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From the President
Candy Will

Well here we are half way through the year and getting closer to our next convention. It seems just like yesterday that we finished with the last one! I hope that you all took my challenge seriously and have been spreading the word about our next convention. Let's make our 30th anniversary a convention to remember! Also, I hope you are letting everyone in the entertainment industry know that this is the convention for them, magicians, stilt walkers, balloon artists, face painters, jugglers, circus entertainers, and of course clowns. All entertainment venues will benefit from our convention. The theme of "Super Heroes" is so appropriate for the 30th year. Every member who has attended is considered a "Super Hero" just for the fact that you all have taken the time to work on your entertainment skills by coming to and learning from our convention whenever you can.

On another note, I would like to give kudos to all the board members, the chair people and their committee members. EVERYONE has been working very hard to make the next convention something to remember! You can't find a better group of people when it comes to teamwork!

Have you seen your newest website? If not be sure to check it out at:
www.wrcaconvention.org. Our newest web designer, Cheryl Wagner, and her assistant, Dave Keenan, have done a great job of putting the essence of what we need to reach out to all entertainers – great job you two! Send everyone you know in the entertainment industry to the site so we can

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 or telephone (323) 779-5770.

get the word out. We have all the forms for registration and scholarships on the website. We may have a fun little contest on the site soon too, so keep checking back.

Until the next newsletter, may your summer be filled with lots of gigs!

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Registration Chairman
Dennis Owens

As we begin June, we need to start thinking and start getting ready for the celebration of our 30th anniversary 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. I want to remind you about our early bird special fee of \$130 – that's a savings of \$30. This special ends (postmarked) September 1, 2015. We also offer \$65 Day Passes for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday classes and workshops. (Day Passes do not include evening events. Tickets are available.)

Go to our [New WRCA website at www.WRCAConvention.org](http://www.WRCAConvention.org) and select "registration." Then fill out the registration form and SAVE with a new name or print it out before closing. You can also register on-line using your credit card by going to "registration" and selecting "register/Pay on line" from the drop-down menu. A handling/convenience fee has been added to some items. This year again you will be able to preorder your buffet tickets at \$8.50 for breakfast or lunch and \$12 for dinner. (No handling/convenience fee for on-line buffet ticket orders.)

This year if you are interested in applying for either of our scholarships, junior joey or family, you can do so on the website by going to "registration" and selecting "scholarships" from the drop-down menu.

NOTE to the staff members, chairs, helpers, etc., your deadline to register is September 1, 2015. Let me know if you did not receive your special registration form. All instructors and vendors registration will be mailed to me, Dennis Owens, c/o WRCA Registration, 8201 Tyrone Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402. Do not mail to Lea or Rick.

So mark your calendar and plan on attending the convention on November 8-12, 2015. That's it for now. Enjoy the rest of 2015 and I hope to see you November 8-12, 2015, in Laughlin.

Dennis "DENO" Owens
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Theme Party Chairman
Sherry Ralston

Hello everyone, I hope you are getting excited for the 30th year celebration, and I hope that all of you will be there for the great family reunion. WRCA family reunion. This year marks 30 years of great professional classes, competitions, parties, and fun!!

I am back this year as the Theme Party director, and as you know our Theme this year is Super Heroes and Villains. I hope you are planning your costume or have one already. Come as a Super Hero or Villain. Lots of ideas from cartoons, movies, books, etc. I know how creative you all are, and I can't wait to see what you come up with this year!

Last year, Kelly Martinez came up with a great idea as the Theme Party Chairman, and I want to use that same idea. So, if you would like to decorate a table this year for the Theme Party in our Super Hero and Villain Theme, please let me know. Last year many people chose to decorate a table, and they came up with some really great ideas. The tables were awesome! There will be an award again for the best table decoration, and if you decorate a table, you may reserve it for yourself and your friends. Please let me know soon if you would like to decorate a table so I know how many will be taken care of. We usually have between 25 - 30 tables to decorate, so I really appreciate the help too. You can email me at lollypopthec clown@sbcglobal.net. **Please put THEME TABLE DECORATION in the Subject.** I get many, many emails and don't want to lose it in the mass, thanks.

Joyce Quisenberry did a job with me for Loma Linda Hospital. It was a Super Hero theme, and they asked if we could wear a super hero T-shirt. I had on a Super Hero scrub top, and Joyce borrowed a Superman T-shirt from Kevin. We painted Super Hero faces on the kids. It really got me in the mood, and made me think of the convention this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

Sherry "Lollypop" Ralston
Theme Party Chairman



Date Mailed:

**Western Region Clown Association
2015 Convention - November 8-12, 2015
REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration Number
office use only

Please use CAPITAL LETTERS

You may use one form for all conventioners at the same mailing address. **Fill in shaded area then print form**

*Name: Phone: Home Phone:

Entertainers Name:

Complete Mailing Address: Street Apt. or Space #

City: State: Zip:

Email:

Email - Please use CAPITAL LETTERS: We will send newsletter by e-mail unless you specify you want yours by postal mail.

Is this your first WRCA convention? Yes No

If you didn't attend last year, how did you hear about 2015 Convention?

Emergency contact info (name and phone):

Costs: Full Convention includes Membership, Classes, Activities, Competitions, Theme Party & Awards Banquet with Show.

Adult Early Bird Registration discount - \$130 per adult if postmarked on or before September 1, 2015

Regular registration - \$160 after September 1, 2015 and at the door

Junior/Teen @ \$50 (age 6-17 by November 8, 2015 - price based on age, not classes taken)

Day Pass (not eligible for door prizes or to compete): \$65/Mon. \$65/Tues. \$65/Wed.

* Please indicate whether attending Banquet (no discount): Yes (attending), No (not attending)

Name	Entertainers Name	Age if Jr/Teen	Amount Paid	Registration # (office use only)
* (Person named above)			\$.00	
			\$.00	
			\$.00	
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		How Many?	Price per Ticket	
Buffet Restaurant Discount Tickets for conventioners and family. Order here or get at the convention. Buffet tickets can be sold back if unused at the general meeting on Thursday.				
"Breakfast or Lunch Buffet" ticket			\$ 8.50	\$.00
"Buffet" ticket (dinner)			\$12.00	\$.00
Banquet Ticket only (Thurs.) for extra person			\$40.00	\$.00
Theme Party Ticket only on Tues. for extra person			\$10.00	\$.00
Membership only, includes member card and newsletters: Free if attending; \$10 per person if not attending this year.			\$.00
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$.00
Make check or money order to WRCA and mail to: WRCA, 8201 Tyrone Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402			Date Received	Check Number

REFUND POLICY:

- If you cancel and want a refund, you must request the refund in writing or by email.
Request must be received by October 8, 2015.
- All refunds are subject to a refund fee of \$25 per PERSON plus S&H if included

Questions? Website <http://wrcaConvention.org> or
Dennis Owens at (310) 619-0677 email: RegisterForWRCA@gmail.com

Education Chairman
Lea Wheeler

Hidee Ho, fellow glee makers.

This is our 30th year and we really want it to be one of our best.

We are trying to change our format to appeal to all children's entertainers, not just clowns, so look for some changes in the class schedule. For example, balloon twisting lessons and jams will be taking place in Harbor Port Rooms 1 and 2 from 10:30 to ??? Monday through Wednesday inclusive. That gives everyone a chance to learn and practice their balloon twisting. Also, along those same lines, face painting will be happening all three days. We will be offering computer skills for businesses, marketing, magic skills, and of course, clowning lessons. It will be the year for learning.

BIG NEWS: See below for the line-up of some of our featured instructors. More favorite & new names to drop: Julie Varholdt, Jeremy Johnston, Stephen & Sarah Smith.

They all have classes planned that will be terrific! Everyone will learn a lot from them and have a blast doing so.

Merchandise Chairman
Carol Butte

You have been asking for it, now you're going to get it. I have been talking to the person who does our WRCA shirts. To celebrate our 30th anniversary we are going to order jackets. They will have to be pre-ordered and prepaid. I should have pictures on the website and on Facebook within the next week. Details will be on the website. Right now the plan is to have a windbreaker, a hoodie, and a nice jacket. We have to have at least 12. (This is a combined total, not 12 of each.) If we don't get 12, you will get a complete refund.

We are also going to have a nice polo shirt. I am not sure what color. There is a possibility we can get more than one color and that you could pre-order the color you want. If we do this, we would have to have the logo exactly the same on each shirt. So it would probably be all white ink, like we had on the tie-dyed shirts, or an all-black one. We are still working out the details.

Thank you for supporting the merchandise. This helps our organization. Have a great summer. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to email me at utahclown@aol.com or call or text me at (801) 298-0860.



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.

Southern California
Rosemarie Ballard

Another anniversary, Wow! I am sad to say I was not chosen as a teacher again this year. I know others need a chance but I so enjoy sharing my knowledge. So if anyone wants a little private mime instructions, just ask. I am also willing to help with skits. If you want me to help you perfect your skit, just ask!

I am putting together something special for the staff show, so I will be working on that until convention. I will be accompanied by the wicked and wonderful 92-year-old Wanda Boise. We always have fun! She is a HOOT! If you do not know her, make it a point to introduce yourself to her. She is wise beyond her years and funny and sometimes a bit of "Oscar".

Come to learn, come to play, and the food and parties are great. See you in November. If I can help in any way, just let me know. Phone 619-482-8856 or email rosemarie@cox.net.

Have a fun summer and bring joy to the world.
Rosemarie Ballard

Vendor Chairman
Rick Farewell

We are looking forward to being able to interact with everyone as we gather together for our 30th Anniversary. For the first time, we will have all the vendors in the Starview Room. Being together in one room will bring a great energy and camaraderie for our convention.

I know this will be a big change for all you who have been with us forever, but hopefully it will be a good change.

Vendor Chair
Rick "Crickit" Farewell

Utah Rep
Tom Butte

Greetings to everyone!

It seems like yesterday that we were saying bye to each other. Now with T minus 5 months and who's counting that our WRCA convention will be here in Laughlin, NV, like always. Tell and bring your friends and have them bring their friends. This is going to be a very special convention – 30 years of memories. So get ready, pack your clothes, your balloons, your face paints, your good manners, paper and pen for classes. We have the best instructors, the best of the best president and her staff, and of course there is YOU. With you it will be a big success. C U on Nov. 8th. Have a great summer, bump a nose and stay green.

Your friend in clowning,
Your UT REP and Sarg at Arms,
Tom "Sammy T" Butte

Competition Director
Joyce Quisenberry

Well hello everyone!

Just a note to let everyone know: If you are competing this year we need to know in advance, because if there are not enough we will be canceling that category. We need to have at least 5 people in each category. This year we are changing Skits and Paradeability to Performance for everyone, clown or juggler or magician, etc. (makeup not necessary). Call me with questions at (951) 781-4379 or email jqclown@yahoo.com

Thanks,
Joyce Q



Nevada & unassigned areas Representative
Sharon Gohlke

Hey all Nevada and Other Areas,

Well, it's getting that time again. Start planning for the best WRCA convention ever. The staff has been working very hard to put together a great program that will meet your needs to be a great entertainer. If you haven't got your registration in, send it. If you haven't called and made your hotel reservation, call now and book it. [Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino – reservations phone (800) 227-3849]

It was great seeing all of you that attended WCA convention in Reno this year. I hope to see all of you again in Laughlin in November. Make sure you stop by and see me Sunday night at my table – NEVADA & OTHER AREAS.

Until November,
Sharon “Sparkie” Gohlke

Two wrongs do not make a right, but three lefts do.

Everybody repeat after me: "We are all individuals."

Death to all fanatics!

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace prize.

We have enough youth. How about a fountain of "smart"?

You have the capacity to learn from your mistakes, and you will learn a lot today.

**30
MORE YEARS**

**Help us remember the past and
look to the future**



FAMILY & FRIENDS REUNION TIME!

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SUPER HEROES & VILLAINS Theme Party

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Color me Super!

