

# Arizona Cameo Club News

*"A LITTLE LOVE GOES A LONG WAY; A LOT OF LOVE LASTS FOREVER."*



**2011 JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH 2011**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Ladies of Elegance,  
This has been a busy Quarter for you – between the Follies, Fashion Shows, Boutiques, Cameo Shows, Parades, State Fair, brunches, and luncheons we have been busy and have accomplished a lot. You probably have raised more than \$5,000 for Eve's Place during this Quarter. Now let's throw in making preparations along with our families for Thanksgiving and Christmas! You don't let moss grow under your feet – NO! No! Not the Ladies of Elegance. Your activity is what keeps you all so beautiful and young at heart.

The New Year will bring a lot of new challenges and new opportunities. In April, a new slate of potential Officers will be presented to the Club under the direction of Vice President Wanda Smith. The voting will occur in May and the installation of the New Board in June. You all need to be considering if you would like to run for an Office. Check with the current Officer or past Officers to make sure you want to accept the responsibilities of that office. Remember, Officers of the Cameo Club are sworn in and take an **Oath of Office**. It is not something to be considered lightly. However, it is a very rewarding and fulfilling job. I have enjoyed my Presidency and am humbled by the trust you put in me.

The current Board wants to leave the finances in good shape as we pass the responsibility on. We are working hard to increase revenue and develop new venues for Cameo Shows. Everyone needs to help! Please, if everyone booked a Show - just one show – we would be in good shape.

I want to wish everyone a healthy, prosperous, fun-filled, and Blessed New Year. With a decade which started with 9/11 – I, for one, I am not unhappy to see this decade pass which has so powerfully impacted our country and our lives.

**Lois Springer**  
**Cameo Club Board President**

## **QUEEN'S REPORT**

By "roving" reporter Marilyn O'Connell  
(Ms. Senior Arizona 2008)

**Queen Maddy Paschal, Ms. Senior Arizona 2010**, had the most amazing experience of a lifetime in Atlantic City and wished all of her Cameo sisters were there to share (-quote-) "I owe it all to you for your love and support." She was excited and proud to represent Arizona. So many lovely and talented women in one place that shared her feelings.....a little bit scared, excited and apprehensive. The director of the pageant was a lovely, young woman who gave Maddy a bit of confidence with her compliment of "star quality" (We all know that!) The highlight..... she was followed around by a French film crew that was filming a reality show for the Ms. Senior America for French television. Patsy and Bobby Day, from Lubbock, Texas; and, of course, Gordon and our Board President Lois were there to give their support to Maddy and to have fun with her.

Afterward, Maddy & Gordon were part of a friend's honor event in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was awarded a national lifetime 4-H Award. Also, they went to Boston & Cape Cod.

**HAIL TO OUR QUEEN MADDY, OUR NATIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP!!! BRAVO, MADDY!!!!**



## Monthly Luncheon Meeting Schedule & Locations



**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30a.m.: ClairBridge Senior Living, Sun City West 85375

**Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30a.m.: Royal Oaks, Sun City 85351

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30a.m.: Brookdale Senior Living, Phoenix 85032

## PHOTO GALLERY

Five of our elegant QUEENS!



(from left to right)

Marilyn O'Connell 2008, Maddy Paschal 2010  
Sharon Friendly 2007, Herme Sherry 2004  
Jane Gilmer 2009

## Resignation Announcement

Dear Lois & Cameo Club Board,

Truly there is a time for everything. It was my intention to serve as the Performance Artistic Director of our Cameo Club through the end of this board's term. After much contemplation, I do realize now is the proper time for me to tender my resignation, effective immediately.

It will probably be several months before I am able to drive & carry "the Box", so it seems timely that this position should now pass on to someone new. It has been an honor & my joy to be responsible for the planning, coordinating & emceeing our Cameo Showcases. I am grateful to the Board & all the ladies who have helped by sharing their time & talent in our effort toward continuing excellence in our performances.

I am certain one of our elegant ladies will step forward to

## PAGEANT REPORT

**2011 Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant  
Saturday, March 12, 2011**

North Canyon High School Auditorium  
1700 E Union Hills  
Phoenix, AZ 85024

If you are a woman of 60 years of age or older and would like to be in our pageant or know of someone who is interested in entering our pageant, you may get a contestant application by calling one of the following numbers:

**Marilyn Joyce, Pageant Director  
602-432-5657**

**Herme Sherry, Media Director  
602-788-9556**

You may also get pageant information by logging on to the following website:

**[www.msseniorarizona.com](http://www.msseniorarizona.com)**

Contestant rehearsals will be 9am - NOON on Saturdays, starting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, in the entertainment room at:

Sierra Winds Retirement Community  
17300 N 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Peoria, AZ 85382.

*"The Ladies of Elegance"*



accept this rewarding responsibility.

Sincerely,  
Jean McCurdy

**PERFORMANCE DATES  
and NEWS from  
Performance Artistic Director**

The days of fall have hurried by so fast, but not too fast for us to have some wonderful performances. As always I think the two shows we do for the Vets are the most special for all of us. It was nice to have the Cameo Chorus sing at the afternoon show; having the Chorus is always a delightful addition to our shows.

I would like to express a very sincere THANK YOU to the ladies who perform and a special THANK YOU to Herme, Linda Z., Sherlene & Sylvia, as well as Gordon & Pat, who have, (at various times), helped me lift & stow that "big ole" machine. BELIEVE ME, it is very much appreciated!

Wishing everyone a *Merry Christmas, Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy & Healthy New Year.....Peace and Love.....Jean*



**CAMEO PERFORMANCE DATES**

**Friday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: 1:30pm Show**  
**Madison Meadows**  
7211 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix

**Media Director  
for  
Cameo Ball & Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant**

**Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant Report**

With several Media Blasts that have gone out in the last few months, I have had numerous calls from ladies seeking more information & requesting applications. We have a lot of applications out and are now hoping for a full slate of new contestants for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant.

If you are planning to re-enter this year's Pageant, I would be sure to get your application in real soon! After talking with many of the ladies on the phone, I really think we are going to have a great list of contestants.

**7th Annual Cameo Ball**

Our Cameo Ball committee meetings have not well attended; however, we have had four very successful "Wrap Around" events...and one more to go...our Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament, which is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. Our "Wrap Around" events this year have been many, many hours of hard work and organization, but all great successes!

With less than 2 months to go, we still need more table sales and Silent Auction items. We have some great

602-944-4222

**Friday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Show**  
**Life Care Center of Paradise Valley**

4065 E Bell Rd., Phoenix 85032

**Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7pm Show**  
**Palm Gardens Mobile Home Community**

2929 E Main St., Mesa 85213

480-924-9533



**Mon., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Show**

**ARTE Senior Living**

11415 N 114<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsdale, 85259

480-451-1800

*( A Valentine show – love songs requested )*

**Fri., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Show**

**Paradise Valley Senior Center**

17402 N 40<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, 85032

602-495-3785

*(more dates coming....check our Website)*

***ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BOARD PRESIDENT LOIS:***

***PEGGY BROWN HAS TEMPORARILY AGREED TO TAKE OVER THE POSITION OF PERFORMANCE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM MYRNA FOSTER, SHARON FRIENDLY & LINDA ZVARA WITH OUR CAMEO SHOWS.***

**"Wellwadoouno!"**

*By our roving reporter...*

**Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell**

**Sherlene Berry** *(who has been one of our 2007 & 2009 pageant contestants)* is the only one I know of who spent 1½ years in kindergarten. This shy, little girl was walked to school by her mother with her little brother in stroller every day. She raced through the halls & was back home by the time her mother returned. End result: so much school was missed that she had to do the year over! My....hasn't Sherlene blossomed???

**Winifred Dean** *(who was 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in our 2007 Pageant)* was a long-time swimming and water safety instructor. Our little British "Win" taught swimming & survival skills to the U. S. Seals in Key West, Florida. Also, she taught mentally-challenged children. As a youth, Win represented England against Germany on a junior swim team. No wonder she's in great shape!!

**Sylvia Paterno**, *(who has been a pageant contestant in 2001 & 2005 AND is our Board Treasurer)* with her husband Frank, owned Canyon Raceway for four years...home of the Motor Cross Races of 1½ miles. At 40, Sylvia rode a 250 Honda dirt bike. WHOA!!! She had a horrible accident, resulting in 100 stitches in one

Live Auction Items this year; but we are in real need of more Silent Auction items, such as gift cards, dinners, hotel get-a-ways, golf certificates, etc. More Media Releases will be going out soon. Cameo Ball Invitations will be mailed right after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

With much love, lots of thanks & appreciation,

**Herme**

**Spotlighting!**



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cameo Ball**

**To Benefit**

**Victims of Domestic Violence**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011**

**Scottsdale Hilton Resort**

**6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.**

**Scottsdale, AZ 85250**

*Produced by:*

**Cameo Foundation**

**Eve's Place**

**Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant**

**Arizona Cameo Club**

*Herme Sherry*

*Velda King*

*Marilyn Joyce*

*President of the Board*

*Co-Chairs*

*Eve's Place*

602-788-9556

602-397-5050

**Cameo Ball**  
**"Wrap-Around" Fundraisers**

*Events to benefit Eve's Place*

**Cameo Ball Meetings**  
**Schedule & Location**



**Texas Hold-em Poker**

**Benefit**

**Sun., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2pm**

**For information: Call**

480-496-5639

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cameo Ball**

**Sat., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Scottsdale Hilton**

**For tickets: Call**

602-788-9556

**Freedom Inn**  
**15436 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Scottsdale**



**Meeting Schedule is on**  
**other side of this page.**

***CAMEO BALL***

***MEETINGS***

Tue., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Tue., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Tue., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Sat., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Workday  
9am

*(Location to be announced.)*

**Sat., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cameo Ball**  
**Scottsdale Hilton**

**Announcements!**

Check our website for updates on our monthly luncheons.

leg, but no broken bones! Most memorable time.....a group rode the old stage coach trail from Mt. St. Francis to Crown King; and because of her previous injury, Sylvia feared falling off the mountain and finished last in the race. Gutsy, huh?!?

**Jane Gilmer**, (who is our Ms. Senior Arizona Queen 2009) was voted Best-looking in her high school senior class as Nee Nelda Jane Messer. This little athlete played powder puff football; and because she was such a fast runner, she was the wide receiver. Her major in college was Physical Education and she taught for 5 years, 3 of which were Special Education for mentally-challenged children. Then, came marriage and a baby carriage.....and later.....our Queen Jane.

## You're invited to ....

**PEGGY & JIM BROWN'S  
NEW & BEAUTIFUL  
OPEN HOUSE  
JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
1 P.M. – 5 P.M.  
23127 W Antelope Trail  
Sundance Community  
Buckeye, 85326**

## PHOTO GALLERY

Queen Maddy Paschal, Ms Senior Arizona 2010, with one of our veterans at the Veteran's Day Parade.



(Corte Bella "backstage" dressing room closet, from left to right) Front row: Myrna Foster, Sylvia Paterno, Linda Zvara, Kay Pittenger, Sherlene Berry, Marguerite Murtagh  
Back row: Win Dean, Sharon Friendly & Jan Rittmaster



**Initiation of New  
Cameo Members**  
(Pinning Ceremony)  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon



**Nominations for New  
Officers**  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon

**Election of Officers**  
**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON**

**Installation of Officers**  
June 24<sup>th</sup> Luncheon



**Denim & Diamond  
Dinner & Dance Event**  
May 7<sup>th</sup>

Joan of Arc Catholic  
Church Social Hall  
Phoenix



## Luncheon Meeting Agendas

**Fri., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**ARRIVE: 11:30 a.m.**  
ClairBridge Senior Living  
Sun City West  
Special voting item!

**Fri., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**ARRIVE: 11:30 a.m.**  
**Royal Oaks, Sun City**  
Our "own" Oscar  
Awards Luncheon  
(meeting to follow)

**Fri., March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**ARRIVE: 11:30 a.m.**  
Brookdale Senior Living  
Phoenix  
Pinning Ceremony

"The Ladies of Elegance"



## Resignation Announcement

Dear Cameo Board & Cameo Members,  
As many of your know, I have been out of town for the last week; and upon returning, I have read Jean McCurdy's Letter of Resignation, informing us that she will no longer be the Artistic Director, and as her Assistant, I need to let everyone know that I do not want to continue in the Assistant Position. As most of you also know that I have plenty on my plate with the Wrap Around Events, the Cameo Ball and being Media Director for the Pageant. I only took the Assistant Position a year & ½ ago when Jean asked me to do it to help her out; and since she is no longer going to be the Artistic Director, I feel it is time to turn it over to

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Our Cameo Show at the U.S. Government  
Hospital with our Veterans

Look at all those smiles .....ready to entertain!

**WOW!!**

More...**PHOTO GALLERY**



( at our Veteran's Day show, from left to right )  
Sherlene Berry (Cameo Dancer), Ms. Senior AZ 2007  
Sharon Friendly, Bea Sauvage, Ms. Senior AZ 2009  
Jane Gilmer, (one of our veterans, seated), Ms. Senior  
AZ 2008 Marilyn O'Connell, our current queen, Ms.  
Senior AZ 2010 Maddy Paschal and Lois Springer  
(Cameo Dancer & Cameo Board President)

**Three of our elegant Queens**



someone else who has more time to do it.  
I will continue to support the Shows and be in them when I can, but I no longer have the time it takes to put the shows together and to direct them.  
If anyone has questions, feel free to call me!  
With Much Love,  
Herme Sherry

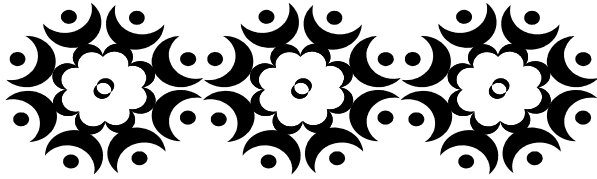
Dear Jean & Herme,  
We are very grateful to you both for all the work & time you gave to make us shine & to bring such pleasure to our audiences.  
With our thanks, love & much appreciation,  
Arizona Cameo Club



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*(from left to right)*  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2009  
Jane Gilmer, our current  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2010  
Maddy Paschal, Ms.  
Senior Arizona 2007  
Sharon Friendly



**Websites/Phone Nos.**

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