

# The Tejas Tattler – February 1999

## Tattler Calendar – February

- 1 Tejas Klown Club Officers meeting, 7pm at the Mesquite IHOP on Military Parkway, west of LBJ I-635.
- 2 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 13 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade, beginning at 10am. Cheerful Clown Alley is wanting to break the Guinness World record for the most clowns in a parade (current record is 168) and want are help, if we are free. For info call Stella "Quigley" Rivera @ (713) 692-2995, or Gary "Bananas" Godfrey @ (281) 395-8882.
- 19-21 Clown Camp on the Road, in Clear Lake Texas at the Nassau Bay Hilton. For information, call Kenny "Bobo" Price, (281) 478-6216.

## March

- 2 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 23 "Under the Big Top – A Taste of Trade", by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. Details later.

## April

- 3 Mesquite Rodeo Parade
- 6 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 10 Workshop. Details to be announced later.
- 17 Hope for Kids Immunization Program at the Dallas Town Hall
- 24 TCA Board Meeting, San Antonio, TX

## September 30 - October 3, 1999

TCA Convention in Mesquite!!! "The Last RoundUp of the Century!" 12 Registrations received so far – after January 1<sup>st</sup>, registration goes up to \$70 – have you sent in yours yet?

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The deadline for submission for the next issue of the Tejas Tattler is the 20<sup>th</sup> of this issue's month. This newsletter is Y2K compliant.

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this case we will all pay \$5.00. This was seconded by Trish and the membership agreed. Michelle will do our publicity again and get us into the Dallas Morning News.

We our so happy that Mike came through his surgery .

Respectfully submitted. Grenda "Poppins" Walton

## Next Meetin'

The next meeting of the Tejas Klown Club will be on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church.

The Tejas Klown Club Officers will be meeting on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm at the IHOP in Mesquite.

The March meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm.

## Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures for through January 15, 1999:

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>(Expense)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
12/1/98	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$459.81</b>
	Oct. Bank Service Charge	(\$10.00)	
	Nov. Bank Service Charge	(\$10.00)	
	Dec. Bank Service Charge	(\$10.00)	
	Carrollton Parade Entry		
	Fee	(\$5.00)	
	Reim. M. Stephens		
	(postage, office supplies)	(\$10.78)	
	Reim. G. Walton		
	(Derbie Ty Beanie Babies)	(\$50.50)	
	Membership Dues	35.00	
1/5/99	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$398.53</b>

## What We've Done

After the Rockwall Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Delores "Doe Doe" and Mike "Miko" Blanton, Iwana "BeBe" Virgil and daughter Laura, and Jeanne "CeCe" Williams clowned at Shots for Kids at the McDonalds in Rockwall. Also on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Doe Doe, Miko, Don "White Owl" Brown and his mom Mabel, Rodney "Rima" Farr, John "JJ" Gale, Sidney "Roket" Richards and his family, and CeCe were in the Carrollton Christmas Parade. Trish "Lollipop" Craft entertained at the Variety Club Christmas Party.

White Owl, his mom, and CeCe helped Santa & his helpers at Lucent on December 8<sup>th</sup>. They, along with CeCe, her mom Frances, and daughter Jennifer also preformed at the Elk's Lodge in Mesquite on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

CeCe was busy throughout the month: the Rybirm Nursing Home on December 17<sup>th</sup>; the Jingle Bell Run, again in the 17<sup>th</sup>; and Heritage Place Nursing Home in Mesquite on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any community service type activities which you have participated in, please let us know so you can be recognized! Contact Mike Stephens.

## Birthdays!

We have the following clowns having birthdays in January and February:

Delores "Doe Doe" Blanton	2/27
Anastasia "WeeZee" Schimdt	3/10

## Convention Meetin' Minutes

January 5th, 1999

Meeting was called to order by Ron Martin 14 people present.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: We did not have a correct count at this time but it is about 16 people. We discussed the logistics of future registration: First they will be received by Trish Craft, a photocopy will be made of the checks, the checks will then be banked and the copy sent to Rodney Farr who will be keeping the convention books. The membership form will go to Michelle Bodnarchuk and she will begin processing them.

FINANCE: A separate account has been set up for TCA99 Convention.(DBA).

PROGRAM BOOK. No word from Sadie Kuykerndall. Grenda Walton will check into this.

MAIL OUTS: Mike Stephens will contact Mary Ann Beck or Kim Oxford for the data base of the address's of T.C.A. Clowns so we may do a mail out.

DEALERS TABLES: Grenda Walton made a motion to charge \$60.00 for the first table \$40.00 for additional ones. This was seconded by Iwana Virgil, membership agreed. All correspondence that Grenda had for Dealers/Workshops was passed on to Chris Oertel who will continue with this committee.

GOODY BAGS: Michelle Bodnarchuk reported we had lots of goodies. Ras & Gas a balloon company in Carrollton has offered to give us 24 gross of balloons and will put them in 200 smaller bags. A mention of thanks will be placed in the program book. When we have all the goodies we will have a meeting at Michelle's house and stuff bags.

WORKSHOP IDEAS: Tricia Craft made a suggestion that all member submit at least five good ideas on workshops for convention. The list could be e-mail to Mike or brought to the meeting February.

ADVERTS: Mike Stephens gave out the form for adverts with costs etc. Grenda Walton will call all advertisers from the 1998 Convention book.

SOUND SYSTEM: Chris Oertel will find out what sound system we will need for workshops etc.

VIDEO: The video from the 1997 convention was viewed by Trish Craft, Michelle Bodnarchuk and the report was they did not like the way the video was filmed. We will therefore find a new video person. Mike Stephens will ask Agnes Donnelly if she know anyone . She is also interested in doing the photography.

T-SHIRTS: Trish Craft suggested asking Joey to the World if we could sell some t-shirts and also distribute flyer pertaining to the convention in Houston January 22nd.

Meeting came to a close at 7.40pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Grenda "Poppins" Walton.

## Tell Us About You

This month's bio is about Anastasia "Wee Zee" Schmidt...

**Clown Name:** Wee Zee

**Real name:** Anastasia Schmidt

**Age:** "old enough to have a good working relationship with Clairol, and young enough to want to"

**Type of Clown:** Augusté

**Lives in:** Dallas

**Years Clowning:** 3-5 years

**Preforms as:** part time clown, charges for some shows, at birthdays, company events, church events

**Entertains with:** balloon twisting, music, songs, and storytelling

**Reason for becoming a clown:** "I have always been on stage. At least now it's socially accepted."

**Goals as a clown:** to combine clowning and occupational therapy and make a reasonable living

**Next Month:** In March, we'll profile ... humm, it's a secret even to me!

## Tattler Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the March Tejas Tattler is February 20<sup>th</sup>. For information, contact Mike Stephens at 972-288-2065.

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## Meetin' Minutes

TEJAS MEETING JANUARY 5TH, 1999

Meeting was called to order at 7.45 pm by Ron Martin 16 people present. Rodney Farr said the opening prayer.

Ron read out the upcoming events posted in the back of the Texas Tattler. Anastasia told us of the Hope for Kids Immunization Program April 17th, 99 at the Dallas Town Hall.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance \$398.53.

Mike Blanton reported the Church members were very happy with our performances December and hoped we would repeat the show real soon.

We had a visitor Rhoda Howard "Poky Dot" she has been clowning one year.

## WELCOME

Mike Stephens asked us all to e-mail or send photos to him for our website. Jeannie Williams arrived with Mother and Daughter and we all sang Happy Birthday.

Trish Craft made a motion to put forth a Bio on Jeannie for the "Ambassador Award" for all the endless wonderful charity work she does. Mike Blanton seconded this motion and the membership agreed. While we were on the subject Grenda Walton suggested we have our own Award to be presented once a year to a member with outstanding credentials. Anastasia seconded this and the membership agreed. This was followed by a very funny five minutes trying to name the award. "The Nose "The Snuzzle" "Red Nose" etc etc.

## WORKSHOP

Ron Martin brought up the date for the workshop February 20th, 99. We realized too much time had gone by and we hadn't book a hall. It was decided to change the date to April 10th '99. Mike Blanton would ask the church if we could have two rooms for this event. Mike Stephens suggested we have a chairperson for this event. Grenda Walton volunteered to be the chairperson and also stated that she might not attend the event due to her work on Saturday but would have everything arranged.

## SUGGESTED WORKSHOP

Beginners Make up, Advanced Make up, Beginners Face Painting (Michelle), Advanced Face Painting, Juggling (Chris), Magic with every day objects, Beginners Balloons (White Owl)

Grenda will bring a mock up program for discussion next meeting. Ron Martin made a motion for a sum of \$25.00 entree fee Jeannie seconded this and the membership agreed. The event would be at 9 am to 4 pm event. Lunch break. Grenda made a motion for Tejas Members to be free as they will all be helping out that day unless we have to pay for the church, in

## It's Time for Your Ideas!

If you haven't heard yet, we're holding a convention!

Okay, so that's old news...

But one thing we must do is now is finalizing our workshop schedule for the convention.

That's where we come in: for our meeting please bring **3** ideas for a workshop. It may be one you've taken before, or one you might wish you could take. Or one you just know that everyone else needs to see. Is it about make-up? Or juggling? Or history? Or nuclear physics? Please bring those ideas to the February meeting on **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Okay, maybe not the physics one...

## Don't Miss the Workshop...

First, the Spring Workshop has been shifted from February 20<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>. Grenda Walton is the chair for the workshop, with Chris Oertel and Iwana Virgil as her assistant chairs. (I don't know who the table is.)

Current program for the workshops are make-up and costuming (with Anastasia "Wee Zee" Schimdt demonstrating augusté, and Tricia "Lollipop" Craft demo'ing whiteface. We'll also have face-painting, juggling, home-made magic, and balloons. This will be different from our fall workshop in that it will be full hands-on, not just lecturing.

Time will be from 9am to 3pm. Cost will be \$5 for club members, \$25 for non-members.

Location? Well, we're still working on that one... But we'll get back to you on that.



The Tejas Klown Club meets the first Tuesday night of the month at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, 2020 North Galloway Avenue (south of Highway 80 on Galloway), starting at 7:30PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to the entrance on the north side of the church.