

The KLATTER October 2018 # 3

Rosemarie "Wower" Ballard Editor



Hello FAVE,

This has been a crazy year in the news. We have had scary clown news, national disasters, political drama and just plain sadness.

It's a time where the world is facing so many difficulties it's more important than ever to stand as a community that provides family entertainment. To bring smiles and laughter to children of all ages.

I encourage all FAVE members to register and come to the this years convention. Let's get together and laugh, learn and play and remind each other what a smile can do to change a life if only for a moment!

This year we have made a few changes to our Monday morning start of convention. We will be starting off the morning with breakfast . You won't want to miss the morning kick off, our Board, and instructors will be introduced. We will present a schedule of events, honor our Veterans, have our Vendor show. Don't miss the Monday morning lick off!!

Hope to see you there!

Candy "JellyBean" Kirkley

LET'S LEARN:

Wow wow wow! So much on this years schedule that I don't know where to start!

FAVE will be Highlighting the wonderful work of Ventriloquism this year. Yoly Pacheco is our Headliner. She will not only entertain at the banquet she will be teaching classes. We have puppet classes also to support this years theme. And it wouldn't be FAVE if we didn't have our variety of other classes in the family entertainment arts.

FAVE

Kelly Martinez - Vice President

I look forward to seeing everyone this year at the FAVE convention as we celebrate with a Fiesta theme.

We have been listening to your ideas and suggestions, adding new instructors, classes, and some changes in our schedule. We are excited for November to get here so we can join together at Texas Station in Las Vegas, Our days will be full of education, entertainment and fun.

I am happy to announce we have 2 new Area Representatives to welcome to our staff! Kelly Smith will be our Idaho rep and our Nevada Rep is Kevin Hagberg. They are talented entertainers that have stepped up to help us create an amazing event!

Kelly the Clown Martinez



You can look forward to classes in puppets: making them; adding puppets to your shows and classes on how to do puppetry. We also cover balloons , face painting, business classes, juggling and so much more.

Check website for this years schedule of events. You won't want to miss out on all the fun at this years FAVE convention.

See you soon!

Candy "JellyBean" Kirkley
Education Director

Something special: CPR class

CPR class to be held at FAVE this year. Our own Geri Cohn will be holding a CPR class on Thursday this year. It's a 6 hour class which will certify you in CPR.

Space is limited to 12 attendees. Cost is \$50. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to take this class. What better way to be prepared in case of something happening at one of your events.

COME ONE COME ALL



Hi Gang!

Your treasurer here and I'm ready for a fiesta!! How about you? A lot of us will be heading out to Texas Station very soon. I've been very fortunate this year, I have had so many gigs come my way and I so appreciate all my blessings. I have been taking so many gigs that are 1 to 2 hours away and so I plan my time by watching the traffic on my sig alert app. It's best to always know about the traffic while you are getting ready. Nothing is worse than knowing that you thought you gave yourself enough time to get to your event only to find out that the traffic is a mess on the way! So plan ahead, find out on MapQuest or any other map app that you have, to know the distance to your event, then keep an eye on Sig Alert to see how the freeways are doing. You will make it to your gig on time! Have a lot of great gigs and see you soon at Texas Station!

Candy Will



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From your **Registration Director** – October 2018

DATES; November 11-15, 2018 – Location: Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel in Las Vegas

In less than 9 weeks, we will be gathering again in Las Vegas for our 2018 FAVE convention (Family and Variety Entertainers) at: Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Ln, North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Registration Fee: – Remember that our convention **special of \$195** ends on **October 10, 2018.**

After Oct 10th and at the door the registration fee will be \$230. ++ Register NOW!!! ++

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

Junior Joey Registration Fee:

Juniors Ages 6 to 13 – \$75.00 - Note: The Junior Joeys cannot attend the adult classes unless approved by Junior Joey Director or the Education Director.

Teens Ages 14 to 20 – \$125.00 - 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. Ex, your Spouse, the fee is:

Theme Party – Tuesday – \$20

Banquet – Thursday – \$65

Membership:

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

To register for the convention,

Please go to our website at <http://FAVEconvention.com> and select "registration". To register online (Best Way): Complete this form and click "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.

To mail your registration, 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





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.



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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.



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WRCA or FAVE? From Sandra Farwell

We will be voting at the November 15, 2018 General Meeting to change our legal name to FAVE (Family and Variety Entertainers) and dropping Western Region Clown Association. Please come to convention to make your voice be heard.

A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"
"Don't worry" said the doc, "Those are just contractions"

Q. How do you keep a bagel from getting away?
A. Easy, You put lox on it

Q. A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"
A. The doctor reply's :Sorry I don't follow you



Q. What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?
A. A receding hair-line

Q. What kind of exercise do lazy people do? A. Diddly-squats



Want to Be a Part of a Great Convention



Please send us an email to Volunteer-ForWRCA@gmail.com or visit the website and let the board know.



Want to help with a balloon build?

Come early to convention on Sunday to participate. From 4PM until midnight or later, Ryan Farewell will be directing and building our stage decor for convention. You will gain lots of hands-on experi-

PLEASE remember that this convention is put on by volunteers, who invest a lot of time, & effort making this a great convention for all attendees. We do our best and your board worked very hard to make it the “best”. All the hard work of the committee chairs, area reps, instructors and helpers are what makes our convention great and **PLEASE** if you have the opportunity, 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 or visit the website and let the board know. We would love to have your assistance and expertise.



Trudy's TABLE CENTERPIECE CONTEST



When speaking to a crowd
Please remember the
microphone is your friend

Hello everyone, as summer winds down and fall creeps in we all should be gearing up for the FAVE convention. With that said we are having our centerpiece decorating contest again this year for the theme party, which is FIESTA DAYS. Last year we really had some amazing centerpieces. The prize is a reserved front center table seating for 8 for the awards banquet. Please contact either Kelly Martinez, Candy Kirkley or myself Trudy Richardson if you would like to decorate a table for the convention theme party.

Also would truly encourage everyone to sign up for competitions: skits, makeup, balloon, face painting. Lets all have a blast.



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..Yoly Pacheco. I guarantee you are going to love her. She will be bringing Axtel puppets and very fun props. You can see her on the FAVE Facebook page.
- New vendor, Matthew Hill from Dock Haley Gospel Magic will be bringing us his great gospel "magic with a message".
- T. Myers Magic will be with us with his awesome supply of balloons, magic, and clown supply's.
- Dena with Under The Big Top will have all her great props and goodies.
- Donna Hofstee, All Ways Entertainment will have all your FAVE face paints (I know cheap plug for FAVE convention)
- Another new vendor, Jackie Newton, will be bringing us Clown Costumes all the way from Missouri.
- Ken Frawley will be back for more fun making puppets and sharing with us
- Dream Shapers & Performers University.
- Pete Ellison, a new vendor with OneWorldRhythm, bringing music instruction and a great program to get your business organized.
- New vendor Steven Snyder, AKA The Tax Magician will be showing us the ins and outs of your business and taxes.

And last but not, NO probably least, Crickit's Corner will be having a huge clearance sale. I have waaayyyy to much stuff. I need to clear out.

There's your not so quick update of what's happening Vendor wise.

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 our FAVE Facebook page sometime soon so keep checking or just go on YouTube you'll find it.)

Becky Wells Arizona RepGet ready...I think we should get a prize for having the most people from one alley! That would be the "Red Hot Clowns" from the Surprise area, in Arizona. Pokey Dottie has been working hard to get all 13 clowns in the "fiesta mood".

(Laguna Woods might protest because they also have many)

Julie, Lovely Buttons, is bringing a special person with her who will spread his humor and knowledge throughout the conference. He should get a prize from coming the longest distance England!!!!

Yes, Andrew Davis is coming all that way JUST to be part of our convention. He wants to see how the clowns from the western side of the U.S. clown so be ready to show him our best side! He will be sharing his English humor and clowning techniques with us and as Julie said "we will learn to speak English"! He is the next president of WCA and has been clowning now for about 12 years as a professional.

We are ready to go from "siesta" to "fiesta". See you there!

I for one am looking forward to the convention this year, and have found the connector for my camera instead of relying on a tablet for the photos. My photos are 'web-friendly' for the Facebook gallery and for the competition winner slides, and there are professional photographers there for high-res photos and even videos! I'm also planning on teaching 'balloon weave building blocks' which seems popular, especially among the newer attendees — anyone can come and learn techniques that can be used to build some massive creations like those robot costumes and comic-book hero gear :-)



Last walk around for LaMar “Willie” Williams



LaMar “Willie” Williams was a founder of Western Regional Clown Convention. Willie was a wonderful clown and person. A real cheerleader! He always gave the best greetings. He made everyone feel special and loved. He was a real charmer and he will be missed by many.

Heaven is a place for folks like Willie and he has been reunited with some of our other founders. I received a letter from his wife Dorothy “Wobbly” Williams and wanted to share her words with our members. She wrote:
 From Rosemarie

Dear Rosemarie,

August 11, 2018

LaMar “Willie” Williams loved clowning and the wonderful clown friends that he mingled with at conventions. I am his wife Dorothy “Wobbly” Williams. I retired from clowning in 1989 when we moved from Salt Lake City to Manti, Sanpete Utah. I told Willie that Sanpete was only big enough for one clown—I retired.

I just wanted to let you know that Willie passed away on July 10th 2018. He fell and broke his hip the 15th of March, had surgery and went to a care center. He never walked again and slowly went downhill. He had a good long life and celebrated his 92nd birthday on June 13th 2018, in the care center, with a lot of family to help celebrate. He asked for his hand air pump and even made balloons the last while. Once a clown--always a clown.

I’m enclosing his funeral program. The picture on the front just happened to be the very first day we met in 1946. That year roller skating in competition—he won California’s first place men’s free style, first place pairs, first place figures that year also. We married three years later, July 27, 1949. I married my roller skating instructor and years later as Willie and Wobby the clowns, we roller skated in many parades. There was never a dull moment. We have eight grown children and I’ve lost count of the grands and greats...

Sending thanks to all the wonderful clowns that have enriched our lives.

Hi all ,

(**Willie continued**)

Carol and I and Kathryn had the privilege of going to Willie's funeral. It was held in Manti Ut about 117 miles South east from Salt Lake City. We said our good byes to Willie and talked and hugged the members of the family that we haven't seen for awhile. There were laughs and tears of those who spoke about their father, grandfather or great grandfather.

Willie severed in the Navy and received full military honors. where his great grandson who is a marine presented the American flag to his great grandmother. it was a real tear jerker. This past week we received a thank note from Willies wife Dorothy, she thanked us for coming and said the she couldn't find Wille's make up box that maybe he took it with him. John and I have been entertaining at the Utah State fair this past week. I have had people at the fair ask me if I knew Willie and where he was at. I told them that he passed away and is entertaining the angels in Heaven. We will all miss this great man and the things he has shared with each of us will stay with us for a long, long time . I hope you all are grtting ready for a great convention. its not to late to bring another friend. See you soon, bump a nose your friend in clowning and life.
Tom Sammy T Butte Sergeant at Arms and Utah Rep.



It's so hard to write about Willie. I've known him my whole clowning career. I first met him at the Utah Jesters. Then, at the University of Utah clown class, and then I became his assistant.

Willie's love for clowning has always shown. Either, by the stories he always told, trainings, and whatever he did. He was my mentor, friend, and family. I will dearly miss him.

Dizzy Dave wrote:

Willie inspired me a great deal when we each got to the Riverside Buffet line early (personal tradition for me while the convention was in Laughlin), and he was in costume already! He told me that he likes to dress up at least one day each convention, and while we were talking, he said that he had been seeing me grow as a clown and as a person. Those were massive takeaways for me. He represented WRCA and its values in grand style Davie Keenen

????? Did you say competition! ?????

Why Do You Attend Conventions?

I don't know why YOU attend, but I'm pretty sure that for most of us it is to become the best entertainer you can be. You want to learn new things and grow as an entertainer. You know there will be classes to expand your skills and improve your look. So you open up your pocketbook and spend your hard earned dollars to go to convention. Shouldn't you take advantage of EVERY opportunity to grow that you possibly can while you are there?



One of the very best ways to sharpen your skills is to COMPETE!

Get some good honest critique from caring peers.

What's holding you back? Call me at 303-798-9933 and I'll do everything I can to help you.

It is because I competed that I ended up being paid to travel and perform worldwide as a clown. Where will it take you? Competition. Give it a try.

Rosemarie: Not much room left for your San Diego, Southern CA Rep & newsletter editor. This has been a great year for clowning. It is too bad the scary clowns (Halloween characters) will be out in Oct. OK I promise I won't go to the Halloween store and spray paint all those scary mask.

I did do a wonderful workshop (according to the participants) for the Laguna Woods clown alley on posing. I am happy to say I will be doing it for FAVE this year. It covers how to look your best and how to make picture taking fun for the customers. Trust me I have tons of experience.

I am happy I will be doing a comic movement class again. I absolutely love sharing my skills and experience. If you are "on the fence" about attending, let me make it easy for you to make your decision -Ya All Come - Ya hear. **Were going to party, karamu, fiesta, forever**



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