

Arizona Cameo Club News

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



2012 JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2012

Message from our Board President

Hi, beautiful ladies!

Summer is almost here, life is quieter for some ladies. They are closing their doors and turning on their air conditioners. But, most of us diehard Cameo ladies just keep on going like the Energizer Bunny! We never miss a meeting, never miss a lesson and never miss a show. If we travel, it's just for a few weeks; and then, we are right back in the groove again.

We sing & dance in air-conditioned rest homes or even outside on shaded patios. People come to watch us and have a wonderful time singing along with us; and sometimes, they even get up and dance with us. We wear our long gowns & high heels; and yes, even panty hose when it's 112° in the shade. It's a wonderful life!

The VA Hospital is waiting for our return to entertain the patients! June is busting out all over because we have over **55** going to the Prescott Frontier Days weekend and Parade; **13** Cameo Club Queens who will be sitting in royalty on the back of classy, colorful convertibles!

We welcome our 13 new members who are ready to go on stage with us to bring new exciting talent & entertainment.

Yes, just when we think things are slowing down, the Cameo Club is getting stronger! The Cameo Foundation is now a **Sponsor** for the "Idol in the Skye" Competition. That gives us an opportunity to audition.

Remember, age is just a number!

Come along with us, it's a wonderful ride.

We are in the Cameo Club because...

we love it!

From your Board President

Nancy Berhorst



★ Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 ★

Pat Thielen-Warren

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.



...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)

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Schedule & Locations



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

Friday, July 13th

Park Regency

2555 W Price Rd. (north frontage road of 101)
Chandler, 85224

Friday, August 10th

Heritage Palmeras

10101 W. Palmeras Drive
Sun City, 85373

Friday, September 14th

Park Regency

2555 W Price Rd. (north frontage road of 101)
Chandler, 85224

**Please, do NOT call the facility
for your luncheon reservation.**

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eameo **F**oundation **2012 Pageant Report**

First of all, the 23rd Annual Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant was one of the BEST ever and also a fitting farewell to Marilyn Joyce, our Pageant Director for the last 10 years. She will be very missed!! Seventeen beautiful ladies competed for the Title of 2012 Ms. Senior Arizona, and everyone did an outstanding job! Pat Thielen-Warren was crowned our 2012 Ms. Senior Arizona and is looking forward to representing us in Atlantic City on October 7 – 12. We wish her all the luck in the world! She had her first appearance on Channel 5 on the Tuesday morning after the pageant; and on April 11th, she did her first show. Pat did a super job and the audience loved her.

The pageant contestants who rounded out the TOP FIVE were:

Unetha Anderson – 1st Runner Up
Linda Machado – 2nd Runner Up
Judy Boyd – 3rd Runner Up
Joan Schield – 4th Runner Up.

The Special Awards were presented to:

Joan Schield – Most Photogenic
Mary Ann DeGeorge – Ms. Congeniality
Pat Thielen-Warren – Most Elegant &
Best Philosophy of Life
Jubie Ellen Hughes – Most Motivational
Linda Machado – Best Talent
Patricia LaRue – Ms. Moxie

Congratulations to all!

Our 2013 Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant will be in
March of next year at the same venue....

(date to be announced)

Valley Vista Performing Arts Center
15550 N Parkview Place
Surprise, AZ 85374

(this report is continued in the following column)

POST PAGEANT PARTY!

Sunday, April 15th
Freedom Inn * 15436 N. 64th St. * Scottsdale

Our 2012 Queen & her Royal Court
and our 2012 pageant contestants & past queens
and Cameo Club Members had a FUN time!



Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 Pat Thielen-Warner



*(back row, left – right) Jean McCurdy, Joan Schield, Herme Sherry, **Our Queen Pat**, Nancy Thompson, Rosie Wehbe, Robin Colagrande, Mary Ann De George, Peggy Brown, Win Dean, Silvia Petretti, Linda Zvara, Unetha Anderson, Patricia LaRue, Sharon Friendly*
(front row, left-right) Lois Springer, Sare-Lyn Perrault, Wanda Smith, Barbara Barnes

(Cameo Foundation Pageant Report continues)

The Bon Voyage Party for Marilyn & Mike was attended by over 125 people. It was a Special time to say our GoodByes & wish them well on their travels. Thanks to all who chipped in to help with the expense of the party, also to those who worked on decorations and favors. A Special Thanks to Mindy Hubbard for doing all the music. Marilyn & Mike are doing well, having a great time and sending photos. Marilyn's looking very rested! ☺

The 9th Annual Cameo Ball has been scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013.

The Ball will again be to benefit "Victims of Domestic Violence". We are proud to announce that The Cameo Foundation and the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant are now a Platinum Sponsor for the 6th season of "Idol in the SKYE" held at the SKYE Restaurant in Peoria. They are auditioning over 600 singers for this competition; plan to attend some evenings and enjoy our Valley's best singers.

We are in the process of scheduling several Benefits for "Victims of Domestic Violence" throughout the year. We will keep you posted on these as they are confirmed. More information will follow on email.

Marilyn O'Connell will be the Chair for the Carrabba's Dinner Cabaret Benefit, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. Information & details will be out soon. She will also be the Chair for the Macy's "Shop for a Cause" Benefit on Saturday, August 25th.

The Third Annual Dancing Musical Fashion Show Benefit has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at the Union Hills Country in Sun City. More information coming!

The Annual Prescott Frontier Days Parade and the Prescott weekend fun activities are June 29th & 30th this year. This is a full weekend with our Friday night dinner at the Old Palace Restaurant in old town Prescott, the 14 Queens riding in the Parade on Saturday morning, and our 2-hour show on Saturday afternoon at the Pioneer Home. Then, on Saturday evening, Shirley & Ed Goss open their lovely home & patio to all of us for a patio party & entertainment. This will be our 7th year for this event and we have grown from only a few of us our 1st year to well over 50 attending this year. So, if you have never gone, plan now to join us next year and don't miss out on the fun. If you go once, you will go again!!!

*With Love & Blessings,
Herme Sherry*

"Idol in the SKYE" COMPETITION

★ 6th Season ★

Over 600 vocalists will be competing this season! The competition will be held at the Skye Restaurant Platinum Room, 16844 N. Arrowhead Foundation Center Drive in Peoria.

Tickets/Reservations can be purchased at the Sky Box Office at 623-334-0010.

This event is sponsored in Part by our:

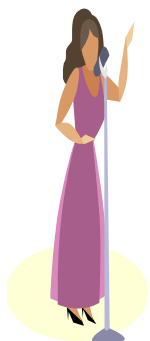


Ms. Senior Arizona Organization
602-788-9556

Call that number if you want to compete!

"Idol in the SKYE" COMPETITION Performance Dates

Wed., June 13th
Wed., June 20th
Thu., June 21st
Wed., June 27th
Thu., June 28th
Wed., July 11th
Thu., July 12th
Wed., July 18th
Thu., July 19th
Wed., July 25th
Wed., Aug. 1st
Thu., Aug. 2nd
Wed., Aug. 8th



PERFORMANCE NEWS and DATES



Hi, I'm Rosie,
your
Performance
Artistic
Director !

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.

Call Rosie at 602-292-2594 or email her at: rwehbe@good-sam.com if you want to perform in our Cameo Shows.

Show lists are filling up!

CAMEO SHOW DATES

Friday, June 22 – 7pm
Westminster Village
12000 N 90th St.
Scottsdale 85260

Wednesday, July 18th – 2:30pm Show
Mesa Good Shepherd
5848 E. University, Mesa 85205

Friday, July 27th – 3pm Show
Huger Mercy Center
2345 W. Oranewood, Phoenix 85021

Friday, September 21st – 2:30pm Show
Freedom Inn
15436 N. 64th St., Scottsdale 85254



Be watching for more show dates on our website!

www.arizonacameoclub.com

"Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell



Queen Jan Rittmaster, Ms. Senior Arizona 1996

Jan was born in Hastings, Minnesota, & grew up in St. Paul. Thanks to a loving aunt who paid for voice lessons when Jan was ten. Jan has sung with a bel canto voice all of her life. She directed & starred in shows at age 8 – 10 in the garage with friends & parents attended. Jan attended University of Minnesota & was a med tech in two hospitals. Her career started with the St. Paul Opera Company, singing & dancing & joined Schiek's Sextet, performing in musicals, dancing & sang solos for several years.

Jan met her future husband when she was only 13 (as was he); and it got serious when Dick decided to take out the high school's homecoming queen. They married & have two sons (and now five grandchildren). Jan was a professional model for Oscar de la Renta; and at 50, she got her associate's degree in voice.

Seventeen years ago, they moved to Arizona; a newspaper ad brought her to our pageant. She won the royal tiara & competed in Biloxi, Mississippi, and was 1st Runner Up at the National Pageant. Of late, she has been the STAR in Sun City West's musicals:

"Anything Goes", "Daisy Mae & Lil Abner" and the leading role of Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl". Jan is a strong woman of faith with a positive attitude. She is a cancer survivor, on her face which required surgery and a skin graft AND breast cancer. After a mastectomy, she is now facing her fourth reconstructive surgery with grace and panache.

Unetha Anderson, 1st Runner Up in 2012 Pageant



Our beautiful & talented 1st Runner Up in the 2012 Pageant, singing "Midnight Train to Georgia". Unetha was born in Chicago, Illinois, & seriously had a life-long dream of being Miss America. Don't ever stop dreaming, this is the next best thing & you are really close. Unetha grew up on Motown Sound, Gladys Knight & The Supremes. Early on, she sang in church choir, learning from inspiration rather than a formal education.

"Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell

(Unetha's report continues)

Unetha's father died when she was two, and it was touch & go for her mother with 5 children.

Unetha found peace, love & support in her church & remains active to this day.

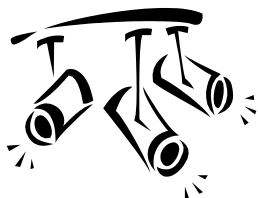
She married at age 18 and has 3 daughters & 2 sons. Her talents were needed & used for 5 or 6 years in Chicago, teaching inner city kids song & dance and producing "Summerfests" every year. Unetha graduated from the School of Ministry & worked with women in that field. When her husband, James, died in 1994, they were living in Sundance near Peggy & Jim Brown. Grieving, she had withdrawn until Peggy heard her sing at Karaoke. The rest is history – thank you, Peggy, for bringing this remarkable woman to us!

Shirley Mahoney, 2011 Pageant Contestant



Shirley hails from Messina, New York, by the thousand islands on St. Lawrence River. She has 1 brother; & when parents divorced, Mom & the 2 kids moved to a 3-room apt. above Grandmother's grocery store & the 4 families shared one bathroom. Whoa – communal living lesson No. 1. She was named after Shirley Temple (lucky her!) and started dance lessons at age 3, recitals in tap, jazz & ballet followed. At age 10, she was teaching dance to fellow students of the same age. She dreamed of becoming a mom & homemaker in a secure & happy home and married at age 18. Five children later, and this stay-at-home mom was fulfilled.

(Shirley said, "I'm a little ahead of myself here") Shirley met Joseph through a close friend & he was the lucky guy & they had 45 beautiful years; and then, sadly, Joseph died in 2003. It was a rough time for Shirley, deeply grieving that she retreated to the couch ("couch potato" as she called it!) Then one day, she picked up herself & got the phone book. She looked up *dance lessons* and signed up. Guess who Shirley met....our very own Marguerite! We know what followed...Shirley entered our 2011 pageant & came into our lives! The blessings of our pageants! Shirley enhances our shows with her dancing & enhances our lives with her quiet, loving nature – how cool is that!



SPOTLIGHTING...

2012 Cameo Club Pinning Ceremony



Friday, May 16, 2012

Heritage Palmeras

10101 W. Palmeras Drive
Sun City, 85373



Arizona Cameo Club Pin

The following ladies will receive our Cameo Club pin:

Jane Anderson	Patricia La Rue
Unetha Anderson	Linda Machado
Barbara Barnes	Sare-Lyn Perrault
Judy Boyd	Chrystal Rollf
Glenna Britton	Joan Schield
Mary Ann DeGeorge	Rosie Wehbe
Mary Jane Jakubowski	

This is the legacy we bring to our daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters:

The Golden Torch of Womanhood...

...that we have fashioned with our lives. We ask that it be handed down with great love, along with the message to: "Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, until you live your dream!"

The "SMASHING SIX"
performs at our annual
VA Hospital Cameo Show!



(left to right)

Marilyn, Rosie, Nancy, Linda, Sharon, Phyllis

These 6 ladies' last names & titles are:

Marilyn O'Connell, Ms. Senior Arizona 2008

Rosie Wehbe, Cameo Performance Artistic Director

Nancy Thompson, 1st Runner Up 2011 Pageant

Linda Zvara

Sharon Friendly, Ms. Senior Arizona 2007

Phyllis Ranzinger, 2nd RunnerUp 2008/4th RunnerUp 2010

... AND ...

Marguerite & Pat Murtagh

(not pictured above)



Rosie reported the veterans loved our two shows there. Our Cameo performers gave a morning show at the VA Nursing Home; and then, an afternoon show was in the VA Hospital. Our veteran audience couldn't believe how great our show was with only eight entertainers in the afternoon show. All of the guys loved our talented, lovely ladies! There were so few Cameo entertainers that they had to perform extra numbers & some even sang without accompaniment; but they gave a full-hour entertaining show at both places. Our hats' are off to Rosie, Marilyn, Nancy, Linda, Sharon, Phyllis, Marguerite & Pat. A **BIG "Thank you!" goes to all eight of you!!**

Happy Fourth of July!



Our THANKS and APPRECIATION go to two very special photographers...

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of
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...because you make us sparkle & shine!



Jolene

Peggy Brown

Dave

Arizona Cameo Club Ensemble



If you love to sing harmony & are able to read music (or have a “good ear” for singing in harmony), join our Arizona Cameo Club Ensemble. There is no fee to join nor is there any charge for your music. What a deal!!

Ensemble rehearsals are TWICE a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. Our rehearsal location is in Phoenix at Bethesda Gardens Retirement Facility, 13825 N Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix 85022. We rehearse in their Activity Room on 2nd floor at 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Monthly ENSEMBLE rehearsals do not meet during the summer months. Our rehearsals will resume in September.

If you are considering to join our fun & talented ensemble, contact Linda Haaheim at 623-214-8290 (If you get our voice mail greeting, please, leave your name, number & message), or you may email Linda at songbirds2@cox.net and she'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about the Arizona Cameo Club Ensemble.

Linda Haaheim, Ensemble Director

"Swinging with Stars" SHOW

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th * 6:30pm
\$7.00 per person

SKYE Restaurant in Peoria

Tickets are still available for this show to benefit “Victims of Domestic Violence”. AZ’s own Elvis, Bret Kaiser, will be headlining the show with KOY Radio’s Danny Davis who will be the show’s emcee & Danny will also be performing. Call SKYE today at 623-334-0010 for your tickets. You can also purchase them on line at www.liveatskye.com

More information about the show is on next page!

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Thursday
June 14, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

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Ms. Senior Arizona Organization & Arizona Cameo Club



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
If you didn't call to make your own room reservation BEFORE June 10th,
there may be NO VACANCIES; but you might get lucky & "cash in" on a room cancellation!
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.
- ➔ **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. Parade information & directions will be provided
at the hotel.
- ➔ **Saturday afternoon, June 30th:** Pioneer Home Show will be at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to
perform in the show, **contact Jean McCurdy at 623-594-2171.**
Jean 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:** **6:30 p.m.** Patio 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.)
To perform at the Patio Party, call Herme at 602-788-9556.
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.



PHOTO GALLERY

June 8th Show at the Heritage Palmeras.



June 8th Show at the Heritage Palmeras



(Photography....Courtesy of Jordan Greenland at this show.)

PHOTO GALLERY

(more of the performances at The Heritage Palmeras Show)
Photography.... courtesy of Jordan Greenland



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