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From the President

Jay Anthony

Hello and Happy New Year!

Once again everyone did a fantastic job making our 2009 convention a success. With the people we have working behind the scene; I will guarantee all future conventions to be “bigger and better” every year for many years to come.

Our education people have already signed our headliners for 2010. This will be a convention like no other. You’ll find more information elsewhere in this newsletter. I heard through the grapevine that no one will sleep this year.

We have a few new area reps this year. They’re all listed on page two. Check it out and drop them an email if you have any questions or just to say hey! They’re ready, willing and able to answer all your questions.

Make sure you keep watching the web page for all the latest news. There will be a few things different for this year’s 25th anniversary convention. This will be an extra special celebration. We will never see another 25th, so let’s all be there and make this the convention that others wish for.

I would be remiss if I didn’t congratulate Tom Butte for being elected WRCA’s first Sergeant of Arms. I know he’ll do a great job, as always.

Be happy,

Jay Anthony

Board of Directors Changes

2010 brings some changes to the structure of the Board of Directors for WRCA. At the General Meeting the last day of the convention, two amendments were duly passed according to the WRCA By-Laws that add two positions to the Board.

The first is President Elect, which will provide for the orderly transition to a new President every year. The President Elect will be elected, have a vote on motions before the Board and work alongside the President all year. Starting in 2010 the President will no longer be elected. The President Elect will take the office of the Presidency at the end of the convention. The office of Vice President is unchanged. He/She is responsible for the various assignments that have evolved for this office, including leading the State and Area Representatives and administering the scholarships.

The second new position on the Board is Sergeant of Arms. This person will keep order and provide assistance regarding By-Laws and Robert’s Rules of Order. This also is an elected position and has a vote on the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to our new officers: President-Elect Matt Akers, Vice President Russell Cornell and Sergeant of Arms Tom Butte.

Elected and returning for another year of service are President Jay Anthony, Secretary Kathy Cornell and Treasurer Candy Will. Thanks to all the Founders, Officers and Committee Chairs for the work you do throughout the year to bring us such excellent conventions.

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Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

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Registration News
Judy Anthony

Sunday "Registration" night is so much more than just registration. It is a fun part of the convention. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with stuffing goodie bags, cutting string for neck badges, giving tours, selling, giving out packets, cashiering, minding the Banquet seating chart, answering questions and making everyone feel at home. Thanks to State and Area Reps for showing off your territories. I heard rave reviews about the Hospitality Party put on by Arizona clowns. Thank YOU for being there! You were great!

We love door prizes! This year's grand prize winners (drawn at the Banquet) were:
Free 2010 Registration and Free Room –
Jim Ponsford
Free 2010 Registration –
Leo Cruz and Joan Smith

I have new assistants for the pre-registration process. Hooray for Jimmy Lowe and Pat Schmidt! This year send preregistrations (see our website) to PO Box 125069, San Diego CA 92112. Same prices as last year, and we have a new plan for no more long lines!

Judy "Penelope Peanutbutter" Anthony
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P.S. A survey: What would you like in your goodie bags next year?

Northern California Rep
Kelly Martinez

The December craziness is over and now it is time to start our plans for 2010! When you plan your calendar, don't forget to set time away to attend the WRCA Convention.

WRCA is 25 years old! That is 25 years of fun and friendships!

Let's all join in the celebration. I would like to get all the Northern California clowns together to put on a skit from our great state. Let's show off your talents! If you are a Northern California resident and would like to join in the fun of writing, practicing and performing at the WRCA's 25th convention, please contact me at kellythec clown.com or by phone (707) 447-9326. We will start practicing early in the year, so please do not hesitate. Contact me now so you will not miss any of the fun from the first moment on!



From the Editor

Merrily we roll along, roll along from 2009 right into preparation for the 2010 WRCA convention. As has been said by many "bigger and better...."

I want to thank everyone for their help and suggestions on improving the Klatter. The late-breaking news can be found on your web site. <http://westregionclowns.org>.

Send me email at jayanthony3@cox.net. Call me at (602) 279-0888. If you just want to talk, use the same email and telephone number. The next Klatter should be in the mail by early June.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
I just got lost in thought, and it was unfamiliar territory.
Would a wingless fly be called a walk?
Forgive and forget, but keep a list of names just in case.
Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

From the Secretary
Kathy Cornell

Howdy Hilariterians,

A very "Happy New Year" to you all. 2010 sounds like a Space Odyssey doesn't it? Whew, did that convention fly by fast. Five days did not seem like enough time to spend with you all. But I was so exhausted when I got home, one more day and I think this old clown would have slept into a coma.

I am extremely excited about our 25th anniversary this year. Your WRCA crew has already been hard at work preparing for what we hope will be our best year ever.

Please forgive our short comings and keep in mind that we are only human and clowns to boot. We are doing our best to resolve the concerns that were brought to our attention. Please contact me with any questions by email at kathycornell@hotmail.com.

Giggles & Grins
Kathy Cornell



A thing not worth doing isn't worth doing well.
Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.
I used to be a lifeguard, but some blue kid got me fired.
Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."

Utah Rep
Tom Butte

Wow, was that a great convention or what. I'm sure that all who were there had a great time. I know that I did. Next year should be the best ever, being the 25th year and all. I hope all made it home safe. I just want to thank everyone who was at the convention, because less than 300 days from now we will see each other again.

Your twisted friend in clowning and Utah.

Tom "Sammy T" Butte

Treasurer
Candy Will

Happy Holidays from your local WRCA Treasurer! It was good to see all of you again! What a great convention and wasn't the theme party and the Emerald City great? I had a great time being Rainbow Brite and I sure loved the Rainbow Brite team balloon sculpture. I can't wait to see everyone again next year, but in the meantime I hope that all of you enjoy the holidays even in these trying times. Here's to a better economy and a brighter future. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Los Angeles Rep
Paul & Charlene Hammons

As the new Los Angeles Representative for the Western Regional Clown Association, it is my goal to visit all of the local Alleys, and share with their members the opportunity of joining us at next year's Convention. This process will be continued throughout the year where the plans for the next Convention will be shared.

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From the Vice President

Russell Cornell

Happy New Year everyone,

As your new Vice President, I'm very happy to announce we have 4 new State Reps. this year. Jody Whitacre will be replacing me as Arizona State rep., Charlene Hammons will be replacing Joyce Payne as L.A. California rep. (I think Paul comes as a bonus). Thank you Paul for all your help last year! Cheryl Evans will be our brand new Washington State rep., Rosemarie Ballard will replace Ann Larson as S. California rep. Thank you Joyce Payne and Ann Larson for your years of loyal service to WRCA. You gals are awesome! Thanks to all our area reps. that have done an amazing job.

I will be accepting applications for the Don Fetherston Jr. Joey Scholarships as well as the new Robert Ramirez Family Scholarships. For more information or if you have any questions please Email me at: cornell84@hotmail.com or call me at: (928) 642-8664 or snail mail me at: 7200 E. Thrush Lane, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. The applications for both of these scholarships are available on our web-site: www.westregionclowns.org.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic 25th WRCA Clown Convention this year. Kathy is already packing. "Oh my poor back!"

Navigator of Nonsense,
Russ "Wing-Nut" Cornell

Colorado Rep
Molly Kleeman

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were good!

Well, once again WRCA proved to be an excellent week, even though I really missed the Hobo Stew. It was great to see all of you! Did YOU get to hold baby Gracie?

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Jr Joeys. We ended up with \$350 to NOT cut my hair! My fans have spoken and so I'll keep it long, at least for a while!

I'm very excited about all the changes coming for WRCA in 2010. It will be interesting to see what all you come up with!

I hope your 2010 is prosperous!
Your pal,
SKIIDDLES

The Vender's View

Suds

For 2010 it looks like we have an old favorite back as a lecturer and Vender. Harry Allen from Daytona Magic will be with us all the way from Florida. Also, Yummy suggested Paula Biggio, since she has not been with us for a while. I believe her home base is the second city, Chicago. We'll see. We always try to have a good variety of Venders each year. I have not confirmed as yet but we hope to have Face Painting expert Dizzy Darla with us for our 25th Anniversary.

Looking through the Critique Sheets, I noted a couple complaints about the Vender lectures were showing product. Well that's what they do. However it's like watching TV. If you don't like it change the channel. There are two or three other lectures going on at the same time you can attend. But I feel the Venders perform a service in showing you what's old and what's new, what's hot and what's not. You may have an old item in the closet or drawer and after seeing the Vender lecture now have a new way to use it. If it is anything I make, I try to show how to make their own. Of course, I usually have them for sale as well. That's my job.



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ROBERT RAMIREZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FAMILY APPLICATION

Applicants must be a family unit, comprised of 1 or 2 parental adults & their legal children. You may attach another paper to complete your answer(s). Application must arrive no later than September 15th. The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants no later than October 1st.

NAMES

1st ADULT _____ Clown Name _____

2nd ADULT _____ Clown Name _____

NAME(s) of Children:

_____ Clown Name _____ Age _____

_____ Clown Name _____ Age _____

_____ Clown Name _____ Age _____

_____ Clown Name _____ Age _____

ADDRESS: Street _____

City / State _____ Zip _____

PHONES (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

1. We would like to attend the Western Region Clown Convention because: _____

2. Have you ever been to the Western Region Clown Convention? _____ If "yes", when? _____

3. Have you gone to any other Clown Conventions? _____

4. What type of a clown are you or would you like to be? _____

5. Do you have family members who are clowns? _____ Do you clown with them? _____

6. Please provide any information which you feel is meaningful when evaluating this application:

SIGNED BY: _____ DATE: _____
Primary Adult Applicant

Note: This scholarship will pay up to and no more than 1 paid hotel room registration and 2 adults' convention registrations and 4 children's convention registrations.

Educationally Speaking
Yvonne Brogdon

We are so excited about the education slate for next year! In honor of our 25th anniversary, we are shaking and rearranging and we just can't begin to tell you what fun it will be! As you may know, our headliners for the big celebration are JIM HOWLE and EARL CHANEY. We are so honored to have them with us for as much of the time as we do, and sometimes we think they're the "same old stuff" when, in reality, they are so much more than what we've already seen. Both are legendary, second to none in comedy, timing, and fun. Together they are serendipitous, BUT each is a unique fountain of knowledge, and that is what we present to you in amazing opportunities in two tracks, to help you grow and discover for yourself what you can do. Each track offers 12-15 concerted hours of education.

JIM HOWLE: Our favorite artist and make-up guru brings to the table an exceptional track of courses titled "**Performance and Presentation.**" This track is exclusive to students who enroll from the start of the program. At the first class phase, students will meet with Jim where he will present his expectations and encapsulate course objectives. This track will bring together a group of people who are willing to work as a team towards a common goal. Students will learn about stage technique, props, timing, etc. and must be willing to interact and respond positively to direction and critique. The culmination of this track is a public performance. Generally speaking, this class requires a commitment from start to finish, and is more advanced in nature. Everyone learns from Jim, but also from everyone else! Students may not enroll in this track after its start, and anyone leaving the track will not return. Props, set-making, costuming, or extra rehearsals may take up some of the students' non-class time. Any expenses incurred will be provided by the individuals enrolled in the course. Students can attend other events or classes they wish outside the course time.

Not a stage performer, you say? Working smaller venues? Living rooms, mostly? Well then, let's take a look at the other track.

EARL CHANEY: An incredible scope of information, training, and opportunities to help you all rolled into a track we call "**Developing Your Performance**" is in store. Persons who want to pick Earl's brain on timing, performance, magic, presentation, and generally the business of smaller shows can select all or any of these classes. Students are not restricted as there is no cumulative end product when the track is over. Take what you can get and stay for more, or go onto other classes, then come back! Either way, you're bound to find something you can use. Earl asks that you bring what you do and be prepared to perform and receive instruction, as well as solid, constructive criticism. **YOU MUST BRING SOMETHING TO PERFORM WITH YOU**, exactly as you perform it at a party, hospital, whatever venue you choose. It is possible that some performances may be used as meet/greet or enhancements to the performance presented by Jim's class.

I hope this explains things somewhat. Have questions? Please feel free to contact me (ybrogdon@msn.com) or Lea Wheeler (randlwhee@gmail.com) and we'll get them answered for you. Well, that just a taste of what's in store. You'll want to know about all the other fun stuff up our sleeves, which we'll share as plans get fleshed out. In the meantime, YOU have yourself a great 2010!



New Mexico Rep
Denise Bachis

THE CIRCUS IS COMING, THE CIRCUS IS COMING, November of 2010.

Yes, it's coming to WRCA next convention for our 25th anniversary. The board, committees, Jim Howle and Earl Chaney are putting their heads together to make this the best convention yet! You know when Jim and Earl get together anything is likely to happen.

Mark your calendars and start saving, encourage others to attend, get involved! You don't want to miss this one. Be sure to keep up with the web page westregionclowns.org and the Klown Klatter for updates. You're going to have the opportunity to participate in the circus.

Now let's back up to this past convention...I hope all who attended had a great time. Nick and I sure did! It's always nice to see old friends and make new ones. The classes were not only educational but entertaining. It's always hard to pick which ones to attend.

At registration on Sunday, at the New Mexico table for those who checked in with me, I had a drawing for a hot air balloon t-shirt. Linda "Tallulah" Coddington from Gallup won the drawing...Congrats Linda! There was also a contest for the best area rep table and our New Mexico table won!

I'll do my best to keep you up on what's happening with WRCA but if you have any questions don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U C L A.
No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
A penny saved is a government oversight.

Oregon Rep
Lea Wheeler

Hidee Ho from the Northwest!

I am so excited about the 25th anniversary of WRCA in 2010. Yvonne and I started working on the idea in 2008 and it looks like everything is going to fall into place. Our convention for the big 25th is going to be so special, you are not going to want to miss it.

You asked for more hands-on workshops and you are going to get them, from birthday party performances, clown performances to hands-on restaurant clowning. We will give you a variety of face painting teachers as well as our twister teachers. There will be more on our web site as time goes on, so get in on the special discounted price and book early. Hope your holidays were fabulous and have a great new year.

Arizona Rep
Jody Whiteacre

Hello to all you clowns out there. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Jo Jo the Clown, also known as Jody Whitacre. I've been appointed to be the new Arizona State Representative for the W.R.C.A and I'm very excited about being involved in this organization.

Was the 2009 convention great or what? I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. I still don't think my feet have hit the ground yet, and my head is still in the clouds.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Now it's time for me to focus on the important things like how I can help make the 2010 convention even better. My first priority is to make sure I have accurate contact information for all the Arizona clowns so that we can keep in touch and I can communicate all your wonderful ideas. Please email or call me with your current information. I can't wait to hear from each of you!

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Southern California Rep
Rosemarie Ballard

I am happy to say I will be the Southern California Representative for WRCA. Thank you Ann Larson for your contributions to WRCA in the past year!

I personally had an amazing time at Convention. In my opinion it is one of the best conventions and I'm happy to be a member. I think next convention will be just as amazing. Our board has done a great job and I expect they will not let us down next year.

I want to make my position stand for more than a title. I can only do that with the help of the members. I would love to visit your clubs. We can help each other. I would love to share my skills with you. I would be willing to travel.

I would love information from members in my area so I can make my part of the news letter about you. You can contact me by email at rosemarie@cox.net or by phone (if you are not computer savvy) at 619 482 8856.

I am excited about the New Year. I have great expectations for all of us to work more as our economy is on the upswing. It is good to be an Entertainer, it is good to be an American and it is good to be me. I hope you feel the same way.

I am looking forward to serving this organization to the best of my ability. Have an incredible New Year!

Rosemarie Ballard,
Sweetheart the Mime,
Wower the Clown

I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.
Pride is what we have. Vanity is what others have.
Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!

Southern Nevada Rep
Dollie Circle

Smiles Everyone!

What a wonderful convention we had just this last November. Everyone was so enthusiastic. We had some very good costumes for the "Over the Rainbow" theme party, some great classes, competition and jams!

Thanks once again to Lollipop for her genius in décor. It's a lot of work and we're thankful for her and everyone's efforts - vendors, teachers, board members - in making our convention a huge success (again).

Next year is going to be a huge blast. It's our 25th ANNIVERSARY! So we're in for some real surprises I've heard. Our Board is working to make our next convention super exciting. Lots of learning, fun and competing. So save your \$\$ and think WRCA in November 2010. So hang on to your hats, er, I mean, noses and join together for something really different and fun next year.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions or if I can help in any way. Catch all the latest news on our website www.westregionclowns.org

Hugs,

Dollie "Dollie-Wollie" Circle
Southern NV Rep.
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Washington Rep
Cheryl Evans

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season filled with love and family gatherings.

I am happy to be the State representative for Washington State for your great organization. I have been clowning for over 24 years and the last fifteen years turn my direction to doing safety programs for pre-schools, child care centers and organization groups. I loved doing this with my clowning and find it very rewarding

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2009 WRCA COMPETITION WINNERS

BALLOON COMPETITION

SINGLE BALLOON

1. Ryan Farewell, Phelan, CA.
2. Rhonda Petty, Fruit Heights, UT
3. Sharon Gohlke, Carson City, NV

MULTIPLE BALLOONS

1. Leo Cruz, Chula Vista, CA
2. Matthew Babajan, Menifee, CA
3. Angie McClanahan, Wildemar, CA

MASTER BALLOONS

1. Jennifer Pilcher, Temecula, CA

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOON AWARD

1. Leo Cruz, Chula Vista, CA

GROUP BALLOONS

1. Leo Cruz, Chula Vista, CA
1. Molly Kleeman, Denver, CO

JUNIOR JOEYS

SINGLE BALLOONS

1. Jacqueline Garcia

MULTIPLE BALLOONS

1. Jacqueline Garcia
2. Jason Garcia
3. Thomas Christiansen

PARADEABILITY

VISUAL CLOWN

1. Ruby Minder, San Diego, CA
2. Cory Miller, Salt Lake City, UT
3. Gerri Dennis, Buckeye, AZ

WORKING CLOWN

1. Zach Jones, Murray, UT
2. David Keenan, Dan Diego, CA
3. Rosemarie Ballard, Bonita, CA

SKIT COMPETITION

SINGLE CLOWN

- 1 Cheryl Wagner, Petaluma, CA

MULTIPLE

1. Barbara Dauer, Laguna Woods, CA
2. Rhonda Petty, Fruit Heights, UT
3. Mason Taylor, Salt Lake City, UT

MAKE-UP COMPETITION

1. Ricardo Trejo, Los Angeles, CA
2. Alma Lemus, Gardens, CA
3. Erica Krochmalny, Oregon City, OR

JUNIOR JOEY

1. Jacqueline Garcia
2. Sean Radar
3. Jason Garcia

SENIOR

1. Annette James-Rogers, Los Angeles, CA
2. Ruby Minder, San Diego, CA
3. Gerri Dennis, Buckeye, AZ

FACE PAINTING COMPETITION

FULL FACE

1. Brenda Walden, Grants Pass, OR
2. Cheryl Wagner, Petaluma, CA
3. Cory Miller, Salt Lake City, UT

TATTOO

1. Alice Barrutia, Mira Loma, CA
2. Anabel Rodas, Hemet, CA
3. Cheryl Wagner, Petaluma, CA

I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone.

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."

Make-up Competition Winners

1st



Ricardo Trejo

2nd



Alma Lemus

3rd



Erica Krochmalny

Senior 1st



Annette James-Rogers

Senior 2nd



Ruby Minder

Senior 3rd



Gerri Dennis

Junior 1st



Jacqueline Garcia

Junior 2nd



Sean Rader

Junior 3rd



Jason Garcia

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and hope someday to share that with your association.

I had a great time at the convention and it was so nice to see clown buddies I had not seen for a while and make new friends. My Mom and Sister are clowns and belong to the San Diego All Stars group, so we attended the convention together and that was lots of fun.

After the holidays I find it a great time to go over new ideas for my clowning around and looking

through books again and old clown magazines to awaken my creativity to come and to be able to explore new things to make my safety program exciting for me and the children.

Hope 2010 is a great year for clowning around.

Until next time keep them laughing.

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Northern Nevada Rep
Sharon Gohlke

After getting home safely, unpacking and then trying to remember all the great things that were offered in the classes, one word, WOW what a great convention once again.

All the classes, instructors were very informative. My brain went into overdrive. Learned a lot, bought a lot, and let's not forget the party. Sherry you out did yourself again. I can't wait till next year.

For next year 2010 convention, we will be celebrating WRCA 25th anniversary. The theme is Circus. Earl and Jim have got together with the officers and are putting together some great ideas.

What disease did cured ham actually have?
Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
Why did you just try singing the two songs above?
Time is just nature's way to keep everything from happening at once.

I think we need to thank the people involved in putting together the convention: the officers, teachers, vendors, judges, all the people that helped with registration, the people that have no title but help out any time you ask. And let's not forget Joel, all his hard work. A Big Kudos to all the founders of WRCA.

It's that time again. I hope you had a very blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Goodbye and God Bless. See you next year.

Sharon R. Gohlke/Sparkie the Clown