

# Ms. Senior California

The Age of Elegance



California State Pageant  
Sunday, June 10, 2018  
1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO  
Joan Kroc Institute for  
Peace and Justice Theatre

MJ Wilkerson, Ms. Senior California 2017



*Thank you for your support  
Mary Jane "MJ" Wilkerson  
Ms. Senior California 2017*



# Farewell, Mj Wilkerson Ms. Senior California 2017

***"The power to choose is the power to change, so choose to be Extraordinary!"***

As my philosophy in life moves forward, I reflect on my extraordinary experiences as Ms. Senior California 2017. It has been a privilege and an honor to be Ms. Senior California. The past year has been filled with exciting opportunities, amazing new friends and many wonderful experiences.

My journey began in 2016 being crowned Ms. Senior San Diego. I never considered pageants so this was a huge surprise! I competed again in 2017 and was crowned Ms. Senior California. Ever since I have been on a mission to share this wonderful organization with anyone who would listen. I've participated in many events such as; Chamber of Commerce and other community activities, performing with the Classic Divas, TV appearances, speaking to several women's organizations, and presenting at the Veterans Home of California. I was also honored to receive a Proclamation from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

As the 2017 California Queen for the Ms. Senior America organization, I was privileged to be a pageant contestant for the prestigious Ms. Senior America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This was truly a "once in a life time" experience that I won't soon forget, and new friendships I will treasure for many years. I couldn't have accomplished this without all my mentors; in particular, Ms. Elvia Harris, our director. Elvia has guided me, giving me direction and attention so I could always be 'at my best.' She also made sure I was 'picture perfect' tending to me every day of the National pageant. I also want to thank my very dear friends, Joni Brobst and Joyce Schumaker who traveled all the way to Atlantic City to support me!

I have always appreciated the opportunity of just being here; getting to know and sharing the stage with all my fellow Pageant Sisters. And it has been a privilege to attend and perform at all the preliminary pageants this year.

This Has Changed Me! This has given me a sense of accomplishment in a field I had never considered and moved me out of my comfort zone and has challenged me to 'step into the spotlight.' The gowns, crowns and sashes helped me to add "Sparkle" and bling to my life! I want to thank all my Pageant Sisters for always being here for me and supporting me in whatever I do. You most, added "sparkle to my life."

I want to thank my amazing husband Allen who has lovingly and patiently waited on me and supported me in all circumstances. I also want to thank Reina Bolles, for I am so grateful for everything she has done for me.

In closing, a line in my philosophy says, "I love helping others see how our false beliefs and concepts hold us back, and hide our dreams of a better life." Go After Your Dreams! I had no preconceived ideas or dreams nor expectations from the first to this final day. Yes, I had hopes and exhilaration, followed by moments of extreme humbleness; however, my greatest sensation, were the tiny flashes of greatness... learning to be the "best version of myself."

***"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend". Proverbs 27:17***

It has been a Joy to serve as your Ms. Senior California 2017. Always Let Your Light Shine!

CHOOSING JOY!

*Mary Jane "MJ" Wilkerson*

Ms. Senior California 2017



# Message from Elvia



On behalf of the Ms. Senior California Pageant, I would like to welcome the Class of 2018 to the State Pageant stage! We are delighted to have these outstanding state finalists, and we thank you for participating in this exciting event. It is an honor to have such exceptional senior women here to compete in the Ms. Senior California "Age of Elegance" 2018 Pageant.

The Ms. Senior America mission statement is "We are the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the *Age of Elegance*. It is a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans."

Today, we will crown that lovely senior lady.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to MJ Wilkerson, Ms. Senior California 2017, for her dedication and commitment honoring her title as the state Queen by promoting Senior Women throughout California in parades, special appearances, and performances. Our warmest wishes to MJ as she begins a new chapter in her life.

The Ms. Senior California Pageant would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors whose efforts before, during, and after the pageant have made this event a reality and who will remain a vital part of our success in the future. A very special acknowledgement to my husband Eddie for his support and assistance in making our pageant productions a success.

One lovely senior woman will become the new California Queen and for the next year will hold the very coveted title of Ms. Senior California and promote the *Age of Elegance* philosophy. Her year will be filled with travel where she will have the opportunity to advance our mission statement of bringing honor and recognition to all senior Americans. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I look forward to witnessing and sharing in her adventure and excitement.

I will do my very best to continue to grow the Ms. Senior California of America Pageant, honoring our mission, and celebrating the power of being a Senior Woman.

Warmest regards,

*Elvia Harris*

CEO, Ms. Senior California and Senior America California Administrator/Director



# Pageant Program

## Welcome to the Age of Elegance!

**Ms. Senior California of America Director, CEO and Emcee:** Elvia Harris

**Ms. Senior California 2015 Co-Emcee:** Reina Bolles

### The Pledge of Elegance

**Our National Anthem:** Norma Morein, Ms. Senior California 2011

**Pageant Opening Number:** Choreographer, Jack Failla

**Meet Ms. Senior California State Pageant Finalists**

**Musical Interlude:** Senior America Queen, Carolyn Slade-Harden

**Introduction of Judges:** Reina Bolles & Elvia Harris

**Finalists' Presentations:** Philosophy of Life / Modeling of Formal Attire

**Finalists' Presentations:** Talent

**Musical Interlude:** Senior Queen, Carolyn Slade-Harden

**Our Reigning Queen Bids Farewell & Performs:** Mj Wilkerson, Ms. Senior California 2017

**Recognition of Volunteers:** Elvia Harris



### Ms. Senior California State Pageant Awards

**Congeniality Award:** Peggy Padilla

**Talent Award:** Joyce Schumaker

**Third Runner-Up:** Reina Bolles

**Second runner-Up:** Norma Morien

**First Runner-Up:** Carolyn Slade-Harden

**Ms. Senior California 2017:** Mj Wilkerson

**Queen's Walk Song:** Dorcas Preston



# Meet Our 2018 State Finalists



## Pauline Allen

Residence: Anaheim Hills  
| TALENT: Monologue |  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Aspiring senior actress, Life Style model, passionate about working out four times a week, loves white clouds, wearing big bold jewelry, and loves spending time with her grandchildren.



## Joni Brobst

Residence - San Diego |  
TALENT: Vocalist | SPECIAL INTERESTS: Cabaret singer, performer, performing in San Diego Follies, donor. Enjoys physical fitness, pilates, weight training, and hiking. Entertains in senior centers and Retirement Communities.



## Holly Hagen

Residence: San Diego |  
TALENT: Vocalist | SPECIAL INTERESTS: Watercolors, painting pet portraits, dancing, singing, sewing, and gardening. Sings with Retired Teacher's Choir, performed eight years with Starlight and five years with San Diego Follies.



## Mari Lewis

Residence - San Diego |  
TALENT: Vocalist/ Dancer |  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: San Diego Gaslamp Steampunk Expo, San Diego Steampunk and Lady Mari's Costume Walkabout. Has performed in productions of The Wiz, Cabaret, Chicago, All That Jazz, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum. Aerialist in Ringling Brothers/ Barnum & Bailey Circus USA Tour.



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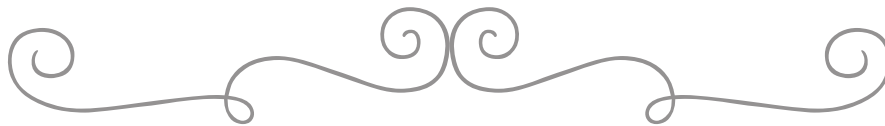
## Cheryta Moss

Residence - National City |  
TALENT: Vocalist | SPECIAL  
INTERESTS: Loves education,  
drawing, sewing, painting,  
writing and loves to sing. Sole  
proprietor of Cherlocks, Sings  
with California Women's Choir,  
Sweet Harmony Chorus, San  
Diego Follies, San Diego's  
Got Talent, Presenting Positive  
Parenting to "Help I'm Going  
To Be A Mommy" Program.



## Rita Pardue

Residence - Pasadena | TALENT:  
Singing/Dancing | SPECIAL  
INTERESTS: KPCC Quality of  
life Committee, Lake Avenue  
Mentoring Program, Operation  
Gratitude, LA River Clean-up/  
Friends of Los Angeles, Little  
League Mom, Grandview  
Presbyterian Church Praise Team  
Singer, Hollywood Bowl Easter  
Choir member, "We Are America"  
musical production performer.



## Lori Stangel

Residence - Lakeside |  
TALENT: Lyrical Dancer |  
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Ballet  
and Contemporary dance,  
Campground host, runs the  
reservations and overseeing  
the campgrounds. Distributes  
essentials to the homeless and  
volunteers at local Food Bank.  
Passionate about teaching  
young children, hula dancing.  
Dancer of the Year, flying and  
archery.



## Judith Naylor-Talbot

Residence - Huntington Beach  
| TALENT: Vocalist | SPECIAL  
INTERESTS: Performing at various  
senior center venues throughout  
Southern California. Personal  
trainer and motivational speaker  
on health and wellness for seniors.  
volunteer worker for children  
with Down Syndrome, community  
service with the Exchange Club.

# Meet Our Ms. Senior California of America, Inc. Board of Directors



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Ms. Senior California Pageant Director

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# Ms. Senior California Royalty

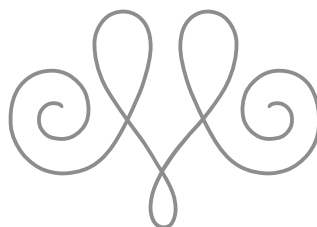
## Over 30 Years of Royalty 1986-2018

The Ms. Senior California Program salutes the former Ms. Senior California Queens. California Royalty members perform at preliminary pageants and the State Pageant, and greet the audience at all the pageants.



Ms. MJ Wilkerson, Ms. Senior California 2017 crowned by Joyce Schumaker, Ms. Senior California 2016

2017 - MJ Wilkerson	2006 - Patricia Starr	1995 - Gloria Perez-Paris
2016 - Joyce Schumaker	2005 - Pamla Vale Abramson	1994 - Ruth Lubin
2015 - Raina Bolles	2004 - Phyllis Lovit	1993 - Undine Wildman
2014 - Dr. Gayla Kalp-Jackson	2003 - Paula Swornay	1992 - Alice Wade
2013 - Alise Richel-Adler	2002 - Dr. Klyda Hill Mahoney	1991 - Jackie Harrison
2012 - Elisabeth Howard, MSA 2012	2001 - Dorcas Preston (MSA 2001)	1990 - Jane Lindsey*
2011 - Norma Morein	2000 - Patti Gallagher (MSA 2000)	1989 - Wilma Self
2010 - Pamela Wheeler	1999 - Donna Nesheim	1988 - Harriet Fox
2009 - Peggy Padilla	1998 - Lida Henne	1987 - Marla Gitterman
2008 - Shirley Pearson	1997 - Dee Lee*	1986 - Elda Barry*, Founder Ms. Senior California
2007 - Susan Cashman	1996 - Frankie Stewart (MSA 1996)	



\*Deceased Queens



CAROLYN SLADE HARDEN

Ms. Senior America National  
Queen of 2017

*Welcome to California!*



Dearest Judith,

Here's wishing you the very  
best of luck in the Ms. Senior  
California Pageant 2018.

We know you are the best:  
Talented, beautiful, and all  
the rest that makes you a  
winner in our eyes.

May the world be your  
oyster.

Love Always,  
your family!



# Rita Pardue

State Finalist



Good Luck, Mom!  
Dan, Jessie & Brian



## ~ DEBBIE HOSTED ~

*Ms. Senior Ventura County 2016*

We bid you a heartfelt adio sweet friend.  
May the angels in heaven bestow upon you  
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*Ms. Wheeler won the  
Ms. Senior California title in 2010!*

# The Judging Process

**Personal Interview: 30%** - Each Contestant meets with a panel of Judges. The judges' task is to select the woman whose personality and interpersonal skills best meet the ideals of Ms. Senior California.

**Evening Gown: 20%** - This segment of the competition allows each woman to demonstrate her poise, grace, and stage presence. The judges look for the contestant who best represents the "Age of Elegance."

**Philosophy Of Life: 20%** - Each contestant shares her Philosophy of Life, timed at 35 seconds, so the judges can develop an insight into her personal beauty.

**Talent: 30%** - Each contestant has the opportunity to demonstrate that the gifts of talent do not diminish with age. Contestants share their unique talents - vocalists, musicians, dancers, poets, comedians, or artist. The judges must determine which woman offers the most vitality to this portion of the competition.



The Mission of the Ms. Senior California Pageant is to celebrate the joy that accompanies the Age of Elegance and inspire women to stretch beyond their reach, give back to their communities, and share their unique gifts with the world.

# Preliminary Pageants for Ms. Senior California of America

The Ms. Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance." It is in search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all senior Americans. The Ms. Senior America philosophy is based upon the belief that seniors are the foundation of America, and our most valuable treasure. It is upon their knowledge, experience, and resources that the younger generations has the opportunity to build a better society.

## 2019 Preliminary Pageants

AREA	VENUE/DATE
Palm Springs	Arthur Newman Theatre, Feb. 9
San Diego	Paradise Village/Founder Hall, March 1
Orange County	Norman Murray Senior Center, March 30
Hollywood	TBA
Ventura County	Goebel Community Center - TBA
Sacramento	TBA



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# Meet Our Esteemed Pageant Judges

## Dodie Steven

Dodie Stevens was a singing prodigy at the age of four. By the time she was seven she began making local TV appearances, and in 1959, at age 13, she had the #1 hit, gold record "Tan Shoes & Pink Shoe Laces". She followed with "Yes, I'm Lonesome Tonight", "No" and "Merry, Merry Christmas Baby", which all hit the Billboard charts in the early 60s. While still in high school, Dodie's career skyrocketed. She appeared on Dick Clark's American Bandstand and starred with Fabian in her first film, "Hound Dog Man", followed by "Convicts Four", starring Ben Gazzara. She also co-starred with Frankie Avalon in "Alakazam The Great", an animated feature film. She continued to record a string of singles and albums, and more TV guest appearances followed, including The Bob Hope Show, and Pat Boone's Chevy Showroom. Dodie also toured worldwide with Fabian, Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello, Paul Anka, Bobby Rydell and many more teen idols from that era. In the early 70s, she joined Sergio Mendes and Brasil '77 touring internationally and recording three albums for A&M Records. She continued to perform in concert with artists such as Harry Belafonte, Boz Scaggs, and Loretta Lynn, including numerous appearances on The Tonight Show, Midnight Special and Solid Gold. For 12 years, she worked exclusively with Mac Davis in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and every major music theater worldwide. During this time, she also appeared in TV specials with Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, and Luther Vandross. In addition, in the 80s, you would have heard Dodie's voice on TV commercials including Sprint and Dole Pineapple. By 1990, she was starring in, as well as co-producing her Doo Wop Revue, "Bop", a high-energy show full of some of the most memorable songs from the early years of rock & roll, including her own hit, "Pink Shoe Laces". For the next few years they worked casinos in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Reno. Shortly thereafter, Dodie began touring with other recording artists from the 50's and 60's and included her talented daughter Stephanie in her shows. They later formed a southern-rock band, "a.k.a. Stevens", singing classic rock & roll and country and co-writing all their originals. They recorded only one album "Outlaw of the Heart", was the opening act for Toby Keith, and worked a variety of venues across the country. During Dodie's career, she has performed in every major city in the U.S. and internationally. Today, Dodie continues to sing with her daughter, making personal appearances in Doo Wop concerts nationwide. She recently appeared on the PBS TV special "At The Drive-In", hosted by her earlier co-star, Fabian, and the TNN special, "Rock & Roll Graffiti". In 2009, she joined her peers in Clear Lake, Iowa at the Surf Ballroom to perform in a 5-day memorial concert, "Fifty Winters Later" (in memory of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper). When Dodie is not performing, she teaches singing and is a performance coach in San Diego which gives her the opportunity to share her expertise and experience in the music industry with the new generation of talent.

## Gloria Smith

Gloria began her musical life at seven-years-old at the knee of her uncle Johnny who introduced her to the piano. Since then, she has never been far from a keyboard and from people who make music. Soon after graduating with a degree in Applied Music from the University of Wyoming, Gloria became the accompanist for the Washington DC Ballet Company. Then she was the accompanist for the Denver Opera Company. When she and her husband, Max moved to La Jolla in 1968, Gloria established herself as a private music teacher and technique coach, her continuing vocation. In 1974, she, her husband and son (Smith Family Trio) joined the Village Vaudeville troupe. For the next two years, she was musical director for the very successful annual show, directing a band that often included the very best jazz "sidemen" in the world. Other "gigs" in Gloria's active music vocation included five years with Toni Michetti's "Show Biz," more than 30 years accompanying the "Three Docs" (La Jolla Drs. Edwards, Kiely and Berkenfield) in their very popular shows all over the Western US. Currently, Gloria accompanies the La Jolla "Village Voices" and continues to specialize in entertaining "senior" communities. Since 2012, Gloria and Marty Murphy have brought musical entertainment to more than five local senior facilities.

# Meet Our Esteemed Pageant Judges

## Carl Mattina, Ph.D.

Since moving to San Diego thirty years ago, Carl Mattina, Ph.D. has had many accomplishments to his credit. Dr. Carl started out as a Certified Massage Therapist and soon earned his Doctorate in Natural Health. He owned and operated his private practice for more than twenty years. He believes and practices preventive medicine. Dr. Carl's passions also lie outside the realm of natural health. Civic Dance Arts offered Carl the opportunity to serve on their Board for more than ten years; five years of which he was President. He appeared in theatrical productions and numerous film roles. He is a featured dancer, freelance choreographer, vocalist and actor. He was recently a finalist in a dance competition for "Dancing with the Stars at Sea" (Holland America Line). Carl received multiple awards including the distinctive "Star Award" for "Outstanding Volunteer" from the Performing Arts League for his dedication to the arts. Carl Mattina continues his volunteerism by helping to prepare meals at "Special Delivery" for those who are ill and housebound.

## Robin Tweed

Robin's career started young singing with the South Bend Symphony at age 8. She grew up in a family of singers and musicians, but together, internationally known as The Tweed Family Singers, they performed across North America and Europe in a variety of venues, including the Billy Graham Crusade. After attending PLNU in San Diego, Robin followed a career in sales, marketing and design. . . She worked in the realms of professional sports teams to resort style pools, luxury yachts and Hermes of Paris. . . evolving later into event producing and styling. As a performer, Robin is a stage & commercial actress, singer, convention/tradeshows talent, print/lifestyle model, voiceover artist, ASL song interpreter and flutist. She has worked on such films as Area 51, Angels and Demons, TV's; Ghost Whisperer, All My Children and for fun, a reality show with John Mayer. Robin is involved with several civic and professional organizations. She has a passion for charity work, Children's Hospital and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Being a 12-year breast cancer survivor, she has walked many a 3-dayer supporting the cause. She has also worked on two "Katrina Hurricane Disaster Relief" Mission trips gutting out homes for survivors. Robin strives to create beauty and excellence in whatever she does. Through years of experience and Divine grace, she has found a certain level of peace, joy and empowerment as a woman encouraging and embracing life as it comes.

## Norm Friesen

Norm Friesen has had an extensive career in classical music, as well as on stage in musical comedies. He is a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Norm sang three years with the U.S. Army Chorus in Washington, D.C., with engagements all around D.C. including the White House. Later he sang with the New York City Opera Company. A favorite avocation was performing for 15 years with the Pro Arte Chamber Singers ensemble in Westport, CT, as well as another 15 years with the Grammy Award winning, all-professional Phoenix Bach Choir. Norm had a career in marketing consulting in New York, Connecticut, Chicago, and many other U.S. cities. He further developed a secondary career in real estate selling properties for corporations that were transferring workers out of the Phoenix area. Norm is now retired and enjoying his volunteer work.

## Vanessa Ratliff (Alternate)

Vanessa's career evolves around the legal field having been educated at the University of San Diego in Paralegal Studies with a B.S. in International Relations. She also studied Political Science in London, England. Vanessa's legal experience is quite extensive with positions in various companies as Senior Paralegal/Litigation Support/Database Manager in both civil and criminal cases. Presently she continues to work as a paralegal and is an instructor in Computer Practice Skills at the University of San Diego.

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# Meet Our Pageant Production Team

State Pageant Director, Emcee	Elvia Harris
Ms. Senior California 2015 Co-Emcee	Reina Bolles
Assistant to State Pageant Director	Cheryl Valenzano
State Pageant Choreographer	Jack Failla
State Pageant Sound Engineer	Ed Harris
USD Operations and Events Manager	Jeffery Huggers
Stage Manager	Joyce Schumaker
Judge's Foreman	Karen Freeman
Pageant Program	Elvia Harris
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Contestant Assistant Chairperson	Liz Keller

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(Designer/creator of my wonderful  
Pageant gowns!)

San Diego Steampunks  
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James Kaminsky

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live this dream!

**Mari Lewis**

Ms. Senior San Diego 2018



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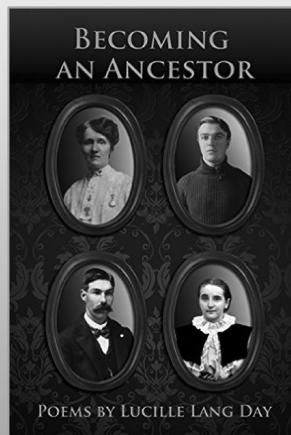
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