

Arizona Cameo Club News

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



2011 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2011



Message from our President....

Hello, dear Cameo Sisters,
As this is my first letter to you as President, I have several things on my heart.

First, I am praying for guidance that I might be the kind of leader our organization will want, need and require.

I will do my best to have our best interest at the top of my priority list...at all times. Yes, we are a service 'club' but more than that, we are a 'family.' Families often have issues amongst themselves, but somehow, manage to get over whatever it is and move on. If there are underlying issues that we must bring to the forefront, then, so be it. Let's be the kind of sisterhood that everyone wants to be like; and yes, to even envy a bit because we have it 'all together'.

Secondly, as Marilyn Joyce supports, so must we be the kind of mentors that add new meanings to the term 'mentor'. We all must strive to not only mentor younger women, but mentor one another. A wonderful example of mentoring is our talented and wonderful, Sharon Friendly. Sharon willingly and lovingly has mentored our beautiful Queen Myrna this entire year. We should and must follow by example, and Sharon has set the standard high and wide!

And thirdly, we must continue our support of The Cameo Foundation. Herme & Ken Sherry have given their hearts & lives to the nurturing & care of those less fortunate than they; and it is my heartfelt wish that we all continue to do our parts to help in any way possible. These, then, are my thoughts & prayers for the future of our precious organization. However, I realize, as do all of you, that we are all in this together. No one person can make this organization work. We share our talents with our community because we believe that a 'little love goes a long way'. But let's not forget that our 'team' has more than a little love...we have tremendous hearts dedicated to our love of community, our nation & our precious world. The next time we are gathered in a circle, let's look at each other & say out loud, "We are a **TEAM!**"...."Tightly Entwined, Abundantly Motivated"! My love to each of you as we continue to make this a 'banner' year! *Maddy*

....Around the "Queen's" Corner....

The countdown for making my history participating in the Ms. Senior America Pageant 2011 is here. No matter what the outcome...it will be an unforgettable week in my life! Never thought it would be sooo hard to make packing decisions:...hair...dresses...pants...tops...shoes...jewelry...and...p.j.'s!! How much luggage will it take for gowns? Can I get Duane's clothes into a carry-on? (*Just kidding...a tux needs room, too.*) Thank you all for your continued support, words of wisdom & wishes for success. Our Cameo Club is the most caring & sharing group of friends I've ever been privileged to be a part of; and because of that, (*to quote my Philosophy*), "the best time of my life has arrived".

From your Ms. Senior Arizona 2011,

Myrna Foster



(reported by our roving reporter *Marilyn O.*)

FACT BOOK about our reigning Queen Myrna:

Fave color: Green Fave fabric: Green Velvet

Fave singing group: Makaha Sons (*Hawaiian group*)

Fave band: "Miles from Hawaii"

(*Husband Duane played bass guitar for 8 years with them.*)

Fave #2 Bands: Chicago, Blood, Sweat & Tears

Fave food: Steak/Lobster (*Surf & Turf*)

Fave country: Spain (*with the "Forever Young" Dance Tour, World Expo 1992*)

Fave Ballroom Dance: Waltz with Duane (*who else?!*)

Fave Song of all Times: "Mapumau Ké Ala"

(*translated...beautiful flowers*)

Fave Personal Dance: Hula Fave Personal Quote:

"I am overwhelmed with feelings I'm taking with me from home to the Ms. Senior America Pageant!"



Friday Nite Franks at Ft. McDowell

Friday, September 23rd

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14803 N Hiawatha Hood Rd., Phoenix 85264
(past the Casino...outside...around the campfire)

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m. (1st show)

BREAK

7:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. (2nd show)

The Cameo Club performed at the Fort McDowell Adventures' Friday Nite Franks. A total of 15 Cameo performers did two shows. Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster organized the entertainment & opened each show. Sharon Friendly did a fantastic job as our emcee. We had a great variety of solo acts, duets and a trio act. The audience loved it!

The audience was so interested in our group of entertainers and wanted to know more about us...who we are & where we perform, etc.

During the break, everyone enjoyed roasting their own brats & hot dogs; and some brought along their own picnic items. Everyone had a great time; and by 9pm, we were on our way home.



**Ms. Senior Arizona 2007
 Sharon Friendly**
 was our emcee for the show.

**The following entertainers
 performed:**

Kay Pittenger Rita Phillips
 Herme Sherry
 Sherlene Berry
 Maddy Paschal
 Nancy Berhorst Dody Homan Wanda Smith
 Linda & Sam Tardio Myrna & Duane Foster

*Family & friends are invited, but **Lois Springer** must be contacted **before** event to know how many tables can be reserved. For our next Friday Nite Franks event on **February 17th**, call **Lois at: 480-614-8609 (home)** OR on her cell at 480-734-8307.*



Our Fri. Nite "Wild Bunch"! Kay Pittenger



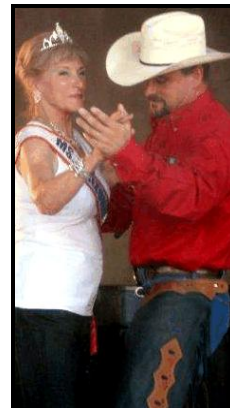
(Top, left to right)
**Nancy Berhorst, Sam
 Tardio, Sherlene
 Berry (bottom)
 Myrna & cowboy,
 Sharon, Myrna.**



Duane Foster

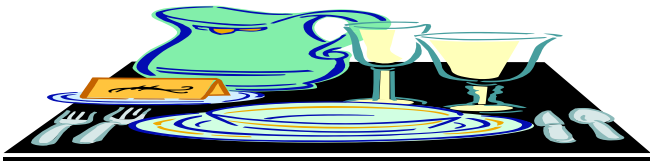


Herme Sherry Wanda Smith



**Pat & Marguerite
 Murtagh....
 Our tambourine duo!**

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Schedule & Locations



OUR LUNCHEON MEETING SCHEDULE HAS
MADE A CHANGE TO MEET ON THE
2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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

Friday, October 14th

Elmcroft at Tempe

1875 E Guadalupe Rd., Tempe 85283

NO November Luncheon!

Friday, December 9th

Heritage Palmeras

10101 W. Palmeras Dr., Sun City 85373

Arrive early enough to pay your lunch
fee to a Board Member and
meet'n'greet everyone before being
seated at 11:30 a.m.

"SHOP for a CAUSE" EVENT

The Macy's "SHOP for a CAUSE" Event was on Sat.,
Aug. 27th. **We raised over \$800.00!** And that was an
amount to be proud of since Macy's was having the
event TWO months earlier this year, and we had only
TWO hours to entertain & raise money instead of
THREE hours in last year's event.



(left to right)

Ms. Senior Arizona 2007 Sharon Friendly
Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster
Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell
Ms. Senior Arizona 2004 Herme Sherry
Ms. Senior Arizona 2010 Maddy Paschal
Ms. Senior Arizona 2009 Jane Gilmer

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
Cameo Performance Artistic Director

Email me at: **singpeggy@yahoo.com** or call me:
623-327-3771. Let me know which shows you
would like to perform in.



CAMEO SHOW DATES

Friday, October 21st: 10a.m.

Sun Valley Lodge

12415 N 103rd Ave., Sun City 85351

623-933-0317 x20

Friday, November 11: 2:00p.m.

Tower Point Resort

4860 E Main Street

Mesa 85205

480-832-4996

**USO-type
Show!**

Wednesday, November 30: 10:00a.m./1:30p.m.

V.A. Arizona State Nursing Home (10am)

4141 N 3rd Street, Phoenix 85012

602-248-1555

V.A. Hospital (1:30pm)

650 E Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85012

602-277-5551

These two shows will be Holiday shows!

(more show dates in the following column)

Carrabba's Dinner Show

Ms. Senior Arizona Follies Variety Show

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Desert Springs Church Activity Room
16215 N Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, 85032

This was a wrap-around event for the Cameo Ball to benefit "Families in Crisis." A BIG THANK YOU to the Cameo Club for your love & support; this volunteer source is unmatched! Herme, my co-producer, worked tirelessly. There are not enough words to thank her! That goes for Ken & Cash, too!! It was a huge success! Carrabba's food was delicious! Show was GRAND!!



Danny Davis
Emcee

My thanks go to Danny as a wonderful emcee, and to Duane as our "music man" who makes us shine! Our Queens gave a grand show! Thanks go to those who helped before & after the show: Jean, Sylvia, Linda & Sam Tardio, & Dody Homan. Love, *Marilyn*

Co-Producers



Marilyn O'Connell
Herme Sherry



Ms. Senior Arizona 2011 Myrna Foster



OUR QUEENS with Danny Davis

(left to right) Myrna Foster, Maddy Paschal, Jane Gilmer, Marilyn O'Connell, Sharon Friendly, Peggy Brown, Shirley Goss, Herme Sherry, Marguerite Murtagh, Jean McCurdy



(more show dates listed below)

Friday, December 2: 2:00p.m.

Chaparral Winds

16617 N West Point Pkwy.

Surprise 85374

623-544-4777

A Holiday show!

Wednesday, December 7: 2:30p.m.

Sun West Choice

14002 W Meeker Blvd.

Sun City West 85375

623-584-6161

A Holiday show!

Be watching for more show dates on our website.

"The Ladies of Elegance"



Report from our Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant Director Marilyn Joyce

First things first, I cannot thank you all enough for the wonderful support I have received as I recover from the car accident I had in June. The cards and meals were so appreciated and made my spirits take flight even when this body was not flying at all. It was so good to be able to see some of you at the meeting and thank you in person; but if I have not seen you yet, please accept my most gracious thanks. Thank you! Thank you!

The Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant 2012 preparation is well on its way. Our new date has been set. We will hold the pageant on March 24, 2012. We will be at a new venue this year, the brand new, state of the art, Valley Vista Performing Arts Center in Surprise.

The facility is much newer than the theatre that we have been using for the last few years and also is in a location that is more conducive to walk up ticket sales and advertising sponsorship from the Daily News Sun. We are so excited to be in this beautiful new theatre and believe it will provide an even better experience for our contestants than in the past.

Our Cameo Ensemble group will be performing at the Pageant this year. So if you have been thinking about joining you need to do it quickly so you are prepared to perform with them in March!

We are already accepting applications from prospective contestants; and so far, it appears that we have lots of interest. I am hoping for a full panel of 20 contestants this year. If any of you are interested in being in the Pageant again please contact me for an application and update any information that might have changed since the last time you competed. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2012 Pageant!



"Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell

Helena Chapin: Our very active member from Wickenburg, especially "Shop for a Cause" event and behind the scenes in our pageant. She was in the 2005 pageant with me (*Marilyn*) and I asked her if I could share our very special moment in the dressing room that evening – yes. I noticed a silver heart amulet pinned on her bra; she said it held the ashes of her son who died at age 33. We held hands & cried...a quiet moment, new friends caring & sharing together. Isn't this what the pageant is all about? **Helena**, born in California, is nearly a native coming to Arizona at 1½ years old. Raised in Mesa, her history includes a 2-year stay with her 2 brothers in a children's home while her divorced mother got back on her feet. She met Charlie (Chuck) at Luke Air Force Base in 1971. Her date was late & Chuck approached & kept her company until her date came – "So long, late date!" Chuck & **Helena** were married the same year; family consisted of 4 children & 2 stepchildren. She met Teddie Sue who remarked....."You are too young for Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant." **Helena** qualified, however. She competed in Mrs. Arizona Pageants in 2003, 2004 & 2008. Thank goodness, she likes pageants; they brought her to us. Her simple philosophy – be happy. Amen!

Martha Gessel: We have missed you girl! Included is a brief time line regarding the horrific accident. **Martha** fell on a dark street on April 22, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. Surgery on her leg was delayed 2 miserable days; 4 days in the hospital & 3 weeks in a skilled nursing center. **Martha** went to Texas to visit her mother in hospice & did see her often before the accident. **Martha** returned home & the worst happened...her mother died. **Martha**, at risk for blood clots, could not travel back to Texas for the service; but thanks to a DVD of the service, she felt somewhat present. **Martha** had wrist surgery this past May; she was injured getting in & out of a wheelchair. And then, on August 3rd, another surgery to remove hardware finds her in recovery AGAIN! **Martha**, born in Texas, married Steve & has 4 children & 8 grandchildren. She wanted to dance from an early age of 6 or 7. She went to talent shows every Saturday, sometimes winning. **Martha** has a Bachelor's Degree in health, physical recreation & dance; a Master's Degree in health & wellness. She is a certified judge in the Miss America Pageant system, having judged and/or produced over 50 pageants. This beauty then won the title of the Mrs. Arizona – America Pageant in 1985. And lo & behold...was active in our pageants 1991 – 1994, before Marilyn & Robin came on board. **Martha** basks in the circle of love that surrounds her still from family & Cameo sisterhood during her recovery process. Shall we dance, **Martha**? Hurry back to us!



Ms. Senior New York 1999, Jean McCurdy: Lucky we are when Jean moved to Arizona & joined our Cameo Club & became a part of our lives. She was born in Atlantic City, NJ., and dancing was a very early passion. Her greatest joy at age 7 – 9 was dancing in front of a long mirror in her parents' room & making up her own music. She & her girl dance partner won 3rd place on Paul Whiteman's TV Teens Show as "Two Steps" & won a watch. **Jean** took tap & ballet lessons & taught tap dancing at age 12; ballet wasn't a favorite. She & Bill met in grade school; **Jean** in 6th grade & Bill in 8th. More about Bill later. At 18, **Jean** moved to New York where she & her sister Joan lived with an aunt in Brooklyn. An avid reader, **Jean** spent a lot of time in the New York Public Library & walked all over New York. **Jean** was a dance major at Julliard; having qualified & auditioned. No wonder she's so accomplished! She also worked at a bank & earned a two-year degree at Empire State College. Bill, now out of the U.S. Air Force, married our darling girl in 1959; 4 children, 2 grandchildren & 1 great grandson Sean, who is 1-year old now. **Jean** competed in the Ms. Senior New York Pageant 1999 & won the title; then, moved to Phoenix shortly after. She was our Artistic Performance Director (*with Herme*) for more than 2 years, hauling that big sound system machine around...so heroic! Great job, **Jean**! Thank you for showing us off! We can depend on her for all of Cameo's activities & we love her sweet nature.

DANCING FASHIONS ON REVIEW

Saturday, October 1st, NOON

Luncheon & Musical Fashion Show

Arrowhead Country Club

19888 N 73rd Avenue, Glendale 85308

FOX 10 News TV Celebrity - Cory McCloskey, Emcee

Fashions by Dillard's

Live Music with Bob Messinger

Door Prizes ★ Super Raffles

To Benefit:

Arizona

"FAMILIES IN CRISIS"

Butterfly House

(domestic violence shelter)

Crisis Nursery

(breaking the cycle of child neglect & abuse)

New Life Center

(domestic violence shelter)

Turnbow Foundation

(educational scholarships for disadvantaged children & families)

Our Luncheon/Dancing Fashion Show Sponsored By:

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Ms. Senior Arizona Organization

Arizona Cameo Club

Special thanks go to:

Herme Sherry: Producer & Director

Jean McCurdy & Dody Homan: Assistant Directors

Ken Sherry: Cameo Foundation Board of Directors

Cory McCloskey (FOX 10 – KSAZ TV): Master of Ceremonies

Bob Messinger: Music

Sharon Friendly, Mindy Hubbard, Marilyn O'Connell

Herme Sherry & Sam Tardio: Entertainment

Dillard's Store Manager & Fashion Consultants:

Duane Kirk

Debbie Graves, Senoria Rogers, Loretta Call, Lonnie Rogers

Dave & Jolene Cummins: Photography

Marilyn Joyce: Table Decorations

Herme & Ken Sherry: Media, Programs & Tickets

All of our many wonderful volunteers: Sam & Linda Tardio,

Sylvia Paterno, Beverly Eernisse, Jean McCurdy,

Teddie Sue Brown, Kay Pittenger, Melanie Sherry

And to all of our beautiful dancing models:

Peggy Brown, Lisa Cipriano, Beverly Eernisse, Jane Gilmer,

Jordan Greenland, Serina Guajardo, Dody Homan,

Paul Hubbard, Marilyn Joyce, Jean McCurdy, Michael McCurdy

Mari Messinger, Marguerite Murtagh, Sylvia Paterno

Anna Sanchez, Lois Springer, Nancy Taylor, Nancy Thompson

Our children models: Nora Cipriano, Ariel McPhearson

Maquel Paterno, Eli Sanchez, Maddy Sanchez

Lovin' Life Expo & Dance

Thursday, October 20th

Mesa Convention Center

9a.m. – 1p.m. (Booth work)

1p.m. – 5p.m. (Dance)

We will be taking part in the day & evening activities. We need ladies to work the Booth from 9a.m. – 1p.m. We will not be performing during the Expo; however, we can have strolling singers during the Expo, which gives us the opportunity to talk with people & tell them about the Pageant. Our strolling music must be "a cappella" singing. The Dance will be FREE admission if you volunteer at our Booth. This event is important as Lovin' Life is a great support for the Pageant; and the Pageant will be receiving ½ of the proceeds from the evening raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Dance.

We are going to need several ladies to work the Booth & talk with people, so please check your calendars. If you CAN help us out, contact our **Media Director Herme Sherry** at **602-788-9556** as soon as possible.

9-11 Flag Runner Event

Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant ladies have been involved in the 9-11 Flag Runner Event for four years. We meet'n'greet & perform. It is community PR for us. The event is a very early call, getting up at 3:30a.m. to arrive at the park by 5a.m. But the cause & the reason are well worth the early hour!

BIG THANKS go to: (pictured, left to right) Herme Sherry, Myrna Foster, Jean McCurdy, Lois Springer, Kay Pittenger, Win Dean & Barry Jeannelle (standing in rear) & a big, brave firefighter (center).



BIG THANKS

go to Ken for braving the darkness & getting us all there in time for the event!

Kay Pittenger

Winner of Surprise Senior Idol 2011 Contest

On July 6th at the Valley Vista High School, Kay placed 2nd in overall performance and 1st in the singing category of the Surprise Senior Idol 2011 Contest. Three judges and an audience of 1,000 people were the voters. Congratulations, Kay!



Kay Pittenger

(Kay is in the center with the emcee & judges)

The Arizona Cameo Club Ensemble

The Cameo Club Ensemble rehearsal schedule:

Oct. 5th – **10:30am– 12:30pm**, Bethesda Gardens, PHX

Oct. 19th – **Sharon's home @ 2409 E Christy Drive, PHX 85028 11am – 12:30pm**

Nov. 2nd – **Sharon's home 11am – 12:30pm**

Nov. 16th – **10:30am-12:30pm**, Bethesda Gardens, PHX

Dec. 7th – **Linda H.'s home @ 17410 N Desert Glen Dr., SCW 85375 11am - noon**

(Bring lunch or we can go out!) & 2:30pm Show at Sun West Choice in Sun City West

Dec. 21st – **NO REHEARSAL!! (Happy Holidays!)**

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8th ANNUAL CAMEO BALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Freedom Inn at Scottsdale
15436 N 64th Street
Scottsdale 85254
480-948-6950

Tue., Oct. 4th, 6pm Tue., Nov. 1st, 6pm

Tue., Oct. 18th, 6pm Tue., Nov. 15th, 6pm

Tue., Dec. 6th, 6pm

Tue., Dec. 20th, 6pm

Jan. 3rd, 6pm Jan. 10th, 6pm Jan. 17th, 6pm

Workday: Sat., Jan. 21st, 9am

(workday location still to be announced)

Cameo Ball: Sat., Jan. 28th, 6:30p.m., Scottsdale Hilton

This year, we are working for these charities:

New Life Center Butterfly House

Crisis Nursery Turnbow Foundation

The Cameo Ball will benefit **"Families in Crisis."**

If you would like to serve on the Cameo Ball Committee, we would love to have you or if you have questions or need more information, please call.....

602-788-9556

Herme Sherry

Join Us for these Special Events!

Arizona Senior Follies: Oct. 22, Peoria Theatre

"Thank You for the Music"

"I Hear Music": Nov. 19, Corte Bella

**"The Magic of Christmas" Musical: Dec. 9 & 10
Theatre Artist Studio**

For more information: Call 602-788-9556

www.cameofoundation.org

"The Ladies of Elegance"



