

The Nosey Nydians Clowns are a not-for-profit unit of volunteer members of the Daughters of the Nile, Nydia Temple No. 4, Wilsonville, Oregon. Our objective and aim is to promote, encourage and foster an interest in our organization while spreading cheer and laughter to all that we meet. We hope to foster clowning entertainment within our local communities by attending events, parades, and other social events in efforts to support and provide community exposure to Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Daughters of the Nile.

Each of our Clowns have created their own look, persona and individual skills we are working to master like face painting, balloon art, and skits. All of us are very happy to share our skills with those who are interested in joining us.

Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women 18 years of age or older. Our members are proud of their long association with Shriners International and their continuing support of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

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Performances by

"Juggles" Jeff Crowder Al Kader Shriner

SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns

"Stretch" Ray Zimmerman & "Magical Magician" Ron Fryer

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Guest Speaker

Angel Ocasio

Crown Prince of the Portland Rose Festival

Megan Johnson is a former Shriners patient and had the honor serving as National Patient Ambassador in 2006. She is a Registered Nurse and a clown named Lollypop. The care she received at Shriners Children's inspired her to become a nurse and she loves being able to care for her patients. Her dream is to one day work for Shriners Children's, but right now is currently building her career. She has worked as an RN in long term care, gastroenterology clinic, in a hospital, and at the present, is part of management.

Besides being an RN, Megan is also a children's author and illustrator and has three books she wrote at 16-19 years of age and has donated \$10,000 to our hospital as her way of giving back. She would like to give a special thank you to Nydia Temple No. 4 for inviting her to share her personal experience as a Shriners child and sharing her books. She hopes the books help make a difference just how Shriners and their ladies and Punkin (the clown in one of my books) made a difference for her. Thank you very much!

Megan "Lollypop" Johnson, RN, BSN



Angel Ocasio is a top physical comedian, actor, clown, writer, and ukulele player. He performs and teaches comedy and clowning skills throughout the United States & Internationally. He produces, directs, and writes variety and circus-style shows. As an actor, Angel has appeared in several TV commercials and television shows, from Figaro's Pizza to GRIMM. Angel has entertained the audiences of such top performers as Willie Nelson, James Taylor, John Mayer, and Pink Martini. He has performed on stage as the opening act for Jazz Artist, Patrick Lamb and the legendary, Wayne Newton.



Jeff Crowder or "Juggles" is a member of Al Kader Shriners. He has been clowning for over 30 years. When asked why he does what he does as a clown, he shared, "a smile on a child's face is more precious than gold. In the end, when my life is over, I want people to say that I was a really good person with a kind soul. Someone who may have been a little odd, but very giving, kind, and caring."

The Afifi Shrine Clown Unit is well-known in the Pacific Northwest and participates in various community events and parades to raise funds and awareness for the Shriners' philanthropic work.

"Stretch" is the clown character name used by Ray Zimmerman, a member of Afifi Shriners. He volunteers with the Afifi Shrine Clown Unit, which performs in parades and visits the local Shriners Children's hospital. Ron says his reason for performing is to bring smiles to the kids and their parents.



"Ace" is the clown character name used by Ron Frier, a Shriner in Afifi Temple in SW Washington. Ace is a "Magical Magician". He has been a clown for many years and shares, "I am a clown because seeing the smiles on the faces of children puts a smile on my own face."