

# Arizona Cameo Club News

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



2012 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2012



## *Message from our Board President*

Dear Beautiful Arizona Cameo Club,  
Here we are halfway through our first wonderful year. We maintained 19-20 ladies at our luncheons. I am so proud of how well we have stayed together to support our Arizona Cameo Club. We have solved several sticky items which you have voted and agreed upon. We have done many shows which brought money into our Treasury...enough to send our beautiful & talented Queen Pat Thielen-Warren to Atlantic City to try to become our first Ms. Senior America! We have had some scary times like Wanda Luiten's accident in Prescott and Jo Swaback-Brooke's surgery; some happy times like visiting Terry Pappalardo for lunch and a sing-along and we had sad times with the loss of Jean & Bill McCurdy's son Billy. I want to thank everyone for making my job as your President so easy. I love the entertainment at the luncheons and I look forward to something different every month.

I thank Pat LaRue for becoming our Secretary. I thank Linda Zvara for becoming our Media Director. I thank Sylvia Paterno for being our Treasurer and for taking such good care of our Membership List. I thank Marilyn O'Connell for all her work and for all the shows she puts on. I am happy we are working so closely with Herme Sherry and the Cameo Foundation and all their shows. I am looking forward to the Cameo Ball and the 2013 Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant.

As we Fall into Winter, there will be many Holiday Shows to sign up for. Rosie Wehbe is the best Activities Director out there. She is always early and prepared. Our performers are now top-notch and are requested to perform everywhere we go. Rosie could not put on the shows without all of our wonderful performers. Linda Haaheim is getting the Cameo Ensemble ready with new songs for the Holiday Shows. What an exciting year this is for all of us!

*Nancy Berhorst*

## **Ms. Senior Arizona 2012**

*Our Queen's message was submitted to the newsletter editor on time; it's the editor Linda Haaheim's error in not sending the newsletter on time to our membership. My "from-the-bottom-of-my-heart" apologies to Pat and to the membership!!*



## ★ **Pat Thielen-Warren** ★

In just a few short days, I'll embark on the trip of a lifetime! I am now busily getting my gowns, jewelry and of course, shoes together for the trip to Atlantic City. I had the most awful dream last night! I was in Atlantic City getting ready to get dressed for the pageant and realized that I had brought the wrong gown, couldn't find my jewelry, and I was about to go on stage! I woke up at 2 a.m. scared out of my wits! Whew! I'm glad it was only a dream!

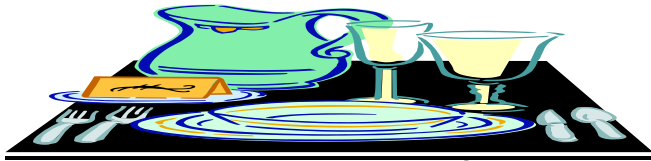
I want to say thank you to all of you who have helped make this trip possible for me. You always show me such support, guidance and friendship. I just want you to know that I am going to do my best to represent your grace, loyalty and confidence in me, in the most becoming way I can.

As I go on this journey, I know I take a little bit of each of you with me. Just knowing that I have my dear Cameo ladies in my corner, cheering me on back home, puts a little extra spring in my step and a little bigger smile on my face.

I'm sure I'll have a million stories to tell you when I return. . hopefully as Ms. Senior America!



## Monthly Luncheon Meeting Schedule & Locations



**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Park Regency**

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

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Freedom Inn**

15436 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale 85254

***This luncheon will be our Holiday Party!***

***Please, bring a \$10.00 gift –OR– a “white elephant gift”.***

***Wrap your gift!***



**Starting January in 2013, luncheon meetings will be on the  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.**

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Freedom Plaza**

13373 N Plaza del Rio, Peoria 85381

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

**CONTACT Marilyn O’Connell only!**

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### **OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President:	Nancy Berhorst
Vice President:	Marilyn O’Connell
Secretary:	Pat LaRue
Treasurer:	Sylvia Paterno
Board Member-at-Large:	Jubie Ellen Hughes

### **COMMITTEE HEADS**

Media Director:	Linda Zvara
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<b>East Director:</b>	Sare-Lyn Perrault
<b>West Director:</b>	Wanda Smith
Newsletter Team:	Linda Haaheim Marilyn O’Connell

*More Cameo Foundation news & wonderful upcoming events  
& Cameo Ball Committee schedule are in the following columns.*

# Cameo Foundation

**Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O’Connell** was the Chair for the **Macy’s Shop for a Cause** benefit event that was on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. And these wonderful ladies were there to work it.

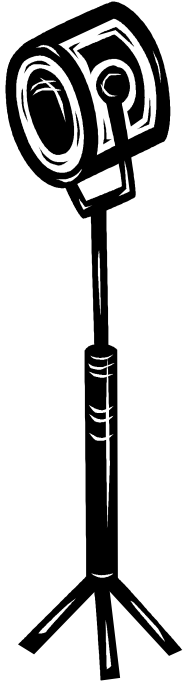


*Left to right Marilyn O’Connell, Ms. Senior Arizona 2008; Kay Pittenger, Pageant Contestant 2009; Wanda Luiten; Herme Sherry, Ms. Senior Arizona 2004; Pat Thielen-Warren, Ms. Senior Arizona 2012; Jean McCurdy, Ms. Senior New York 1999; Nancy Berhorst, Pageant Contestant 2001 & 2008 and Cameo Club Board President.* Also, **BIG THANKS** go to Marilyn O’Connell & her hubby Cash who chaired the **Carrabbas Dinner Cabaret Benefit**, which was on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. For this fabulous event, more of our **BIG THANKS** go to Mindy & Paul Hubbard for the beautiful stage decorations, the great music & for bringing Elvis to perform for us in his sparkling white costume that drove all the ladies WILD! What a night!! *(Photos are in our Photo Gallery on the last pages.)*

The **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cameo Ball** has been scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013. The Ball will again be to benefit “Victims of Domestic Violence” charities:

- Butterfly House ( domestic violence shelter )
- New Life Center ( domestic violence shelter )
- Turnbow Foundation  
( educational scholarships for disadvantaged families )

# "Brunch with the Beatles"



**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am – 3pm**  
7605 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd.,  
Suite D-1  
Scottsdale 85255

**To Benefit:**  
**Victims of Domestic  
Violence**



A Heartfelt Thanks go to all who attended this fun event...."Brunch with the Beatles" at the Rhythm & Wine Restaurant in Scottsdale. It was a fun & successful event to benefit: Victims of Domestic Violence.



**Our BIG THANKS** go to Dr. Wanda Phillips (*see insert picture with Herme above*) who planned & chaired the event with Co-Chair Melanie Sherry.

*Photography Courtesy of... CUMMINS PHOTOGRAPHY  
(more information on this event is in the following column)*



## Annual Cameo Ball Committee

**If you would like to serve on the Cameo Ball Committee, call Herme Sherry at 602-788-9556.**

The Committee Meeting Schedule is:

Nov. 13 & 27

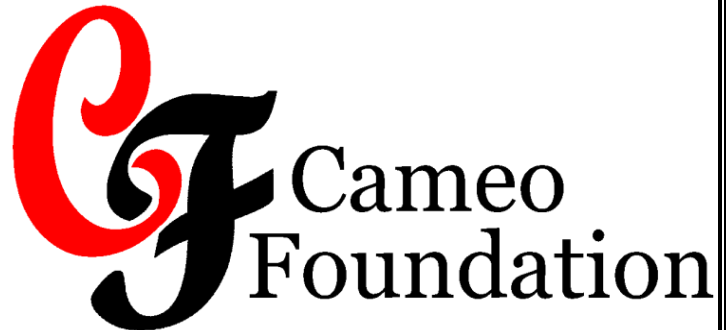
Dec. 4 & 11

Jan. 8 & 15

The listed dates above are **all Tuesdays** and the meeting time will always be **6pm** at the following location:

**Freedom Inn at Scottsdale**  
**15436 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Scottsdale 85254**  
**480-948-6950**

**Sat., January 19<sup>th</sup> – Silent Auction WORKDAY**  
9am.....WORKDAY will be at Beverly Eernisse's Office at:  
Furst Properties, LLC  
14648 N Scottsdale Road, Ste. #345, Scottsdale 85254



Lovin' Life News is having a **Health & Wellness Expo** on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Mesa Convention Center. Not only do we get to man the Lovin' Life Booth; but also, we were given a booth for the Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant. We can hand out a lot of information on the Pageant, Cameo Club, & Domestic Violence. Also, maybe we can book shows. So, we need enough ladies (approx. 8 – 10) to man the two booths on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Expo will be held from 9am until 1pm. **If you can help on that day, please give Herme a call at 602-788-9556.**

*(More FUN benefit events in the following column)*

(Continued "Brunch with the Beatles" event)

Thanks go to Laura Craig, owner of Rhythm & Wine Restaurant, and to her staff who donated their time to make this event so very successful. And also, thanks to Amilia Duchon-Voyles from Butterfly House and to Corine Raygoza from New Life Center for their help. And again, a HUGE THANKS go out to all who attended and made it a HUGE successful benefit event!!!! These four queens put smiles on all who attended!



Left to right Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 Pat Thielen-Warren; Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell; Ms. Senior Arizona 2004 Herme Sherry; Ms. Senior Arizona 1998 Jan Rittmaster

Photos....courtesy of CUMMINS PHOTOGRAPHY

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With lots of love from...  
Herme Sherry and the Cameo Foundation Board.

# Cameo Foundation

"Senior Day" at the Arizona State Fair was on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Danny Davis and the AZ Inspirations "Swinging with Stars" were featured. Our very own Ms. Senior Arizona 2012 Pat Thielen-Warren was also featured. "Senior Day" was a-boppin' & a-hoppin' on the Backyard South Stage from noon until 5pm. This "Senior Day" at the Fair was sponsored by KOY AM 1230 and the Cameo Foundation.

The 3rd Annual Dancing Musical Fashion Show Benefit has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Union Hills Country Club in Sun City. (See the "Dancing Musical Fashion Show" flyer insert.)

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



Our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ms. Senior Arizona Pageant will be on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the following venue:

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

**Tell your friends & neighbors**  
**about our elegant pageant!**

For more information on how to enter as a contestant  
OR... how to be a sponsor for this event,  
call..... Herme at 602-788-9556.

# SPOTLIGHTING...



## PERFORMANCE NEWS and DATES

Linda Zvara performs a flowing veil dance.



Cameo Show at Montecito



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

Please, don't forget to go online to our webpage at: [www.arizonacameoclub.com](http://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](mailto:rwehbe@good-sam.com) if you want to perform in our Cameo Shows.

*Show lists are filling up!*

### CAMEO SHOW DATES

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Show

**The Forum at Desert Harbor**

13840 N Desert Harbor Drive, Peoria 85381

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:30pm Show

**Encore Pacifica**

9045 W Athens Street, Peoria 85382

*(outside in the courtyard)*

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - 3pm Show

**The Carillons**

10045 W Royal Oak Rd., Sun City 85351

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 6pm Show

**Freedom Inn at Scottsdale**

15436 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale 85254



Ms. Senior New York 2000 Marguerite Murtagh & Pat



Marguerite & her husband Pat performs their famous & fun tambourine number in the Montecito Cameo Show.

*Be watching for more show dates on our website!*

[www.arizonacameoclub.com](http://www.arizonacameoclub.com)

*Photography courtesy by...Jordan Greenland*

# CAMEO SHOW at the MONTECITO

**Rita Phillips**



**Performing at Montecito Cameo Show**

**Nancy Berhorst & Rosie Wehbe**

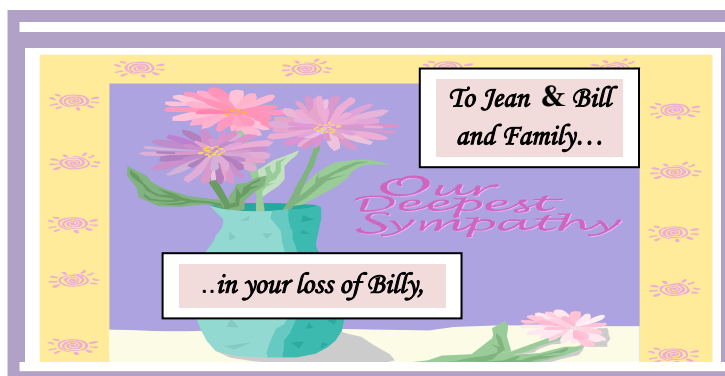


**Performing at the Montecito Cameo Show**

*More photos of this show are in the Photo Gallery on the final pages.*



*(left to right) Helena Chapin, Nancy Berhorst (Cameo Club President), Ms. Senior Arizona 2007 Sharon Friendly, Ms. Senior Wyoming 2011 Wanda Smith, Rita Phillips, Rosie Wehbe (Cameo Artistic Director), Linda Zvara, Marguerite & Pat Murtagh*



# "Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell



## 1995 Queen Jackie Schneider Borresen

Jackie was born in the teeny, tiny town of Brillion, Wisconsin. Her mother, a piano teacher, started Jackie's lessons at age 7, requiring one hour a day of practicing at the piano. It was a chore until she saw a movie about Frederick Chopin at age 12 and knew then she wanted to be a concert pianist. Her childhood was lonely and very sad. At the age of 6, her younger brother died; and at age 10, her 2-year-old brother died... both of cancer. Then, Jackie's parents died and she was left alone at age 17. She met and married her band director the next year. Living in Milwaukee, they had 4 sons and Jackie was a realtor; and then became a real estate manager, keeping up with piano all the time. After 32 years, Jackie's husband died. Now, alone with the 4 grown-up sons, she moved to Arizona in 1993 and met & married Jim, now together 11 years. Never affirmed, feeling dumpy and with no confidence, Jackie heard about our pageant and was crowned our queen in 1995. She played "Malaguena" on piano and it was so validating, she felt "ok". Disaster struck, she was diagnosed with third stage lung cancer and given no hope. Jackie decided to live and began "visualization" everyday – miners on track chipping away at the cancer with pick axes. She has been cancer free for 8 years now. Hooray!! Still suffering with serious vertigo and heart problems. Jackie is director of a choir and plays piano six days a week – inspiration!

## Joan Czerneda: 2010 & 2011 Pageant Contestant

Joan hails from the "show me" state of Missouri, born in the little town of Bourbon. Raised mainly in the state of Illinois after moving at age 7 to Lansing. Mother's dream for Joan was to be a dancer; lessons started at age 5 until high school where she taught dancing – tap, toe, ballet & acrobatic. There were lots of theatricals, shows & recitals with beautiful costumes. At 16, a serious mishap on stage, with her teacher watching; a strap broke on her dress. While holding up her Spanish dancing dress with both hands, Joan finished the dance making up all the moves as she went along. Her creative talents prevailed. Joan worked at Standard Oil after

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# "Wellwadoouno!"

By our roving reporter...

Ms. Senior Arizona 2008 Marilyn O'Connell

*(Joan's report continues)*

college, while teaching ballroom dancing at Arthur Murray's Studio and she won a contest & was crowned "Miss American Oil"...truly! She always wanted to be a stewardess (now, known as a "flight attendant") and joined United Air Lines. Joan flew for 2 years until she married her high school sweetheart. She has a son & grandson living here in Phoenix and was a stay-at-home mom for 13 years until retiring here; and after 8 years as a flight supervisor, Joan retired. She read about our pageant in the newspaper and graced 2 pageants, 2010 & 2011, with her lovely hula. After numerous hospital stays and many health issues, Joan sold her home and moved – a huge undertaking. Now, she is recovering from a "rear-ender" car accident. We sure do miss you, Joan, and wish you well.

## Bea Sauvage: 2009 Pageant Contestant

Bea was born & raised in a very small town, Dover Foxcroft, in Maine. She attended a nearby college until she was 23. No big dreams in a tiny town. Bea studied home economics, left college to marry & had 2 kids. Music was always a part of her life; and as a little girl, Gene Autry and Roy & Dale Rogers were her movie favorites. Bea's dad, a hero, died piloting a plane in England, during World War II. After the war, Bea's mom married the best friend of Bea's dad. Bea was blessed with 5 half sisters and 1 half brother. While on this subject, Bea's mother is 91 and lives in that same tiny town of Maine; she sings in several musical groups. Good genes there!

After a divorce, Bea met Jim, who was raising 4 boys, ages were 8, 10, 16 & 18. Bea's sons were grown & gone by then. Bea & Jim had a farm in Washington state; sold it and bought a 32-ft. RV and travelled across the country, including Mexico. They loved every minute of the 2½ years in the RV. Needing to put down roots they moved to Arizona in 2005, having visited Buckeye during an earlier trip. Peggy Brown, thanks again, for working on Bea for 3 years to enter the 2009 Pageant. She left her comfort zone and "voila"... the pageant changed her life. We love you.

*"The Ladies of Elegance"*





# Prescott Frontier Days Parade & Festivities



The Annual Prescott Frontier Days Parade and the Prescott weekend fun activities were held on June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> this year. WOW! It was a full weekend with our Friday night dinner at the Old Palace Restaurant in old town Prescott, the 12 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 7<sup>th</sup> year for this event and we have grown from only a few of us our 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!!

Ladies, ya'll  
sure do look  
PURDY!!



## Prescott Frontier Weekend

....June 29th – 30<sup>th</sup>....

Our weekend began Friday at the famous  
Palace Saloon for dinner.

On the staircase, are some of our Senior  
Arizona Queens; & queens, from other states,  
who are now living in our great state.

### Executive Directors

Cameo Foundation Board

Herme & Ken Sherry



Thank you, Herme & Ken,  
and the Cameo Foundation Board  
for organizing such a fabulous & fun weekend  
at the Annual Prescott Frontier Days Event!



(top to bottom of staircase) Jan Rittmaster (1996),  
Jean McCurdy, Ms. Senior New York (1999),  
Herme Sherry (2004),

Shirley Goss (2005), Sharon Friendly (2007),  
Marilyn O'Connell (2008), Myrna Foster (2011),  
Pat Thielen-Warren, (2012 – *reigning Queen*,  
Wanda Smith, Ms. Senior Wyoming, (2011),  
Jackie Schneider-Borresen (1995) (seated on the right),  
Jo Swaback-Brooke, Ms. Senior Illinois (1990)



**LET  
THE FRONTIER PARADE  
BEGIN!**

Our two Banner Bearers led our queens.  
*Eloisa Larralde* and *Nancy Berhorst*



Seven of our twelve queens stopped & posed in the shade before the sunny parade started.



*Pat Thielen-Warren  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2012*

More of our Queens sat tall on the back of convertibles and they all looked GREAT in those beautiful convertibles!



**1912 - 2012**

**Happy 100th Birthday, Arizona!**



*Myrna Foster*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2011*



*Wanda Smith*  
*Ms. Senior Wyoming 2011*



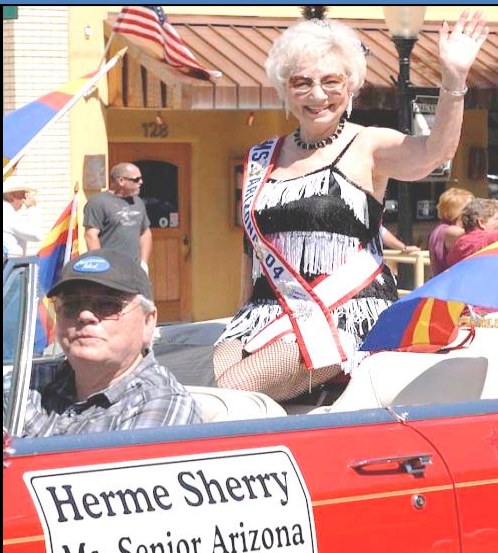
*Marilyn O'Connell*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2008*



*Sharon Friendly*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2007*



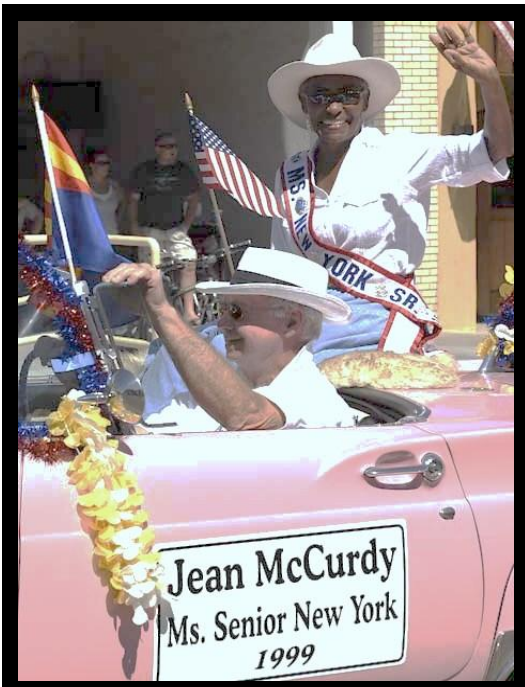
*Shirley Goss*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2005*



*Herme Sherry*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2004*



*Diane Shapiro*  
*Ms. Senior Arizona 2001*



*Jean McCurdy  
Ms. Senior New York 1999*



*Jan Rittmaster  
Ms. Senior Arizona 1998*



*Jackie Schneider Borresen  
Ms. Senior Arizona 1995*



*Jo Swaback-Brooke  
Ms. Senior Illinois 1991*



**GREAT NEWS.....we've been accepted into the Fiesta Bowl Parade on December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

*Some of the Prescott weekend photos are in the PHOTO GALLERY near the end of the Newsletter.*

**Photography of our Prescott weekend ....Courtesy of Cummins Photography**

**"THANK YOU, Dave & Jolene!"**

Photography courtesy by Jordan Greenland



**KOY's Danny Davis**  
Master of Ceremonies

## CARRABBAS CABARET

with  
**AZ Inspirations**



**Pat Thielen-Warren**  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2012



**Sharon Friendly**  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2007  
1st Runnerup Ms Senior America 2007

A **BIG THANKS** go to Carrabbas for the delicious dinner & your great dining service. More **BIG THANKS** go to all who attended, and to all who helped out, and to all the performers who were in the show at this lovely Dinner & Show evening, held at Desert Springs Church in Phoenix on September 29<sup>th</sup>. And there's more **BIG THANKS** to go to Marilyn & Cash who chaired this delightful & entertaining event AND to Mindy & Paul for the music, beautiful stage decorations, and for bringing Elvis!

This was a BENEFIT event for the "Victims of Domestic Violence" and for the following charities: **Swan Butterfly House (Peoria)**, **New Life Center (Goodyear)**, and **Turnbow Foundation (Mesa)**. KOY radio's Danny Davis was the Master of Ceremonies and sang as part of the AZ Inspiration entertainment. Thanks again to Danny Davis who is always there to help us! We love & appreciate you! With Love and Blessings to all,

*Herme and Ken*



**Mindy Hubbard**  
Choreographer/Dancer



**Nancy Thompson**  
1<sup>st</sup> Runnerup  
Senior Arizona Pageant 2011



♪ **ELVIS** ♪  
Special Guest



**Herme Sherry**  
Ms. Senior Arizona 2004



# PHOTO GALLERY





**CAMEO SHOW IN PRESCOTT  
AFTER THE FRONTIER PARADE**



**OUR WONDERFUL PICTURES FOR THE  
CAMEO MEMORY BOOK.**

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for "catching" the  
special moments to remember!*

Photography courtesy by.... Jordan Greenland

-And-

Photography by CUMMINS PHOTOGRAPHY



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**The Arizona Cameo Club Newsletter Team**

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*Editor / Designing Director*

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*Our "Roving" Reporter*

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