

## MISSOURI CAMEO TALK

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**“This is quite an interesting story of our history.”**

**1980 Dr. Al Mott founded the Ms. Senior America Pageant. He called it “The Age of Elegance”. Sound familiar?**

**1988 Judy Lewis was the Director of Senior Programs/GoldenCare Plus for Christian Hospital in Florissant, MO, she wanted to develop a program that paid tribute to the vibrancy and talents of women 60 years and older. Judy had thought of doing some sort of pageant but was not sure how to approach its development.**

**In the fall of 1988, Judy went to the Missouri Governor’s Conference on Aging, which was held in St. Louis. There she discovered an interesting session being offered by Senior America, Inc. It was presented by the director of the Ms. Senior Arkansas Pageant. Judy Lewis attended and there she met Valerie White, who was with the St. Louis County CORP program. They both really liked the idea, that was presented and decided that we could network to develop such a program. It was agreed that Judy would take the leadership role since she could get funding. She was able to secure major funding from both Christian Hospital Northeast and the regional McDonald’s owners. Christian Hospital had an internally based McDonald’s Restaurant.**

**March 31, 1989 was our first Missouri Pageant. The weatherman from Channel 5 (Bob Richards) was the host that year. Judy had Marty Bronson as a judge as well as entertainment during the**

tallying process. She had met him at a local Senior Fair where he was performing and was aware of his St. Louis prominence from being a host on St. Louis television and Marty's Place in Gas Light Square. The National Pageant Executive was present as well as the 1988 Ms. Senior America, who also performed. Tickets were free and they had a pretty good crowd. It was held in the Christian Hospital Northeast Auditorium. Mayor Jim Eagan of Florissant was present and was Judy's "acting Honorary Chairman" and served in this capacity for several years. They got some good TV coverage as well.

Claire Sherwood was crowned Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Marjorie Dailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Joe Epping, Ms. Congeniality, Margaret Jones.

After Claire's reign, she booked the shows for Cameo.

The following years brought more attention as the Pageant experienced a good reputation and more entrants (from 8 to 12). They also got the endorsement of the State's governor and other governmental officials with various appearances by some and proclamations by others.

Judy Lewis served as Pageant Director from 1989 to 1996. She officially appointed Marty Bronson as the Master of Ceremonies from 1990 going forward. He was very active in conferring activities connected with Senior Missouri until he retired. Judy was able to secure some noteworthy judges with experience in entertainment, the arts, government and military positions, TV personalities, and others who were able to "judge" based on their experiences.

Along with having CORP (specifically Valerie White) serve on Judy's Pageant team, she invited Midwest Agency on Aging to help. They sponsored their own pageant, with the winner participating in the Missouri Pageant. Judy asked Pris Metzger to serve as the Pageant production coordinator also. There were other spin-off pageants in a few areas of the state that were feeders into this pageant.

1990 Scotty Hartig, crowned Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Ginne Largent, no Record of the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Ms. Congeniality, Mary O'Bryan. Mary O'Bryan was responsible for having the Mary Kay ladies do the Pageant contestants hair and make-up. She also did the gift bags for the contestants.

Some of the 1989 contestants became members of a group they called Cameo Club, to bring word of the Senior Missouri Pageant and promote senior awareness. Missouri had to have Pageants for 5 years before they could qualify to become members of the National Cameo Club. The original 1990 Cameo Club numbered 10 members. Clair Sherwood started making plans to book dates to perform for ladies' groups where they could promote the Pageant and solicit contestants. They decided to meet 4 times a year to keep up to date on activities.

1991 Verna Miller, Queen. No record of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up or Ms. Congeniality.

1992 Perry Moreno, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Margie Hermelin, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Shirley Schuurr, Ms. Congeniality, Lorene Knapp. Marty Bronson was our Emcee in the "early years". In November, we were officially established consisting of 36 members.

**1993 Fanny Scantlin, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Margie Hermelin,  
No record of the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up or Ms. Congeniality.**

**1994 Deloma (Dell) Hoffman, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Lavergne Skoropa,  
2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Galena Hartman, Ms. Congeniality, Galena  
Hartman.**

**Dell Hoffman was crowned Ms. Senior America 1994 in Reno;  
this was the crowning glory for our state and Pageant. A couple  
of special appearances she made were hosted by the Missouri  
Governor in Jefferson City – he also proclaimed it Del Hoffman  
Day throughout the state shortly after she won the crown. She  
carried the Olympic Torch in St. Louis, when it came through the  
city & singing the National Anthem at the July 4, 1994, Cardinal  
Baseball game.**

**1995 Pat Bruder, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Joanne Grendel. 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up  
Ruth Anderson, Ms. Congeniality, Ruth Anderson.  
Pageant was held at the Christian Northeast Hospital  
Auditorium.**

**Pat Bruder formed a Cameo dance line which added a grand  
dimension to the showcases. Dorothy Roodman and Pat Bruder  
choreographed the “original” Military dance.**

**Helen Kahre and Pat became the seniors representing the  
membership.**

**1996 Jerrie Brown, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Connie Denton, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up  
Marlene Grant, Ms. Congeniality, Marlene Grant. The  
Pageant was held at Christian Northeast Hospital Auditorium.**

Meetings were held at Christian Northeast Hospital until they dropped sponsorship. We were on our own financially. Meetings moved to the Bridgeton Community Center, every other month. The meetings were strictly social. Also, in 1996 we received a video of the Tambourine number from Sr. America. Claire Sherwood took the group in hand and taught the routine. (Thanks to Dolores Rehling who taught it for years to the new members. Now Berkley Evans, our choreographer continues the tradition.)

Today the Tambourine is the showstopper to our showcases and the Sr. Missouri Pageant.

Cameo experienced a few years of great turmoil about where to have the Pageant and operated with little or no kind of sponsorship.

1997 Joan Daves, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Elizabeth Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Cheri Schear, Ms. Congeniality, Gloria Golbert-Marks. Dell Hoffman arranged and Directed the Pageant. It was held at the Sedalia, MO state fair. Contestants arrived the evening before to audition and then to perform the next day on a plywood stage covering a floor of dirt and animal manure! Interviews and dressing rooms were held in “animal holding pens.” The Reigning National Queen was invited and has been a featured guest every year since then.

1998 Rosemary Bangert, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Dolores Rehling (she later became the Senior Missouri Queen for 1998).

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Maureen Lia. No record of Ms. Congeniality. Dell Hoffman became State Director. In 1998, Dell met with states throughout the United States, and they decided to leave

Sr. America and form their own organization the American Classic Woman. Missouri stayed with this concept for two years. 1999 Joan Daues arranged for a Semi-Final Pageant at the St. Charles Jr. College. Contestants went on to Columbia MO for the Final. (First runner up in 2015), Nancy Pittman was the head of the College at that time)

Marcene Tockman, was crowned Queen of the Missouri Classic Woman. Cheri Schear, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Ann Jennings, Ms. Congeniality, Dorotha Sharp. Marcene was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in the National Classic Woman's Pageant held in Delaware.

Pat Bruder was the 1st Outstanding Member of the Cameo Club.

Joan Daues decided the Cameo Club needed to return to the Sr. America organization. Joan agreed to be the State Director. She held this position until the year 2006. Joan started monthly meetings for the Club to keep the members up to date with the activities.

Club Bylaws were written and approved by the membership. 2000 Audrey Crosby was crowned Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Lee Werner. 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Nadeine Thurman, Ms. Congeniality, Nadeine Thurman. Ginne Largent was the Outstanding Member. Joan followed the model of other states and formed the Former Queens Association. Dr. Al Mott and his wife, Betsy, assisted her in this process. Other states with these types of Former Queens Associations put on large events, such as, Balls, Dances, etc. to raise money for charity. Pat Bruder suggested that the Queens do 12 shows a year instead. Joan spent many hours planning the

shows, getting the equipment (with Pat Bruder's help) and booking shows. There was no end to the time and effort Joan spent transforming us into the effective club we are today. Joan was the Showcase Chair from 2000 to 2008. Along with Audrey Crosby who booked the shows.

In the year 2000, the Queen for 1996, Jerrie Brown chose to switch her allegiance to the Missouri Classic Woman. Marlene Grant became the Missouri Senior Queen for 1996.

**2001 Pageant was held at the Sheldon Concert Hall.**

**Edell Buhlig, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up June Bosley Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Janet Calder, Ms. Congeniality, Billie Preston. Marjorie Dailey was the Outstanding Member.**

**This year we began donating \$1000.00 suggested by Bette McLaughlin to Marygrove, a children's home.**

**2002 With the help of Betty McLaughlin, we moved the Pageant to The Florissant Civic Center. Peggy Shores, was crowned Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Vicki Fenster, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Cheri Schear, Ms. Congeniality, Sue Fleming. Dolores Rehling was the Outstanding Member.**

**Marcene Tockman was the President of the Club from 2002 to 2007.**

**Bylaws were revised in May of this year & passed by the membership.**

**2003 Norma Cobert, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Vickie Kalthoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Janet Calder, Ms. Congeniality, Janet Calder.**

**Helen Kahre was the Outstanding Member.**

**Emcee Marty Bronson retired. Don Wolff became our Emcee until year 2013.**

**2004 Pageant moved to Hazelwood because the Florissant Civic Center was under renovations. Beverly Sauls, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Ann Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Susie Harris, Ms. Congeniality, Ann Taylor. Outstanding Member Bette McLaughlin.**

**Marcene Tockman received the State Directors Award.**

**2005 Pageant returned to the Florissant Civic Center, which it remains until present day. Janet Barrett, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Betty Tecklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Dennise Lafferre, Ms. Congeniality, Dennise Lafferre. Outstanding Member Vicki Fenster. Meetings were held at Northwest Plaza.**

**2006 Jan Barrett joined Joan Daus as Pageant Co-State Directors. They shared directorship also in 2007.**

**During Pageant weekend, Jan gave out packets to the contestants containing club information. Included were the Showcase Guidelines & information for performing in the Showcases.**

**Janet Calder, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Beverly Chervitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Mary Lou Phipps, Ms. Congeniality, Beverly Chervitz. The Outstanding Member was Mary O'Bryan.**

**Bylaws revised in May this year & approved by the membership.**

**2007 Susan Groves, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Dianne May 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Helen Byers, Ms. Congeniality, Dianne May. Outstanding Member, Audrey Crosby. Joan Daus and Audrey Crosby were the Showcase Co-Chair and together they booked the shows until 2009.**



**2008 Christine DeHart, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Mary Lou Phipps, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Judith McKenney, Ms. Congeniality, Sharon Houston. Jan Barrett was the Pageant State Director. She held this position until 2010.**

**The Outstanding Member was Jan Boehle.**

**The President of the Club was Vicki Fenster. She held this office in 2009, 2010 & 2011.**

**Vickie Kalthoff started our excellent website.**

**2009 Sandra Kirchoff, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Cathy Loyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Judith McKenney, Ms. Congeniality, Penny Fisher.**

**Meetings were moved to the Ethical Society.**

**Outstanding Members were Dennise Lafferre and Berkley Evans.**

**Joan Daves became the Honorary Sr. America.**

**Berkley Evans and Norma Cobert were the Showcase Co-Chair.**

**Bonnie Bernstein booked the Cameo shows in 2009, 2010 & 2011.**

**The Charities Committee was formed.**

**2010 Jacquie Crawford, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Sandy Rosell, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Anita French-Kidd, Ms. Congeniality, Linda Hansen.**

**Outstanding Member was Bonnie Bernstein.**

**Jan Barrett received the State Directors Award.**

**Showcase Chair was Jane Hornung 2010 & 2011.**

**The first Missouri Cameo Talk Newsletter was dated December 10, 2010. Editors were Sue Lauber-Fleming and Sharon Houston. It was dedicated to Marjorie Dailey.**

**Janet Kraus created our first Picture Directory, which she has revised as needed.**

**2011 Peggy Eggers, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Wendy Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Merrily Woodford, Ms. Congeniality, Char Gestring. Barbara Malta & Dennise Lafferre were Pageant Co-State Directors.**

**Outstanding Members were Norma Cobert & Betty Tecklin.**

**2012 Christine DeHart & Dennise Lafferre were Pageant Co-State Directors for 2012 & 2013.**

**Veronica Hilyard, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Sylvia Swaysland, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Judy Davis, Ms. Congeniality, Jerrie Eubanks. Outstanding Member was Peggy Shores.**

**President of the Club was Sue Lauber-Fleming. She held this office also for years 2013, 2014 & 2015.**

**Showcase Chair was Merrily Woodford. She holds this position to present day.**

**Carole Goldfarb booked the shows for 2012 & 2013.**

**2013 Sonja Nelson-Stough, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Kate Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Patty Wiggins, Ms. Congeniality, Deanna Stark. Outstanding Members were Marlene Grant & Jeanne Liebich.**

**Randy Gardner became the Emcee, following the many years of Don Wolff.**

**The Board members decided we needed 2 Members at Large. Voting determined Jacquie Crawford and Cathy Loyd would serve. This was in effect for a just a few years.**

**The May Newsletter was renamed the Missouri Cameo Clips. Editors: Sharon Houston & Mary Ann Schwandt until 2016.**

**During the May Cameo meeting, Berkley Evans announced that her neighbor's son suffers from extreme allergies & needs a support dog. It was agreed that the Club would donate \$500 from their budget to help purchase the support dog. Many members donated additional funds to increase the total to \$1,000.**

**August 16, 2013, Jan Barret created the Cameo Club Membership Birthday List, at the request of Veronica Hilyard and revised in 2017.**

#### **CHARITIES:**

**As our membership grew, it was brought up that we give to other needy local charities. Marje Dailey suggested Holiday gifts for the Evangelical Children's home. The gifts were collected at our yearly Holiday Luncheon. Gloria Goldbart Marx (our clown) tragically lost a grandchild. A Golf tournament was held to raise money for children whose lives were lost by a violent act. Soon during the Presidency of Vicki Fenster, along with past president, Marcene Tockman, 7-9 members volunteered to be on the Charities committee.**

**By-Laws Chair, Janet Kraus & her committee composed new By-Laws. They developed a formula using 80% of yearly earned profit to be donated. Members submitted their choice for**

gifting. As submissions became larger, there had to be more rules, i.e., every charity would now be “vetted” by the chairperson who had no vote, unless to break a tie. Also, said recipient would not be further funded by “United Way”. Charity meetings are held in the fall of each year & charities are chosen according to the amount available. Congratulatory letters are sent to the recipient along with the check, prior to the end of the year.

In November the Charity Committee, Vicki Fenster, Chair, informed us the Cameo Club Gifted total monies \$3,000 to various charities that were recommended by the members. Also, the Former Queen’s gifted total monies \$850.00.

December 13, 2013 was the Holiday Party at Greenbriar Country Club. Members brought an unwrapped gift for the Children’s Presbyterian Home. It was a fun afternoon!

2014 Deborah Gross, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Doris Voerster, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Susan Pellegrino. Ms. Congeniality, Susan Pellegrino. Peggy Eggers & Dennise Lafferre were the Co-State Directors. Outstanding Members were Janet Kraus & Helene Sigfried. August 7, 2014 was the Induction of New Members. Barbara Helmer booked our shows for 2014 & 2015.

Helene Siegfried arranged for the Club to be on Shutterfly. Features are roster, meeting minutes, Cameo Showcase Sign-up, Users Guide, Food Sign Up, photos and much more. Helene gave instructions to those who needed it.

**In August of this year the Book Club was formed. Several members volunteered to host. Veronica Hilyard became the Chair of the Book Lovers Club.**

**Betty Tecklin and Mary Chard were Co-Chairs of the Club Cookbook. In April, Betty asked members to forward recipes to her for inclusion of the Cookbook. The book went on sale in October for \$10 each.**

**Sue Fleming had a concern brought to her attention about insurance needed for Cameo protection. The Executive Board would research the question and report back to the membership. The members voted and it was passed that MPAC begin to carry insurance to feel safer and protect our Club and members.**

**Senior America sent us the 2014 Affiliation Agreement for Sanctioned Pageants. To summarize, National did not approve of us giving our monies, from Showcases to Charities using the Cameo Club name. They wanted money earned, under that name, to support the Sanctioned Pageant and its related activities.**

**We are a Charitable organization, and we did not agree to this.**

**The Board met and after putting everything on the table & much discussion, they asked for suggestions on what name we could use. Cathy Loyd suggested the name Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club (MPAC). This was approved and is currently our name.**

**This year ended with a BANG. Our Cameo Silver Gala was on November 15, 2014, at Greenbriar Country Club.**

**The cost was \$50 per person. We enjoyed great food, dancing, and celebration. It was a very festive evening.**

**2015 Mary McIntosh, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Nancy Pittman, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Mary Schwandt, Ms. Congeniality Mary Schwandt.**

**Pageant Directors were Veronica Hilyard & Dennise Lafferre.**

**Outstanding Members were Shirley Ciolek & Jane Hornung.**

**Sue Lauber-Fleming received the State Directors Award.**

**A breakfast in January, was given for the new members.**

**In February we celebrated our Eighties Ladies. Valentine hearts, & teddy bears decorated the festive table. The Eighties Lunch Committee introduced our honorees by reading a poem & inspirational piece about the Age of Elegance. Betty Tecklin sang to our guests and each honoree had a personal congratulatory letter written by one of our members.**

**Marcene Tockman, (Chair), Jan Barrett and Janet Kraus reviewed & revised the By-Laws. A vote was taken and passed in the May meeting.**

#### **PUBLICITY:**

**Joan Daus oversaw Publicity for our club in the early years.**

**In the 2015 revision of the By-Laws, the job of vice president was discussed regarding the inclusion of duties of publicity and newsletter. The vice president can assign these duties or ask for help.**

**Club Newsletter changed its name to Alumnae News. Co-Editors remain Sharon Houston & Mary Ann Schwandt.**

**Two events will continue this year: Food Pantry in April & Whole Kids Outreach in May.**

**Congratulations to Linda Franchini who was honored recently by Governor Nixon as Teacher of the Year in Higher Education.**

**2016 Peggy Lee Brennan, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Ann Leath, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Linda Tiedt. Ms. Congeniality Mary Kay Spencer.**

**Pageant Co-Directors were Susan Pellegrino & Helene Siegfried.**

**They have held this position to present day.**

**Outstanding Member was Merrily Woodford**

**In October at the National Pageant in Atlantic City, NJ, our Missouri Queen, Peggy Lee Brennan was crowned Queen Ms. Senior America 2016. She is only the second Ms. Missouri Queen to receive this title. If you remember, Ms. Dell Hoffman was crowned Ms. Senior America in 1994.**

**President was Sharon Houston for 2016 & 2017.**

**Booking Chair was Nancy Pittman. She held this position for 2016 until 2019.**

**New Mission Statement that Veronica Hilyard & her Committee wrote. The Board recommended it to the members and it was approved.**

**“The Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club is a non-profit organization sponsoring an annual pageant for senior**

**women which fosters their talent development, charitable giving, community service and personal growth.”**

**Club Newsletter changed to MPAC Alumnae News. Co-Editors were Cathy Loyd & Mary Ann Schwandt.**

**Janet Kraus distributed updated picture directories which were gratefully received by the membership. The Club paid \$76 for the directories.**

**Congratulations to Cheri Schear who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Chaminade Skip Viragh Theatre on June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> our Holiday Party was held at Greenbriar Country Club.**

**2017 Judy Davis, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Sandi Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Suzette Allinger. Ms. Congeniality Suzette Allinger.**

**In this year the Outstanding Member Award was changed to the Joan Daues Outstanding Member Award. The recipient for 2017 was Susie Harris.**

**This year we had our oldest Contestant, Ms. Virginia Leitner who was 102 years young. She certainly proves that age is just a number. Today she is still an active member of the club.**

**Club meeting moved to Harold Dielman Recreation Complex. This remains our meeting location as of present day.**

**In June of 2017, Sharon Houston named Janet Kraus as Chair of the Bylaws Committee.**



**Janet Kraus, Chair of the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws were revised. The Club Policy and Procedures were added. Members voted and it was passed.**

**2018 Sandi Wright, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Nancy Wilkinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Linda Franchini, Ms. Congeniality Suzette Allinger. The Joan Daues Outstanding Member was given to Cathy Loyd.**

**Club President was Veronica Hilyard. She held this office 2018 & 2019.**

**The Showcase Guidelines & Information were revised in September.**

**2019 Nancy Wilkinson, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Carolyn Schlueter, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Linda Stewart. Ms. Congeniality Kate Lovegren. The Joan Daues Outstanding Member was given to Sharon Houston.**

**On Valentine's Day, Suzette Allinger, Susan Pellegrino and Queen Sandi Wright were featured on FOX-2AM to talk about make-up for senior women and promote the 2019 Pageant.**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Former Queens Club organized into a separate organization with officers, a bank account & performance calendar. For a few years, they gave \$500 to the Pageant to bring in the National Queen.**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a festive meeting saluted our 80+ seniors with a special lunch & gifts. Susie Harris and Betty Tecklin hosted the lovely event.**

**Bylaws were revised in September & passed by the membership.**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Holiday Party was held at the MAC Downtown St. Louis. Cost was \$29 a plated meal.**

**2020 February 6<sup>th</sup>, Pat Bruder was recognized & congratulated for her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of becoming a Queen.**

**In March of this year, a disease identified as the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a world Pandemic, everything came to a halt. We were advised to “shelter in place.” We were not allowed to gather, even in small groups. The suggestion of trying to hold a selection of candidates via Zoom is not practical for us, as our potential contestants want and deserve the experience of being in the Pageant.**

**We will postpone the 2020 Pageant until July 11, 2021. Our current Queen, Nancy Wilkinson and her court will resume their duties as soon as they are able under the CDC Guidelines. They will represent our Club until July 11, 2021.**

**Helen McGlynn became our new Club President.**

**Booking Chair for Showcases was Suzanne Pratl.**

**Alumnae News Editor was Nancy Pittman, Co-Editors, Susan Pellegrino & Karin Krakover.**

**In January of 2020, Janet Kraus reported the Board approved the wording of a Bylaws amendment proposal that MPAC contain a subset organization named “The MPAC Queens Club”. The purpose is to raise funds for the enhancement of the MPAC’s mission. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Queen’s amendment in the Bylaws wasn’t presented to the members until September of 2020 and it was voted on & passed.**

**April of 2020 introduced members to zoom meetings, as COVID stopped our in-person meetings. Members enjoyed the regular business reports, inspiration, announcing birthdays and socializing. Members continued charitable contributions to Whole Kids and our Holiday drive by delivering games for pick-up to Marcene Tockman’s front door.**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> there was a Garden (no-frills) Party at the home of Marcene Tockman. Everyone wore masks & social distanced. Cookies and snacks were enjoyed. Members performed the Tambourine number.**

**In September of 2020, a new website was developed by Sandi Wright. She requested Pageant pictures be sent to her.**

**2020 and 2021 meetings continued, alternating between zoom and parks including Stacey Park and a picnic meeting with hot dogs at Millennium Park.**

**2021 June 13<sup>th</sup> at a Luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club, we crowned our 1<sup>st</sup> runner up from 2019, Carolyn Schlueter, as our new Ms. Missouri Senior Queen for 2021. She will represent us in a virtual Ms. Senior America Pageant. Our Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant will be held May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. It will be a live show, held at the Florissant Civic Center.**

**Karin Krakover initiated the Club participating in the Alzheimer Walk. Those who could not attend can make a donation.**

**2022 Joyce Graham, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up, Maureen Albers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up Mary Sara-Poorman, Ms. Congeniality, Michelle Beczkala. Susan Pellegrino received the Joan Daves Outstanding Member Award.**

**It was not mentioned before, but every year we invite the current Ms. Senior America to come and perform at our Pageant. This year Ms. Laura Morgan, currently living in Pinehurst, NC., attended.**

**President was Nancy Pittman. She held this office for the years 2022 & 2023.**

**We started to participate in Showcases as the threat of COVID-19 diminished. Merrily Woodford & Suzanne Pratl were the Booking Chairpersons.**

**Sandi Wright created the New Speakers Bureau. MPAC members who have a 30 or 60 minute presentation were being sought as part of the speakers bureau.**

**Sandi Wright also ordered Bling Name Badges for everyone who wanted them.**

**Former Queen, Carolyn Schlueter wins National Award recognized by the Photographic Society of America Inter club Competition in Photojournalism.**

**Sadly our oldest contestant, who was in the Pageant in 2017, Virginia Leitner passed away on March 2, 2022.**

**The Hospitality Committee was organized as a Committee with a budget. Helen McGlynn is the Hospitality Chairperson. The Committee provides refreshments and decorations for our meetings. There is a small charge for the lunches. More fun and camaraderie is present and has also increased the number attending.**

**2023 Christy Wison-Smith, Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, Marilyn Callicott, her last name was changed to Washington.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, Peggy Janis, Ms. Congeniality, Sally Faith. The recipient of the Joan Daves Outstanding Member Award was Helen McGlynn.**

**The Ms. Senior America that attended our Pageant was Debbie Robbins of Jefferson town, KY. She was the first “at large” candidate to ever win the crown.**

**Our Showcase and Booking Chairpersons changed to Merrily Woodford & Michelle Beczkala. The number of Showcases have greatly increased. Many members are having fun performing and earning monies for our Charities.**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> of this year, we lost our active club member, Jerrie Eubanks. She was Ms. Congeniality in the 2012 Pageant.**

**More sad news, we lost another club member, Ann Leath, after a brief illness. Ann was the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up in the 2016 Pageant.**

**Both Ann and Jerrie loved to tap dance and perform the Tambourine. Each had separate Memorials that members attended. Cameo dancers performed “City Lights” and members performed the Tambourine at each of them. The both will truly be missed by all.**

**2023 we changed our name of MPAC to the Missouri Senior Cameo Club.**

**Helene Siegfried created albums for ALL of our Cameo photos from long ago to present. It’s available for all to enjoy.**

**In August, we had a picnic lunch honoring our 80 plus club members. This event is held every 3 to 5 years. Thirty nine members were in attendance.**

**Queen Christy Wilson-Smith received a Declaration from the State of Missouri celebrating her many accomplishments in**

**education & representing Missouri Seniors. It was formally presented by Missouri's Lieutenant Governor, Michael Kehoe. 2024 Darla Behlmann, was crowned Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Roxanne Dickens, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Barbara Keathley. Ms. Congeniality, Diana Sikora Judith Dyer received the Joan Daues Outstanding Member Award.**

**Attending our Pageant was the National Ms. Senior America Queen for 2023-2024, Dr. Terre D. Quinn of Nashville, Tennessee.**

**Our Annual Pageant takes many months of preparation by all the members. Special thanks to our Pageant Producers Susan Pellegrino & Helen Siegfried, who work countless hours to make the Pageant a success.**

**Also to thank are the Pageant Photographers, Judith Dyer & Jeannine Liebich, Berkley Evans, the Choreographer, Hospitality and all the backstage people. It takes all of us to have a successful Pageant.**

**During Pageant weekend the Candidates and members attend a banquet. At that time Gift Bags, designed by Judith Dyer & filled by Helen McGlynn, are given to each Candidate. Good food and laughter is had by all!**

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