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The KLOWN KLUB of Mecca held our meeting this month at LuLu Shrine Center in Plymouth Meeting, PA. This meeting was planned for about two months with an invitation from the LuLu KLOWNZ to go to PA for help with clowning. It took roughly 2½ hours to get there on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. The main objective of the trip was to get better insight into applying make-up, learning skits and balloon twisting. In attendance were Tom “Uncle Dippy” and Lorraine “Laurie Lou” Lorentz, Ralph “Li'l Ralphie” and Marge Edwards, Bob “Blaze” and Joan “JoJo” Miller, Anne Raphael, John “Silly” Kelly and Jean O'Rourke, Rolf “Sloppo” and Martha Schuetz. Maximo Norat and Andre Delgado (Avery's brother-in-law) were there and wish to become clowns when they become Shriners.

Five LuLu KLOWNZ were there to teach us: Chuck “Chuckles” Lord, Howard “Cuz” Cohen, Thomas “Fuzzy” Yarnall, Doug “Finky” Fink and John “Whiskers” Doman. After some coffee and donuts, the meeting commenced with Whiskers showing us the proper way to

put on make-up. We were putting our make-up on as he was putting his on. After each stage, he waited for us to catch up. The other LuLu KLOWNZ were assisting us in applying our make-up and showing us what we did wrong and how best to set up each of our particular clown faces.

The next presentation was the clown skits. One skit had one clown making a statement and another saying “righto”. Then another statement and another “righto”. Again a statement and again “righto”. The clown making the statement says, “Why do you keep saying “righto”? The other clown answers, “Because, you're standing on my right toe.” The important element in performing skits is to do everything three times to build up suspense and then follow up with the punch line. They told us we should listen to



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comedians and perhaps get skit ideas from watching them.

Then they showed us balloon twisting. We were shown how to make a baseball cap, a swan, a poodle and several other animals. We were very impressed with how rapidly they twisted their balloons. I guess as we get more proficient in balloon twisting we will get faster at making them.

Some of the products they said we should get are: Sea Breeze (helpful in removing errors), fine talc powder (cannot have corn starch in it), sponges, white pencil, black pencil, brown pencil, sponge for nose color, wider brush, eyebrow sponges, pro nose, sharpener, Maybelline liquid eye liner, Sharpie pen and round paint brush for powder.

We were also given a tour of the LuLu Temple by their potentate, Joel L. Ward. The building is huge with a big office for the potentate in which we had our lunch. John Kelly bought the pizza and the Mecca Klowns gave them a donation to the Shriners Hospitals.

We left about 4:00 pm with more knowledge, information and experience as clowns than when we arrived. It was a great trip and we thank the LuLu Klownz for their hospitality and their time in showing us some techniques to be better klowns.

Welcome Adam Kurland who wishes to become a Mecca Klown. He can be reached at AdamsKurland@aol.com or 201-546-1534. Unfortunately, Jeremy "Krispy" Cohen is moving back to Atlanta, GA where his job is taking him. We are losing a good friend and a great clown. Good luck, Jeremy!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 22nd • Klown meeting – We will meet at the Lorentz home: 14 Green Hedges Lane, Blauvelt, NY at 12:00 pm. Those without klown names and costumes, please try to have them by then.

Saturday, December 5th • Toys for Tots – Annual Children's Holiday Party at the Grand Lodge, 17 W. 23rd Street, 2nd floor in NYC from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited: adults, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and their friends. Each family is asked to bring an unwrapped toy (up to \$15.00) for the children at the Blood Foundation at the NY Presbyterian Hospital. Contact Allen Thompson at al_thompson@comcast.net or 908-782-9653.

Thursday, December 10th • Kids Hospital Unit – New York City at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital (information is yet to be supplied.)

Sunday, December 13th • Christmas party for children – This event will be sponsored by the John M. Perry American Legion Post #1044, Route 340 in Sparkill, NY. Bring your children and grandchildren and bring a gift of about \$10.00 wrapped and with their names on them for Santa to hand out. Free lunch will be supplied at 12:00 pm and the Klowns will entertain from about 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Saturday, December 19th • Westchester Veterans Hospital – We will meet at the John M. Perry American Legion Post #1044, Route 340 in Sparkill, NY at 9:45am. We will leave promptly at 10:00 am for Montrose NY.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 15th - 17th • Clown College weekend – We will be travelling up to Plymouth, MA for the weekend. The Radisson Hotel is approximately \$60.00 per night.

