



3-Ring News

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2021 ROUND-UP WAS A JOY TO BEE-HOLD!! BUT GET READY FOR AN ADVENTURE! 2022 IS COMING SOON!



Thank you Joyful Joeys 4 Jesus, Calumet Clowns, and Winners Circle for a great COMEBACK Midwest Clown Association Round-Up! So exciting to be back together again. Our attendees said it best: "I really needed this! I missed it!" "You don't realize how important clowning is until you can't do it regularly! Glad to be living my passion again!" "MCA is gonna come back even stronger and better than ever. I can feel it!" "

What a great time of reconnecting with "old" friends, as well the opportunity to make new friends! We had more FIRST-TIMERS than we've had in a LONG time, as well as some "old-timers" who had not been around for a while! Welcome (and Welcome Back)! We hope you found our time together educational, inspiring, encouraging, and just plain fun!

Our 48th Annual MCA Round-Up will be here before you know it! The 2022 Round-Up will be held again in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 12-16, 2022, and will be hosted by our executive board. See page 13 for a registration form! We hope you can join us!!

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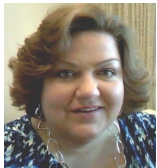
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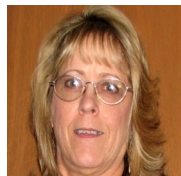
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2022 is an ELECTION YEAR!

Several of our positions will be vacant, and ALL, except for Chief Joey, will be up for grabs!! NOW is the time to consider stepping up to serve. Don't worry that you

may not be up to the job...we will give you all the tools you need to succeed! Interested? Contact Assistant Chief Joey, Lynette McDonald (contact info above), nomination chair.



Midwest Clown Association strives to recognize and reward not only those individuals who compete and win at conventions; but also those individuals, living and deceased, who have contributed time, effort and dedication to the Midwest Clown Association and the clowning profession in general. Since this is an MCA award, special attention is paid to those persons who promote clowning at the local level in the midwest, and particularly with regard to the MCA in its perpetuation and growth.

CONGRATULATIONS Thomas “Cappy” Cass (2019), Angela “Q.T. Pie” Gonzalez (2020), Dan “Fitzwilly” Langwell, and Brian “Gunky” Waltman (2021) on receiving the MCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Editor’s Note: Suzy “Rusty” Levensbaum was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020, but was unable to attend due to family obligations. She will be presented with the award at the 2022 Round-Up!*



Know someone who is deserving of the LAA? Check out the website for details and get your nominations in for 2023 by March 1, 2023!



Classes and Competition...And So Much More!!



WINNERS, WINNERS, EVERYWHERE!!

MAKEUP



1st PLACE
James Kuhn



2nd PLACE
Patti Ummel



3rd PLACE
Lynette McDonald

ALLEY SKIT



1st PLACE
Krazy Clown Klub
"Toilet Paper Revenge"
(Lori Jacobs, Patti Ummel and Brian Waltman)

2nd PLACE
Michiana Clowns
"In The Bag"
(Terry Awald, James Kuhn and Lynette McDonald)



ALL-AROUND CLOWN



Patti "Jazzi" Ummel

NOTE: Any individual who competes in Make-Up, Single Skits, and Single Paradeability is eligible to receive the All-Around Clown award. Check out the competition rules online for more information about this award.

The Theme Party was Buzzin' with Food, Fun, Fellowship....oh, and Bees!

- Theme Party**
- 1) Welcome & Eat Dinner
 - 2) Costume Contest
 - 3) Puzzle: "Build the Hive" (7-10)
 - 4) "Fill the Hive" (5-6 players)
 - 5) "Bee Block Trivia" (5-6)
 - 6) "Stack the Honey Pots" (10-15)
 - 7) "Beekeeper" Challenge (All)
 - 8) Good-Night...



**OUR FABULOUS HOSTS:
Jesters, Jokers and Joeks!**



THEY'VE GOT SKILLS!!!

BALLOON COMPETITION



Each balloon competitor must submit two sculptures: a single balloon sculpture and a multiple/combo sculpture.

FACE PAINTING COMPETITION (Subject: Halloween)



IT TAKES A VILLAGE! (Or at least a full Clown Car!!)

If you've never worked on planning a Round-Up, then maybe you don't realize HOW MANY people contribute to making the event memorable, because most of them work quietly behind the scenes. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who worked behind the scenes to make the 2021 MCA Round-Up a success!

COMPETITION DIRECTORS: Robbie Levensbaum, Annette Darragh.

JUDGES: Jim Caffrey, Angie Gonzalez, John Hanewall, Deanna Hazen, Lori Jacobs, John Joseph, Lynette McDonald, Jane Swiggum, Jenny Ummel, Bill Young, Robbie Levensbaum, Annette Darragh.

TALLIERS: Jill Siddall, Barb Syler.

TIMER: Mick Darragh.

RUNNERS: Lucy Mahoney, Terry Awald, Debbie Finch.

STAGE HANDS: Jack Vanderbeek, Barney Awald, Dan Langwell.

MCs: Jack Vanderbeek, Annette Darragh.

SOUND TECHS: Steve Hill, Ric Edwards.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Dan Langwell.

DEALER ROOM: Bill Young and all our GREAT DEALERS!!

SPECIAL PERFORMER: Nicole Portwood.

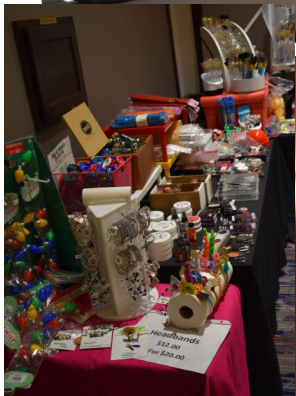
ALL OF OUR AMAZING LECTURERS!

REGISTRATION: Lynda Hayhurst (did all the pre-conference work, but was unable to come due to exposure to COVID), Angie Gonzalez, Ric Edwards, Laurie Hargis.

THEME PARTY: John & Luan Hanewall, Wayne & Jolene Rongholt.

HOTEL STAFF: Chefs, Waiters, Housekeeping, Administration, Maintenance.

If you see or talk to any of these folks, take a minute to say thank you for all their hard



EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE!

SINGLE PARADEABILITY COMPETITION



1st PLACE
 "Peacock"
 James Kuhn



2nd PLACE
 "Small Medium At
 Large"
 Patti Ummel



3rd PLACE
 "My Hands are Tide"
 Gloria Sterrett

GROUP PARADEABILITY COMPETITION

1st PLACE
 "The Chase"
 (Patti Ummel,
 Brian Waltman)

***All award winner photos courtesy of Dan Langwell, who stepped in last-minute and helped us out!! Thank you, Dan!! Some other candid photos provided by various members of MCA.*



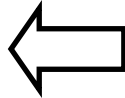
NOTE: Even though there was only one competitor in Group Paradeability, contestants must still receive the required percentage of points from the judges to receive a first place finish.

PERFECT PERFORMANCES!

SINGLE SKITS

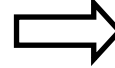


3rd PLACE
"The Recital"
Ray Hapner



1st PLACE
"Madame Covidlina"
Patti Ummel

2nd PLACE
"Get Over It"
Terry Awald



GROUP SKITS



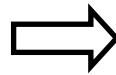
1st PLACE—"Safe Crackers"
Darryn Chupp, Lori Jacobs,
Patti Ummel, Brian Waltman



1st PLACE—"The Lecture"
John & Luan Hanewall,
Wayne & Joleen Rongholt



NOTE: Due to a mis-tabulation in judges' score totals in the Group Skit Competition, the first and second place results were announced wrong at the Round-Up. Instead of penalizing any group for our error, and with the consent of both 1st and 2nd place groups, both groups were awarded 1st place medals, and the "official" competition record has been corrected showing the correct totals with "Safe Crackers" in 1st and "The Lecture" in 2nd. Thanks to both groups for being so understanding!!



3rd PLACE
"Dry Water"
Harry McCullaugh,
Beatrice Koza





**2022 Midwest Clown Association
48th Annual Round-Up
October 12-16, 2022; Indianapolis, IN**

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REGISTER TODAY!!

FULL REGISTRATION*:

Mar. 1, 2022-April 31, 2022: \$155.00
May 1, 2022-Aug. 31, 2022: \$165.00
Sept. 1, 2022 and at the door: \$175.00
*(*Full registration covers all classes, theme party, lifetime achievement luncheon, awards banquet, competitions and access to dealer's room.)*

ONE DAY REGISTRATION: \$50.00 *(does not include any meal tickets)*

EXTRA MEAL TICKETS: Theme Party—\$25;
Lifetime Achievement Luncheon —\$35;
Awards Banquet—\$45

Make checks payable to:

Midwest Clown Association

Mail to: Lynda Hayhurst
23 Aster Street
Dyer, IN 46311

***Returned Checks will be assessed a fee of \$45.00.
No Refunds after September 5, 2022.*

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2022 Midwest Clown Association Round-Up Registration
(Separate registration must accompany each individual registering)

Name Check here if you're a Jr. Joey

Clown Name

Address (include City, State, Zip)

Phone

E-mail First Time at an MCA Round-Up?
 Yes No

Alley Affiliation (if applicable)

Banquet Meal Options

Meat Vegetarian Gluten-Free

Make your hotel reservation directly:
CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS-AIRPORT
2501 S. High School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46241
Phone: (317) 244-6861



(\$112.00 per night plus applicable fees and taxes.)

*****Any special needs must be made known to the Registrar 60 days prior to the start of the Round-Up.**



The Midwest Clown Association is one of the oldest organized clown associations in the country. The MCA serves the educational needs of clowns and alleys in a 7-state region, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Each fall, one of our member alleys serves as host for a five-day convention, called the "Round-Up," where clowns from all over the Midwest (and some from outside the Midwest) gather to learn, educate, compete, share, socialize, energize, and promote the art of clowning. The 3-Ring News is now the official newsletter of the Midwest Clown Association and all rights and responsibilities belong to the organization.



Visit our Website at:
www.midwestclownassociation.org

For questions about the 3-Ring News, to submit an article, or to submit other information for publication, please contact the editor, Angie Gonzalez, at angela.gonzalez@indy.gov or 317-840-1583. See below for submission deadlines.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 21, 2022—MCA Spring Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 1, 2022—Round-Up Registration Rate increase
Oct. 12-16, 2022—48th Annual MCA Round-Up

3-RING NEWS UPCOMING DEADLINES

ISSUE DATE

June 26, 2020
August 28, 2020
October 30, 2020

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

June 19, 2020
August 21, 2020
October 23, 2020

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