

Arizona Cameo Club News

"A little love goes a long way; a lot of love lasts forever."



2012

APRIL - MAY - JUNE

2012

Nancy Berhorst Our NEW President of the Board

Dear Beautiful Cameo Club Ladies,

The responsibility of the President of the Arizona Cameo Club is to draw its members together in a way that is pleasing to the majority. There shall be long-term goals, as well as, short-term goals to be met for the club and its members.

Hopefully, we can attend all meetings and bring with us new innovative ideas, as well as, a unity with our new and existing members.

The Arizona Cameo Club has come a long way from its meager beginnings in 2001. Our dedication to the quality of our shows has proven to be a wonderful addition to any function or facility in which we are involved; and because of that, we've gained recognition throughout the Valley.

Our Queens are a sight to behold in any show or a parade! Donations to various organizations truly make our club very special to the recipients.

I look forward to working with all of you! I know that we are in the Arizona Cameo Club because we love it!

With faith and cooperation,

Nancy Berhorst, Board President

OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	Nancy Berhorst
Vice President:	Marilyn O'Connell
Secretary:	????
Treasurer:	Sylvia Paterno
Board Member-at-Large:	Bea Sauvage

... REMINDER ...

COMMITTEE HEADS

Media Director:	????
Artistic Director:	Rosie Wehbe
Social Director:	????
Newsletter Team:	Linda Haaheim Myrna Foster Marilyn O'Connell

Marilyn Joyce's Last Year as

Arizona STATE Pageant Director

My beautiful friends,

It is with a very full & grateful heart that I announce this will be my last year as your Pageant Director. It has been a wonderful run. Watching my very first pageant in 2000, I was overwhelmed by the beauty, poise, grace, energy & enthusiasm displayed by each contestant That feeling has never dimmed; every year I'm reminded anew how fortunate I am to



be counted among you and how much I have to aspire to.

My beautiful daughters are now grown, and it's time for my husband Mike and I to start our "New Life" as empty nesters. We took a good, hard look at our lives and decided that we are the happiest together when we're travelling, learning new things & exploring different cultural experiences.

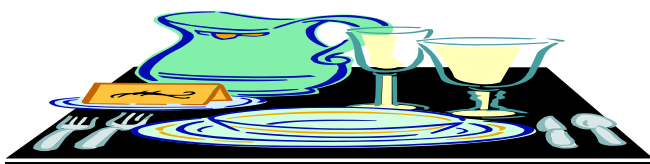
We have wrapped up our careers, sold our home of 17 years, and are heading off to see the world. We will be living overseas for several years, at least.....possibly for the rest of our lives, as we live in & learn the cultures of the countries we have wanted to see and never did have time to experience,

While I'm delighted to be heading off on a new adventure; I will miss all of you & the Pageant more than I can ever express. This endeavor has been the hardest job I have ever loved. In order to maintain the non-profit status of the Pageant, it will become a program of the Cameo Foundation and will be administered by the Board. Currently, Ken & Herme Sherry are heading that board & will work closely with me to transition the Pageant for its continued success. Robin is stepping back in to helping, and I am delighted that she will be there to continue her traditions.

Many of our former queens & Cameo Club members have stepped up and offered to assist & are going to be working hard on the Pageant this year & into the future. The Cameo Club has stepped up over the last few years & made a strong commitment to the Pageant. And I'm sure with your support, it will continue to be one of the best in the Nation! I will never be able to express to all of you how grateful I am for your love, support, generosity and hard work.

(more of Marilyn's farewell message in the continuing column)

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Schedule & Locations



**REMINDER: OUR LUNCHEON MEETINGS
WILL MEET ON THE**

2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Our members who attended the September Luncheon voted on this change. Motion passed.

Friday, April 13th

Heritage Palmeras

10101 W. Palmeras Dr., Sun City 85373

Friday, May 11th

Elmcroft Assisted Living

1875 E Guadalupe Rd., Tempe 85283

Friday, June 8th

Heritage Palmeras

10101 W. Palmeras Dr., Sun City 85373

*After the luncheon meeting, we perform our
BROADWAY Cameo Show there at 2:30pm.*

*So, if you have a song or two from a
Broadway Show ready to perform,
let our "new" Performance Artistic Director*

Rosie Wehbe know!

Call Rosie at 602-292-2594 or email her at

rwehbe@good-sam.com

Show list is filling up!

Please, do NOT call the facility
for your luncheon reservation.
CONTACT **Marilyn O'Connell** only!

Home Phone: 480-496-5639

Email Address:

msseniorarizona2008@yahoo.com

Arrive early enough to pay your lunch
fee to a Board Member and
meet'n'greet everyone before being
seated at NOON.

"The Ladies of Elegance"



(Marilyn's farewell message continued)

There have never been enough crowns to go around, but each of you is wearing one in my heart. I am truly fortunate to have touched shoulders with each of you.

All my love and best wishes for your continued happiness.

Marilyn Joyce

Arizona State Pageant Director (retired)

★ 23rd ANNUAL ★

**Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant 2012 was held on
March 24, 2012**

**at Valley Vista Performing Arts Center
15550 N. Parkview Place, Surprise, Arizona**

Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 Pat Thielen-Warren

Pat, from Phoenix, won the crown; but she also took top honors in the "Most Elegant" & "Best Philosophy of Life" competitions. Currently, Pat serves on the Tempe Tourism Board of Directors and on the Tempe Leadership Board. She is a lifetime member of the Fiesta Bowl Committee. Pat was selected as Tempe Business Woman of the Year in 2002 and chaired the ASU Homecoming Gala in 2006. More about Pat on the page before our "Wellwadoouno!" section.



...and Her Royal Court



*(bottom left - right) Joan Schield (4th Runner Up); Our Queen;
Linda Machado (2nd Runner Up)*

*(top left - right) Judy Boyd (3rd Runner Up)
Unetha Anderson (1st Runner Up)*



SPOTLIGHTING

Photo Gallery

Sun City West Centennial Parade

Arizona's Centennial Celebration



PRESIDENT'S DAY - FEBRUARY 20TH

Entertainer **Tony Orlando**, who was starring in the Parade, posed for a few photos with some of our queens and Cameo members before the Parade began, starting at Briarwood Country Club and riding throughout Sun City West.



"Cooo-La-La!"

Tony & Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster



(left to right) Win Dean, Gwen Colony, Herme Sherry, Jean McCurdy, TONY, Myrna, Marilyn, Shirley, Wanda, Linda Z. (more Centennial Parade photos in the following column)

Photos are courtesy of Cummins Photography.



8th Annual Cameo Ball

To Benefit "Families in Crisis"

New Life Center

Domestic Violence Shelter in Goodyear

Swan Butterfly House

Domestic Violence Shelter in Glendale

Crisis Nursery

Breaking the Cycle of Child Neglect & Abuse in Phoenix

Turnbow Foundation

Educational Scholarships for Disadvantaged Families in Mesa

Presenting Sponsor: First Properties, LLC

Sponsors: Dr. Pete Mellas, D.M.D., M.S.

Nussbaum Gillis & Dinner, P.C. Attorneys

And Turnbow Foundation

Saturday, January 28th at the Scottsdale Hilton

Guests were greeted at the door by beautiful smiles!



Ms. Senior Arizona 2004 Herme Sherry Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster



Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 starting our Ball with a song!

Cameo Ball Photos are courtesy of Cummins Photography.

Ms.
Senior
America
2011

Debbie
Carroll-
Boyce



(before parade began)

Ms.
Senior
Arizona
2004

Herme
Sherry

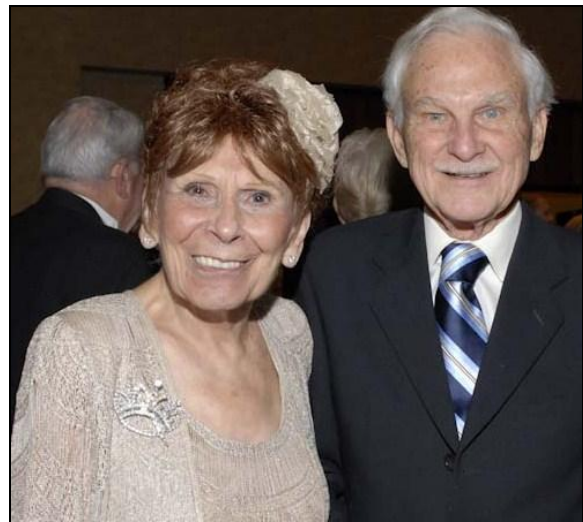


Ms. Senior New York 1999 ★ Ms. Senior Mercury 2010
Jean McCurdy & hubby Bill Sylvia Paterno & Frank

Let the Parade begin.....



Linda Z. BANNER BEARERS Nancy Thompson



Ms. Senior Illinois 1990 Jo Swaback & hubby Bob
"Our Newlyweds", Jo & Bob Brooke



Our Reigning Queen Myrna Foster



Ms. Senior Wyoming 2011 Wanda Smith & Ron

The Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club and the Sonoran Desert Cadillac & the LaSalle Club drove our ladies in the parade with such fabulous first-class style.



(more Centennial Parade photos in the following column)
Photos courtesy of Cummins Photography



(standing, left-right) Shirley Mahoney, Jim & Lois Springer
(seated, left-right) Nancy Berhorst, Marguerite & Pat Murtagh

(more Cameo Ball photos in the following column)
Photos courtesy of Cummins Photography



Ms. Senior Arizona 2001 Diane Shapiro



Ms. Senior Arizona 2004 Herme Sherry



Ms. Senior Arizona 2005 Shirley Goss



Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell

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Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster



Shows Sound System Tech Mr. Duane Foster



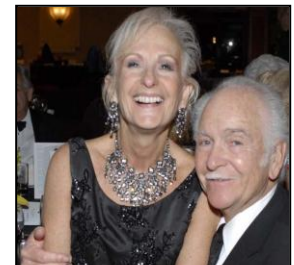
Win Dean Barry Jeannelle



Nancy Thompson



Linda & Mikal Haaheim



Lois & Jim Springer

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell



Hubby Cash

Hubby Jim



Ms. Senior Arizona 2006 Peggy Brown



(seated row) Linda Larralde, Eloisa Larralde, Sare-Lynn Parrault
(standing row) Lois Springer & Rosie Wehbe



Ms. Senior New York 1999 Jean McCurdy



Ms. Senior Wyoming 2011 Wanda Smith



Ms. Senior Arizona 1st Runner-up 2009 Gwen Colony



Ms. Senior Arizona 1st Runner-up 2007 Win Dean

Another Great Evening of FUN, DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT!

Thanks to the Cameo Ball Committee and all those who have worked so hard & volunteered their time & talents throughout the year to help “Families in Crisis” who are so in need of support in their time of need.

To all of you, please, know how very much you are appreciated; and most of all, by those in need! If we are able to help one family or save one life, we can feel our efforts are successful!

From our hearts, we say.... “Thank you!!”

There were 230 guests who attended our Cameo Ball. We hope you had a fun & enjoyable evening, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

If you're not on our mailing list and would like to be, please, send us your address as we would love to keep you posted on our upcoming events!

With love & appreciation for your attendance and for your support throughout the year.....

Founders & Co-Chair Officers of Cameo Ball

Heurme Sherry Ken Sherry Marilyn Joyce



... and ...

The Cameo Foundation Board

“The Ladies of Elegance”



"The Ladies of Elegance"



"Lovin' Life" SENIOR EXPO

March 22nd

Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts



Herme & Myrna

Dody, Rosie, Wanda L., Linda Z.



(left to right) **Queen Myrna, Marilyn Monroe**(impersonator),
Herme Sherry, Dody Homan

Our ladies had such a fun time handing out Cameo brochures & greeting people as they entered the EXPO! I'm sure that our booth was the most popular one in the entire EXPO!!

"The Age of Excellence & Style!"



PHOTOS OF SOME OF THE CAMEO BALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS SETTING UP FOR THE BALL

*Photos courtesy of Cameo Newsletter Photographer
Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster*



Thank you again
for
all of your help!



Cameo Ensemble Performs at Bethesda Gardens on March 7th with our reigning Queen Myrna
(Photos...courtesy of Duane Foster)



Myrna, Bea, Peggy, Gwen, Linda Z, Phyllis, Sherlene, Sharon Ensemble Director Linda H (far right)



Bethesda Gardens, in Phoenix, is so wonderful to offer a place for ensemble rehearsals without a fee. The Ensemble gave a "Thank You" Show for the residents there. Our show's special emcee was Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster and Duane Foster operated our sound system. The show was full of variety and the residents really enjoyed every minute.

Cameo Ensemble needs YOU!



If you like to sing in harmony and can read music, join our fun ensemble group! We have lots of room for more singers. No fee is charged for your music. Our monthly rehearsal schedule is:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Our rehearsals are held at the **Bethesda Gardens Retirement Resort at 13825 N Cave Creek Rd.**, in Phoenix, in the 2nd floor Activity Room.

Call **Ensemble Director Linda Haaheim** for a map at **623-214-8290**. If any rehearsals are cancelled, you will be notified in advance by e-mail or a phone call.

Any questions about the ensemble, please call Linda Haaheim at the above phone number.



PERFORMANCE NEWS and DATES



Hi, ladies!
 Please, don't forget to go online to our webpage at:
www.arizonacameoclub.com
 ...then... select **Performance Schedule** from the left column for upcoming performance dates.

Peggy Brown, Ms. Senior Arizona 2006, you did an absolute marvelous job booking our shows, arranging the shows & being a wonderful emcee at the shows! Your work as **Cameo Performance Artistic Director** was **OUTSTANDING!!!**

Peggy has served her Board-appointed term as the Cameo Performance Artistic Director; and now, our Cameo Executive Board has appointed (drumroll.....) ROSIE WEHBE!!

Rosie has resigned as Secretary of the Board to become our new Performance Artistic Director.



CAMEO SHOW DATES

Friday, May 11th: 12:30pm

Sun Valley Lodge
 12415 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City 85351
Our Mother's Day Show!

Wednesday, May 30th:

10:30am Cameo Show @ VA Nursing Home
 4141 N 3rd St., PHX 85012

1:30pm Cameo Show @ VA Hospital
 650 E Indian School Rd., PHX 85012

Friday, Wednesday June 8th: ***

Heritage Palmeras
 10101 W. Palmeras Dr., Sun City 85373
*****SHOWTIME FOLLOWS LUNCHEON THERE!**

Be watching for more show dates on our website!

www.arizonacameoclub.com

Arizona Cameo Club's Pat Horton was honored last fall by West Valley Women as "Woman of the Year!"

Pat Horton is a very busy woman, who's proudly pushing the golden age of 80 years old. As president and founder of *All About Marketing*, Pat attends expos, meetings, seminars & fairs each month. She represents small businesses & non-profit organizations. In addition, Pat serves on the Board of Directors of the Sun City Visitors Center; also, she serves as a Diplomat for the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce. Single-handedly, Pat created her *Sock It to Me* drive to collect socks to send out to our troops in the Far East! Even with all the many wonderful things she's done AND is still doing for others, Pat is the mother of 8 and grandmother of 10. Now, there's a lot of years in giving & doing for others!! Pat's faith in God and her genuine love in helping others have given us all such inspiration. Thank you, Pat, for being one of our Cameo Sisters and making us very proud. You are one delightful woman who deserves the award of being the "Woman of the Year" in her age of elegance!

Pat was featured in last October's edition of Sun Life Magazine with the announcement of her "Woman of the Year" award.

We're proud of you, Pat! YOU are one of our Stars!



Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 Pat Thielen-Warren

Interview by "our roving reporter" Marilyn O'Connell, Ms. Senior Arizona 2008

Arizona Cameo Club welcomes our new queen! Pat is a Southern Belle. Her hometown is Lepanto, Arkansas, and she barely got here. Born to midlife parents, the doctors diagnosed a large tumor until Pat gave a swift kick to Mom's kidneys....SURPRISE! Raised on a farm, grew up in Lake City, Arkansas. Pat was in all the plays at school. At 14, she was sent off to finishing school in Memphis to become a lady, having always been described a tomboy. Enter Aaron and the pageant. A new husband of 5 months, Aaron can only be described as bewildered, standing off holding two of her 3 trophies during the melee. Pat's background includes being a mother of 2 sons, working as a professional runway model with quite a business history. Pat has served on several boards in Tempe, including the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and was named 2003 Business Woman of the Year; currently, Pat is the General Manager of Twin Palms Hotel in Tempe. She was surprised, overwhelmed, thrilled and happy to be crowned our new Ms. Senior Arizona 2012. Pat plans to use her title to promote our great state of Arizona and is off to a good start with a call from the Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism. Pat, we're gonna love you and your wit!

"The Ladies of Elegance"



POST PAGEANT PARTY!

Sunday, April 15th * 2pm-4pm * Freedom Inn
15436 N. 64th St. * Scottsdale * 85254
(N/W Corner @ 64th St. & Greenway)

RSVP Regrets Only

Call 602-788-9556



"Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell

Dawn Perry-nee Pratt: Dawn, one of four was born in Lansing, Michigan. As a tot & growing up always dreamed of being a dancer & two teenage aunts taught her to dance early on. Dance lessons & recitals followed. She produced a talent show at age 10 with neighborhood kids to raise money for the needy – sum total \$8.65. In 5th grade, she danced “Dungaree Doll” in a school talent show. Dawn married & was a mom at 21, two sons & a daughter. Dawn showed strong leadership qualities from an early age, starting as a secretary, owning a cosmetic company, manager of a Tupperware business with many employees; and she owned an Interior Design Company. She moved to Arizona 18 years ago and was a licensed real estate agent to boot. Our roving reporter, Marilyn O'Connell, met Dawn; and by bringing her into the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant, Dawn reunited with Rita Phillips and forming a strong bond with Nancy Thompson & Rosie Wehbe, all contestants in last year's pageant. Dawn met Jim last April and they fell in love. Nancy & Rosie joined their journey in many happy ways; singing at their wedding on January 2, 2012. Later, a reception was organized by Nancy & Rosie. Dawn & Jim have settled into their two homes, one in Glendale and the other in Prescott. Dawn, you bring your big smile & joy to our Cameo Club with your dance.

Nancy Berhorst: Nancy hails from Detroit, second of five children. Her father built their home on a gravel road and Nancy, barefoot, raced her brothers on their bikes & often beat them. Barefoot, gravel road....Ouch! Adventurous, she decided one day to walk along the rafters in the attic and fell through—no broken bones. No money for lessons; her dad taught her to sing and some soft-shoe steps. The family moved to Oahu, Hawaii; and at age 12, she met the famous Don Ho who was 19 then. He taught her the hula & later added a verse to a poem she wrote and sang it—“*Lover's Prayer*” & recorded it. She danced the hula, later teaching it at a rec center. Back in Detroit, she met Ed in high school; sang in the choir and was also in the drama class. They married in 1957, and they have four children, ten grandchildren & two great grandchildren. Nancy worked as a caretaker for seniors for 50 years, continuing here in Arizona from 1985 – 2006. The Ms. Senior Arizona called in 2001 & 2008. Active in the Cameo Club, have been secretary & vice-president in the early years. Nancy's & Ed's house burned down, the beginning of a 4-year ordeal. Ed, a diabetic, was in a coma, hospitalized; Nancy herself was in a coma for 3 days & afterwards lost herself, mostly due to overmedication. Marguerite & Pat Murtagh were constant comeback friends & come back, she did. Welcome our well, new President of the Cameo Board!



Ms. Senior New York 2000, Marguerite Murtagh: Our lovely & gracious queen from New York! One of eight children (kudos to Mom & Dad), born in Providence, Rhode Island; moved at age 3 to Salem, Massachusetts. Ballet dreams filled her head but no money for dances lessons; so, she babysat at age 13 & 14 and held out 25¢ for lessons & gave the rest (\$1.00) to her mother. Shirley Temple (like Marilyn O'Connell) inspired Marguerite & in one recital was wearing a “happy in scrappy” costume made from scraps of another girl's outfit. Marguerite met Pat in college (Boston), they “distance-dated” by mail & they married and have 3 children, 2 boys & a girl. Marguerite continued lessons, ballet & tap; dancing chorus in many New York shows; retired and joined a senior dance group. Living in Long Island, Marguerite drove 150 miles to rehearsals of the Ms. Senior New York Pageant and won; meeting Marilyn Joyce & Robin Colagrande in Las Vegas (at Nationals). She & Pat moved to Mesa & she joined our Cameo Club. She has graced many of our shows & is a friend to all. In April, 2011, the trials began for her & Patrick. First, her cancer fight & then shingles. Radiation treatments for the cancer & so much darn pain from the shingles. Pat had open heart surgery. Marguerite couldn't visit him due to her shingles; THEN, eye surgery. Otherwise...perfect! With God's help & true friends, they overcame & are back in full force... full of gratitude.

Prescott Frontier Days Parade & Festivities

Friday night, June 29th: Dinner at the famous Palace Saloon
Saturday morning, June 30th: Frontier Days Parade
Saturday afternoon, June 30th: Pioneer Home Show
Saturday night, June 30th: Party at the home of Ed & Shirley Goss

A FUN FRONTIER WEEKEND!

➔ **Friday afternoon, June 29th:** Check in at the **Prescott Resort & Conference Center**
1500 Highway 69 Prescott 86301

You will need to call (BEFORE June 10th) & make your own room reservation!

Call **800-967-4637** and ask for the "Ms Senior Arizona" room block.

- OR - Use booking code#G4567.

Room rates are \$99.00 per night for a King or Queen room.

(This is a very busy time in Prescott; the hotel can sell out, so please be sure to call a.s.a.p.!)

➔ **Friday evening, June 29th:** We have 6:30 p.m. dinner reservations at "The Palace" in the downtown courthouse square.

If you are planning to join us for dinner, please let Herme Sherry know!

Herme must turn in the correct number of reservations for dinner so The Palace can be ready for our group.

➔ **Saturday morning, June 30th:** Frontier Days Parade begins at 9 a.m. Our Queens will be riding in the parade. More information about getting to the parade will be provided on the night before.

➔ **Saturday afternoon, June 30th:** Pioneer Home Show will be at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to perform in the show, **contact Herme Sherry**. Herme will need:

1. Name of your number(s).
2. Try to make your performance a nostalgic number that could fit into the Centennial theme.

(If time permits, you may perform two numbers; so, have two numbers ready... just in case.)

➔ **Saturday evening, June 30th:** 6 p.m. Party at 2350 Forest Lane in Prescott (86303).....
.... The home of Ed & Ms. Senior Arizona 2005 Shirley Goss

Ed & Shirley have asked us to **bring appetizers & a few desserts**.

Please let **Herme** know what you will bring to the party. *(Herme's making a list.)*

Ed & Shirley will provide the following:

Hot dogs & buns

Potato salad & Baked beans

Soft drinks, Punch & water

(If you want a mixed drink, B.Y.O.B.)

If you have your own folding chairs, please bring them.

We will be doing our **One Hour Patio Show** at the home of Ed & Shirley Goss.

If you would like to perform, send **Herme** only **ONE** number for our Patio Show.

It's always a FUN party & entertaining show!!!

➔ **Sunday morning, July 1st:** Check out & head home.

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL HERME SHERRY AT 602-788-9556.





Happy 100th Birthday, Arizona!



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Nadene Brown

Born: November 6, 1926
Died: March 21, 2012

A Memorial service was held for Nadene on March 23rd at Fellowship Square, 35 W. Brown, in Mesa, where she resided.

Nadene was in the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant 2001, and was one of the Founding Members of the Arizona Cameo Club. She was a loyal and dedicated member of our club ever since the beginning. Even after overcoming a serious medical problem several years ago, Nadene never lost that wonderful, beautiful smile. She will be missed by us all!



Entertainment Extravaganza

Presented by the city of Scottsdale, in partnership with McDowell Village and Arté Senior Living
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
 7380 East 2nd Street * Scottsdale AZ
 480-312-1700

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 * 1pm

Scottsdale Senior Services' signature variety show, the Entertainment Extravaganza, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster and several other past Ms. Senior Arizona Queens will be performing.

The show is FREE!

Bring a donation of canned goods/non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

Don't miss this star-studded show!
Singing – Dancing – Magic – Comedy & More



