The Age of Elegance

Dear Cameo Sisters,

July—September 2018

First let me say that Herme, Ken, Danny and my Cameo sisters (and your husbands) are a huge help. I have been doing a lot of listening to the former queens and people that have been there before with tips from experience. I didn't know what to expect:

What do people wear?

What does the stage look like?

What about rehearsals?

Leta had purchased the DVD from last year's pageant which was very helpful as was Leta with her tips and suggestions.

I'm trying to sing and perform as much as I can to stay out there in front of people. Otherwise you get out of practice. I vocalize and sing some new songs that I'm working on and practice my talent song every day, always trying to improve. I record myself and play it back. I listen to other versions of the song and discover little things I can do to improve.

I stay on a healthy diet, exercise every day, work on my posture, hair, nails makeup etc. I am going to put my gown on, get out the video camera and practice walking and timing my Philosophy of Life speech. I'm including pictures of the gowns that I'm taking. I am also having a new costume made for my talent.

I will schedule a few coaching sessions with my mentor/coach and good friend (from Broadway) to keep from developing any little habits that always creep into a performance.

And on the lighter side, I am looking forward to meeting all the ladies from all the other states and the former queens who I see so often on Facebook. That will be a thrill as will performing on the stage in the famous Resorts Hotel in Atlantic City. I plan to savor every moment and hope to get many pictures.

I want everybody to know that it is very important to me to do the very best I can to represent Arizona but especially my Cameo sisters. You have been so supportive and helpful to me. You are working so hard to send me to Atlantic City and I appreciate everything you do.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wonderful, patient and loving husband, who has supported me, drives me all over, and never complains about anything.

Thank you, I love you all. You are so very special to me.



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Tribute to

"Founding Queen Mother" Jo Swaback Brook

Joanne Swaback Brook was born in March 1930 in Illinois. She was married to Ralph Swaback her High School Sweetheart for 59 Years. They moved to Fountain Hills, AZ in 1993 where she and her Husband shared their Love and Passion of music and lead 7 choirs in Fountain Hills and Chicago. Joanne has 5 children, 7 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren.

After moving to Arizona Joanne became part of the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant. The Arizona Pageant had never had a Cameo Club. So in 2001 Joanne along with other founding member of the Pageant, joined together to form the Arizona Cameo Club. The Cameo Club was official formed in 2002. She has worked many years helping with the Club and the Pageant. In 2011, she married Bob Brook and they performed comedy, always the entertainer.

She elected Cameo Club President in 2015 and served as the Club President for 2 years. From the time the Arizona Cameo Club was formed, Jo has loved giving out her Presents. It was her favorite time of the meetings. She has been a Real Jewel to all of us!!



MS Senior Illinois 1991













Jeanne & Jim Martin Induction into the AZ Country Music Hall of Fame









































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AUGUST MEETING



REMINDERS

- October Meeting Wear Purple in Support of Violence against Domestic Abuse.
- After the October Meeting is the Horse Show & Tour Promoted by Cindy Farmer.
- ♦ Calendars available for \$5.
- ♦ Reserve for the Dancing Fashion Show & Christmas Party.
- There will not be a December Meeting.

BEST FRIENDS:
THEY KNOW HOW
CRAZY YOU ARE
AND STILL CHOOSE
TO BE SEEN WITH
YOU IN PUBLIC



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CAMEO CLUB OFFICERS



Debra Blanchette President



Carol Hart Vice President



Mary Gray Secretary



Jean Ingrum Treasurer



Herme Sherry Member at Large

Performance Schedules & Meeting Locations can be found by going to: www.arizonacameoclub.com

Pulaski Club News

Over the past few years we have been fortunate to hold events for the Cameo Foundation, an organization helping victims of domestic violence. One of our Pulaski Club members, Rose Offerman, has been instrumental in organizing these events.

This 2018-2019 season, Rose is organizing a "Spirit of Christmas Dinner Dance" which will be held at the Pulaski Club on **Saturday**, **December 8th from 5:00p.m. 9:00p.m.** with dinner prepared by our fabulous kitchen volunteers and entertainment provided by "NickelCity Express". Tickets are \$30.00 per person and each participant is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for victims of domestic violence.

Our Board would like to personally invite our members, and guests, to consider participating in this event and supporting those individuals who are unable to provide themselves and their child(ren). Christmas is the season for giving and sharing and we ask that you include Cameo Foundation on your "to do" list.