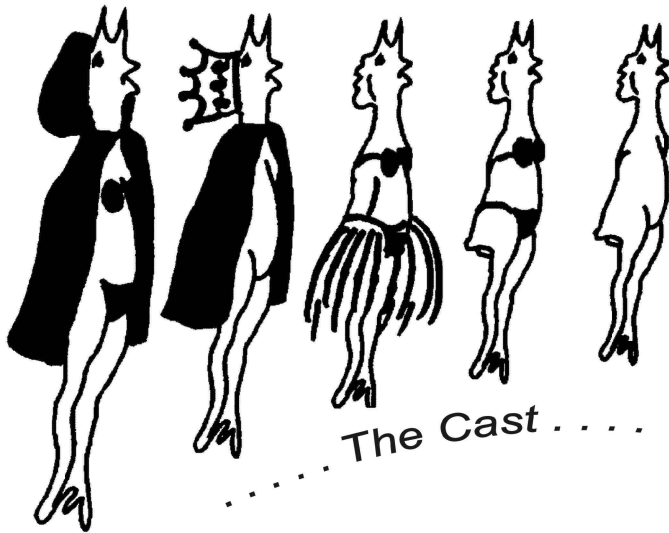


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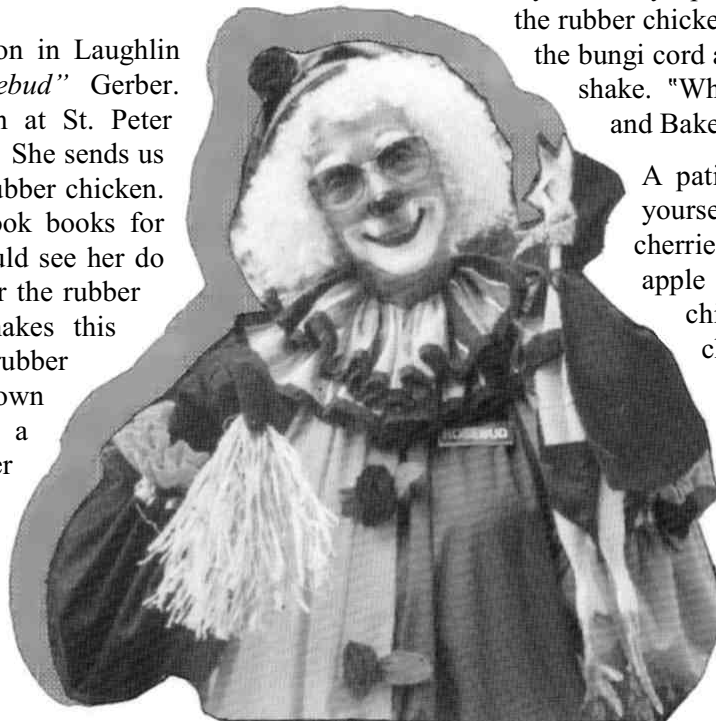


So I take off the red capon and she has on this bikini, because she likes to lie out in the sun. I ask the patients, "What kind of chicken is this?" "It's a baked chicken, fried chicken or roasted chicken." Then we start with the holidays. On Easter she wears little rabbit ears. "What kind of a chicken is that?" A Spring Chicken, because Easter comes in the Spring. At Halloween she wears a black cape (a black capon). "What kind of chicken?" Chickenwitch, Blackened Chicken or "Cajun" Chicken. We have a hula skirt for Chicken Teriyaki or Chicken Hawaiian. And, when I'm tired and accidentally sit on her, you have Pressed Chicken.

I take out a bungi cord. I politely ask the chicken "Can I pick you up on your bungi cord?" The chicken shakes her head "yes." "May I put you upside down?" I treat the rubber chicken very tenderly. So I tie on the bungi cord and pick her up with a small shake. "What kind of chicken?" "Shake and Bake!"

At the World Clown Convention in Laughlin Nevada, I met Rosalie "Rosebud" Gerber. "Rosebud" is the caring clown at St. Peter Hospital, Olympia, Washington. She sends us her wonderful routines with a rubber chicken. She went through numerous cook books for ideas. I wish somehow you could see her do this. I think it is the respect for the rubber chicken (as a puppet) that makes this routine so endearing. The rubber chicken is cared for and not thrown around in slapstick. She has a whole wardrobe for her rubber chicken made by her friend Dorcas, age 92. Very often Rosebud uses silly children's stories as inspirations. Here is *Little Red Riding Chicken*.

"The rubber chicken otherwise known as Little Red Riding Chicken wears a little red cape (Red Capon). She is now a Dressed Chicken. Under the cape she is wearing a bikini (otherwise she is a "naked" chicken). Also, she has had chickenpox (red spots down one leg).



Rodebud, The Caring Clown with Little Red Riding Chicken
(Pictured with cap and bakini- her other hand holds the hula shirt)

A patient gave me this one. Get yourself some cherries. (Artificial cherries are hard to find - try small apple ornaments) "What kind of chicken?" "Chicken Catch-a-cherri. (Cacciatori)" Of course, my chicken with a blue cord tied around the middle is Chicken Cordon Blue! I also have clothes for a male gender -- Fryer (Monk), Chicken a la King with a homemade crown.

My Chicken has just acquired a tutu. I haven't figured that one out yet. Anyone have any ideas? Recently I brought her out on a Saxophone as "Tut-

Tut" Chicken. Good magic word from Rosebud -- "Ho-kus-po-kus chicken bones will choke us."

Little Red Riding Chicken From Rosebud "The Caring Clown"
Rosalie Gerber of Lacey, Washington