I will also be lecturing on "Public Speaking with Poise, Power & Pizzazz" and "My Puppet/My Partner."

Since the Klatter is only published 3 times a year, I would like to invite you all to contact me at any time. If you have information or remarks to share or if you have a question that I or another member may be able to answer, please contact me by email [joytclown@gmail.com](mailto:joytclown@gmail.com) or telephone (323) 779-5770.

See You There,  
Joy

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I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.  
When chemists die, they Barium.  
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.  
How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

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Theme Chairman  
**Sherry Ralston**

Hi friends,

We are getting ready for another great convention, and can you believe it is the 30 year celebration?!! Wow, I was not there from the beginning, but have been attending for at least 24 years or so. I can't imagine not going, it's something I look forward to every year. I love seeing all my friends as well as hanging out with them. We get to come together and learn new tricks of the trade in great classes, at the jams, and just hanging out together. If you have never attended this convention then you are in for a real treat! We have the best convention for clowns and family entertainers that I know of. If it is your first time, get ready to have a great time, stay up late, party, learn, laugh, and make a lot of new friends. This convention is jam packed with things to do, so don't plan to sit in your room and read, ha, ha. If you don't know anyone, just start up a conversation with someone. Most of us are like a big family, and would love to see you have a great time with us. So don't be afraid to let us know it is your first time. We want to see you have as much fun as the rest of this crazy bunch.

As your Theme Party Chairman again, I am excited to see all the great costumes you all come up with. It is so fun to see the creative ideas you have! I am so happy to be a part of one of the highlights of our convention, and think it is so awesome that we get such great participation in everyone dressing up. It's evident you all love to party!!

If you would like to help by supplying decorations and decorating a table for the "Super Hero and Villains" Theme Party, please let me know. This was such a great idea by Kelly Martinez last year, and I am stealing it from her for this year, thanks Kelly! If you supply the decorations and decorate a table, you may reserve that table for you and your friends. That way you know you have a table for you and your friends for the evening. So far no one has responded, or I don't recognize your email. So, if you would like to participate in decorating for the "Super Hero and Villain" Theme Party, please text me at 951-544-8975. I get so many emails it is just easier to have you text me so they don't get lost, thanks. If you have any questions please text me also. I will be out of the country on vacation until Oct. 5th, so best to wait until then. Thanks!!

See you all soon friends!!  
Sherry "Lollypop" Ralston,  
Theme Party Chairman

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**BALLOON COMPETITION CHANGES**

To modernize our balloon competitions we are moving away from the traditional timed competitions and limitations, and shifting emphasis to "Display" sculpture competitions ranked by size, and to 5-minute timed "Working" balloon competitions. We hope to have an information page on the website soon, but meanwhile for more information send an email to [wrcaballoon@gmail.com](mailto:wrcaballoon@gmail.com) and I will reply with a more detailed information page. Thank you,

Fred Harshberger, Balloon Competition Chairman



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## 2015 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 SCRIPT  
SKIT PROPS  
SKIT MUSIC  
BALLOON PUMP  
BALLOONS  
SMALL SCISSORS  
NEEDLE & THREAD  
SAFETY PINS (just in case)

### CONVENTION STUFF

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

### MISSED MEALS

TRAIL MIX  
POPARTS  
TUNA LUNCH KITS  
CHIPS  
SODAS

### THEME PARTY

SUPER HERO AND VILLIANS

## 2015 Featured Performers/Instructors



Abbit The Average a.k.a. Jeff Abbit combines hilarious magic and juggling with physical and prop comedy.



Earl Chaney "Mr. Clown" was a Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey clown and one of our first WRCA members.



Donna Hofstee is a fabulous face & body painter and teacher, owner of the family entertainment business All Ways Entertainment.

## From your Registration Chair - October 2015

In a few short weeks, we will be meeting again for our 30<sup>th</sup> family reunion of the Western Region Clown Association (WRCA) convention being held again this year at the Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort, Laughlin, Nevada – November 8-12, 2015. The fee for this year's convention is \$160 for adults and \$50 for Junior Joeys age 6-17 by November 8, 2015. I want to remind you that our early bird special has ended. We also offer \$65 Day Passes for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday classes and workshops.

I would like to thank the many of you who took advantage of the early bird special and booked your convention registration before the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. This really helps us in seeing how the convention is going and providing funds that we need to spend before we meet in Laughlin.

**Please note that you will receive an acknowledgement from me by email or snail mail that your registration has been received and processed within 10 days after you sent in your registration. (Snail mail may take a little longer).**

**Please bring your acknowledgement form to the registration table and present it to the area rep who is at the table when you pick up your packet.**

**Please let me know if you do not receive your acknowledgement in a timely fashion. This will eliminate problems at the convention.**

**Please add [RegisterForWRCA@gmail.com](mailto:RegisterForWRCA@gmail.com) to your address book.**

Go to our website at [www.WRCAConvention.org](http://www.WRCAConvention.org) and select "registration." Then fill out registration form and SAVE with a new name or print before closing. This year again you will be able to pre-order your buffet tickets at \$8.50 for breakfast or lunch and \$12 for dinner or anytime.

### **On-line Registration**

Once again we are allowing you to use your credit/debit card to pre-order your registration and other items such as your buffet tickets. Just select "Register/Pay online" under "registration". NEW this year, we now accept credit cards not only at the convention but also to order jackets and t-shirts online. Our merchandises are now on-line and can be found under the "More" button. Another new item in our merchandises page is our membership badge for \$10.00 made by Rocky Five. Order these new badges online and you will pick them up at the convention. See the website for additional information. We are using PayPal as our credit card processor. A little note about PayPal. There is a convenience fee on some items when using PayPal. So that's why you will notice a different price on the "On-Line" order page. NOTE: You do not need to have a PayPal account to use PayPal. Just click on "Pay with a debit or credit card", or mail me a check and avoid the fee.

**Online orders only:** After filling out the application form, make sure you submit the application before beginning your order.

WRCA's Got Talent is a new event being held on Wednesday night November 11, 2015. See additional information elsewhere in this issue of the Klatter. Just like the Theme party, any person not holding a full convention credentials such as Day Pass or spouses not holding a yellow wristband will need a ticket for the WRCA's Got Talent event at \$10.00 at the convention. If you pre-order and want a theme party and a WRCA's Got Talent ticket, just put 2 under theme party and tell me in the notes section.

Either way, if you are planning on attending this year's convention, it's a good idea to pre-order your convention packet now. In this way your registration packet will be waiting for you to pick up at your area rep's table. October 26, 2015 is the last day to mail in your registration in time to reach me. (Note: Keep in mind that I live in California. So allow time for your mail delivery.) However, you can still register for the convention using our online service until Wednesday November 4, 2015 in order to pick up your registration packet at your rep's table.

So mark your calendar and plan to attend the convention on November 8-12, 2015 and visit us on our new website at [www.WRCAConvention.org](http://www.WRCAConvention.org). Well, that's it for now. I hope to see you November 8-12 in Laughlin.

Dennis "DENO" Owens

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Southern California Rep  
**Rosemarie Ballard**

Hi WRCA Clowns,

Life for me has not been much fun lately. I shattered my right wrist in early August during a performance and have not been able to mime or Clown since. Boohoo! The one good thing that has come out of this setback is I have learned I have a lot of support and wonderful friends. It is awesome being a member of such a great community. I should be good to go by convention and I am excited to share another anniversary. Hope to see you there. I am planning a fun routine for staff on stage.

Rosemarie Ballard

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Competition Director  
**Joyce Quisenberry**

Hello People!

Well Convention is right around the corner! Please let me know if, and what you are planning on competing in. I am still not sure if we will be holding Face Painting competition because we still do not have enough commitments. Also I would love to know if you will be competing in Performances...what the heck if you can let us know what you will be competing in that would be great!!!! You can call me at 951-781-4379 or email me at bubbles.clownconnection@yahoo.com.

Thanks,

Joyce Q- Competition Person :0)

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A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Vendor Chairman  
**Rick Farewell**

Hi Ya All, Crickit here chirp chirp chirp, oh well I guess that pretty much only works in person. Which is the way we get to see each other pretty soon. Can't wait. Wow the 30th year.

Just a reminder, this year all the vendors will be up in the Starview not in the pet rooms like the previous years. Sooo don't go into a room in the East Wing or you may find yourself face to face with a big dog instead of one of your favorite vendors.

And as always, we have great entertainment lined up for this year. Not to mention the Super Heroes and Villains Theme Party. Darn! I just mentioned it. Anyway, don't forget your cape & utility belt.

One last thing, we will again be having the Silent Auction on Thursday Evening during the Banquet to benefit WRCA's special programs. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it with you.

See you soon, Crickit  
760.868.8682

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Education Chairman  
**Kelly Martinez**

For the past 2 years, I have been assisting Lea Wheeler, the WRCA educational director. I am very happy to announce that I will be taking over her position. Lea Wheeler has guided and prepared me very well for the role of education director. This position is full of challenges, so I have decided to share the role of education director with Candy Kirkley. Together, we will work hard to bring quality instructors and educational classes at our Family Entertainers convention.

At the convention this year again you will be able to purchase your buffet tickets at \$8.50 for breakfast or lunch and \$12 for dinner.

**Riverside Buffet**

**Meals Served:** Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

**Hours:** 7am - 2:30pm;

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Fri - Sat 3:30pm - 10pm;

Sunday Champagne brunch 7am -2:30pm

**Regular Buffet Price Range:** UNDER \$15.

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**Any buffet tickets (not BANQUET tickets) that you do not use can be sold back BEFORE the general membership meeting ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON ONLY, from 1:30-2:00 and at the CLOSE of the meeting (ESTIMATED 3:30 PM).**

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Arizona Rep  
**Joan French**

My news is from the Red Hot Clowns.

We have moved our Alley to Happy Trails, Surprise AZ. We have 40 members, which includes 6 new graduates.

Looking forward to our next show, "Make Me Laugh" in January. Our last show was performed in our Ballroom with over 600 people in attendance! We were "HOT!"

Joan French aka Sassy



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# **SUPER HEROES & VILLAINS Theme Party**

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others.

Secretary  
**Lorretta Dietz**

Bam! Pow! Bang! It is Superhero theme for  
this year's convention. We on the board  
have all been very busy planning for this  
year's convention. I hope you are all going  
because this is our 30th anniversary and it  
is going to be fantastic!

I am new to the board this year, but have  
attended the WRCA convention for the past  
six years and wouldn't miss it for anything.  
Hope to see you all there!

Lorretta Dietz  
WRCA Secretary

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I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a  
play on words.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.