

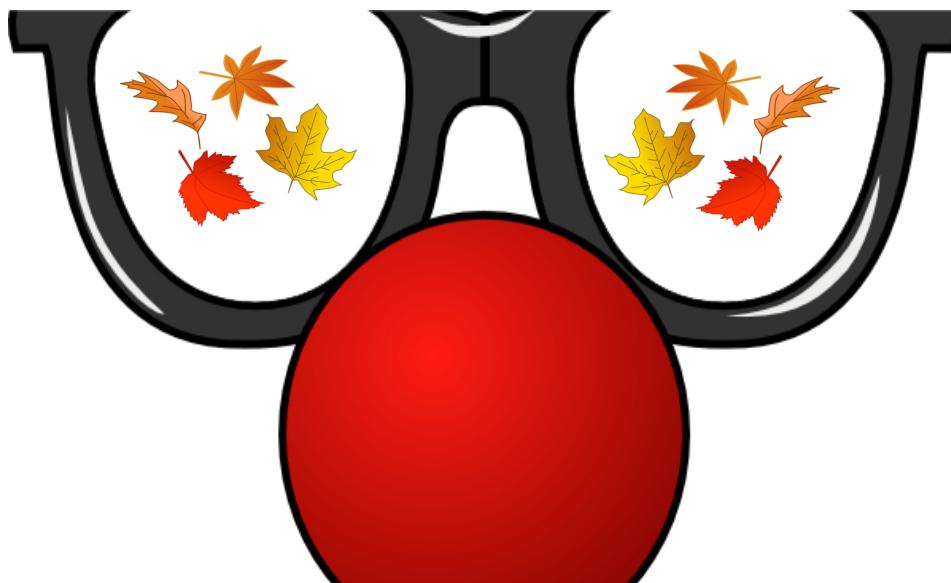
THE BIG TOP

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Newsletter

Sept/Oct 2019

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention
SENIOR Prom
November 7-10
Red Lion Hotel
Harrisburg, PA

**COME TO THE MACA 'SENIOR PROM'
FOR THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CLOWNING
& GET TO DANCE WITH YOUR
SWEETHEART TOO!!!**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Pat Stevenson
MACA President

Heat and humidity!

Yes, it is October and we still have heat and humidity!

Now **continue to think about all the “cool” things you will be doing at MACA next month!**

Our lecturers are **heating** up to provide lots of mind blowing and practical sessions just for you.

We were able to try new things and use Eventbrite and special day pricing!

And YES it worked! If you haven't registered—now is the time, before prices go up again.

It has bee awesome working with Bob Groton our Education Director...and we are now ready to provide your continuing education.

Our schedule is set and we will be having lots of hands on and participation lectures. As the audiences change, so must our performances. Even if you have been a clown “forever”, how do you engage with the kid on their phone?

Bring your sneakers (tennis shoes) for a personal design! And don't forget your kazoo to embellish! (There are some rainbow chickens looking for a good home “on the other side of the road”.)

Themes: Thursday will be our Reunion—skits and some music. (Bring your dancing shoes)! Friday is the Pep Rally—join the marching band and shake your pom-poms! Saturday, is the our Senior Prom and commencement! (you may interrupt “Senior” any way you wish) Gowns, tux, graduation gowns...you design it!



Instructors/lecturers are convention tested from Invention, WCA , COAI and other professional programs.

Top notch entertainment—Friday is the renowned Blues Brothers!

Saturday—Elmo Gibbs former RBBB clown and owner of the Teeny Weeny Circus will discuss being a producing clown and tell some “funny” stories!

The Circus Fans of America Association and the Circus Model Builders will be joining us this year. We will have circus models in the hotel for most of the convention. Please welcome these folks as they are making concessions to be with us. Registration forms are available on line! You can use Eventbrite to pay by PayPal (credit cards).

The current price is \$195 and then on October 31st will go up to \$205.

Bump a nose and see you down the road,

Pat Stevenson

Patty Cake

MACA Education Director Message

A Buffet Bar of Classes
by Bob "Bunk" Gretton
Education Director

It doesn't matter if you have been clowning for 6 months or in my case, 42 years. You should never ever stop Learning and Growing. Be it Clowning, Face Painting, and or Balloon Artists, There is something New to Learn. We have an array of lectures, presented by outstanding people in their field. Absorb as much as you can. Listen and ask questions. Not just in the lectures, but anytime you see a member of the staff.

We ALL enjoy sharing our knowledge and insight about this wonderful art form we embrace. A helpful hint, **bring a note pad** with you to the lectures. Write It, Remember It.

AND MORE.....

October brings us thoughts of crisp mornings, pumpkins, cool autumn nights and MACA! I know we have all been working on making MACA a truly special educational and fun event! I can't wait to see my clown family-present and future.

I'm offering a class, on Friday, called, Can You Kazoo?

The answer is Yes You Can! I'll have all the materials and supplies you might want to create that Funtastic, Visualistic, One of a Kind finely tuned instrument. I have kazoos for \$1.00. or bring your own. After class, we'll start the fun off at the Friday night Pep Rally and turn ourselves into **THE MARVELOUS MACA KAZOO BAND!!**

What are you waiting for??? Register today if nothing else- you'll enjoy seeing John Kral in a cheer leading outfit!

Thank you!
Alene Kraus

This Years Headliners !!!

It's the Family Duo of Dave and Dana Hill. Dave & Dana will be presenting FOUR Lectures and Performing at our Friday Night Dinner. Dave will be sharing with us "Magic So Easy a Caveman could Do It" AND

"YMCA" "You Make Clowning Awesome"

Fun Bits & Walk-Arounds to make You or Your Group the Hit of Any Occasion.

Dana will be sharing his insight with "Balloons They Will Love" Puppy Dogs and Swords are a thing of the past. Find out new techniques to improve your ballooning and increase your revenue with not much extra work. AND

"CSP" (Close Up, Stage, Parlor): Magical effects for all occasions. Be able to entertain no matter the situation with these audience tested effects that use minimal moves so you can focus on your performance.

Their Friday Night Stage Show is Outstanding. Father and Son at their Best. Mind Blowing Magic, Comedy, AND a Tribute to the Blues Bros.



Convention 2019

Clown Games
I've got Your Back
Face Painting Bling & Unicorn
Create your own Clown Shoes & More
Wacky Walk Arounds
First Tie a Knot
Kazoo-Kazoo
Laughter Yoga
Doing Ministry
Unbelievable Magical Miracles
Funny Prop Shop
Beginning Juggling
Business of Children's Parties
Taking Your Clown Show from "Meh" to "Wow"
Time to get Physical
"CSP" (Close Up, Stage, Parlor)
Balloons They will Love
Magic So Easy
"YMCA" (You Make Clowning Awesome)
Working a Parade
Approachability

This is a list of some of the lectures/topics at this year's MACA Convention.



And a list of some of the lecture staff.

Dave & Dana Hill
Thom Stevenson
Keith Karas
Mary Ann Ross
Scott Correll
Teresa & Bob Gretton
Larry Etchison
Bill Schober
Alene Kraus
John Kral
Connie Morrow
Jim Donoghue
Susan Sanders



It's not too early to get the word out. Spread the word to local Alleys, Face Painters, Balloon Artists. Put the info on your Facebook page, Social Media.

Convention 2019

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Subject to change



Thurs 10:00

Vendor Set Up @ 9:30

Registration Open Lobby

Vendors Open @ noon

Flea Market-Gently Used Items

12:00 LUNCH BREAK – Buffet in Hotel at Season's Restaurant OYO

CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM

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12:30 Welcome Meeting for First Timers

1:00	Big Bear Heads, Balloons	1:00	Magic So Easy
2:00	Shonna Flanigan	2:00	Dave Hill
2:15	Clowning for People with Disabilities	2:15	Makeup/Critique
3:15	Thom Stevenson	3:15	Mary Ann Ross
3:30	Create Your Own Clown Shoes & More	3:30	Funny Prop Shop
4:30	Connie Morrow	4:30	Scott Correll
		4:45	Working A Parade
		5:45	Teresa & Bob Gretton

6:30 Buffet Dinner in Ballroom

Home Coming/Reunion Theme

Hospitality Room and Jams follow

Convention 2019

Friday

CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM	CAPITOL EAST LECTURE ROOM
9:00 Doing Ministry	9:00 TBA
10:00 Bill Schober	10:00 Susan Sander
	10:15 YMCA
	11:15 Dave Hill
11:30 Clown Games	11:30 Time to Get Physical
12:00 Larry Etchison	12:45 Keith Karas & Thom Stevenson

12:15 Laughter Yoga	
12:45 Bill Schober	
12:30	GROUP PICTURE PIE THROWING
	LUNCH BREAK – Hot Dogs in the Hospitality Room! \$5
	Or Hotel buffet in Season's OYO
2:00 Balloons They will Like	2:00 Face Painting Bling
3:00 Dana Hill	3:00 Susan Sanders
3:15 Approachability	3:15 First, Tie a Knot
4:15 Teresa Gretton	4:15 John Kral
4:30 Unbelievable Magic	4:30 Kazoo-Kazoo
5:30 Scott Correll	5:30 Alene Kraus
6:30	Buffet Dinner in Ballroom Pep Rally Theme – Join the Band! Entertainment by Dave & Dana Hill Blues Bros/Comedy Magic Hospitality Room and Jams follow



Convention 2019

Saturday

CAPITOL WEST LECTURE ROOM	CAPITOL EAST LECTURE ROOM
9:00 Business of Children's Parties	9:00 Wacky Walk Arounds
10:00 Mary Ann Ross	10:00 Connie & Jim
	10:15 CSP (Close Up, Stage, Parlor)
	11:15 Dana Hill
11:30 I've Got Your Back	11:30 Beginning Juggling
12:30 Teresa & Bob Gretton	12:30 Mary Ann Ross
12:30	LUNCH BREAK – Buffet in Season's OYO
1:30 Elmo Gibb	1:30 From "Meh" to "WOW"
2:30 Former RBBB Clown Teeny Weeny Circus	2:30 Keith Karas
3:00	General Membership Meeting
6:00	Senior Prom Banquet Sit Down Dinner Dress Formal/Semi Formal/Business Casual Elmo Gibb – Commencement Speaker

Sunday Capitol West

9:00am **Sunday Service** Bill Shober and others

Safe travels, see you down the road and bump a nose!



36th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

Leonard Aylesworth Ring and Bob Dover/Peggy Williams

Tent Annual Banquet**



Convention November 7-10, 2019

Banquet November 9, 2019

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg PA 17111



To register, complete the form below by filling in the blocks on your computer, print out the form and send, with check made payable to MACA Convention, to: Dave Myers, 202 N Dupont Rd, Wilmington, DE 19805@ Dave email: clickerclown@yahoo.com. To use credit cards, go to Eventbright

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

Registration:

Full - \$185.00 thru 9/30/19

Daily Rates:

\$30.00 per day -Thurs or Sat.
\$60 Friday

Special one Day rate—May 15, 2019 \$155

Must be completed on Eventbrite

Full - \$195.00 thru 10/31/19

\$35.00 Thurs. or Fri. each night

Full - \$205.00 after 10/31/19

\$35 Saturday night
Convention Banquet and

MACA dues \$20

Leonard Aylesworth Ring/Bob Dover/
Peggy Williams Annual Banquet

Total registration : \$

**Check for Banquet tickets for CMB and Tent can be sent to Jim Rittle, 2 Oak Lane, Manheim, PA 17545 payable to Leonard Aylesworth Ring. If you plan to attend any other dinners or activities listed above, please complete the form and return to Dave Myers—information above. @ Use Eventbrite to use credit cards.

Hotel room rate - \$93.00 single per night includes breakfast. 103.00 double per night includes breakfast for two. Additional persons in room do not get breakfast tickets. You must reserve before 10/26/2019 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

Double—Control + Click here to book: <https://reservations.redlion.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14193&nights=1&checkin=11/06/2019&group=MADD1106>

Single—Control + Click here to book: <https://reservations.redlion.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14193&nights=1&checkin=11/06/2019&group=MACA1106>

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

\$25 processing fee for cancellations before 10/01/19. 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.

Name:

Clown Name:

Address:

E-mail:

City:

Phone:

State:

First MACA convention?: No Yes

Convention 2019



The convention is being held at the Red Line Hotel In Harrisburg, PA

4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA, 17111

Below is the links to make your hotel Reservations

[MACA CONFERENCE SINGLE](#)

[MACA CONFERENCE DOUBLE](#)

The convention reservation form will be available shortly.

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 of you 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 who 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 (I am guessing on that number) 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 the 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, John Kral, Sandi Smith, Bill Schober, Bob Gretton, Ron Mount and Ryan Schwendel.

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 2019 award to me at dottheclown@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

Scholarships

Scholarships are important!

Not only for the recipient for financial reasons but for the learning experiences.

We do not just “give it away”! We ask each applicant to provide information about their current abilities, their performance jobs, their clown group participation and their clowning goals. The application for the Willy from Philly Scholarship is attached.



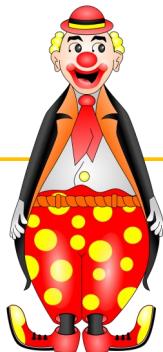
We ask the individual to pay the fees upfront to show their dedication to learning and the art of clowning. We expect each to attend as many classes at the convention as possible and prepare for a lifetime of laughter.

There is also an interview. Just a sit down talk about why you want to clown and to go over all that you have presented on your application. If you have any recommendations from other MACA members or the clowning community, make sure you attached the items to your application.

MACA wants to help as many new attendees as they can. Some years there have been no scholarships...some years several. We also realize that the tuition/registration and the trip is sometimes just too much for a new clown.

If you know someone who really wants to come, but can't afford the whole package, please contact Pat Stevenson.

Be the person who makes someone smile today! Keep the world laughing!



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? _____



Moving?

Send both your new and old address to:

Dave Myers
202 N. Dupont Rd.
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"Anyone who has paid their dues for 2018/2019 and has not received a membership card please contact Dave Myers at 320-691-5804 or clickerclown@yahoo.com"

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