

KLOWN KLATTER

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From the President

Jay Anthony

As just about everyone is aware, this is my last year as President. There are so many people that I owe so much to. All the board members have done such a great job in planning and making sure everything is done right. With all their hard work and dedication our convention is getting better every year. Because they do such a great job, I look good. Thank you. Thanks to everyone that made my first convention, 16 years ago, such a memorable event that I've been back every year. I've heard that people that have friends are blessed. I've been blessed for 16 years.

I was going to tell you what you have to look forward to at this year's convention. I've checked out the classes for this year and I want you to get ready for a lot of **stuff!**

I noticed that in the January Klown Klatter we listed the wrong person as the winner in Master Balloons. Sorry about that. The real winner was:

Jennifer Pilcher,
Temecula, CA

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in November

Be happy,

Next year Jerusalem,

Jay Anthony

I intend to live forever - so far so good.

From the President Elect

Matt Akers

Well let me start by saying I'm SOOOOOOO Buzzed about this year's convention. Our 25th anniversary, what a milestone! Did our founding fathers and mothers ever think it would go this far? W.R.C.A. is much more than just another convention, it's a family reunion, vacation and a chance for all of us to improve the clown we are and learn how to be the clown we want to be.

Also I'm excited about the schedule this year. With Jim Howle and Earl Chaney leading performing classes and performances, it can't be anything but larger than life.

Just before assembling my final draft for the Klown Klatter I picked up the phone and called Jim Howle. Jim is very excited about being able to take ANY and ALL who want to be in his class. Whether you have lots of experience clowning or if you never thought about wearing a red nose, JIM WANTS YOU!!! He needs people to not only perform but also run lights, sound and move props. (Hey here's something for all of those people that come along for the ride.)

Jim and I are curious just how many are interested in this class. There is NOT a signup sheet for the workshop, but we would like to hear from you our W.R.C.A. family. This request is just so we can accommodate everyone. If you could take just 5 minutes of your time to call or e-mail us, we would really appreciate it. This would give us some idea of the numbers Jim will be dealing with. Jim's phone # is 843-383-6147 and his e-mail is jimhowle1@peoplepc.com. My phone # is 916-247-6600 and my e-mail is matt@anytimebouncers.com.

This year our convention has a theme "The Circus" - not to be confused with our theme Party, which is "Under The Sea".

Well that's enough homework for the members. See what you get for voting me in again? Look forward to seeing all of you in November.

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Is reading in the bathroom considered multi-tasking?
Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

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Theme Party Chair
Sherry Ralston

As your Theme Party Chairman I am pleased to announce the theme for this year's Theme Party is "Under The Sea." I will be decorating to fit the Under the Sea theme, and hope this gives you a wide range of things to dress up in. You could be any of the bazillion sea creatures including fish, mermaids, merman, Sponge Bob, scuba guys, submarines, barnacles, whatever. I know you are all so creative, and I'm sure you will all come up with some great ideas to make us laugh, shake our heads, or be in awe. Remember this is our night to come out of our normal work clothes and be creative as someone else. Have fun with your costume, and remember above all, this is truly our night to have fun and be the party guest, instead of entertaining the party guests.

I understand some of you may be confused about the theme this year. It was suggested in November to have a Circus Theme Party to match the special classes that Jim and Earl are teaching. They offered to bring circus decorations, but found they had so much stuff to bring already for their special classes that they did not have the room to bring them. So, I went back to my original idea. If by chance you have already planned to dress up in the suggested Circus theme for the Theme Party, and already have your costume ready, go ahead and dress that way. It is your party night to dress up any way you want really, so go for it. I am sorry for the confusion as the theme was never announced before now.

Northern Nevada Rep
Sharon R. Gohlke

Hello Everyone,

Sorry you have not heard from me for some time. I just got a new computer. My new email address is "sparkietheclown@att.net". Or call me. My number is (775) 885-0647.

I hope everyone is getting ready for November; the convention will be here before you know it. The time is going so fast, I know I'm excited about the convention and all the new things that are going to happen. So start saving and planning for one in a life time of fun, fun, and more fun with all your fellow clowns.

Last walk around...

John E. Sampaga (Johnny Sam), born on April 10th, 1962, passed away January 22, 2010.

Johnny was very active in Reno and surrounding cities. He came to the WRCA convention and took 1st place in multiple and 2nd place in single balloon competitions.

I worked with him on several different shows. He was one of the greatest twisters that I had the pleasure to work with. He was a very kind man that always had a smile. Not only was Johnny a clown and balloon twister, he was a magician. He loved it all and was loved by many. Johnny will be missed not only by his loving family and friends but by all the hearts that he touched, young and old.

SPARKIE THE CLOWN

From the Editor

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 October.

We are looking for a new editor for the "Klown Klatter". Anyone interested contact me.

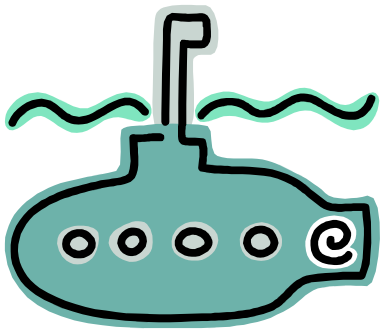
From the Secretary
Kathy Cornell

Howdy happy heart heroes,

That's right I said **HEROES!** I was recently on the receiving end of a Happy Heart Hero Happening. My Father, who is in the late stages of Alzheimer's, was hospitalized with a high fever and a severe case of sepsis & pneumonia. My Mom and I took turns staying with him overnight for a week. This is how we spent our Easter. Sad and worried, we tried to put on our brave faces for Dad, when a soft knock came at his door. It was my friend "Froggy Freida" a WRCA Clown, sporting bunny ears. Suddenly things didn't seem so scary. Several months earlier she had visited a friend of mine in the very same hospital who has since gone home to glory. I'm happy to report my father is at home doing much better. Thank you Patti "Froggy Freida" Lake for sharing your happy heart with those who are hurting. "You are my Hero." This is what it's all about, y'all!

Giggles & Grins to all my friends,

Kathy Cornell



Look out for #1, and don't step in #2, either.

Utah Rep
Tom Butte

Greetings one and all,

Wow, just over 180 days left till we reunite in laughter, fun, friendship and learning from the Best clown convention around. It is going to be fun meeting the newcomers and Sea the excitement of the dealers, the instructors as well as the nightly jams with face painting and balloons. I'm Shore everyone will have a Whale of a time. Our leaders are doing a great job bringing everything together so this convention will be a great Whale of fun. Sea you there in Laughlin in November.

Your friend in clowning and from the state of Utah.

Tom "Sammy T" Butte

Los Angeles Rep
Paul & Charlene Hammons

Aloha, from Southern CA. We just came back from the WCA Convention in Canada. It was great. The Canadians were so friendly. We shared with all of our old friends and new friends about our 25th WRCA Anniversary in November. We saw Jim Howle – he is really excited to be there in Laughlin.

We can't wait for our time in Laughlin, NV. Fresh air, Free spirits and a Fun time to be had by all. The more we attend these events, the more I need to learn. The Junior Joeys are so talented. It wears me out, trying to keep up with them.

This year's theme is "Under the Sea." I'm taking a scuba class to see what happens under the sea...I want to be ready for the big theme party. Now if everyone brings a swimming buddy we'll have more fun, under the sea.

See you soon.

Charlene Hammons

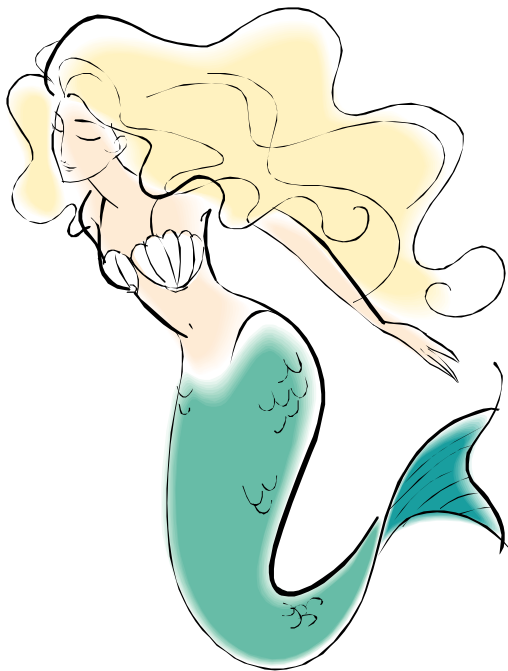
From the Vice President
Russell Cornell

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, to the greatest show in the west. WRCA's 25th anniversary will be a once in a lifetime convention. This may be your only chance to be part of a real circus. It should be an amazing event, fun for all. At present, I only have one applicant for the new family scholarship. If you are planning to apply, please get it in to me (ASAP). Remember the deadline is September 15th, 2010.

This has been a tough year for me, with family illness and some very close calls. Just a reminder, don't take your love ones for granted. Let them know how you feel! You may not have another chance.

I look forward to seeing you all in less than five months. Contact me if you have any questions.

Your Navigator of Nonsense,
Russell "Wing-Nut" Cornell



If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
I tried to daydream, but my mind kept wandering.
I used to be indecisive, now I'm not so sure.
I used to be schizophrenic, but we're all right now.

WRCA Member
Sherry Ralston

Hi everyone, I hope you are all making plans for the convention this year!! There are several new things happening this year, and we hope you all come and join us celebrate our 25th year!! Come be a part of our annual Family Reunion. Yes, that is all of you who are a part of our big clown family. We have so much fun every year getting together at WRCA to see each other, laugh and have a great time together, and also learn from the classes, and stock up on our clown supplies.

If this is your first time to WRCA, be sure to let everyone know. We have a wonderful family who would love to help you find your way around, suggest classes for first time attendees, invite you to join them in their fun, and help you feel like part of the family. If you are a new clown, or are just thinking about being a clown, this is the place to be. You will not only meet new people, but you will be able to learn from some of the best clowns in the business. Many will be in costume during the convention so you can see how the professionals dress and are made up. You can take classes to learn how to put on your own face, put a costume together, and come up with your own clown character. The many vendors at our convention have all the supplies you need to get started, and can also help you with costume, wig, makeup, shoes, and all your party supplies. You will surely be overwhelmed if this is your first convention, and you will want to come again and again.

Have a great summer,
Sherry "Lollypop" Ralston

PERFORMANCE AND PRESENTATION A 14-HOUR WORKSHOP

The workshop goal is to assemble a group (size doesn't matter) of people who want to experience the production of a stage show.

In Session One, the group members will partner in planning and production. As cast members, their goal is to put together the very best performance of their lives. During this first session, we discuss each one's potential, special talents or hidden ambitions. The cast will discuss and determine what the basic format of the show might be. Ideas and concepts are reviewed by all and expanded as needed. Everyone has an equal voice and their ideas are tweaked and refined to perfection via discussion. This effort will promote a feeling of confidence, enthusiasm and cooperation.

If there is time left in the session, we will begin to build the show from end to start, distributing the roles according to each one's wishes and abilities.

In Session Two, we continue to build the outline of the show, using ideas put forth with further discussion and refinement. The cast learns from the input of all and appreciates and respects the results of collective thought. A wonderful and infectious energy results that only mutual respect and pursuing common goals can produce. The skits and bits, intros, walk-throughs, music, sound effects will be combined with timing and continuity to make a show that flows quickly and smoothly.

Rehearsals begin as cast members group themselves and build their combined ideas into a concept. When the entire cast reassembles, they will watch each skit or bit to help rehab it in any way that improves the routine. Everyone must be receptive to what the majority decides. Props must be made by the cast in preparation during the week on their own time if possible. Groups rehearse on their own time as well.

As the show forms, the placement in the show's scheme will be determined and intros, voice, music, sounds, intro cards, whatever is determined to be appropriate and most entertaining will be prepared. Stage presence and projection will be refined. The use of mikes and the dispersal among themselves of equipment as needed is part of the experience.

The cast will enjoy the easy, laidback atmosphere that confidence and reliance on each other promotes. The feeling of a happy family atmosphere is as much a goal as the show itself. The show is the final episode that brings an end to a week of personal satisfaction and leaves us with warm, happy, life-long memories of that year at WRCA.

Cooperation will be the key to a great show. The need to have a closed door policy to in-and-out or late-entering participants is understandable. We will build a working relationship in a very short time and to insure the best show, we must be focused and undistracted. Having to catch up and fit a late-comer into a plan that is in full speed ahead would disrupt the flow greatly. This is a serious workshop. The goals are of the highest priority. The results will justify requiring only serious and dedicated people who have placed the proper priority on this effort.

WRCA doesn't wish to deny anyone of any opportunity available. Normally some experience is desirable, but everyone who shows at the first session and wishes to continue will be included.

This is an experience, not a class. What we will learn depends on the hours as they unfold – limitless potential – loads of fun – and maybe some pride in being part of a glorious quest.

New Mexico Rep
Denise Bachis

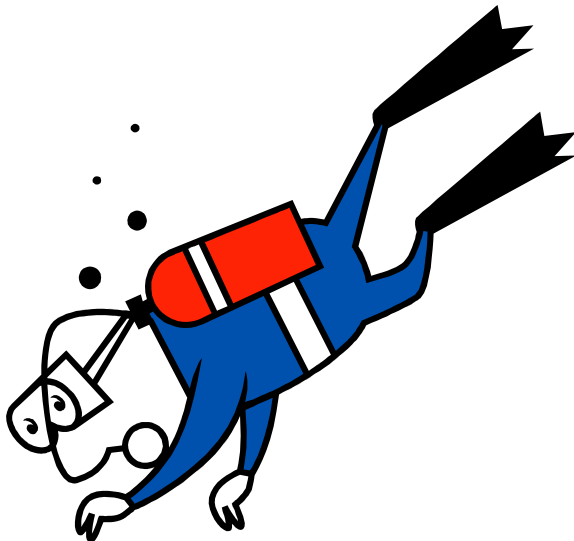
I hope everyone is having a wonderful Spring. I know here in New Mexico it has been a long long winter. Did you use the time to refresh and update your clown?

I'm always amazed that we have so many places to go now for information and supplies. When I started clowning in 1986 there were few places to go for training, etc... other than the big conventions. With computers and the internet that has certainly changed. Take advantage of all your resources...especially WRCA and the vendors. Most have web sites.

LESS THAN SIX MONTHS TO OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY! Be sure to keep checking the WRCA website for updates. I know FUN things are planned. Have you considered competing? So many things to compete in...make up, skits, balloons, face painting...go for it.

Give me a call or e-mail me with any local information or if you have any questions.

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Oregon Rep
Lea Wheeler

Hidee Ho, our fellow members of glee...

This is going to be such an exciting convention. We are trying to present a program that will appeal to the beginning, intermediate and advanced clown, as well as our face painters and balloon twisters. Jim Howle is offering an opportunity to the intermediate and advanced clowns to participate in a special "Veteran's Day Show" to be presented to the public on the last day of our convention. For the conventioners not participating in the program, they will have the special treat of viewing a true professional show. I know I am looking forward to this special production. Matt Akers is working with Jim Howle to provide a preliminary sign-up for Jim's workshop. We are featuring Monday as our official "Face Painting" day and, of course, our long standing "Twister Tuesday" will offer classes for the beginner, intermediate and advanced balloon student.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for this special convention.

Love and clown hugs to all,
Lea

Arizona Rep
Jody Whiteacre

OOOHHH my Goodness!!! In less than six months The Western Region Clown Association will be celebrating its 25th anniversary, and we want EVERYONE to attend! The convention will be here before you know it, so start saving a little money from each gig. Then when convention comes around you'll have plenty of money to spend! I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better and cannot wait for the festivities to start. The classes will be better than ever, so plan to attend as many as you can. Last year's theme party was the bomb! I think this year will be even more fun, so until then, I can't wait to see you Under the Sea!

Until Then,
Jody Whitacre <{:O)

WRCA Convention - November 7-11, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: WRCA Registration, PO BOX 125069, SAN DIEGO, CA 92112-5069

You may use one form for all conventioners at the same mailing address.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Clown Name _____

Complete Mailing Address: Street _____

Apt. or Space # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ May we send newsletter by e-mail? _____

Is this your first WRCA convention? _____ If you didn't attend last year, how did you hear about 2010 WRCA? _____

Emergency contact info (name and phone) _____

Costs:

Full Convention includes Membership, Classes, Activities, Competitions & Awards Banquet with Show

Adult Preregistration discount - \$95 per adult if postmarked on or before 9/1/10
\$120 after 9/1/10 and at the door

Junior/Teen @ \$50 (age 6-17 by 11/7/10 - price based on age, not classes taken)

Day Pass (this year classes every day, 1/2 day Thursday): \$50/Mon. \$50/Tues. \$50/Wed.
(not eligible for door prizes or to compete) \$50/Thurs. includes Banquet

Please give Banquet menu choice for each person: NY Steak or Baked Salmon or Vegetarian Platter (children 12 & under may choose Chicken Fingers). Please indicate if not attending Banquet (no discount).

Name	Clown Name	Age if Jr/Teen	Amount Paid	Banquet Menu Choice
(Person named above)			\$.00	
			\$.00	
			\$.00	
			\$.00	
			\$.00	
		Price per Ticket	How Many?	
Banquet Ticket only (Thurs.) for extra person		\$ 35.00		\$.00
Discount buffet tickets available for conventioners and family. Order here or get at the convention.				
Breakfast buffet ticket		\$ 5.00		\$.00
Anytime meal buffet ticket		\$ 7.00		\$.00
Membership only, includes member card and newsletters: Free if attending; \$10 per person if not attending this year.				\$.00
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (no credit cards)				\$.00
Make check or money order to WRCA and mail to PO BOX 125069 SAN DIEGO, CA 92112-5069				

REFUND POLICY:

1. If you cancel and want a refund, you must put your request in writing or by email. Request must be received by 11/30/10.
2. All refunds are subject to a refund fee.
3. Refund fee is \$25 per PERSON if the request is RECEIVED BEFORE the first day of the convention.
4. On or after the first day of the convention, the refund fee is 50% of the amount paid for registration.

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ROBERT WILLIAM FLAHERTY RAMIREZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

WRCA may award one or more scholarships each year based on need of financial assistance and depending on funds available. Scholarship money requested must pertain to attending the current year WRCA convention. Applicant must have been a member of the WRCA at least one year in the past five years. You may attach another paper to complete your answers. Application must arrive no later than August 15th. The WRCA Board will notify applicants by 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. When did you last attend the Western Region Clown Convention? _____

2. Please describe your financial need or why you deserve this award:

SIGNED BY: _____

DATE: _____

Primary Adult Applicant

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

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DON FETHERSTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND JUNIOR JOEY APPLICATION

Applicant must be between the ages of 7 & 15 on the first day of the convention. 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.

NAME _____ AGE _____

CLOWN NAME _____

ADDRESS: Street _____

City / State _____ Zip _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

3. I would like to attend the Western Region Clown Convention because: _____

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

A) Did you learn any new skills? _____

B) What classes did you enjoy the most? _____

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

6. I like clowns because: _____

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

What do you like most about being a clown? _____

8. Do you have family members who are clowns? _____

Do you clown with them? _____

SIGNED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

Applicant

FOLLOWING TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

1. While attending the WRCA Convention, what adult will accompany and supervise the Junior Joey?

2. What relationship is this person to the Junior Joey? _____

3. Please provide any information which you feel would be meaningful for the Scholarship Committee when evaluating this application: _____

SIGNED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

Parent or Guardian

Southern California Rep

Rosemarie Ballard

Things are great in SOCAL especially the weather. We have gotten our share of rain – Goodie Goodie! It seems like the job opportunities are starting to come back. People are more optimistic. How about you? My family says I always wear Rose-Colored Glasses and see things in a better light. I think it bothers them sometimes. I always offer to let them borrow my glasses or tell them they should get a pair.

Today as I was putting on my Clown face I took a good look at myself. I have to admit I was happy with what I saw. It took a long time to find Wower's perfect face. It takes Wower about one hour to get ready. Some times when time is spilling away I think how much easier it would be if my makeup was simpler. I notice a lot of clowns are going that way even in the circus. I have discussed this topic with others and there are good points of view for the simpler makeup, but I have decided it is not for me. Here is how I look at it. I don't want someone to think clown makeup is so easy anyone can do it; I want the way I look to be special and not easy to copy; and most important I like it when folks say, "WOW! Your makeup is so beautiful," or children say, "You are a real Clown." Today Wower worked for 2 hours and at least 20 people commented on how much they like my makeup. That makes all the extra work worth it.

I would like to quote my friend Bon Bon who always says, "We all get to do exactly what we want," and I agree with her, but I would encourage all clowns to have a look that is yours and special to you. Be your best!

I really think this is something worth mentioning from the advice of my back doctor. I have been sitting on a big ball (exercise ball) when working at the computer. Besides my bouncing up & down for fun, I have noticed my posture is improving and my back hurts less. If you have one of these balls try it. I got a big laugh from my friend when she stopped by and I was in clown sitting on my ball at the computer.

I am here for you if you need me.

Email: rosemarie@cox.net

Phone: (619) 482-8856

Registration

Judy Anthony

Our early-bird convention price is still under \$100, and hotel rooms are probably the best price in the country for a clown convention.

Full Convention registration price includes WRCA membership, classes, competitions, shopping at our vendors, activities, parties, awards banquet with entertainment and Klown Klatter newsletter (3 issues per year). Adult preregistration discount is \$95 per adult if postmarked on or before 9/1/10. After 9/1/10 and at the door, full registration is \$120. Registration for Juniors and Teens (age 6-17 by 11/7/10) is \$50. This price is based on age, not classes taken. If some experienced young'uns choose to attend adult classes, that's OK with us. All Juniors and Teens need to check in with Gerrie, our Junior Program Director, regardless of which classes they choose to attend.

Buffet tickets are a discount price for the hotel Riverside Buffet Restaurant.

Day passes are available and there will be classes every day; however, people attending on a day pass are not eligible for door prizes or to compete. We offer Banquet tickets for guests not attending the convention for \$35 each. Our banquet features your choice of NY Steak, Baked Salmon or Vegetarian Platter (served by waiters), plus entertainment and awards. Show your menu choice for each person on your preregistration form.

Day passes and guest Banquet tickets can be prepaid using the Registration form on our website (also best for family sign-up):

www.westregionclowns.org

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Competition Director
Joyce Quisenberry

Hello People!!!

Wow, it's time to start thinking about convention!! First, let me start by saying there will be **NO MAKE-UP** competition this year. Ok I lied, **we will be having Junior Joey make-up** but that will be the only one. When we did the survey, the majority of you voted to stop the make-up competition and that is what we are going to do. We are also moving competitions all over the place. Balloons will be one day, face painting another, paradeability I am pretty sure will be Thursday, but I'm not saying when for sure, because everything is still being worked out.

We will also be having group and single performances.....somewhere...at sometime...so keep watching your newsletters for more info.

Until then,
Joyce Quisenberry Aka Bubbles,
Competition Director

The shortest distance between two points is under construction.

The sooner you fall behind the more time you'll have to catch up.

Support bacteria, they're the only culture some people have.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.