

# The KLATTER June 2018 # 2

Rosemarie "Wower" Ballard Editor

Hello FAVE,  
It's summer! Time to ramp up the hydration, make plans to keep as cool as possible for those summer gigs.



Nothing ruins a gig faster than a melting entertainer. So remember to pack extra water, go through your costumes and attire and make sure you are summer ready.

When sending out contracts or letters of agreements, be sure to add close parking and if working outdoors, plenty of shade for you and your audience. These little reminders assure you and your audience will have a great time. Party on and enjoy your summer entertaining.

Just a few mentions regarding this years FAVE convention, our focus this year is puppets. We will have classes and workshops as well as a Great Headliner, Yoly Pacheco. Yoly is an amazing bi-lingual ventriloquist. She will be teaching as well as performing at our Banquet.

Of course we will have lots of classes. It's so great to be a Variety Entertainers Convention. We are able to laugh, work and play together.

Keep Watch, our website will be posting classes and instructors soon.

Please get your registrations in and book your room. You won't want to miss this years fun!

See you soon,

Candy"JellyBean" Kirkley

President/Education Director FAVE

## Kelly Martinez Vice President

Hola my FAVE amigos!

Make sure you get plenty of siestas so you can have fun at the fiesta themed FAVE convention!

The Junior Joey program is something very special, because its not a daycare service. Its all about skill building, and team building. The joeys get some of the same classes and instructors as the adults do, but they get it in their own class so they learn in a way that works best for them. We are teaching them to be professionals at an early age. Gerrie and Katheryn really do an amazing job prepping the joeys to perform on a professional level. I'm always amazed at the skill and passion the joeys develop in just a few days. Let your joeys learn while you learn, too! If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for a junior joey, please contact me. Lets make the next generation better than us!

There will be a newcomers class on Sunday. We encourage everyone, especially newbies, to come and get an overview of the FAVE convention. It will be the ONLY CHANCE to ask questions! Just kidding. It will a great place to ask questions, and help map out your FAVE journey. After the newcomers class, the hospitality rooms, (that's plural!) will open with snacks, activities, and friendship! (I know that was cheesy) See old friends, and make new ones! The hospitality rooms will be sponsored by the San Diego All Stars Clowns. We look forward to feeling like an all star with them.

ALL FAVE AREA REPS:

I will be contacting each and every one of you to help us create the experience that will be FAVE 2018!



# FAVE



Secretary Dennis Owens

We want everyone to remember that this convention is put on by volunteers. We all invest a lot of time, effort and money into making this a great convention for all attendees. The board you have right now has worked very hard to make it the best it can. All the hard work of the committee chairs, area reps, instructors and helpers is what makes our convention great and we thank them.



Several of you have volunteered to help us for 2018, and we thank you. If you also have a skill you would like to share with us, or you're just a novice and want to help on a committee, please send us an email to [VolunteerForWRCA@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerForWRCA@gmail.com) or visit the website and let the board know. We would love to have your assistance and expertise .

**Want to Be a Part of a Great Convention**



**Please send us an email to VolunteerFor-WRCA@gmail.com or visit the website and let the board know.**



**WRCA Treasurer—Candy “Butterscotch the Clown” Will Hello WRCA/FAVE members!**

As your treasurer I would like to ask you all to encourage all entertainers you know to come to our convention. Not only is it good for the classes but the camaraderie too! We are half way through the year and I'm looking forward to another convention at our newest place, the Texas Station! I am also excited about catching up with old friends and learning some new techniques along the way! Who says you can't teach an OLD DOG new tricks? LOL! As we go along in life we need to realize that there are so many new ways to entertain children and families and I am learning that it is very important to learn the new ideas if I want to keep entertaining in the children's entertainment business. So on to summer and here's to lots of gigs along the way!

**Convention Chair—Sandra Farwell**

We have a great team of people working to advertise FAVE Convention.

Kyle Fryman - Facebook Manager

Jazzy Farewell - Web and Ad Designer

Bonita Love - Media Liaison

The more people we have, the lower we can keep our costs. So, if you're going to an event and would like flyers to promote FAVE, please contact me.

The Marketing Team will create a flyer for you to copy and share.

suggested it I had to think for a moment and I realized after 40 years as an entertainer I had learned many tricks that were worth organizing and sharing with the group. I have posted some pictures on Facebook. Look for them there.

As an area rep I am only as good as you make me. How you ask? If you need help and do not ask for it I can not help you. If you are in my area and need me then contact me. Hope to see you at FAVE.

**So CA Rep - Rosemarie “Wower” Ballard.**

We are doing great in San Diego. Our club was, for the second time, voted WCA Alley of the year. The All Stars hosted a Introduction to Clowning Class and had 12 attendees + teachers. It was a great day for all.

On a personal note I was asked by Barbra Dauer of the Laguna Woods Clown Alley to teach a class on posing. I think about 25 people came and we had a ball. When she



**Molly & Me**

**Taken in Denver where I taught a class on comic movement. Good Memories! 2**

**From your Registration Director – June 2018**

**FAVE Convention**

**November 11-15, 2018**

**Location:**

**Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel in Las Vegas, NV  
2101 Texas Star Ln,**

Time to start thinking about and getting ready for the celebration of our 2018 FAVE Convention (Family and Variety Entertainers)

**Registration Fee**

The fee for the 2018 convention is \$195 now through October 10, 2018.

After Oct 10, 2018 the registration fee will be \$230. If you pay at the door/opening it will be \$230.00

**Includes: membership, classes, special events, competitions,  
theme party & awards banquet with show.**

**Junior Joey Registration Fee**

Juniors Ages 6 to 13 – \$75 Note: The Junior Joeys **cannot** attend the adult classes unless approved by Junior Joey Director or the Education Director.

Teens Ages 14 to 20 – \$125 Note: The Teen Joeys can attend the adult classes.

**Includes membership, classes, special events, competitions,  
theme party & awards banquet with show.**

**Day Pass**

Day passes will be \$125 per day, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

**Includes, classes, special events. Unable to compete.**

**Extra Tickets**

Fee for Extra tickets (Guest or day passes guest example your Spouse)

Theme Party – Tuesday – \$20

Banquet – Thursday – \$65

**Membership**

**If you are not able to attend this year's convention,  
membership is \$10. Send to Dennis Address below.**

**To register for the convention,**

To register online, please go to <http://FAVEconvention.com> and select "registration". (Best Way): Complete this form and click on "Submit", then scroll down to pay.

**NOTE:** You must click on "**Submit**", then scroll down to pay with your debit/credit card. This is a two-part process.

Or by mail— fill out the registration form and SAVE with a new name or print it out before closing. If you use the pdf file, PLEASE print clearly.



**Mail to: Dennis Owens, c/o FAVE Registration,  
8201 Tyrone Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402.  
Cell Phone/Text 310 619-0677**



Q. What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?

A. The Americans licked the British!

Q. How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America?

A. Because freedom rings.

Q. What was General Washington's favorite tree?

A. The infantry

Q. What kind of tea did the American colonists want?

A. Liberty



**Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel**  
**2101 Texas Star Ln,**  
**North Las Vegas, NV 89032**  
<https://texasstation.sclv.com/>



Please remember, the **group rate** will **expire** on **October 18, 2018** at 11:59 pm, so you will need to book your room **before** that date to receive the discounted group rate. My suggestion is to book your room now.

\$39.00 Room Rate  
 \$11.99 Hotel Service Fee per night  
 13% Tax Rate.

Call (702) 631-1000  
 1-800-654-8888

**Be sure to let them know that you are with the Family Entertainers Convention and mention group code TCIWRC3 when making your reservations.**

To make everything clear, if you are planning on attending the full week you should arrive on **Sunday Nov 11, 2018** and check out on **Friday, Nov 16, 2018** by noon.



**EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF VICTORY!!**

Compete! Even if you don't have "real" clown shoes or don't wear a wig, you can still compete. So few people are competing that your chances of winning something are very good - but not if you don't get out there & give it a try.

I promise that we will all play nice and make it an enjoyable experience. Start preparing now and you will be more than ready.



Call me if you are worried about ANYTHING (concerning competition!). Call me for advice, call me for resources for supplies, call me for resources for ideas or call me just to say "Hi" - 303-798-9933

All of you in Colorado and New Mexico, I'm your Area Rep. so if you need anything give me a ring.

**Your Pal, "SKIDDLES"**  
**Molly Kleeman**

Hi ya-all, This year we have several new, first time, never been a vendor here before. People just dying to show you the awesome items they have for your perusal and purchase. And yes we still have the regulars. The people you see every year but hey maybe they'll have something new, something they have never had before or still have that item you forgot to get last year.

One new vendor I am personally excited about will be our banquet entertainment and an awesome lecturer for those of you into ventriloquism. She will be bringing Axtel puppets and very fun props. You will see her on the FAVE Facebook page soon.

Any way that's just a quick update of what's happening Vendor wise. Hopefully I'll have the complete list of the vendors in the next update.

And now for something completely different.

**Here is a riddle for you.**

I have a wooden box; its weight is 20 pounds. What can I put in the box to make its weight 18 pounds? The answer can be found at

[www.faveconvention.com](http://www.faveconvention.com)

sometime soon so keep checking or just go on

YouTube. **Thanks, Cricket**



From one of Suds' books on How To Do Kid Shows Here is a list of things he do for Birthday Parties:

Paper Hat Tear	Snake Can
Paper Pant Tear	Temple Screen
Vanishing Crayons	Change Bunny Change
Coloring Book	Balloon Animals
Egg Bag	Puppet Routine (Closing)

Wilting Flower or Rope to silk (Attention Getter)

I do switch in other tricks on repeat shows. Also when I do school shows or when there is mixed (Adults and Children) audiences.

The list is not all zingers and not meant to be. On a Birthday Party show that runs 45 minutes or more (and they do want time) you must have some hills and valleys in your act. All tricks are meant to be entertaining with room for adlibs and expression.

It is easy to get children all worked up (like with Change Bunny Change) but you must be able to get them calmed down again (like with the Egg Bag trick). Sometimes I have to talk very low when doing the Egg Bag. Just to make them calm down and listen.

Remember, control is one of the most important things when entertaining children.

**Closing Note:** The Birthday scene is a business in and of itself and I honestly believe it should be uniquely handled. It's not a school show or company party: it's not a Blue-Gold or Night Club!

It's a SPECIAL PARYY for a SPECIAL CHILD and his SPECIAL FRIENDS.



### CA LA Rep Joyce "Joy" Pain

Hello, Fellow FAVE Members!

Hope you are geared up for a busy and productive summer! I don't have any real news to report nor any profound words of wisdom to share. I do have what has proven to be very important to me and I will share that with you. For the last 15 years, I have been a volunteer clown at my local hospital and today I came across this poem that encapsulates all that I have experienced in those 15 years at the hospital and throughout my clown life and as well as my future aspirations.

I AM A CLOWN

I have brought joy;  
I have lifted the pain in a hospital room;  
I have closed the gap of outcast in the nursing home;  
I have brought a twinkle in the eyes of a child;  
I have made abandoned children smile;  
I have walked down paths of fantasy and brought light to reality;  
I have made the world my balloon;  
I have become part of a child's memory;  
I AM A CLOWN, I am joy, and I am Love;  
I find good in everything I see;  
I make people young and children forever;  
I am then, I am now, and I am always;  
I AM A CLOWN.



Unfortunately I do not know who penned the poem. I hope it will register with you as it has with me.

Your Clown, Forever, Joy

Greetings everyone

I hope that all is well with you and your families. A big congrats to Ryan & Jazzy on the new addition to their family. Coagulations to Kyle and Jaime who were married this past month.

If you haven't noticed the months are creeping by at a fast rate. November will be here in 6 months from now. Now, I don't want to alarm you but, you need to start making plans for our convention. Make reservation for your room, send in your registration now! Invite new friends to come with you to have fun and learn together. We have some of the best elected officers & staff & teachers.

I was looking back at some of our past conventions. We had all of our founders together: Joel Barez, Lois Horn, Lamar Williams, Suds and his wife Bunny. We have a couple of our founders who are still with us: like Lamar Williams who is not in good health; Lois who also has challenges, and Suds, who takes a lick'in and keeps on tick'in . Lets remember those who organized this convention many years ago and keep making it stronger and better each year. We would like your support and for you to join us. I hope to see you all in November.

Have a great summer , **Your Sargent at arms Tom “Sammy T “ Butte**



### Becky Wells Arizona REP

We are featuring the **Red Hot Clowns** of Surprise Arizona in this article. Another season for the Red Hot Clowns has ended. Most of our clowns are snowbirds with the exception of 4 who keep taking on more and more gigs throughout the summer. They work with churches, parades, nursing homes and summer programs. Over the winter we have “partnered” with the Surprise Pops which is a band of more than 100 players. They “play” for food.

I will explain that they book a “gig” and the admission is food for the food bank. Where do the clowns come in? Well, we greet each patron, welcoming them and accepting their food donations. We may do some quick magic tricks or one way or another interact with each and every one that comes to the event.

The Surprise Pops have special pieces they play that are conducive to “clowning around” with the audience when we as a group parade through the venue. We love them and they love us thus creating a real bond and team. In the past they have given us a donation to our “educational fund” which we split among any of us attending more clown education programs. We will be coming as a group of 13 again so be prepared to party at our fiesta!



### Dizzy Dave - Photographer

Buenos Dias Amigos y Amigas!

The Fiesta is almost here! Guitars of all sizes, dancers in those cool dresses, and boucoup churros! Did I mix languages? Too much fun in store to keep the Lingua Franca straight ;-)

But don't keep the smiles and fun to yourself until then, but rather bring them out to as many people as possible! I try to do that as much as possible, and even made some new gear to help ‘refresh and evolve’ my Clown. It's amazing how much of a difference it can make! I've been doing more events such as ‘finish line festivals’ at 5K charity walks in Cosplay, which is basically clowning in different characters. I wore my marionette gear to an autism event, and I was one particular kid's bestie for an hour! Inspiration can come from many different

sources, but the results can be highly rewarding.

Keep the smiles coming, and save some churros for me :D

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