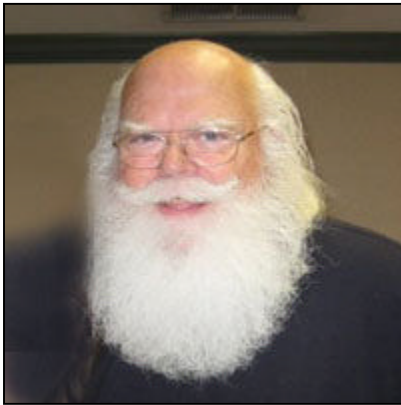


# ALL THINGS CLOWN

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**Leon McBryde** was inducted into the Clown Hall of Fame in 1990. At 7 years old Leon dreamed of being a clown. His dream was amply fulfilled when “Buttons” became a Ringling Brothers Circus clown after graduating from Clown College in 1969. Following his apprentice year with the Blue Unit, he was named Ringling’s Goodwill Ambassador and devised many promotional concepts, which he later taught as a Clown College instructor. In 1980 Leon created the “Ronald McDonald School Safety Show” and the “Big Red Shoe Review,” for McDonald’s. He has appeared on “Toddlers Friends,” a weekly TV show in Chicago. He also wrote and produced 100 segments of the program.

Buttons is a giant in his field (and it doesn’t hurt that he stands 6’ 7” tall, either). He also contributed to the book “Clown Magic.” Leon has retired his character “Buttons” and now performs and entertains as “Oz” and Santa Clause.



**Brenda Marshall** has been performing as “Flower the Clown” since 1981. She was the first woman president of Clowns of America International, and is a life member of COAI and the Texas Clown Association. Brenda has performed in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, churches and on street corners all over the world.

Her most recent trip was to Coimbatore, India in January of this year. She was part of the original People to People clown delegation, traveling with seventeen other clowns to Eastern Europe. She then was chosen as the leader of the first People to People delegation of clowns to visit China.

She has taught workshops on clowning and clown-related activities at festivals and conferences from Fort Worth, Texas to Singapore, China. And she continues to attend clown school as a student when the opportunity arises.

After eleven years of volunteering as a clown for Children’s Medical Center, Dallas, Brenda became a co-founder of “Funnyiatrics,” the therapeutic clown unit now making rounds there as employees of the hospital.



**Cody “Chexs” Byrns** felt his calling to full time evangelism as a young boy. He began ministry work as a clown at age seven and started juggling at the age of nine. Cody is now a children’s pastor, traveling entertainer and evangelist.

He has developed his skills to become a world class juggler. He has performed at venues alongside celebrities (like Charlie Daniels). He uses the skills and abilities that God has given him to entertain and minister at churches, festivals, Upward and corporate events. He is a featured performer in Circo Del Rey (Circus of the King).

<http://www.cirquemministries.com/> Cody has been an instructor for many training events including Show Me Clowns for Jesus National Convention and Kentucky Clown Derby. You will be amazed when you see Cody juggle in the “All Things Fun” show.



**DJ Ehlert** is a professional entertainer and marketing expert with decades of experience. He is also a consultant, author, and inventor with a passion for excellence and enriching the lives of others through his products and services.

He owns Kenosha Magic and Costume located in the heart of the mid-west between Milwaukee and Chicago. Kenosha Magic is the combination of a retail store, a performance theatre, and a local talent agency.

DJ is southeastern Wisconsin’s premier restaurant performer. His close up and platform performances include corporate clients such as Snap On Tools, US Cellular, Abbott Laboratories, and Intermatic Incorporated.

<http://www.kenoshamagic.com/>

This local celebrity has “appeared” in countless radio shows, newspapers, magazines, and television programs. He hosts hundreds of performances each year in the special theatre that is located at Kenosha Magic as well as other local venues.

As the president of the Majiloon Balloon Pump Company he offers a battery pump which is recognized as a leader in inflation for professional balloon artists.

Publishing the free email newsletter “Performing for Profits” allows him to stay in contact with his network of entertainers.

DJ is a devoted family man with a passion for life and philosophy of “pursue your passion.”



In the words of the GEICO Gecko ... My job is to make you laugh; I love my job!”

**Steve “Salty” Kissell**, who is a clown, humorist, author and motivational speaker, he has performed in 46 states and 5 countries!

Salty has been performing for over 30 years at conventions, schools, churches, libraries, birthday and holiday parties where he shares the performing arts of clowning, comedy magic, and storytelling.

<http://familycomedian.com/>

Steve is a co-producer of Circus Magic, Clown Jam, and the Kentucky Clown Derby. You can always count on Steve for customized, fresh and insightful workshops. And of course, entertainers from around the world return year after year to learn at his fun and informative conventions.



**Buddy “Mr. Bud” Lamb** is a professional clowning expert, author and teacher who calls Columbus, GA home. Buddy is the Senior Pastor of the Schomburg Road Baptist Church. Buddy has taught clowning at numerous conventions, seminars and professional clowning since 1983. He has directed several clown troupes as well as published articles and scripts. Buddy now performs, entertains and delights audiences as Mr. Bud.



**Tony “Jr” & Nikki “Lala” Jones** have been performing and clowning around together for over a decade. Tony has been performing at venues such as circus, fairs, malls, festivals, company parties, trade shows, store openings, church services, stage production, radio and television since 1986.

His experiences ballooning, doing walk-a-rounds, restaurant work and stilt walking eventually led him to Christian clowning. As an international instructor and performer, Tony has traveled to eight different

<http://www.clowncostumes.com/>

countries spreading laughter to audiences young & old.

Nikki has been clowning since 1997 with experience in face painting, ballooning, story telling, clown magic, walk-arounds and stage performance in such venues as festivals, church services, retirement homes, company parties, and stage productions. She has attended and taught numerous classes on the art of clowning at schools and conferences throughout the United States and abroad.



“Hi everybody, my name is **Brenda Pace**. I started clowning in 1999 with a Youth group from our church. I took a six week clown class with The Health Adventure in Asheville, NC. Then I taught the youth everything I was learning in clown school. We became caring clowns for Nursing Homes. Later that year I put my name on the waiting list for *Advanced Studies* in Hendersonville, NC. I was able to attend and it introduced me to clown ministry. And I have enjoyed every minute of it. Continued training with TNT, Shriners Clownaroundrama, SECA, Kentucky Clown Derby and lots more. I have trained an adult ministry clown troupe. I love to tell stories when I am facepainting and balloon twisting (when I have a captive audience). I love to see their faces light up when they hear the stories. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you that my clowns name, Caasi is from a Bible story. It is from Abraham and Sara's son *Isaac*, (*which means laughter*). I just turned the letters around backwards. I look forward to seeing everyone in March!”



**Margaret “Dandi” Austin and Debbie “Tanzi” Blythe** have been clowning for Jesus for 7 years. They have a heart for children – of all ages – and wish to bring a smile and the joy of Jesus to everyone. They are part of In His Name Ministry, Inc., out of Pisgah Forest, NC and are continuously Clowning 4 LIFE (Living in Faith Everyday). Traveling with the 9 member ministry team has provided them the opportunity to share the gospel in 9 states and Mexico. Recently, they have part-

nered with Appalachian Regional Ministries, and are taking school supplies, Christmas Shoeboxes and Jesus into many areas of the Appalachians.

They consider it a privilege to be given the opportunity to perform, and experience His many blessings through the smiles and laughter of the audience.

They began face painting during their first year of clowning. Before long, they were teaching a beginners face painting class to help others obtain the goal to bring a smile to a child, through “paint, glitter and dots.” “We strive to help others find great success, and experience the peace and joy that can only come through the love of Jesus.”



**Dean “DeanO” Cotton** has been clowning since 2001 when he felt God calling him to clown after praying the “prayer of Jabez.” Since then, he has clowned in hospitals, churches, camps, nursing homes, community events, sharing God’s love at home, all over the United States and on mission trips to England, Wales, Japan, Ukraine, Philippines and Lebanon. He is the founding member and “Big Kahuna clown boss” of *Clowns With New Hope*, a local clown troupe with 15 active members in Fayetteville, Georgia. Under Dean’s direction, the *Clowns With New Hope* troupe produces the “All Things Clown, a clown ministry convention” each year.

<http://deanotclown.com/>

DeanO and the *Clowns With New Hope* travel about Georgia in style on the back of a fully restored 1961 Ford Fire Truck complete with a 32 pipe, 5 instrument calliope.

Dean teaches classes in the art of clowning here at home, and he has taught at conventions across the country like Kentucky Clown Derby, Joey to the World, Show me, TNT and others. He has attended conventions, camps, and workshops and knows that he still has a lot to learn.