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www.edmontoncaringclowns.ca

www.clownscanada.com

WWW.FUNCALGARY.COM

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www.clownalleyoflondon.com
Caring clowns of London, Ont.

familyentertainers.com
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store.fastcommerce.com
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ECCS CHRONICLE

Welcome to our New eletter!



What's this! I'm your new editor; Jean Munro (aka: Spice). I've been with the ECCS for the past 12 years and have served the board in a few capacities. This has to be the "funnest" - well, except for the clowning! I'm all for fun! You too!?

Our aim is to keep the Chronicle short, in an easy-to-read format. We will endeavour to encourage, enthuse, provoke thought and satisfy your desire for ongoing information on clowning. Our emphasis will be on the "Caring" with enough on the "entertaining" clown to keep us up-to-date with the art we love to practise. We will try to keep it well balanced and interesting. Hope you enjoy reading it!

If you would like to see a subject (pertaining to clowning) in the Chronicle then by all means feel free to write one! The editor reserves the right to edit content and de-brief it, if need be. You are welcome to send pictures of yourself (identifying the why, what and who) with or without an article. Pictures are fun!! Letters to the editor are always welcome. Please submit your name and the original writer of any material you submit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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RECAP: CALGARY'S "CLOWN FUN" '09!

Submitted by: Jim(JimBow)Whitnack

Conventions such as this are great opportunities to expand our clowning knowledge and skills at all levels. The Edmonton Caring Clown Society had a mix of veteran and Joey clowns (7 in total) attend this event. Way to go everyone!

A CLOWNS BLESSING *Author Unknown*

May your nose be red and shiny,
And your smile always bright.

May your cheeks be nice & rosy,
Your eyes sparkle in the light.

May your shoes be always too big,
Your costume be perma-pressed,

Your heart overflow with laughter,
Every time your clown is dressed.

May face paint be at the ready,
And your balloons be "easy-blow".

May children run to greet you,
Wherever you may go.

A clown is like aspirin, only he works twice as fast -Groucho Marx

"The time has come," the clowns all said, "To talk of many things: Big shoes--and ships--and sealing-wax-- Of cabbages--and kings-- And why the sea is boiling hot-- And whether pigs have wings."

(from: www.clown-forum.com a fun place to visit!)

Free Clown clip art from a site at clown forum!



Odds n' Ends:

Next Newsletter End of September

Submission deadline: Sept. 23rd/09

ECCS's own Blarney Bee – Clown Fun Idol!



It was a weekend filled with fun, camaraderie and knowledge. Sessions covered a wide variety of topics including; ballooning, magic, juggling/plate spinning, parading, storytelling, hospital clowning, long term care facilities, puppets and make-up.

Some of the Joey's indicated that although the amount of information at times was almost overwhelming it was a fantastic experience and they were very happy they attended. The "Clown Idol" competition was a great success with the Calgary Clown Alley unseating the B.C. Clown Alley as champion this year. Our own Blarney Bee (Mary Geeves) was an energetic competitor. Maybe next year our alley can put together a group to compete?

The headliner, Mr. Norm Barnhart, was an exceptional participant who taught sessions on thinking theatrically, presentation, comedy, magic with balloons as well as entertaining twice at the banquet. Although not a mime, one of Norm's skits "The Great Normando" was a magic skit in which he didn't utter a word. It was fantastic!



Calgary's Clown Fun Idol Contestants!!!! Way to go Blarney Bee!!

A "First of May" Tells Her Story....



Kids with Cancer Society Relay/Walk 2009

Clowning Around, what better way to spend a



Blarney Bee performance!



Six Edmonton Caring Clowns
- DRESSED TO PERFECTION! –
entertaining at “Kids For Cancer
Society Relay/Walk” 2009

STARRING

Buzz, Missy Piper, Happy, Odelia,
Daffy Diva, Dizzy

History of ClownFun:

From the humble beginning of "Clown Fun '89" with 20 people registered for a one day workshop in a Red Deer Alberta school, the "ClownFun" convention has grown in leaps and bounds into the amazing event that many a clown and clown to be (first of May's) anticipate with great excitement every year.

Saturday morning! A large event, all with a common goal, helping children with Cancer.

Six Caring Clowns, dressed to perfection from their toes, up to their bulbous red nose. I, in my scooter, hoping to be an example of a person “LIVING” with a disease.

The kids came in masses! I wondered if they had been shipped in from other countries, as the line-ups seemed to have no end. Balloon animals, stickers, toys, bubbles, jokes and fun came from our group of Caring Clowns. We worked together like a well-rehearsed Broadway play.

I am a Caring Clown in training. I have primary progressive MS, and am in a wheelchair. Instead of lying in bed, I decided that I needed to live life to the fullest, every moment of everyday. When I am thinking of others, I get out of myself. The rewards are astounding, life-altering. I am grateful beyond words, for the Caring Clown Society.

Tracy “Happy” Merry-Thomson

Welcome to the ECCS Tracy!! May “Happy” ness follow you wherever you are!



*Happy
and
Dizzy*

Clown Skits: From Janet “Jelly Bean” Tucker Clown Camp 1997

Palm Reader: One clown is reading a book and second clown begs



Clowning around at the Kids For Cancer Society Relay/Walk '09
 (Looks like Odelia was kind enough to take time from clowning to take the picture! Thank you Odelia!)

Tale Ends:

- 🎪 An owl with laryngitis doesn't give a hoot
- 🎪 Hog wash isn't exactly pig's laundry
- 🎪 A camel without a hump would be Humprey
- 🎪 Of course you know that bride and groom spiders are known as newly webs
- 🎪 If you see a cow wearing a crown, you will know it's a dairy queen
- 🎪 A frog has an easy lifeit eats whatever bugs it
- 🎪 If you won an owl and a goat, you have a hootenanny
- 🎪 It is easy to joke with a fish. They fall for it hook, line and sinker.
- 🎪 Rabbits don't like combs ... they prefer hare brushes
- 🎪 A giraffe is slow in applolgizing ... it takes a long time to swallow its pride
- 🎪 A sleeping bull is known as a bulldozer
- 🎪 Of course you know that baby chickens dance chick to chick

Cooperation – coming together is a beginning
 keeping together is progress
 working together is a success.

It's looks like the Edmonton Caring Clowns are a resounding success! We are celebrating 11 years as a chartered society this year!!

Until next time Keep on Clowning!

to have his palm read. Reading clown paints his hand red with a paint brush. Janet "Jelly Bean" Tucker Clown Camp 1997

Sing This Song: Walk into a room and announce proudly "*How would you like me to sing you a number?*" The patient (or audience) usually will smile saying "*Certainly*". Then you proceed to sing in full operatic voice "3" (the number 3, or any other number you like). This is a simple skit and works even better if you "can't sing". And of course you always ask if they would like an encore! I love this one! It works with both adults and kids! (*Do not remember who it came from!*)

"EYE" SPY

Ideas for eyeballs! (by Rootin' Tootin' Newton)

PROP: 2 eyeballs (editor's note: the kind you get from the dollar store!)

Patter

- 🎪 Do you think I have my mother's eyes, 'cause some people think I look like my dad!
- 🎪 Some days, I just can't control my pupils! (Wave eyes about in a frenzied manner)
- 🎪 Have you ever tried playing X' and O's with crossed-eyes? It's tough!
- 🎪 Look I'm wearing knee-eyes (place eyes on either side of knee). Aren't they in style, these days?
- 🎪 Be careful, I have my eye on you!
- 🎪 Some days I feel like I need eyes in the back of my head!
- 🎪 What should I do with my eyes? Juggling might be an eye-catching idea !
- 🎪 Isaac Newton really discovered eye drops! Think gravity!
- 🎪 And finally, as a toddler might say ... "Eye tired !!"

Editor's note: These are really funny when you actually see Karen perform them! Really!!

