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Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Newsletter



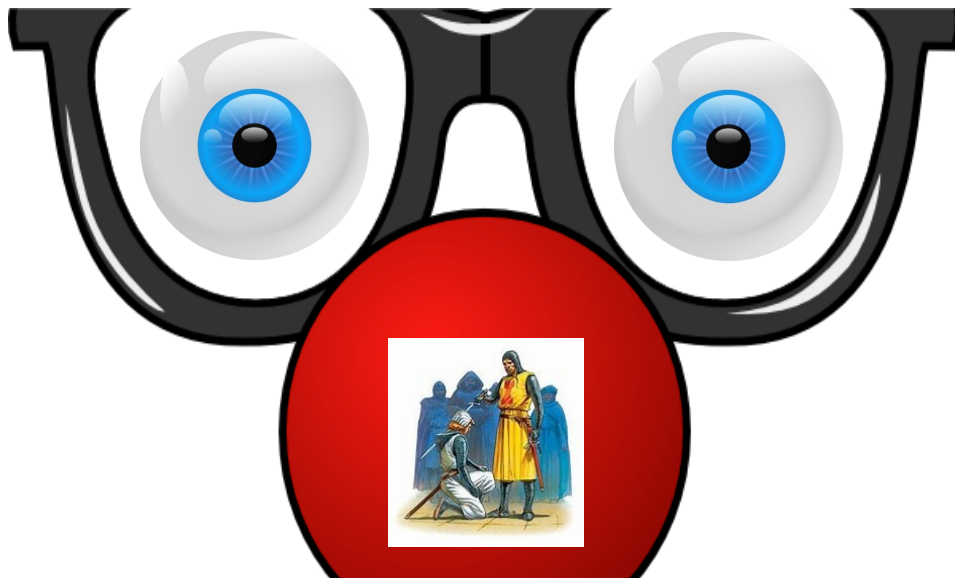
Clowns of The Round Table From The Land Of Laugh-A-Lot



We'll save you a seat at the table...

M.A.C.A.

November 10th-13th



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Kral
MACA President

Greetings MACA Clowns,

Summer is Just about gone, but you can't tell by the hot and humid weather we have.
I hope those of you who had outside events took precautions to be safe while performing

"National Clown Week" (August 1 to August 7).

I Hope you had an opportunity to do something to keep the art of clowning alive, by promoting clowning and making the general public smile and laugh.

I hope some of you will submit some pictures and write-ups of the events you attended during "International Clown Week"

The 2022 (39th) MACA convention is in the works, and I hope you are planning on going.
It is November 10 to November 13, 2022.

Information and registration forms can be found in our newsletter and on our web site
www.midatlanticclownassociation.com

I know I write about the convention in my President Letters but it is important to keep the MACA organization alive and well.

A big thanks to Alene Kraus "Ruffles" for doing a fantastic job to bring this convention its great list of vendors and lecturers again this year

Also a big thanks to Pat Stevenson "Patty Cake" for, again keeping the MACA organization on the

straight and narrow and taking the time to work with the hotel to make this another great MACA convention.

Again this year elections will be held at the General Meeting. There are positions being vacated this year and the organization needs a board of directors.

Please consider a position on the board to keep MACA going on to "Promote the art of Clowning".

If you are interested please let anyone on the MACA board know.

Again, thank you all for being members of MACA and clowns to bringing smiles to the world.

Take care and Keep e'm laff'n.
See you down the road

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

By Pat Stevenson

39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

Clowns of the Round Table

If you have been watching fb, you know that American Clown Academy just moved from August to early Spring...and while COAI states that their convention attendees are not the same "type" that attend ACA, they are talking about moving the COAI convention to the Fall. This could impact MACA, SECA and other local types of conventions. There were lots of comments from COAI members on fb.

Several people pointed out that they prefer the local conventions for a number of reasons. Excellent positive comments were made about MACA.

November (Veterans Day) convention dates are in MACA's by-laws. One advantage MACA has is our awesome relationship with one hotel...we are not annually trying to work out hotel contracts, and our dates and location give stability to our membership and convention...people can plan for the next convention easily. Apparently, no one has planned the next COAI convention! ?? In person and risk a large loss or on-line.

Your board continues to work on the details of your 39th annual convention. November 10-13, 2022

Saturday entertainment is the award winning magician Erick Hershey. Lectors and Vendors are finalized. Lots of new faces, talents and skills.

Registration is open for you to reserve your seat at the table on Eventbrite. We are planning 17 classes/lectures. Regular registration is 190.00. Register before the price goes up.

Watch email, fb and the website for continuing updates.

Do you want a fried turkey leg at the feast??? Order now by emailing Pat_stevenson@verizon.net before November 1st!

A CHAT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

By Tina Coleman

Greetings from your chaplain! Whoo-whee, it's hot outside in Maryland here in August. Next week I head to Georgia for the American Clown Academy. I'm a little scared: if it's this hot in Maryland now, all I can say is, the devil went down to Georgia and I don't play the fiddle! But I got a reminder this past week to look ahead to November in Pennsylvania with all of you at the convention.

That reminder came in the form of a blessing given to our FreeState Clown Alley members who were performing for Camp Glow, which is a week-long residential summer camp for adults with disabilities. Our alley traditionally performs on bingo night: the campers love the clowns and give lots of hugs, but also keep us accountable to our performance time, because, hey, there are bingo prizes to be won.

Monday's camp fell on the heels of International Clown Week. Father Bill was kind enough to offer a blessing of the clowns before the performance, which he delivered as a responsive prayer in which all of the campers participated. What a wonderful experience to be prayed for! The text he based his prayer upon and which one of the campers read at the beginning of the blessing was from 1 Corinthians 12, which talks about the many gifts God gives among his people, which are to be used to bless others. Father Bill talked about the gift of laughter that clowns seek to bring, and had the campers think of times in the Bible where there was laughter, and then tied the performance our alley was doing that evening (and a few other times this summer) to the gift of laughter and the act of service in sharing that laughter with others.

Your alleys or you as individual clowns are part of that sharing of gifts and service. So I of course thought of sharing the context of that blessing with y'all!

For those of you who were at MACA last year, the verse he based the blessing on was the verse we used for our Sunday service. I've already begun thinking and reading to prepare for this year's service. My pastor prepares a service every week, but it takes me a good bit longer. Because I seek to look at the Bible through the viewpoint of a clown, I think I get to have a good bit more fun! Of course, thinking about it for as long as I do serves as its own form of personal Bible study. If you are interested in bantering back and forth ideas on the service, please feel free to reach out to clowningclementine@gmail.com. I do also try to keep a pulse on prayer requests, both those I see in our clowning community and those sent to me.

Until November, bump a nose!

MACA 2022 CONVENTION NEWS



THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC CLOWN ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR 2022

PRESENTS

CLOWNS OF THE ROUND TABLE

From

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Welcome to our annual gathering of all things clown. Here is information to help you have an enjoyable time navigating the classes, the hotel, the restaurant, the dealers' room, open mic and our shows. If you have any questions or concerns, please see John Kral, Pat Stevenson or Alene Kraus.

MACA FACTS:

Thursday begins with our Flea Market at 8AM! The Flea Market ends promptly at 9:15. Please have everything put away BY 9:15. (Thank you)

Registration begins at 9 AM. Please register before attending classes beginning at 9:30. We will have additional help at the registration table.

You need to sign up for Open Mic and have a "BIT" to perform. This is a fun, performance-based presentation. Skits, Magic, Story Telling, Juggling, Music, A Brief Game- if you're not sure, please see Alene. Sign up can be found at the registration desk. The one and only Dave Hill will add much laughter and fun to the evening!

Please support our wonderful dealers!

MACA 2022 CONVENTION NEWS

The Dealers' Room will be open at NOON on Thursday. Open Friday and Saturday at 10AM. The dealer's room closes for lunch and dinner. The Dealer's Room is also Closed during the General Meeting on Saturday.

Dave Hill will let us know when the dealer's room is closing each night and when the last shopping opportunity occurs.

Meals:

Bring your breakfast tickets and please tip your server. If there are changes we will post those at the registration desk.

The restaurant hours are:

Breakfast-7:30-10

Lunch-According to the MACA Schedule

All dinners are served at 6:15 in the banquet room. We will have our basket raffles and 50/50 tickets each evening.

*Thursday Morning's Early Pre-Class Schedule

8-9:15 Flea Market in The Hotel Lobby

9-11:00 Registration & Open Mic Sign-up in Lobby

9:30- PUPPET MAKING WITH Donuts (5.00 materials fee paid to Jim)

- The Friday night show will feature a laugh fest with Steve Kissell and Dave Hill.
- Our Saturday Banquet will be a Feast Fit For A King!
Order a Free Fried Turkey Leg by October 25th
Email:pat_stevenson@verizon.net Super photo OP!
- Saturday Night's Headliner is Country Conjuring Magician: Erick Hershey. Look him up on Facebook to learn more!

MACA 2022 CONVENTION NEWS

Date & Day	Time	Class Title	Instructor
Thursday Nov 10	8AM-9:15	Flea Market ends 9:15 Registration begins 9AM in the lobby	
	9:30-10:30	Puppet Make & Take \$5 Materials Fee payable to Donoughe	Jim "Donuts" Donoughe
	10:45-11:45	Balloon Twisting	Jim "Jimbo" Fearn
	12:00-1:00	LUNCH TIME	
	1:00-2:00	Magic So Easy A Caveman Can Do It (Meet Grog and Piddle Deerberry)	Ann Sanders, Tim Laynor
	2:15-3:15	How To Work a Parade	Bob and Teresa Gretton
	3:30-4:30	Face Painting	Susan Crenshaw
	4:45-5:45	Magical, Mirthful Messages Gospel effects and object lessons for Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School Teachers Fun surprises for all!	Steve Kissell
	6:15	Buffett and Open Mic (Register in Lobby)	

Date & Day	Time	Class Title	Instructor
Friday Nov 11	8:30-9:30		Dave Hill
	9:45-10:45	Games People Fun games and audience participation to add to your birthday parties and family shows. Come ready to have fun!	Steve Kissell
	11:00-12:00	TBD	
	12:05-1:45	Group Photo And Lunch...Please be on Time	
	1:45-2:45	TBD	
	3:00-4:00	TBD	
	4:15-5:15	TBD	
	6:15	THEME NIGHT BUFFETT, SHOW By Steve Kissell and Dave Hill, Theme dress up night KIDS' NIGHT (more info soon)	

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Date & Day	Time	Class Title	Instructor
Saturday Nov 12	8:30-9:30	Make Your Puppet Come Alive Bring A Puppet With You	Scott Correll
	9:45-10:45	TBD	Wayne Schifflet
	11:00-12:00	TBD	Mary Ann Ross
	12:00-1:00	LUNCH TIME	
	1:15-2:15	TBD	Roy Stone
	2:30-3:00	Fun Magic, Fun Props	Scott Correll
	3:45-5:00	General Membership Meeting	Dealer Room Closed
	6:15	Medieval Fest including fried Turkey legs (if you order ahead), Headliner Erick Hershey, Awards Dress business casual or themed medieval clothing.	
Sunday Nov 13	9:00	Sunday Service	Officiated by Chaplain Tina Coleman

See You at
the
Convention



Hear Ye Hear Ye!

The Clowns Of The Round Table Have Decided On More Fun & Laughter For All!!!



We are adding more fun and opportunity to our Thursday Open Mic Night! Who doesn't need a little more fun? Let's shake it up a little.

Open Mic Night will now have a MACA favorite as the MC. As a participant, you'll have a variety of categories from which to choose. When you pick up your registration package in the lobby, you'll be able to register for Open Mic Night.

Some ideas include: Skits, (single or small group), Stand-up Comedy Routines, Magic Routines, Juggling... More points if you can link your performance to the theme! Start thinking, writing and practicing now! Prizes awarded in all categories. It's a People's Choice Ballot.

If you have any questions or ideas email me at srateach@gmail.com. I 'd love to hear from you.

39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

Preliminary

Convention November 10-13, 2022

Banquet November 12, 2022

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg PA 17111



To register, use website and Eventbrite or complete the form below, print out the form and send, with check made payable to MACA Convention, to: Dave Myers, 318 S Cleveland Ave, Wilmington, DE 19805 or Dave's email: clickerclown@yahoo.com. To use credit cards, go to Eventbrite.

Full registration fee includes dinner Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$190.00 thru 9/30/22 | Daily Rates: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 per day -Thurs or Fri
\$35.00 Sat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$200.00 thru 10/31/22 | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Buffet
Thurs. or Fri. each night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full—\$210 after 10/31/22 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$225.00 at the door | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 Saturday night banquet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MACA dues \$20 | | |

Total registration : \$

Hotel room rate - \$102.00 single per night includes breakfast.

\$112.00 double per night includes breakfast for two. Additional guest allowed in room, however, there are only two breakfast tickets. Breakfast can be purchased in the restaurant.

RESERVATIONS MADE ON 3RD PARTY SITES, DO NOT RECEIVE BREAKFAST TICKETS!

Additional persons in room do not get breakfast tickets. You must reserve before 10/26/2022 to be assured this rate. If you make reservations thru Sunday and check out earlier, you will be charged a \$50 fee. (717) 939-7841. Easy on line check-in available (all subject to change)

*****Please note*****

\$25 processing fee for cancellations before 10/01/22. No refunds after that date.

Face painting supplies and latex products will be used and sold at this convention.

All are welcome to attend, however, you must be an MACA member and have paid registration to participant in any special giveaways or awards. Paid members will be invited to annual meeting.

Name:

Clown Name:

Address:

E-mail:

City:

Phone:

State:

First MACA convention?:

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No

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Yes

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Nemours

Dave is one of our hardest working volunteers often taking the early morning or late-night shifts in the emergency department doing special events, and performing for patients as part of our clown program

His peers say that Dave is the most willing volunteer to adapt and step in for anything, anytime he's needed. He goes above and beyond for the department every shift, contributing 400 hours annually. He is an amazing asset, and the ED especially, appreciates everything he does to support the associates, the patients, and their families.

Dave says "I enjoy giving back. My favorite part of volunteering is the joy of getting a kiddo to smile. I could be having a bad day and all I have to do is see that kiddo smile and my day just got a thousand times better.

I have been inducted into the Nemours Volunteer Hall Of Fame and have been awarded the prestigious Ann Ford Volunteer of Excellence.



FREESTATE CLOWN ALLEY #30



Est. 1972
Baltimore Maryland

It was off to 9 circuses Spring and Summer 2022 and CHS Convention in CT!



Flip Circus



Camp Glow

July 4th

Walter L Main Memorial



BE THE REASON
SOMEONE SMILES

MACA Information Center

or Things you may not know about MACA

CLOWN SEARCH

Did you know that the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association provides a way for people to contact it's MACA clowns on our website?

We have a link on the site menu "**Clown Search**" where anyone accessing the site can find a clown in their area to perform. Your listing as a member is free BUT... You need to provide your information. We do not act as a booking agency. The information is there for contact purposes only.

If you would like your contact information to be published on the website, please send your information :

Clown name
Email address
City , State
Phone Number

to the webmaster, Thom Stevenson
Skootchee3419@gmail.com.



MACA MEMBERSHIP

Looking for some help in your clowning career ?

Looking to meet some new and some well established clown ?

Join the mid-Atlantic Clown Association (MACA)

Our purpose is to promote the education in and the preservation of the ancient art of clowning.

To become a member, click on this link to apply for [membership](#).

Changing the World One smile at a time

Send YOUR Alley News and items you may want to share with other members to the Newsletter Editor.

The MACA Newsletter is distributed bi-monthly and submission are due to the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. (Articles are due by June 20th for inclusion in the July/Aug newsletter).

Please, no hand written articles. Pictures may be blurred if the megapixels are not high enough.

Send articles to Editor: Thom Stevenson at
skootchee3419@gmail.com



Clownatarian

The MACA is the only clown organization that gives a Clownatarian award every year and that's because, we made it up! Way back, when the MACA was being formed 30+ years ago, The Keystone Klowns, made up of several clowns that many don't know and most of whom are no longer with us on earth, decided they wanted to give an award to a clown for just being a great clown person. There was a gentleman worked with new clowns and who on several occasions paid for registration fees, hotel rooms, etc. for clowns who were just starting out and did not have money to come to a convention. It was decided this fellow was a Humanitarian and hence the name Clownatarian.

This award was never intended as a Clown of the Year type award but as a thank you to a good human being who was always there to lend a helping hand in any way they could to other clowns. For the first, at least 15 years the trophy award was purchased and given to a person chosen by the Keystone Klowns, but eventually as many of them passed away or left the clown world for various reasons, the MACA decided to take over the presentation of the award.

Over the past several years, the selection committee has consisted of Nellie "Muffin" May (a founding member of the Keystone Klowns and MACA), Darlene "Daisy" Morgan and George "Porgie" Caban. We have re-organized the selection committee to include more currently active members and have decided this committee will be made up of previous Clownatarian award winners that are currently serving on the MACA Board of Directors. Therefore, this year's selection committee will include Nellie May, George Caban, Sandi Smith, Bill Schober, Bob Gretton, Ryan Schwendel, Pat Stevenson and Larry Etchison.

To be selected as a Clownatarian, a clown is nominated by a member of MACA by submitting a letter to the selection committee stating why this person should be considered for this award. These letters are reviewed without names of the person being nominated or the person nominating them being noted so that the nomination is based on good deeds only.

Please send any nominations you have for the 2021 award to me at dotthec clown@comcast.net or to my home 169 Buckingham Dr., Southampton, NJ 08088 and I will see to it that the current selection committee receives your nominations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and I will try to answer.

Sandi "Dot" Smith





Willie from Philly Scholarship

William "Willy from Philly" Clegg was the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Education Director for many years and was a strong advocate for clown education. He strive to foster growth in other clowns and always had kind words and something new to show the clowns in the organization. He had a loving and giving spirit.

He was always the official greeter at every function. At conventions, you would find him roaming the halls introducing himself to all the new clowns and joking with those he knew. Knowing Willie was a gift that we were lucky to share.

Willie's motto was "I love being a clown" and he surely did. At the 2007 convention, he was "in clown" every day, caring and sharing his wonderful warmth with anyone willing to partake of his presence. Willie loved being a clown and he truly had the heart of a clown. It was who he was and he was proud to share his gifts with us.

The MACA Board wanted a special way to preserve Willie's memory and pass on his passion and sharing. The board decided to create the Willie from Philly Scholarship Fund. Willie was all about growth and learning. We feel this is an excellent way to carry on his memory.

The Scholarship is available to first time MACA attendees who are new clowns wishing to enhance their clown education.

The form MUST be completed and mailed to the scholarship committee at least two weeks before the convention. Your registration must be paid.

The scholarship winner may have to go through an interview process—format to be determined before the end of the convention.

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association
Willie from Philly Scholarship Application



1. Your full name, clown name, address and contact phone number.

2. How long have you been a clown? _____

3. What kind of clowning do you do? (hospital clown, caring clown, party clown, etc)

4. What is your favorite thing about clowning?

5. How are you hoping to expand your clown experience?

6. Are there any special skills you would like to learn?

7. Do you belong to an Alley? Which one? _____

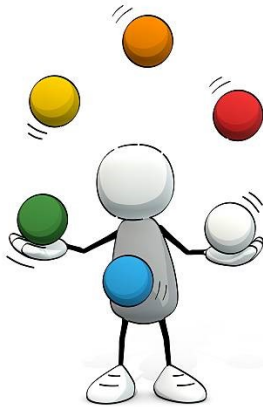
8. Do you have a mentor? _____

9. Do you belong to any other clown organizations? _____

10. Are you a MACA member? Please enter your number. _____

Please submit your completed application to the MACA Scholarship Committee at least two weeks before the convention be eligible for the scholarship. You must have submitted your registration and fee for the full convention.

Also, membership in the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association is a requirement and will be confirmed before the scholarship is awarded.



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