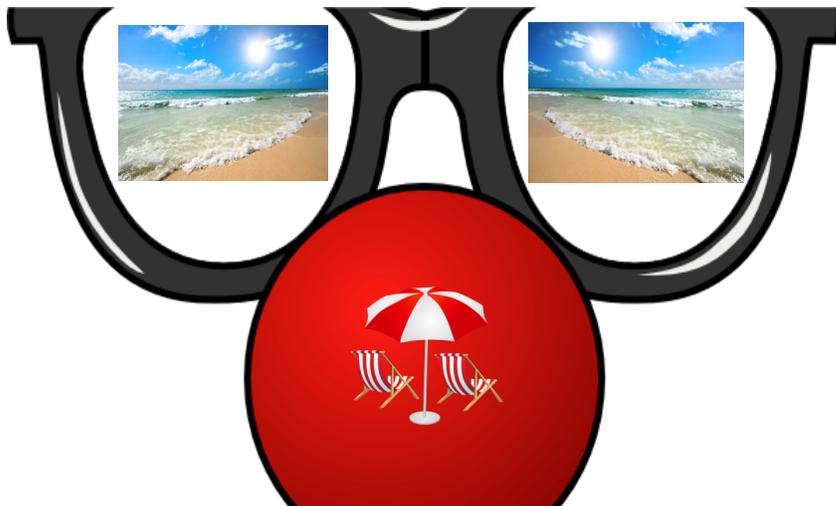


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Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Saunders
MACA President



Message from the Prez...and V Prez

As of August 1st—we will have 103 days to the greatest “ace-high” clown convention of 2021!

Your Education Director, Bob Gretton and the Hospitality Director, Larry Etchison, both have been working tirelessly to make sure November holds lots of fun, giveaways and surprises in addition to new and exciting classes and networking opportunities.

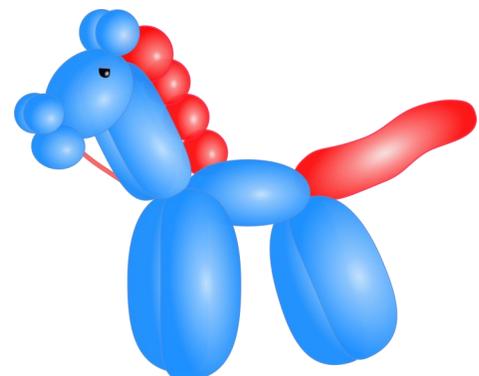
We have been in contact with the hotel and we are back to normal gathering and seating unless something changes.

Hopefully, you have been able to save with new gigs becoming available to be ready to sign up for some rootin’ tootin’ learning! We have several “scholarships” if you may need a little help. This would help pay for registration. (sorry we cannot help with the hotel) But if you are new or have not been to a convention within the last 5 years, we will have a surprise. We are going lickity split to November..

Please share our “rodeo” (line up) with all your friends. Watch our fb page for updates. So until “our flannel mouth” lectures start, remain safe, healthy and a stalwart of mirth!

Yours in Laughter,

Susan and Pat



A CHAT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

By Tina Coleman
MACA Chaplain

Howdy, pardners! We're all gearing up for our rootin' tootin' clown convention in November, including yours truly, your cowgirl chaplain. I could use your help in forming up a posse for the convention. See, traditionally we hold a worship service on Sunday, done clown style. What's that mean, you wonder? Well, I'm glad you asked!

This year, it means we'll be worshipping together as clowns in a collaborative, perhaps even a little bit improvisational approach to a worship service. I'm working out exactly what that's going to mean in practice, to give enough structure to let something meaningful come forward which blends the talents and gifts God's given each of you into a body of, well, clowns seeking to lift each other up in common purpose to serve and worship their Maker. If you've heard my blessings at previous MACAs, know that one of my aims is to ALWAYS let us come together in harmony and to respect each others' faith practices.

So those two guiding principles are my starting points: collaborative improvisational worship and respect for our breadth of faith practices. If you're interested in gathering around that sort of campfire and sharing ideas, reach out to me at clowningclementine@gmail.com and we'll see what we buckaroos can wrangle up for a Sunday service.





**Rootin'
Tootin'**

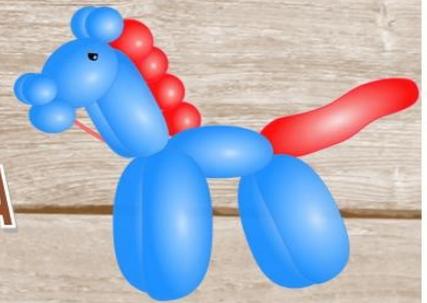
Wild West

**Mid-Atlantic Clown
Convention #38**

November 11-14, 2021

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Rd. Harrisburg, PA



CONVENTION NEWS

Howdy partners!

All you clowns who want a high-falutin*—no airin' the lungs#—good time, don't miss this one!

The Auger% promises a rip roaring, rootin' tootin' time!

There won't be any "Leaky Mouth\$" lecturers . Only experienced and skilled leaders!

There won't be no "Coffee Boilers^". Only hard working partners!

The 38th Annual MACA Convention is going to be an Ace-High@ event!

The newest Clownatarian (2020) Larry Etchison has been shopping and planning since December 2020!

All new (and members who have been missing for at least 5 years) who come to see the elephant+ will receive a special discount at the convention!

The first 9 people to register will receive a "real" cowboy hat from the hospitality room.

There will be the usual Thursday-Saturday classes, lecturers and vendors. There will be plenty of opportunities to network and Jam.

And of course, the awesome grub—two buffets and a lovely sit down dinner banquet.



*great
#no cussing
%Big Boss/President
\$talking to hear yourself
^lazy
@first class
+ coming to a new town for the first time



Here is what is lined up so far....

STEVE KISSELL

Evening performance title: An Evening of Comedy Magic with Steve Kissell

Magic and Storytelling Share in the surprising delight of learning over a dozen magical stories that will enlighten your magical performance. This is one of the most requested play shops. Learn the skills you need to combine this art form with others. Great for working with libraries, daycare's, schools and birthday parties. This presentation is very audience involved, so get ready to have fun!

50 Performance Tips for Entertainers Everything from **A**udience involvement to **Z**any introductions will be discussed in this session. Learn to be a better performer with attention to details. You will leave this workshop a better performer!

ROY STONE

The Art of Being Santa

Stage Presence

DAVE HILL

Magical Fun For Clowns - Learning a few simple but impressive magical effects can boost your overall clown skills. Join us as we learn to perform a dozen or so bits of magic, Walk Around tricks and Easy to do effects for Shows and especially Birthday Parties will be featured.

Don't Just Stand There, Make Me Laugh! - You've learned how to put on make-up. Got your outfit and shoes, and there's the phone call. "Can you come and "Perform at Our Event?" The optimum word here is **PERFORM**. Learn some New, and Remember some tried and true oldies to make you a hit at your next appearance.

SCOTT CORRELL

Puppets

Bubbles

MARY ANN ROSS

Glitter Tattoos

From How to WOW!

How to create and charge for your creations, whether single application or multiple colors.

Stencils/glue/glitter will be supplied.

Beginner face painting

What to use and not to use, how to care for your kit, simple application techniques, freehand vs stencils, set up advice, etc.

 WAYNE SHIFFLETT

Care and use of Feather Flower Magic.

Teach simple magic (not a DIY or make it yourself, but show the 'secret' without having to buy it)

Examples:

Color changing silks,

Professor Nightmare (3 different rope lengths in tall the same length), Coloring book, Rising wand, (wand rises, jumps, and silk appears on end) Crystal Tubes (3 silks put into tube, come out tied together), D'Lites, Stiff Rope, to name a few.

 JIM DONAHUE

Chickenology

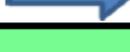
 CONNIE MORROW

Working with babies & toddlers

 TERESA & BOB GRETTON

Hands on “Bits, Skits,& Gags”

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Day	Time	CAPITOL EAST LECTURE ROOM	Time	CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM	
Thurs. 11/11/21	9:30	    		Vendor set up beginning at 9:00 AM	
	10:00		REGISTRATION - LOBBY		
	10:00		FLEA MARKET - Gently Used Items Only		
	12:00		by Individual Clowns/Alleys		Vendor Room opens at 12:00 Noon
	12:30		LUNCH BREAK in Seasons Restaurant		
	1:00			1:00	50 Performance Tips for Entertainers <i>Steve Kissell</i>
	2:00			2:00	
	2:15			2:15	Don't Just Stand There, Make Me Laugh <i>Dave Hill</i>
	3:15			3:15	
	3:30			3:30	Business Aspects of Kids Parties <i>Mary Ann Ross</i>
	4:30		4:30		
	4:45		4:45	The Magical World of Bubbles <i>Scott Correll</i>	
	5:45		5:45		
	6:45	BUFFET DINNER - BALLROOM			
		Skits and Open Mic Show			
		Hospitality Room open afterwards with refreshments & Lobby Open for Jamming			
Day	Time	CAPITOL EAST LECTURE ROOM	Time	CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM	
Friday 11/12/21	9:00		9:00	Working with Babies & Toddlers <i>Connie Morrow</i>	
	10:00		10:00		
	10:15		10:15	The Art of Being Santa <i>Roy Stone</i>	
	11:15		11:15		
	11:30		11:30	The Wonderful World of Balloons <i>Marry Ann Ross</i>	
	12:30		12:30		
	12:45	GROUP PICTURE - (Outside by deck IF Weather Permits or in Lobby)			
	2:00	LUNCH BREAK in Seasons Restaurant			
	2:00		2:00	Storytelling & Magic <i>Steve Kissell</i>	
	3:00		3:00		
	3:15		3:15	The Beauty of Puppets <i>Scott Correll</i>	
	4:15		4:15		
	4:30		4:30	Magical Fun for Clowns <i>Dave Hill</i>	
	5:30		5:30		
	6:15	DINNER BUFFET - BALLROOM - Dress as Your Favorite Western Movie or TV Star			
		TBA			
		Hospitality Room Open - Lobby Open for Jamming			
Day	Time	CAPITOL EAST LECTURE ROOM	Time	CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM	
Saturday 11/13/21	9:00		9:00	Chickenology <i>Jim Donoughe</i>	
	10:00		10:00		
	10:15		10:15	Care and Use of Feather Flower Magic <i>Wayne Shifflett</i>	
	11:15		11:15		
	11:30		11:30	Stage Presence <i>Roy Stone</i>	
	12:30		12:30		
	12:30	LUNCH BREAK - On Your Own Available in Seasons Restaurant			
	1:30		1:30	The Simple Magic-Show Secrets <i>Wayne Shifflett</i>	
	2:30		2:30		
	3:00	Annual MACA General Membership Meeting in Capitol West Lecture Room			
	6:00	AWARD BANQUET - Sit Down Dinner Dress Formal/Semi Formal/Business Casual /Western Entertainment by Steve Kissell			
Sunday 11/14/2021	9:00		9:00	Clown Ministry Service <i>Tina "Clementine" Coleman</i>	

38th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention



Convention November 11-14, 2021
 Banquet November 13, 2021
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.

Special one Day discount rate—June 15, 2021 \$165 !

Must be completed on Eventbrite.

- | | | |
|---|--------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$185.00 thru 9/30/21 | Daily Rates: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 per day -Thurs or Sat.
\$60 Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$195.00 thru 10/31/21 | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Thurs. or Fri. each night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full - \$205.00 after 10/31/21 | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Saturday night banquet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MACA dues \$20 | | |

Total registration : \$

Hotel room rate - \$98.00 single per night includes breakfast.

\$108.00 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 10/26/2021 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 10/01/21. 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?: No Yes

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MACA CLOWN ALLEY NEWS



FREESTATE CLOWN ALLEY #30



Est. 1972
Baltimore Maryland

Early Clown Week Blessing at Camp Glow

Toddles and YoBo and
Poppo and Toodles



Skootchee at Camp
J
July 4th Parade ,

Rachelle practicing her tricks for MACA



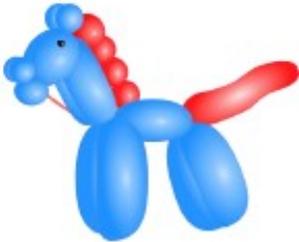
BE THE REASON
SOMEONE SMILES



Rufflez is at it again!



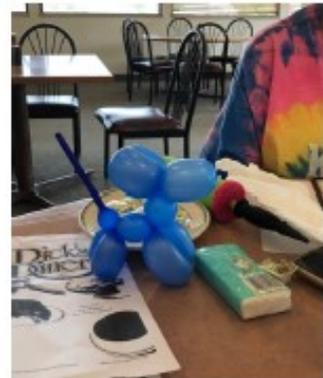
Alene Kraus says she is blessed to be able to resume entertaining at birthday parties, community events and Campgrounds....people are so excited to be out and have fun!



MACA CLOWN ALLEY NEWS

Kit and Kaboodle Clowns

Finally after what seemed like years, Kit and Kaboodle clowns had a meeting on May 23rd. We discussed our summer plans to get back out sharing smiles and fun. As part of our education Karan "Hugs" Robins taught simple balloons and Darlene "Sassafras" Kearney made her first balloon dog. We all can't wait for the Wild West MACA convention. See you soon



House Keeping!

One of the pages on our website includes Clown Alleys. Please review this list and send Skootchee (web master) your updates! The Alley Membership page is under "MEMBERSHIP" If you apply before June 15th, 2021 membership is free...free...free!



Alley

Location

Contact

Phone #

Kapo's Gang

Cherry Hill, NJ

Bill Schober

(856) 423-8214

Email _____

Clowns 'R Us - WV

Buchhannon, WV

Jim Lockhart

(304) 472-7793

Email _____

The Assorted Nutz

Warren, OH

George Caban

(330) 750-1107

Email _____

Disciples of Joy

Bethlehem, PA

Jan Lewis

(610) 346-7384

Email _____

Freestate Clown Alley #30

Baltimore, MD

Pat Stevenson

(443) 388-1822

Email pat_stevenson@verizon.net

Kapitol klowns

Silver Spring, MD

Tighe Burke

(301) 520-4798

Email _____

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



**Mid-Atlantic Clown Association
Sunshine/Hardship Financial Aid 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? How are you hoping to expand your experience and what skills would you like to learn?

5. Do you belong to an Alley? ____ Which one? _____

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

7. Have you ever attended a MACA convention? _____ Are you a MACA member? ____

8. Amount requested—full registration \$_____ partial amount of \$_____
(No documentation will be required. We rely on your integrity.)

Please submit your completed application to the MACA Vice President at least two weeks before the convention be eligible for financial aid.

The Vice President and/or the executive Board will determine eligibility for full or partial registration based on requested financial need. There is no provision for dues, lodging, food outside convention dinners or transportation.

Membership in the Mid-Atlantic Clown Association is a requirement and will be confirmed before the financial aid is awarded.



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.



Moving?

Send both your new and old address to:

Dave Myers
318 S. Cleveland Ave.
Wilmington, DE 19805
clickerclown@yahoo.com
(302) 230-1393



The following are the best ways to contact me:

Email – clickerclown@yahoo.com

Cell #- 302-230-1393 text is best, if no answer please leave a message. I check these everyday. The previous phone # is no longer in service.

Anyone who has paid their dues and did not receive their membership card please contact me and I will send one out.

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