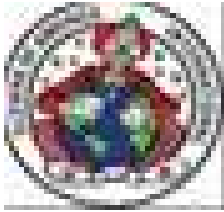


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Splinters From the Board

Splinters from President Kimberley



These are crazy times we are in guys and be assured that I miss all of you and not being able to have our meetings so far this year. I hope you are all staying safe.

Watch out for emails with an online meeting invitation. I don't want us to go all summer without seeing and sharing with each other... I know this will be a challenge for some but we can do this! Get ready to share a balloon or a funny joke, read a story or play us a toon on your ukulele. Maybe tell us the funny things you are doing at home to amuse yourselves.

By now all of you have received phone calls, letters and cloth masks from me. I would LOVE to see pictures of you wearing those little babies in our next issue. I have gotten a couple of pics and love seeing them.

We will get past this folks....but in the meantime be safe, social distance, care for each other and please, please, **PLEASE** reach out to me if you need **ANYTHING**.

CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF YOU: Pick someone in the 2019-2020 Directory and give them a call. (You ALL just received an updated list via email. There are several updates you need to pay attention to with new phone numbers or addresses). Let our clowns know you are thinking about them. Even if you don't know who they are – introduce yourself. Start a conversation. Pick a different someone each week. I dare you!!! These don't need to be long conversations – a short hello is better than nothing just to let them know we care.... Cause we do!

Some things I learned making phone calls to all of you on 4/2:

Gary Bowers 'Punkin', one of our Honorary members who many of you may not know, is 91 this year and is still doing cartoons! He shared with me that he lost his wife last year, who was also a RCC member 'Tagalong'. Our condolences Gary... He seems to be upbeat and doing well. He was in hospital but tested negative for COVID-19, thank goodness, and is back home now.

Rita Barrett 'Pakita' is doing online teaching for her Charter School students. Go Rita!!!

Trudi Sang 'Nellie', another Honorary member, is not sitting at home knitting. She is very active with a food donation program to support the Tigard School District. Details coming on that if you want to contribute. She said there are details also on her Facebook page.

Forrest Wheeler 'Muggins', another Honorary, sounded great on the phone and happy to hear a friendly voice.

Gerry Ackley 'Hazel Nut' called me back and reported that she is alive and well in Florida and still happy to be getting the RNN.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



The ROSE CITY CLOWN ALLEY is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to support, educate and act as a gathering place for the serious minded amateur, semi-professional, and the professional clown. Members help advance the art of clowning internationally and within their own local communities.

ROSE CITY CLOWN events are scheduled based on a commitment to reach out to the community by providing clowning entertainment in support of other nonprofit organizations.

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Splinters From the Board Continued...

President Splinters Cont...

For those of you on Facebook – look me up if you are not already a friend. I share links all day long when I get one for free music concerts; tours of museums, zoos and aquariums; storybook reading; recipes and cooking classes; arts & crafts projects, for you and/or little ones hunkered down with you; and the list goes on. TONS of stuff besides the usual YouTube videos to learn a new balloons or face paint designs or juggling.

IF you are WCA members – don't miss out on their member Facebook page and go back and watch the videos of the great mini-seminars that were put on when the Convention got cancelled.

If you find links of your own – share them with us. The next few issues will be focused on stuff we have access to while stuck at home...and some inspirational messages. Please share. Send Bonnie-Jean a short story on something cool you have been doing at home while shut-in.

Vice-President Bonnie-Jean



I hope you are all doing well! I know these are crazy times. But hey we're clowns; so lets face this with a sense of humor! For this too shall pass... I don't know about you but I've been keeping a red nose in my pocket ready to bring smiles to those stuck inside. I've delivered meal boxes to our school districts families and I've done UBER Eats deliver dressed in clown. I've also delivered Easter baskets to our church families dressed as the Easter bunny. Doing my best to bring joy to the world the best I can in this time of social distancing.

Treasurer Albert Alter



Balance in check book is \$2380.66----- 17 April 2020 .

Fool

Secretary Toni



Hello my dear clown friends,
Hope this newsletter finds you well. I want to encourage you to show your love for others in kindness and encouragement. Little things make a difference. I had a coworker about 2 months ago give me a rock that was a shape of a heart. She didn't know that I really needed that small gesture. A rock made my day and really much more.
Shine on. Toni



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Happy Birthday to our April Birthdays!!

11th Trudi "Nellie" Sang
 25th Jana "Twinkle" Fogle
 30th Janice "Groovy" Johnson

General Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 we are having to readjust how we meet as an Alley. Kimberley is in the process of figuring out an easy format to use to meet online and will be getting that information out soon, so watch your email!

BOD meeting: As soon as Kimberley determines a safe method for the BOD to meet online she will be conducting our next meeting. We will be looking at possible avenues and dates for our General Meetings, Annual Dues for 2020, Scholarship Program, etc.

Upcoming Events

Sadly all events have been postponed until this Corona Virus Stay-At-Home order is lifted. Stay tune for updates as they come in.

Crazy things happened that happened during our First Board Meeting...



Scholarships are Back!!

Deadline for 2019 Programs/Conventions: June 1, 2020

Deadline for 2020 Programs/Conventions: September 20, 2020

All applications will be reviewed by the review committee compiled of board members and honorary alley members.

Remember: There are still a ton of camps and conventions on the calendars for the rest of the year. Example: Int'l Ventriloquist Society Convention (July 15-18), Mooseburger Clown Arts Camp (July 21-26), American Clown Academy (August 9-15), The Next Step Workshop (Nov 11-15), and Mid-Atlantic Clown Convention (Nov 12-15).

Rose City Clowns (RCC) Education Scholarship Application

Date:

Name (first and last):

Clown name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Have you ever received a scholarship from RCC?

If yes, what year and for how much?

Have you received any other scholarships this year?

If yes, from what organization and for how much?

If awarded this scholarship, what educational event are you planning to use this money for?

How many times before have you attended that convention or camp?

What are you hoping to learn at this convention or camp that will help you grow as a clown?

What do you love most about clowning?

What do you like least about clowning?

If awarded this scholarship are you willing to give a presentation on your return at one of RCC's General Meetings to share highlights of what you learned?

Please tell us why you think you should receive the Rose City Clown Education Scholarship:

Thank you. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of the final decision.

Spreading Smiles In Difficult Times

What has Bonnie-Jean “Giggle Britches” been doing lately?

Spreading Smiles one rock a time!

Like everyone else, I’ve been stuck in the house a lot lately. To keep myself entertained I’ve been pour painting rocks. Acrylic paint pouring has become my new obsession. I love discovering new ways to paint rocks. I’m still learning ways to be creative. Art has been a positive outlet for me. Acrylic pour painting is a form of abstract art that consists of pouring paint of many colors over a rock creating beautiful art. I love the variety of outcomes you get, there are so many ways you can pour paint!! Here are a bunch I just finished. I took a walk around our local park and hid them along the path. I hope they brighten someone's day.

Would anyone be interested in a rock pour painting workshop???? Even though we can't get together for workshops right now with social distancing rules but after this passes I think it would be fun to create together at a meeting.



Sadly our schools are closed for the rest of the 2019-20 year. That means as a bus driver I am out of work. However, once a week my co-workers and I have been delivering meal boxes to our local district kiddos. One week I decided to add some smiles and deliver in clown. Needless, to say I was a hit and smiles were abound.

Just keep on Hoping!!!

Our church families were really sad our annual Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt was canceled. Leave it to the clown to hop in to the rescue!!! My pastor and I assembled Resurrection Garden kits and bagged up a bunch of Easter Eggs for each kid and family. The Easter Bunny drove 84 miles and spent 6 hours making special delivers to 14 families on the Saturday before Easter. Phew!



Spreading Smiles In Difficult Times Continued

Toni has been spreading cheer in her neighborhood by posting window posters!



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COVID Fashion Show!

Thank you Kimberley!



For Entertainment Purposes Only! :)

Until we meet again here's a few things to keep you entertained and maybe give you a laugh or two!

Hello (from the Inside) An Adele Parody by Chris Mann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5azNpTwVk8>

Do Re Mi - Covid 19 version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMBh-eo3tvE>

My Corona Home - ("Kokomo" Parody Song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uDTs-9fq00>

Neil Diamond Sings Coronavirus Version of 'Sweet Caroline'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waetVsqrn54>

And just for Comic Relief:

Toilet Tissue from The Carol Burnett Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMTSbSrvCRg>

The Oldest Man: The Doctor from The Carol Burnett Show (full sketch)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-QqmJimv_U

Laughter is deemed essential as hospital clowns continue to work during corona

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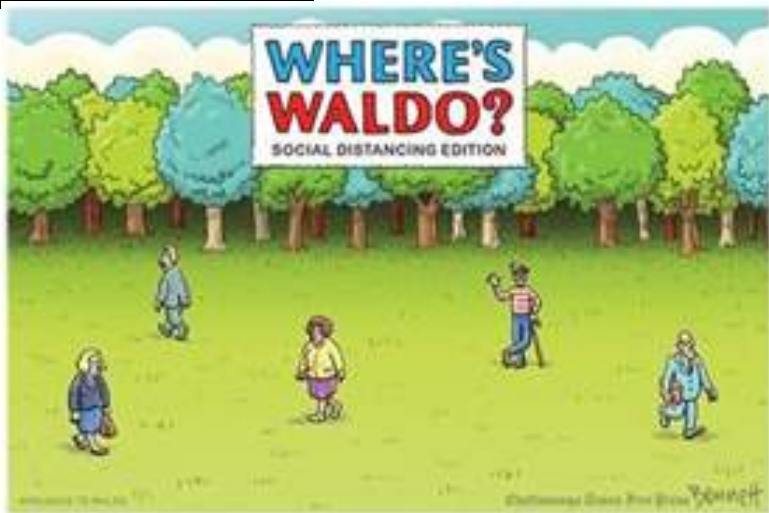
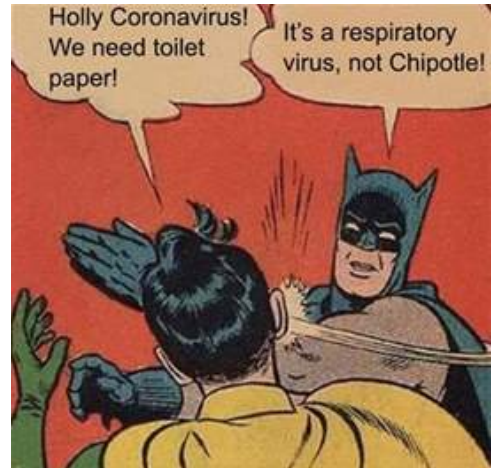
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Sharing Some COVID Laughs

COVID19 is no laughing matter; I get that. I do think however, in times of stress in a disaster, that kindness, humor and civility will help us pull through. I am therefore sharing a selection of some of the humor I've come across related to the challenges and upheavals of this time of crisis and encourage you to use this and other forms of self-care as an inoculation to boost your resilience! Keep up your spirits. There is light at the end of this COVID tunnel- laugh whenever you can – we all still need a little humor in our lives.



Be the Bumble Bee and Fly in the Face of the Impossible

Adapted from a blog article by Pricilla Mooseburger



I love bees. Bumble bees, honey bees, any kind of bees. **I love their busy nature**, little creatures flying about pollinating flowers, making honey, getting the job

done. This time of year my life resembles a hive of bees! So much to get done, flying around in different directions! If I am honest, in my stress I have been known to sting!

Do you know that a bumble bee mechanically isn't supposed to be able to fly? But it does.

Many clowns have given up because of the scary clown phenomenon. It became too discouraging and just too hard. But I will tell you, at my last clown gig, **no one said anything mean to me**. I did not see any teenagers hiding behind their hands.

I believe the tide is turning and all that scary clown merchandise will be headed for the landfill soon!!! **Don't give up!** Be the Bumble Bee. Fly anyways. Fly in the face of the impossible and don't let gravity win.

Maybe it's time to give yourself a challenge? **It's never too late to try something new! Set new clown goals for yourself.**

There are tons of free information out there on goal setting. The most popular is SMART goals.

This follows a simple formula for success that goals need to be:

SMART:
Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Relevant
Time-bound

Google "SMART Goals" and find a great deal of useful information as well as free templates!



Is a SMART goal really for clowns?

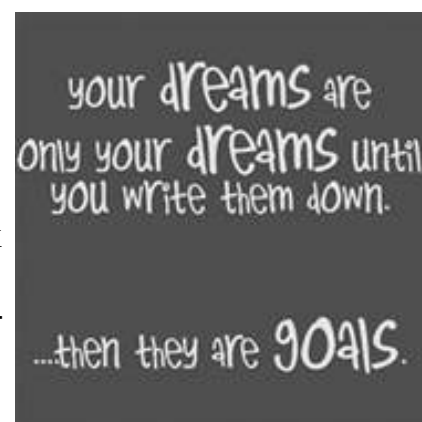
You might be asking yourself: "Isn't that just for businesses and students and athletes?"

No. Clowns need to set goals too. It helps us become better performers.

It's not a goal unless you write it down; otherwise it is just a dream. I suggest it is better to have small achievable goals than one big dream.

You say: "I want to have a great 45 minute show with music, and props, and backdrop, and promo material."

Great idea! But ... you work full time and are married with 3 kids in the house ... While your goal is certainly worthwhile and achievable you might have to ask yourself, at what cost to your family life?





tors! We need that personal push.

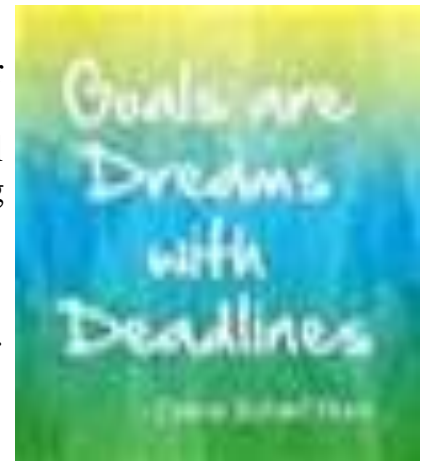
Here are some other worthwhile goals you might want to consider:

- ◊ Perform in a certain number of events for your community or clown club a year.
- ◊ Create a new character more fitting to your life now.
- ◊ Organize all your toys: magic, props balloons costume stuff,
- ◊ Clean your make-up kit. Get rid of old stuff.
- ◊ Order or make a new costume.
- ◊ Save the money to go to a Clown Camp or a convention.
- ◊ Learn one new routine: magic, puppet, song, crazy bit, etc.
- ◊ Put together a holiday character or show.
- ◊ Learn a new skill like face painting or balloons.
- ◊ Write a new routine, or learn a new skit for your club.

So let's take this goal setting step by step:

- ◊ Write down all the routines you already have ready to go into a show.
- ◊ What props do you have and what will you need to purchase or build. Research cost.
- ◊ Price out backdrops and sound equipment.
- ◊ Work on a marketing plan.
- ◊ Discuss it with your family to determine how they can help you achieve the goal.

One of the things a lot of people miss is telling someone else their goal so they have a person to be accountable to. **That is the stickiest part: accountability!** Get someone onboard who wants to check in with you, ask you how it is going. That is the most important step to reaching a goal. Have you ever wondered why it's necessary to have trainers, coaches, and direc-



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