



# FAVE News

Laugh, Learn & Play at FAVE...  
It will be your FAVE-rite.

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President Candy Kirkley

Hello FAVE,

Wow! What a great convention in 2018. We had a great time with Yoly Pacheco and Andy The Clown, not to mention all the great instructors. The vendors were Awesome. Theme Party was Outstanding, and a fun time was had by all.

The planning and arrangements for FAVE 2019 are already underway! The Exciting news is, that FAVE is officially its own Association. With this being the official start of The Family And Variety Entertainers (FAVE) Convention, we are setting the bar high.

What we need is all of you to come and join us. Bring your Excitement, Talents, Creativity, Sense of Humor, Eagerness to learn and share. So, come Laugh, Learn & Play at FAVE... It will be your FAVE-rite.

Be sure to check our website ([FAVEconvention.com](http://FAVEconvention.com)) and Facebook page (Friends of FAVE Convention) to stay up to date on all the great things we have planned.

## Kelly Martinez

My family and I have enjoyed being part of the WRCA and FAVE convention for over 20 years. We have attended hundreds of classes, I have been an instructor, judged competitions, organized theme parties, hosted the hospitality room, worked with the Junior Joeys, the list goes on and on. I enjoyed helping with large and small tasks staying up all night to help make our convention a success. The best part of the convention has been the friendships I have built over the years. After much thought I have decided to step down from my position of Vice President. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be on the board. Our Granddaughter is growing up quickly, we decided to spend this year with our family doing 3-year-old magical things. Thank you for 24 years of friendships and laughter and I hope to see everyone at FAVE in the future.



**On behalf of the FAVE family, I want to thank you for your services for all these years. You will be missed.**

Dennis Owens—FAVE Secretary



Wow! What a great Holiday time I had! Not only with my children but also with all the gigs I had, October through November! I hope everyone is excited about our switch to the Alexis Resort Hotel, I sure am! It should be a whole new experience that I am really looking forward to. As far as my business goes I had a great year and I plan on keeping that way, by coming to convention and learning the latest tricks of the trade. It's another new year and our organization is doing well thanks to all our members who help by participating every year. Have you thought of a good idea for the next theme party? Here are some of my ideas: A "Fantasy Character" theme party, or a "Hello Kitty" party, or a "Game of Thrones" party, or a "Walking Dead" party or a..... oh well you know what I mean, let's get those ideas in and think of something really original!

Talk again soon! Candy "Butterscotch" Will—FAVE treasurer [TreasurerforFAVE@cox.net](mailto:TreasurerforFAVE@cox.net)

Hi Everybody!

I was so pleased to be able to give out awards in so many categories in 2018. A great big "Thank you" to all of the competitors, all the judges, the computations counters, timer, runner and everyone else who helped out. It takes all of you to make the competitions a success. I'm looking forward to even more competitors this coming year. ***Not just for clowns!***

Did you know that in the performance competitions you could do the best couple minutes from your magic show, or perhaps a balloon performance? Do you do walk arounds? It's a fine line between a walk around and a paradeability bit. It just needs to be quick and quickly resettable! Think 10 seconds! You actually have 15 seconds, but it's better to keep it quicker. The performance and paradeability categories do NOT require (or judge) clown makeup.

Why not think about giving the competitions a try this coming November? Start now, you've got plenty of time to prepare!



#### From your Vendor chair

There's not much to report right now on FAVE Convention 2019. However last years vendors were very glad to be there and are hoping to return. We hope you were also glad to have them there. We work hard at trying to bring you vendors, that we believe everyone will be happy with, and will bring things to help make us great entertainers. If anyone has any input on a particular vendor you would like to see again or even a new one please let me know.

Also, I do have the answer to last years riddle.

You have a box that weighs 20 pounds what can you put in it to make it weigh 18 pounds? You can put ..... holes in it.

Thanks Crickit

The new email for vendor related messages is: [FAVEvendors@gmail.com](mailto:FAVEvendors@gmail.com)



**From your Registration Chair  
January 2019 November 10-14, 2019  
Alexis Park Resort - Las Vegas**

**Smoke Free Venue**

Well, it's hard to believe that it's 2019 and I hope your New Year will bring you love and health. This year's convention will be celebrating our 1st FAVE convention at our new **smoke free venue Alexis Park Resort – Las Vegas** location. Even though our convention is 10 months away, it will be here before you know it. FAVE is happy to say our conventioneers is the lowest cost convention around, and we have done this without compromising the quality of our instructors, entertainment and added features.

**Registration Fee :** The registration fee for the 2019 convention is \$230.

Our Pre-registration fee is \$195 through October 12, 2019.

\*We are offering a special convention registration fee for only \$175. That's a \$55 savings. Act now, this special will last until April 1, 2019. (Don't be fooled sign up NOW)

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

You can make partial payments. If you want to register for but cannot pay for it in full now, you can request a payment plan. There are 3 ways to register.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Register online, fill out and submitting the registration form. When asked to select either Credit/Debit Card, Mailing Check, or Payment Plan. Select Payment Plan. Fill out the form. Under notes, list what you want to order. i.e.:1 adult registration, 1 Junior Joey registration, any extra tickets, etc. and then click on SUBMIT. The first option is best.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** choice is by sending me an email [registerforfave@gmail.com](mailto:registerforfave@gmail.com) requesting a payment plan. Include Name, Address, Phone number, your order details, etc. I will send you an invoice that will allow you to make partial payments. The balance is due by the due date on the invoice. You will pay directly from your invoice. Just follow the directions.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** If you need to mail your registration, fill out and submit the registration form. You will be asked to select either Credit/Debit Card, Mailing Check, or Payment Plan. Select Mailing Check. Fill out the form. Under notes, list what you want to order. i.e.:1 adult registration, 1 Junior Joey registration, any extra tickets, etc. and then click on SUBMIT or by sending me an email [registerforfave@gmail.com](mailto:registerforfave@gmail.com) requesting Mailing Check. (Include your information. Name, Address, Phone number, your order, etc.).

**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

If you need extra tickets for someone who did not order the Full Registration. i.e., your Spouse, the fee is: Theme Party – \$20 - Banquet – \$65



## Membership

If you are not able to attend this year's convention, membership is \$10.

We will continue to strive to bring you a fantastic convention and are constantly working on how we can meet your needs. We have some exciting changes this year along with the new location. So, stay tuned on the website, Facebook or by email.

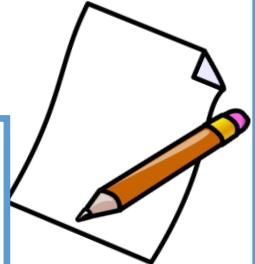
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1 Why did the teddy bear say no to the dessert?

Because he was stuffed.

2 What has ears, but cannot hear?

Cornfield



## **D.O.S.E. of Happiness for the New Year!**

How fortunate for us that our routine actions and behaviors as clowns are those same actions and behaviors that stimulate our body's production of the four basic chemicals that create the mental and physical state of "happiness"! Here is a brief outline of those four chemicals and their effects:

**D: dopamine.** Dopamine can be referred to as the "reward chemical" and is influenced by performing good deeds, acts of kindness and volunteerism.

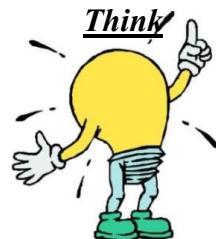
**O: oxytocin.** Oxytocin allows us to become social creatures and is stimulated by touch and close relationships.

**S: serotonin:** Serotonin is our mood enhancer and flows when we are feeling significant or important. It is also influenced by your state of hunger!

**E: endorphins.** Endorphins can help you power through physical experiences and can be influenced by physical exertions.

I hope I have stimulated your curiosity and you find it both fascinating and beneficial! And that you Google or search "happiness chemicals" for further information on this topic. Although the state of "happiness" may be quite nebulous and defined differently by each of us, it is comforting to know that we do have control and influence over our own happiness.

If you have question or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Joyce "JOY" Payne





### Self Talk & Things to ponder!

What do you say to your self and others about you? Do you treat yourself like a friend or critic? Do you acknowledge yourself for the work you do? Do you like yourself? Are you aware of the negative talk? Are you negative or positive? When someone ask you for a favor is your first response yes, no or maybe? Do you follow the rules or are they for everyone except you? Sometimes we are asked to do new and challenging things. How do you react?

Are you aware of how words can effect your confidence? I want to be like the ant and move the rubber tree plant! I wanted to share a situation that happened to me. I had being a voter pole worker on my bucket list, so I signed up. There was an overwhelming amount of information to absorb, on line and in class room classes. They had me as a stand by and I honestly hoped they would not call on me. I heard nothing from the state until 5:00 am on election day. My

worst nightmare came true. Not only did they need me but they gave the hardest job, I WAS IN CHARGE OF THE POLLING PLACE. I talked my self into a negative frenzy! I was shaking and crying. I wanted to run away and hide and I said that out loud! Thank God for my hubby. He put his arms around me and said things like: "You will do great, You are a college graduate, You are a very intelligent woman. Just look at all the hurdles you have jumped already" WOW! His words hit me like a sledge hammer. I was doing what I always tell Others not to do I need to remember to be careful of what I say to myself.

The person who was to set up the room just dropped everything at the door and left. I got there at 6:00am. Once I arrived and told the others I had never done this before and I would do my best to keep everything going, I got to work. One of the most outstanding parts of this is everything is in black & white. Everything I need to do was on a comprehensive check list. We set up all the voting stations, the electronic equipment and got everything organized. It was a long day - 16 hours. I worked with 2 high school girls and a young man in college. We were in a poorer neighborhood. The voters were really nice and appreciative our friendly attitudes and many said thank you for your work. All in all it was a great experience and I will do it again, if health permits. I hope I learned a lesson that day. Time will tell. Thank God it all worked out.

Remember Rosemarie, your words are things, real things, so say what you want not what you have. What you say to your self today will become your tomorrows.



Happy New year everyone! I hope that it will be a great year for all of us. We are in a new convention hall with little or no inside air pollution. I know everyone had a great time at our last convention. Our elected officers and others really did a great job. The classes, the jams and of course the friendships that were made. It was great meeting new members, as well as our regular family. For those who don't know our son John and his beautiful wife Alex had a baby girl in December. She was 4 weeks early, but I guess she wanted to celebrate Christmas with her two sisters, who were very happy and excited to have a little sister join them. On our way home from the convention we were lucky enough to take Gracie and Lilly home. John had another job he needed to take care of so we were elected. From Vegas to Mesquite NV takes about an hour or less. Well how about 3 and a half hours. Its two lanes both ways and both ways were shut down because of an accident. At 11am the girls said they were starving to death. We told them there were crackers and cheese, but they wanted Panda Express.

We were in the middle of nowhere. Finally, the traffic started to move. We got to the Mesquite exit and went to Mc Donald's. We made it the rest of the way home at normal or a little faster speed.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's convention in just 8 and a half months from now. Bump a nose and stay green.

Your friend TOM "Sammy T" BUTTE] Sarg. at Arms and Ut Rep

We are all glad you recovered after FAVE  
Stay Well Sammy T

### Arizona Contingent



I can only speak for the Red Hot Clown alley as I haven't heard from anyone else. I am here if you need me. We are in full swing. We are so proud of one of our clowns, Rose, who has

been chosen to go to Peru with a group of doctors and nurses. She has made this trip in the past and has put together a video of all of the wonderful things they do. She will be gone two weeks and has been collecting new beanie babies to give out to the children.

We have been practicing with our puppets to add that to our entertainment list of things to do with children. We are entertaining a large group in March and developed a theme of "Welcome to the Circus" where we will have different areas of programs with the children becoming very interactive with each of the clowns. We are excited about this and hopefully we can put into practice many of the things we learned at the convention. We continue to work with the Surprise POPS band that supports one of our local food banks. We are already making plans to attend next year's convention.

Zippie/Becky Wells

### Dizzy Dave Keenan

I just came back from a heartfelt Christmas with family (small but solid) and am now about to start a new year with a few clown 'causes- events' and a parade or two, as well as monthly visits to the local Ronald McDonald House, and more causes such as 'sports carnivals' for kids with different abilities with now \*three\* Cosplay Groups, and an upcoming Autism event and the 'annual pilgrimage' to Circus Vargas with the San Diego All-Star Clowns.



I'm looking forward to the upcoming convention as I do every year, and definitely enjoy teaching the early balloon class, as well as snapping photos at as many workshops as I can, and making the slides for the awards banquet. If you have any photos from the convention that you would like to post, please send me the link on Facebook or Instagram (using Messenger doesn't enable me to 'grab the stack' and post without a whole lotta editing and hoping). E-mail will work as well, and the best size is perhaps 480×720 or under 1MB -- larger photos will get 'squished' by the Facebook system.

Hello everyone who attended The 2018 F.A.V.E. and most importantly to those who brought donations for the Silent Auction. It was a success because of you and I thank you all so much. I will be looking forward to 2019 F.A.V.E. silent auction so keep that in mind as you will be hearing from me thru The Klatter for reminders. Also remember it does not have to be 'clown oriented items'. You never know what people will be in the market for their collections. Once again, Thank you so much, have a very prosperous and healthy 2019 we'll see you in November 2019. Grama 'V'.

### Want to Be a Part of a Great Convention?

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. We are doing our best and our board is working very hard to make it the best convention ever! All the hard work of the committee chairs, area reps, instructors, vendors, and helpers is what makes our convention great. We thank them.

Several of you have volunteered to help us for 2019, 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 [VolunteerForFAVE@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerForFAVE@gmail.com) or visit the website and let the board know. We would love to have your assistance and expertise

# Big News: The long-awaited announcement...

Our theme for 2019 will be.... Drum roll, please... Babababababadum....

Winter Wonderland!!! More information to follow in the coming months. Start working on your costume. We can't wait to see what you come up with! We'll be walking in a Winter Wonderland together come November.

## Sandra Farewell Marketing & Convention Chair

I really think you all are going to love our new location. Alexis Park is conveniently located just one mile from the Las Vegas Strip and McCarran International Airport. This is an all suite resort with 495 spacious bedroom and loft suites that come in a variety of layouts. Each unit includes a wet bar with mini-fridge, microwave, coffee maker and a 32 inch flat screen television. All rooms have a couch so you can invite your friends over to visit or share a meal. All hotel rooms and conference areas are non-smoking.

Other great amenities:

- Complimentary high-speed wireless Internet in most public areas
- Three outdoor pools (two open year-round)
- Hot tub
- On-site restaurant (breakfast only) and lounge bar (yes, they have Happy Hour)
- Complimentary parking in a secure lot
- Sundries shop
- Fitness center (6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.) Just remodeled.
- Dog friendly (\$100 plus tax non-refundable fee)
- Complimentary safe deposit boxes
- Complimentary shuttle to & from airport.

*(Call for scheduled airport shuttle times: (800) 582-2228)*

Alexis Park Resort is located at 375 East Harmon, Las Vegas and within walking distance from a variety of restaurants. (Subway, Checkers, Capriotti's Deli, Joe's New York Pizza, Ferrano's Fine Italian Restaurant & Hofbrauhaus German Restaurant). We will be posting more information for food choices on Facebook as we get closer to November.

Rooms start at \$45.00 with \$14.00 Resort Fee per night Sunday thru Thursday night plus tax. Saturday & Friday night stays start at \$99.00 plus resort fee & tax. **The last day to book your room is October 9, 2019.** To reserve your room call 800-582-2228 or 702-796-3322 and inform them you are with FAVE, Family and Variety Entertainers group or go to our website FAVEconvention.com and click on the link to take you to Alexis Parks registration.

Room Choices are:

- \$45.00 Parlor Queen & Monarch King
- \$55.00 Parlor Double, Monarch Double, Deluxe Queen, Deluxe King
- \$65.00 Deluxe Double
- \$85.00 Crown Loft (Living area on first floor, bedroom on loft)
- \$135.00 Majestic (parlor, bedroom)

- All rooms should come with a couch bed.
- Prices are based on 2 people per room. 4 people per room maximum.

Deposit of the first night's suite plus 13.38% occupancy tax is required with all reservations. Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival.



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