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AVAST ME HEAR-IES!

The Ship be pull-in in soon! Ye be ready for frolic and pira-tin??

Our second year here at Texas station and the board and I are so excited! I am really looking forward to seeing all of you again!!

Start packing up what you need and bring your props and or visit the vendors room, they just might have what you need!

How do you like our new logo? Don't worry, we are still WRCA. FAVE is the name of our convention, Family and Variety Entertainers. With our new convention name, we are hoping it will entice more family entertainers to attend our great convention!

Our education chairs have been working hard putting together quality classes, so make sure to attend as many as you can. In fact, ALL of our chairs and helpers have been working hard!

The competition chairs are looking forward to having some fun competitions so try your hand at competing, whether you are new or a seasoned entertainer.

Our theme party will be one you won't want to miss, so come and swash buckle with all the swashbucklers!

Well me hearties, keep a weather eye out and make sure ye be makin it to the dock on time! Or else I'll be keelhauln ya!

I'll be watchin fer ye!

Cap'n Scutterbotch

Candy Will

President WRCA FAVE Convention

A book never written:

"Pirate Gold" by Barry D. Treasure.

Hello WRCA/FAVE,

I can't believe it's already October! Time flies when you are planning a fabulous convention. Your Board of Directors are really excited about this year's convention and all it has to offer, so invite your friends and cohorts, buckle up and enjoy the ride!!!

I have a few things to share with all of you, to help you plan for this year's WRCA – FAVE convention.

First off please visit our updated Web site, (<https://www.faveconvention.com>) it looks so AWE-SOME! You will be able to find anything you need on this site, and if by chance you can't there is contact info for your Board of Directors and any one of us will be happy to help you.

Our theme this year is magic and to help us pull that off, I am excited to tell you we have the incredible Duane and Mary Laflin. James (Jimbo) Hunsinger will also be joining us this year, Jimbo is a favorite of WRCA and we are excited to have him with us this year. Please check out all the classes on magic, there are a variety of classes to choose, from Gospel to sleight of hand. Something for everyone.

You can look forward to our vendor room where all kinds of magic will be available for purchase.

I am thrilled to announce we will have Tim Simpson with us again this year. His classes last year were FABULOUS. One of the classes Tim will be teaching is the Ukulele. Please bring your ukulele if you have one, if not Crickits Corner will have them for sale. Not only will he be instructing but he will be holding jam sessions so we can all play together. If you play any other instruments we encourage you to bring them as Tim would love to jam with any and all instruments. Don't play an instrument? Well now is your chance, Tim is proficient on all kinds of instruments even the turkey baster. So grab a turkey baster and let Tim bring out the musical artist in you.

Open Mike will be back this year. Tim will be leading us in a fun filled time of showing off our talents. What better place to try out something new or a tried and true. This is a safe and fun place to hone your skills or try out some new ones.

That's it for now, see you soon. Bump a Nose, Candy "JellyBean" Kirkley Vice President and Co-

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From your Registration Chair - October 2017

I can't believe that in a little over a month we will be celebrating our 32nd annual Family Entertainers convention and the first year of the FAVE convention (Family and Variety Entertainers) presented by the WRCA at our new location: Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Ln, North Las Vegas, NV 89032 – November 5-9, 2017. You have until October 31, 2017 to take advantage of our Preregistration special at \$195 for adults. Many of you took advantage of the first two tiers at \$160 and \$175 tiers and this Preregistration special at \$195 will end when postmarked by October 31, 2017. Beginning on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 and at the door, the registration fee goes to \$225 for the adults, \$75 for Junior Joey's age 6-17, by November 5, 2017. We also offer \$95 Day Passes for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday classes and workshops.

Just a reminder, **BOOK YOUR ROOM by October 11, 2017** before midnight. The deadline to get our special room rate is October 11. \$34.00 + \$11.99 resort fee + tax, Sunday - Thursday night. Price valid for 1 or 2 people per room. 1st night fee payable at booking. After that date we cannot guarantee you a room or the reduced rate. Use the offer code **TCICLWN**.

One night's room and tax charge will be required at the time the reservation is made, either by check or credit card. Texas Station requires a deposit of \$100 upon check-in. Rates are per room, per night, single or double occupancy.

I want to remind you that on Monday night November 6th will be our **President's Welcome & Staff on Stage Show / Pizza Party** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets required to attend the "President's Welcome & Staff on Stage Show / Pizza Party"

On Tuesday night November 7th will be our **Pirate Theme Party!** Snacks provided from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. **Tickets Required to attend the "Theme Party"**

On Thursday November 9th will be our **Banquet / Entertainment / Awards**

Tickets Required to attend the "Banquet and show"

These tickets are included in you full registration. If you need additional tickets they will be available at the registration desk for \$20 each for Monday & Tuesday's event, on Thursday's banquet, tickets will be \$65 each.

Go to our website at <http://FAVEconvention.com> and select "register" from the menu. You can register on-line using your credit card by scrolling down to "register on line". Fill out that form and submit the form first then proceed to the PayPal section to make your payment.

If you registered for the convention and did not received or misplaced your acknowledgement receipt with valuable information, please send me an email and I will email your acknowledgement receipt to the email on file.

So, mark your calendar and plan on attending the FAVE convention on November 5-9, 2017 by visiting us on our website at <http://WRCAConvention.org>. Well, that's it for now. I hope to see you November 6-10, 2017 in Vegas.

Dennis "DENO" Owens
310 619-0677



Message from Suds: I will miss everyone this year due to other commitments I will not be at the convention. You know I love all the Magicians, Clowns, Entertainers. I love the WRCA, I love the Clowns of America, I love the people of America and I love the Bank of America. Ha, just a joke. I'll miss you but have the best convention ever!

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**Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel
2101 Texas Star Ln,
North Las Vegas, NV 89032**

Call (702) 631-1000

<https://texasstation.sclv.com/>

If you still need to book your room have until Thursday, October 11th to get the group rate. After that date, the rooms will no longer be available at the special discounted rates.

If you wish to book your room, you should call [1-800-654-8888](tel:1-800-654-8888) and mention group code TCICLWN.



Q: What do they call a pirate that skips school?

A: Captain Hooky



From the Convention Chair: Sandra Farewell

The convention is falling into place and we have been working hard to keep all the fun and friendly aspects of our convention while trying to grow and become a desirable convention for new comers. Our new convention name is FAVE: Family and Variety Entertainers. It is easy to remember because we want it to be your FAVE-orite.

We are also trying to move into this new technical era. We have a new designed website at www.FAVEconvention.com. Below are other places you can find us online. Facebook: Western Region Clown Association <https://www.facebook.com/groups/658304887547272/> and FAVE Convention <https://www.facebook.com/groups/728550550660694/> FAVE Convention also has a twitter account but I don't have a clue as to how that works.

We may also have our own App up and running by convention to list all the instructors, bios and class descriptions.

Qualatex is coming to sponsor our Balloon Jam room daily from 9 a.m. until 3 a.m. We will even have a room for the Face Painters to jam at night. And then on Wednesday night, there will be a Qualatex sponsored competition.

We will be voting on changes to the WRCA Constitution Thursday morning at the General Meeting. Make sure you come to let your voice be heard. There are so many great things happening at convention I hope you will be able to make it this year.

FAVE Convention - WRCA's Convention Chair - 760.868.8682 Office - 909.262.5491 Mobile

Hey everyone, It's it is crunch time! Time to get everything together for our great FAVE convention. Be sure you bring your costumes, balloons, face paints and your regular clothes. Most of all bring your friends who have never been before; a good sense of humor; and of course, your manners. Only days from now for our convention. C U all there.

Tom [Sammy t] Butte Sargent at arms and Utah rep

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Message from Sherry “Lollypop” Ralston:

Avast Ye! Arrrr... you ready for the Theme Party? I hope you are getting your costumes ready, and remember matey, not to bring in any loaded weapons, aye aye!! Last year at our Western Theme Party we had a Jail, and it was a big hit. Many people asked to have it back again this year, and since it fits the Pirate Theme, it will be back bigger and better. The proceeds from the Jail went towards the Jr. Joey program, and since we all love to support the Jr.'s, they will be happy to see it back again too. So, don't forget to bring extra booty (cash) to have fun sending your swash buckling friends to jail, and to bail your own self out.

I have plenty of table decorations, but love to have you all decorate a table with your own décor as well. It is fun to see other's get involved with helping our convention, and great to have a variety of decorations. If you would like to decorate a table for the Theme Party, please come to the Theme Party room at 4:00pm on Tuesday. I will be setting up the room at 4:00pm, and will need to know how many tables will be decorated by any of you, and how many I will need to decorate. (Depending on the hotel staff's preparedness, we may not be able to decorate the tables right at 4:00, but I will need to know how many tables to leave for you at that time.) We will have a contest for the best decorated table, and the winners will win a table up front for the Banquet. I can't tell you at this time what room to go to until the convention, but we will know by then. I would love to have about 10 adults help decorate the room for the party as well. Please let me know at the convention if you would be interested in helping. **(Adults only, no children will be allowed in the room while decorating)**. We will be building large props and the hotel staff will be setting up as well. We don't want to have the children get hurt or be in the way. I have all the decorations, but need more hands to help put it all together. I only get a couple of hours to get the whole room decorated, and I can only do so much alone. So, your help would be very much appreciated.

As the **Face Painting Competition Chairman**, I would like to remind you that you **must attend the Competition Meeting** in order to compete in Face Painting. All the competition rules are on the web site, so please read all the rules before you come. All your questions should be asked at the competition meeting. Please remember you are responsible to bring all your own supplies, including; your own model to paint on, your face paints and all face painting supplies, water, paper towels, and everything needed that you would normally take with you when you are on the job. Children will not be allowed in the face painting competition area unless they are asked to be a model.

Ahoy Matey's, don't forget to make new friends, get involved and participate. This is the best family entertainer's convention, and the biggest family reunion week of fun, but you won't know if you are sitting in your room. Even if it is your first convention, you can have a great time if you get out there and participate.

Want to see what balloon twisting is all about? Check out the balloon jam room. Same with face painting, and other activities. There are always groups of people around the hotel doing what they love, and many are more than willing to welcome you to join them. Don't forget to bring extra business cards to share with each other. Networking together builds friendships, helps you learn, and helps your customers as well.

All hands on deck ye landlubber, sign up now for the convention if you have not done so yet, or you'll be walking the plank ya swabber. Dead men tell no tales!

Yo-ho-ho, see you in November!

Sherry “Lollypop” Ralston, Theme Party Chairman & Face Painting Competition Chairman

Q: Which two football teams played in the pirate superbowl? A: The Seahawks and the Buccaneers.

Q: What was the pirate's favorite U.S state? A: Arrrrkansas

Q: What's a pirate's favorite movie? A: Booty and the Beast.

Q: How much do pirates charge to pierce someone's ears? A: A buck an ear.



Rosemarie "Wower" Ballard

Our club in San Diego, CA the San Diego All Star Clowns has had an interesting year. We have been awarded the WCA Clown Alley of the Year and the COAI Charley award for our outreach during "National Clown Week". None of this would have been possible without our star clown Bon Bon and our wonderful members. Bon Bon has put us on the map. We have also lost our precious member Skippy the Clown. Her passing really hurt our hearts.

We continue to bring joy to the world despite the movie "IT".

Our members are looking forward to the convention. The last time pirate was the theme our club won a lot of awards: Best group skit; 1st and 2nd place in single skit; 1st place in paradeability and 1st place in balloons. Wow!

I will be at the registration table on Sunday so even if you are not in my area stop by and say Hi. I will be teaching comic movement and wig care again this year. I have so much fun teaching. I love it as much as performing. If you have been to my movement class before they are always different so come again. I guarantee you will have fun and there is always something new to learn.

If you are just thinking about coming to convention and have not made up your mind yet, let me make it for you, COME!

Clowningly - from Happy Lil' Darling and Hugs:

Welcome Juniors and Teens. We're going to have a pajama day this year. So, bring a pair of pajamas. See you there.



From Your Vendor Chair

"Crickit"

Well I'm sure all of you are just chomping at the bit, dying to know who the vendors are this year.

Well calm down I am going to

let you know right now. In no particular order:

1. Rocky Five of course. Along with making our awards he can also make you a custom badge, he'll even help you design it.
2. Enchanted Stencils will be back with their awesome glitter tattoos.
3. Doc Magic will be joining us this year with magic props from his new store, which is here in Las Vegas if you would like to check it out.
4. More great magic from Duane Laflin. He has some great gospel illusions you'll want to see.
5. T. Myers, yes we finally got him to join us. He's bringing everything needed for balloon artists. He's also bringing face paint and other great items you're sure to want.
6. Candy Lemus will be back with her great costumes, shoes and fun props.
7. Dena with Under the Big Top is back again with her fun props and cool costume buttons.
8. Lizadoodle will be bringing her balloon stickers and a cool small air brush system with great reusable stencils.
9. And yes the goofy guy who chirps like a "Crickit" will be there with the balloon dog watches, great fun and easy magic and lots of Gifts, Gadgets, Gags, and Grins. I'm sorry to say Suds has other commitments and will not be joining us this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone again Crickit Crickit aka Rick Farewell Vendor Chair for WRCA
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Group code is VVE8V

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Please consider entering the Costume & Make-up competitions. I know you want to improve your skills or you wouldn't even be reading this right now.

Competition is one of the very best ways to keep your look on point. We promise to be kind. There will be many people at the convention that are very willing to help you with anything you need. Please contact me at 303-798-9933 If can't help or I'll find someone who can.

The number of competitors last year were so low that we had to combine all the categories into one. I'm getting worried that our wonderful tradition of make up competitions will disappear if we don't turn this around.

Don't forget the Performance and Parade Competitions as well! While we have had a few more entries in these categories, the numbers have dwindled. That means your chance of WINNING is great!

See you at the Mandatory Competition meeting!



Hello, All!

As the WRCA (Western Region Clown Association) evolves to become FAVE (Family and Variety Entertainers), and more variety artists are adding a clown persona to their repertoire, I thought these tips would be of particular value at this time and helpful in developing a real clown character far beyond your costuming and makeup. The key is to have your own personal clown biography!

TIPS TO CREATING YOUR CLOWN "BIO"

- * Clown Name? Why that name? Your age?
- * Where do you live (house, city, directions)
- * Do you have a best friend, relatives are they clowns, too?
- * Do you have any pets?
- * Where did you go to school?
- * Did you ever live or work at the circus?
- * Where did you get your costume, nose, big feet, etc.?
- * Do you have a car?
- * What are your hobbies, skills?

What is your favorite food, song, color, game, etc.?

These tips will be especially helpful as you converse face-to-face with your public. Remember, the more detailed you are with your answers, the more believable your character will be (not only to others, but especially to you as well). Also remember that your "bio" changes and evolves as your clown life evolves!

Hope these tips serve you well! If you have questions or would like additional info or details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Clown, Forever, Joy



From Kelly Martinez

I am very excited to be bringing my "Welcome Wagon" to our convention this year! On Sunday night we will be having an opening night class for our new-bees or anyone that would like a basic overview of our convention. Every day you will see the Welcome Wagon out and about waiting to help you. Have a question? Need help picking the correct classes for your needs? Want to meet new friends? Need help deciding where to eat? All the answers can be directed to the Welcome Wagon and if I do not have an answer, I will find it for you. At lunch time you will be able to find the Welcome Wagon at the Buffet, please join us, we will be waiting for you! **6.**



Becky Wells (Zippie)

The Arizona contingent will be 14 in force. Our table will be in the lobby and that is where you will pick up your package on Sunday. We have 3 first time attendees and we welcome them to our family. The Red Hot Clown Alley is in full swing with many gigs for the month of October. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at this convention.

Silent Auction by Vivian De Jesus

Hello everyone, This is Grama 'V' again asking for donations to the Silent Auction.
So please remember to put something in your Suitcase to bring with you to Vegas for me.
Thank you in advance for supporting a great cause. arggggg....see you all in November.
Vivian De Jesus at vivdj1@hotmail.com or txt me at 916 367-8990. Northern California Rep.
You c an call me 916 367-8990



Shiver me timbers, matey :D from Dizzy DAVE

Hi one and all from Sunny San Diego! The heat wave finally broke for the most part, and now that Comic-Con has past, I can get ready for the FAVE Convention!

I'll be taking photos for competitions and around the workshops, and if you have any photos that you would like to add to the Gallery, please e-mail them (preferably JPG format)

to chainblaster@gmail.com — I don't have any CD or DVD drives, but when I'm there at the convention I can download from 'thumb' drives.

There will be a Professional Photographer there for Portraits and Studio photos (mine are more 'in the world' and smaller file formats for the Web). Also, I could be teaching a balloon twisting class, likely either basic 'weaves' or perhaps even doing some 'character balloons. Either way it will be 'hands-on' and Qualatex will be sponsoring the Balloon Room again — just please don't send 'shooters' up into the chandeliers since it takes ladders and perhaps one of those hydraulic scissor-lifts to reach and get the debris out of the heavy glass fixtures.

Last year was *incredible* and this year promises to be even better again at the Texas Station resort. Piratey Best ;-) Dave

Where do pirates keep their cookies?... in a jarrrr!!!!

Rosemarie/Wower here!
I would love headshots of
you clown character.
Send headshots (jpg) to
rosemarie101@att.net

Have you heard about the new pirate movie?..

It's rated AARRRRGGH!

What is a pirates favorite study subject? ..arrrrrrrrrt

What's a pirate's second-choice job? ..an arrrrrrchitect!

What kind of socks does a pirate wear? AARRRGGHyle!

What's a pirate's second favorite mode of transportation? ...
A CAARRRRGGH!

How did the pirate become a lawyer?
he passed the barrrrr!!!!

What are pirates afraid of? ... the DARRRRRRRRRRK
Where do pirates like to eat? . the HARRRRRRD rock
cafe!

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You clown headshot could go here.

Please send pictures to the address on this letter