

THE BIG TOP

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Newsletter

SPECIAL REGISTRATION RATE
 JUNE 13- 17th, 2022
 On-Line Registration ONLY

Registration link can be found on the [MACA website](#) under convention tab

Links for Full and Daily registrations as well as Hotel Reservations are available.

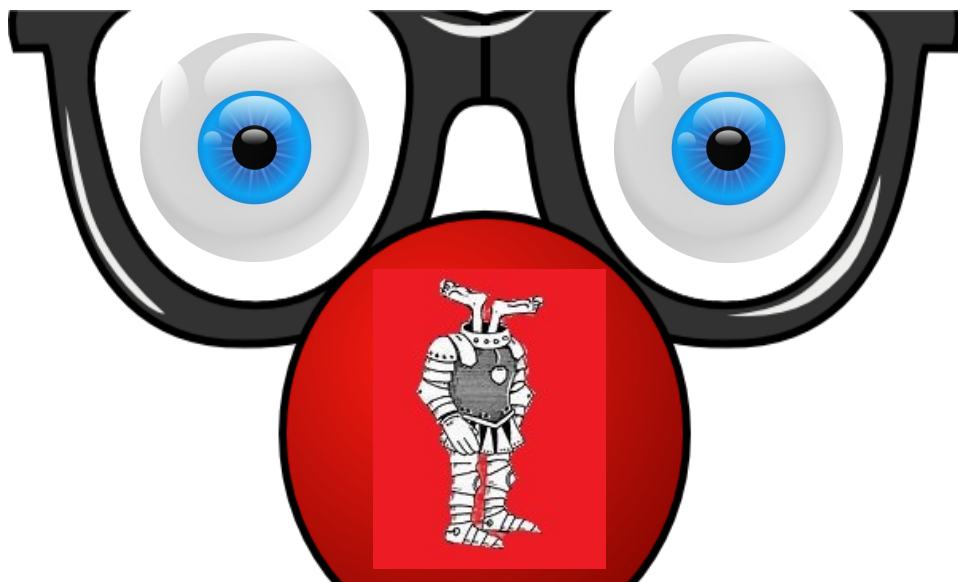
Clowns of The Round Table From The Land Of Laugh-A-Lot



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

M.A.C.A.

November 10th-13th



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CONVENTION CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

By Pat Stevenson

Our awesome Education Director, Alene, has filled all the class spots and then some.

We have extended the convention by a 1/2 day...Everything will start early Thursday morning. Seventeen classes in all...**early registration will be \$170** - that's only \$10 a class PLUS we feed you 3 dinners and a couple shows. You can't beat that with your jester cane!!!

Fun Fact - In 1330 Clown shoes were the height of fashion! Very long toed shoes were in!

Toes were so long they were reinforced by wood, moss or whalebone. Nobles tied their toes to their leggings to walk around. Crusaders would chop off the toes to escape the enemy...

Eventbrite and the website is up for registration, start saving those pennies and be ready. **DISCOUNT DAYS for \$170 WILL BE JUNE 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17!**
(After June 17th the registration will go up to \$190 and the closer to the convention up to \$220)

Be ready for this amazing medieval fun filled 3 days!

God Bless,
Pat Stevenson
Patty Cake

MACA Education Director Update

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Calling All Clowns to Hershey, Pennsylvania November 10th-13th!

The MACA Convention will be here before you can say, "Clowns of The Round Table from The Land of Laugh-a-Lot!

Our vendors are set, our instructors are ready, The Red Lion Inn is waiting for our return! All we need is YOU!

There is a sale week from June 13th - June 17th. Registration will be \$170.00 including 17 classes, dinners and shows! Make sure you register on Eventbrite and book your hotel room directly through the hotel. If you do that, you even get breakfast!

The schedule is a little different in that we have 17 classes. Yep- \$10.00 a class!

That means our flea market starts at 8am Thursday morning and ends by 9:15. Our first class is at 9:30AM Thursday morning. It is a Puppet Make and Take with Jim Donoughe. You may want to arrive Wednesday night so you don't miss the flea market or classes.

We are all hard at work planning the best convention experience for YOU!
Can't wait to see you all! Bring a friend along!

Alene "Rufflez" Kraus
Director of Education

Head Liner: Award Winning Magician - Erick Hershey

Vendors:

Roy Stone

Steve Kissell

Dave Hill

MaryAnn Ross

Scott Correll

Wayne Shifflet

MACA 2022 CONVENTION NEWS

39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

Clowns of the Round Table

The board has been working on the 39th annual convention since November 14, 2021!

November 10-13, 2022

The hotel contract is signed and we are going to get the castle ready. Our hospitality Knight can't wait...

The registration bags, lots of goodies, dinner accessories, awards and much, much more are complete.

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

It won't be long before registration is open for you to reserve your seat at the table.

We are planning 17 classes/lectures. A special discount for early registration will be available for only \$10 per lecture. Regular registration will be \$190.00.

Watch email, fb and the website for updates very soon.



Hear Ye Hear Ye!

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



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

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

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

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

39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Clown Association Convention

Preliminary

Convention November 10-13, 2022

Banquet November 12, 2022

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg PA 17111



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

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

Special one Day discount rate—June 17, 2022 \$170!

Must be completed on Eventbrite.

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

Total registration : \$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Clown Name:

Address:

E-mail:

City:

Phone:

State:

First MACA convention?: No Yes

www.midatlanticclownassociation.com

LAST WALK - A - ROUND



Walter F. "Terry" Slaymaker III, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022. He was 78 years old.

Terry was a member of MACA and a Clownatarian. He spent many years entertaining people as Buttons the Clown. He was a member of several clown organizations, as well as the editor of Mid-Atlantic Clown Association's magazine, "The Big Top", for 17 years. He loved parades and would come up with a new prop each year. He entered numerous competitions and won multiple awards in the paradeability category.

Terry made and sold badges as a vendor during our last convention.



Bobby L Jones passed away on March 25, 2022. He was the son of our Western PA. State Director Diane Jones.

Bobby "Noodles the Clown" was a member of various clown groups and was delighted to be in parades and see his clown friends at meetings and conventions. Bobby loved camping and enjoyed traveling in the motorhome with his mom, aunt, and cousin. He was always just a happy person and a joy to be around.

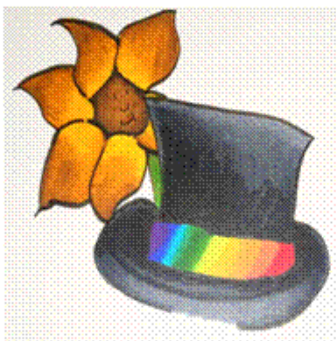
He will be extremely missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have known him.

The Steel City Clown Brigade

www.steelcityclownbrigade.org

We have several projects going at the moment. It is good to be busy during this lull in the pandemic.

We have just started new clown classes for young people. We have two classes going. All together around fifty kids are learning circus crafts in Pittsburgh. We are looking forward to having our first variety show in August sometime.



www.clownforum.org

We are also starting up the Clown Forum again. It will be at www.clownforum.org. We will have all the old subjects with some new ones. We will be especially interested in hearing what other clown groups are doing around the country. We want to have a full calendar. We also want to gather a collection of virtual classes and educational material to help build the next generation of clowns.

Virtual Classes

We have started our first virtual class. On Sundays at 4:00 PM we have a virtual juggling class. The link is: <https://meet.goto.com/189934429>. We hope you will join us Sunday. We would also love to hear your ideas for future classes.

If you have any ideas you can reach me at:
zeeppo@steelcityclownbrigade.org

Our Studio

We also have all of the holes patched in our new studio. It is a nice spacious room that should make our virtual hospital visits easier. Next is lights and all the stuff that hangs from the ceiling in a studio. The room is also much cozier with the great big holes patched up.



Steven Ramsey Gailey Chief Clown SCCB

Please Join

www.clownforum.org

Please, pretty please, we already rented the server.

MACA Information Center

or Things you may not know about MACA

CLOWN SEARCH

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

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

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

- Clown name
- Email address
- City , State
- Phone Number

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



MACA MEMBERSHIP

Looking for some help in your clowning career ?

Looking to meet some new and some well established clown ?

Join the mid-Atlantic Clown Association (MACA)

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

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

Changing the World One smile at a time

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

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

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

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



Clownatarian

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sandi "Dot" Smith





Willie from Philly Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mid-Atlantic Clown Association
Willie from Philly Scholarship Application



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

2. How long have you been a clown? _____

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

4. What is your favorite thing about clowning?

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

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

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

8. Do you have a mentor? _____

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

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

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

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



Moving?

Send both your new and old address to:

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