

The following information is a review: The Midwest Clown Association is not based on individual memberships but on alley or clown group memberships. However, anyone who lives in the 7 state MCA region is considered a member, can attend the convention, and if a full registration is paid, can compete in MCA competitions. Individual alleys can also allow other people to be a member of their alley, either those who have moved outside the region or those the alley allows to be one of their members. The structure of the MCA is based on clown alleys or groups, who pay an annual fee of \$50 a year which entitles them to one delegate voice and voting privileges at the MCA meetings. Anyone can attend the MCA Annual meeting which occurs during the Annual Fall Roundup or convention but only the delegate of paid up alleys or clown groups can speak or vote. For example, if 4 people from a paid up alley are in attendance, they can request a few moments to discuss an issue before the one delegate casts their alley vote. Voting paddles showing the name of the alley or clown group are distributed by the MCA Sergeant-at-arms after checking the paid roster at each meeting. The voting paddles were not available this year but the Sergeant-at-arms provided a paper plate with the alley name to each voting delegate.

MIDWEST CLOWN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

The meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence for those within our Midwest Clown Association who have passed away this year, tho who are suffering through health issues at this time, and those in our military service who have sacrificed so much for us to be able to gather here.

The Annual MCA Meeting was Called to Order at 4:05 p.m.

The list of dues paid had been sent to delegates by email from the Treasurer on October 6.

Dues Paid

Alley Name	2023	Date	paypal / check	2022	2021	2020
AOK Alley of Clowns				No	No	No
BG's Sappy Slapsticks				No	No	Yes
Calumet Clowns, Inc	\$ 50.00	1/5/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clown World Alley	\$ 50.00	1/3/2023	check	Yes	No	Yes
Clowns Around Redford	\$ 50.48	5/5/2023	pay pal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clowns of Waukesha				Yes	Yes	Yes
Corky's Clown Alley				No	No	No
Cornfield Clowns #7	\$ 50.00	2/1/2023	check	Yes		
Cousin Otto's Alley #22	\$ 50.00	1/6/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Funny Bone Alley #103	\$ 50.00	1/12/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grand & Glorious Galaxy of Clowns #44	\$ 50.48	5/4/2023	pay pal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hall of Fame MCA	none required			N/A	N/A	N/A
Hoosier Clown Alley #384				No	No	No
Jesters, Jokers and Joeys	\$ 50.00	4/28/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joyful Joeys 4 Jesus	\$ 50.48	4/27/2023	pay pal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krazy Clown Klub	\$ 50.00	1/6/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michiana Clowns	\$ 50.00	1/12/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Niarome Clown Troupe				No	No	No
OOP Alley #15				No	No	No
OOPS Clown Troop (Lucy)	\$ 50.00	3/29/2023	check	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quad City Clown Troupe				No	No	Yes
West Suburban Clown Club				Yes		
Winners Circle Clown Alley #178				Yes	Yes	Yes

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Alleys paid as of

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The updated Membership Roster showing delegates had been sent to all Delegates by the Treasurer on October 6.

2023 MCA Alley Roster

updated 05-14-2023

Dues Pd	Alley	Representative	Alternative
	AOK Alley of Clowns	Maggie Diebel 155 Oakwood Wooddale, IL 60191 630-766-5302 maggiethelclown@att.net	John Joseph 1408 E. Rosehill Dr. Arlington Hgts, IL 60004 847-483-4520 jayjay360@hotmail.com
	BG's Sappy Slap Sticks	Preston Eakins 43524 Koakle St. Kalamazoo, MI 39000 269-568-6808 pleton80@aol.com	
1/5/2023	Calumet Clowns, Inc.	Lynda Hayhurst 23 Aster St. Dyer, IN 46311 219-743-5278 haylyn2004@yahoo.com calumetclowns@yahoo.com	Janet Tucker 6334 New Hampshire Ave Hammond, IN 46323-1950 219-902-6860 jb@jellybean-clown.com
1/3/2023	Clown World Alley	Georgia Morris 4234 Woodworth Ave. Holt, MI 48842 517-230-1265 clownshananigans@comcast.net	Harold Morris hdmorris@comcast.net
	Clowns of Waukesha, Inc.	Mary Ann Lund 3778 S. 95 St. Milwaukee, WI 53228 414-828-3245 jlund001@att.net	Mary Ernst 5829 N. 58 St. Milwaukee, WI 53218 414-463-5009 lmernst@sbcglobal.net
5/5/2023	Clowns Around Redford	Nancy Opatich 20169 Merriman Rd. Livonia, MI 48152 586-201-8382 bubbles-the-clown@att.net	Sherrie Chruysler 7327 Brammell Detroit, MI 48239 313-278-0036 smigginsclown@att.net
	Corky's Clown Alley	Stephanie Chen 459 Briar cliff Bartlett, IL 60103 630-945-4713 stephaniechen1980@gmail.com	

2/1/2023	Cornfield Clowns #7	Jon Keck 6950 E. 1300 St. Macomb, IL 61455 309-333-6639 jonkeck3@gmail.com cornfieldclowns7@gmail.com	Betty Carner Box 61 Good Hope, IL 61438 615-587-1144 bjcraver@mac.com
1/6/2023	Cousin Otto's Alley #22	Darlene Malkow 327 S. Maple Street Oconomowoc, WI 53066	Peggy Walker 5700 52nd Ave Kenosha, WI 53144



1/12/2023	Funny Bone Alley #103	262-567-7995 mollyputz59@outlook.com Ruth Scheeringa 5527 W 41st Ave. Gary, IN 46408 219-616-9230 ruthscheeringa@gmail.com	262-577-5251 clownpepper@aol.com Alane Walk 16205 Mount St. Lowell, IN 46356 219-689-0328 rajwalk@sbcglobal.net
5/4/2023	Grand & Glorious Galaxy of Clowns #44	Diane Cloutier 14646 12 Mile Rd. Ceresco, MI 490333 269-967-3872 cell 262-965-3872 home dianecloutier1@comcast.net	Donna Eames 6391 Twilight Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49048 269-599-6597 deames81@yahoo.com
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	Hoosier Clown Alley #384	Dan Langwell 574-904-9643 Laughingstockpro@yahoo.com	Sandra Seymour 219-873-6469 sandraseymour1390@yahoo.com

5/3/2023	<i>Jesters, Jokers and Joeys</i>	John Hanewall 2829 Regent Street Janesville, WI 53546 608-436-3445 jhanewall@yahoo.com	Wayne Rongholt 7719 34 Ave. Kenosha, WI 53142 262-287-6827 wayne.rongholt@yahoo.com
4/27/2023	<i>Joyful Joeys 4 Jesus</i>	Angie Gonzalez 8419 Bermuda Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46219 317-840-1583 angela.gonzalez@indy.gov	Ric Edwards 1026 N. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46219 ricric1026@aol.com
1/6/2023	<i>Krazy Clown Klub</i>	Patti Ummel 225 John Dr. Batlett, IL 60103 630-817-2019 jazziummel@yahoo.com krazyclownklub@gmail.com	Darryn Chupp 2673 McDuffee Circle North Aurora, IL 60542 630-907-0248 darrynchupp@comcast.net
1/12/2023	<i>Michiana Clowns</i>	James Kuhn 411 Cherry St. Three Oaks, MI 49128 bibleartwork@hotmail.com	Dorine Thibideau 2588 N. Shawnee Trail LaPorte, IN 46350 dorinethibideau@gmail.com
	<i>Niarome Clown Troupe</i>	Janice Rozhon 8614 Scheer Dr.	Bob Koepel 10537 Forest Lane

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<i>OOPAlley #15</i>	Tinley Park, IL 60487 708-614-0048 jrozhon@sbcglobal.net	Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 708-423-6814 Hubbell6@att.net
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3/29/2023

OOPS Clown Troop

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***Winners Circle Clown Alley
#178***

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The Sergeant-at-arms did not pass the roster around to update and have alleys make changes. The Sergeant-at-arms took the **Roll Call**. We currently have 12 paid alleys of which 8 were present so it was announced we had a **Quorum**.

Those in attendance included:

Officers—Lynette McDonald, Chief Joey; - Jim Caffrey, Assistant Chief Joey; - Janet Tucker, Secretary; - Peggy Walker, Treasurer; - Dorine Thibideau, Sergeant-at-arms.

Alley and Clown Groups paid and present:

Calumet Clowns

Clowns Around Redford

Cousin Otto's Alley,

Jesters, Jokers and Joeys

Joyful Joeys 4 Jesus

Krazy Clown Klub

Michiana Clowns

OOPS Clown Troupe

Also announced as present was Gloria Sterrett who serves as the Alley Regional Support Director for Clowns of America International.

The first **Order of Business** was to add the Scholarship Committee under the Standing Committees shown. It was added as Item g. to be given by John Hanewall.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting from October 2022 and from the Annual Spring Meeting held May 6, 2023 were presented as mailed to each member alley delegate from the Secretary on October 7, 2023. There were no additions or corrections. **M/S/P**—It was moved by John Hanewall and seconded by Angie Gonzalez that the minutes be accepted. Motion Passed.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented as mailed to each member alley by the Treasurer on October 6, 2023. The MCA Jr. Joey account has \$2049.11. The MCA General Account has \$12,211.83, not counting a final report from the current Roundup to be received and included as soon as possible. **M/S/P** It was moved by Darlene Malkow and seconded by Angie Gonzalez to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Standing Committee Reports were presented by committee chairs if present.

Media Committee report given by Angie Gonzalez. She sent out 4 issues of "3 Ring News" plus convention newsletters called "Tales of a Twister" plus kept our MCA website as up to date as possible. She has a developed mailing list and will share that with the MCA Board for advertising next year.

Competition Committee was made up this year of James Kuhn and Lucy Mahoney. Lucy reported they used 12 judges, had the timer light to the side of the stage with Wayne Rongholt as timer person for skit competition, had one runner Lynda Hayhurst to pick up completed score sheets and then tallied them following the competitions. A report for the list of 2023 award winners will be attached to these minutes when received from the Competition Directors. There was to be a review and update of the competition rules this year but it would have been too difficult so will be done for next year's 50th Roundup. James is stepping down as committee co-chair and Lucy is looking for a man to replace him as there is much to lift and carry and she can't do it. Two contestants were disqualified for being overtime. Jim Caffrey pointed out the written rules say the deduction is 1 point per judge per minute but actually should reflect a deduction of 1 point per judge per second.

John Hanewall suggested starting time for Paradeability be moved to 10:00 Saturday instead of 9:00 while we have so few competitors.

Committee will confirm rules saying competitors must show up 15 minutes prior to each competition. Competitions will start on time and competitors arriving late will be unable to compete.

There was discussion between Tom Cass and Jim Caffrey about the Paradeability competition being outside or inside but Tom Cass was not a delegate of a paid alley and not approved to speak to an issue that was not even being discussed.

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee—Lynda Hayhurst reported she had very willing and good judges for this year's awards. Those receiving the LAA were Terry Awald and Lynette McDonald. There were 4 nominations but one needed to be sent back for further information and one did not receive enough points in the judging to qualify. The luncheon was a success.

Historian Committee—Nancy Opatich reported on the size of the annual storyboards we display every 5 years. The 50th Anniversary may have special displays in addition and Jim Caffrey suggested they be displayed around the outside of the Ballroom Banquet Hall.

Sunshine Committee—It was noted that Ruth Scheeringa had not been to a Roundup for several years and several people had not received "Sunshine cards" for special occasions. It is unknown how much information she is receiving. Lynette will call her on the phone to see what is happening with that committee.

Jr. Joey Committee—Patti Ummel reported from the committee formed last year to review the JJ program. The committee was made up of Patti Ummel, Jim Caffrey, Angie Gonzalez and Janet Tucker also attended as she had volunteered to do the program and been chosen “Interim Director” by Lynette. Angie Gonzalez was the Co-Director. The committee came up with a variety of questions but no answers for the program (older family members, hard to get children out of school, children interested in their phones rather than clown classes).

There was discussion to evaluate the JJ class five days before the Roundup to determine if it would continue and if the JJ Director would have notes, props, teaching and showcase materials available with this short notice. If it is decided to have no JJ program at this late date, each adult chaperone must decide if they wish to register the child or have them attend adult classes or ask for a refund and not bring the child if they have already registered.

This year we had only one Jr. Joey and she was not from the Midwest area. She was 11 years old, slept in every day, not attending class, was not interested in any improvements in makeup, wardrobe, or skills, and the JJ Showcase was canceled Friday afternoon as she had not come to classes to prepare a show for Saturday afternoon. She chose to attend some classes with her Grandmother.

Scholarship Committee—A new Scholarship Committee was formed this year under Director John Hanewall. There was a lot of discussion to clarify how it was to be funded. John understood money from the auction would be used until all scholarship applications were fulfilled. He also felt any leftover funds from previous years could roll over to fill out any other applicants. Jim Caffrey read from the motion at the Spring 2023 Meeting as follows: “The scholarships will be funded through the MCA Annual Auction and the number given will be determined at the Annual Meeting “. Jim’s understanding was that a number would be chosen and then the auction would provide the funds. **M/S/P** After discussion, Angie Gonzalez made a motion that “Up to 5 scholarships would be given next year”. This was seconded by Wayne Rongholt. Further discussion continued as some didn’t like the wording “up to”. A friendly amendment to the motion resulted in a motion by Angie that “5 scholarships will be given next year”, seconded by Wayne, and passed with a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and one abstained.

OLD BUSINESS—There was no old business to bring to the meeting.

ANNUAL ROUND-UP CONVENTION

2023—Peggy Walker will present the financial report after confirming our bill with the hotel

2024—Jim Caffrey reported it would be at this same hotel as we signed a 2-year contract last year, giving us some price perks over the 2 year period.

Jim will be sending to Alley Reps a survey questionnaire based on questions he asked in a roundtable meeting here, combining address lists from Angie and old members and other sources. Jim then stated he would put together an invitation to our 50th Roundup as a 2nd connection. This will be divided up by 6 Board members to contact. Jim stated that 125 members had been lost to electronic notifications and this will be a postal mailing. The question is “How do we reach the most clowns?”

M/S/P Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Opatich and seconded by Darlene Malkow. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet “Jelly Bean” Tucker, Secretary, MCA