

Ms. Virginia Senior America 2017 Pageant



“Putting on the Glitz”



Friday, June 30, 2017

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Reception Immediately Following

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A renowned Washington-area Theater and Dining Critic, Rich was an ardent supporter of the MS. Virginia Senior America Pageant. He served on the Board of Directors and promoted our cause through interviews on his local TV show. He was a generous and genteel man who will be greatly missed.

33rd Anniversary 2017

Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant

Produced by:

The Ms. Virginia Senior America Cameo Club
Annmarie Pittman, State Director

Directed by:

“Kat” Fanelli, Ms. Virginia Senior America 2012

Assisted by Betty Graves, 1st Runner-up 2016

Pageant Host

Jim Seeley

Program Director & Co-Founder of The Fun & Fitness Travel Club



Ms. Senior America Pageant

*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 a search for the gracious lady
who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity
and inner beauty of all senior Americans.*

*The Ms. Senior America Pageant
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 generation
has the opportunity
to build a better
society.*

Dr. Al Mott, Founder
Ms. Senior America, Inc.



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Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor

June 19, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 2017 Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant.

For over three decades, your pageant has honored outstanding women. These women set a high standard of excellence and are a tremendous asset to Virginia and the women participating in this pageant are role models for their communities. Thank you for all that you do to strengthen the Commonwealth.

I send my best wishes for a successful pageant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terence R. McAuliffe".

Terence R. McAuliffe

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MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA CAMEO CLUB

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Christine Waleski		Beverly Wetherbie	



The Fabulous Cameo Jewels

REBECCA TEBBS NUNN
MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA 2016



Leaving is not always a choice, however, I must do so after this phenomenal year representing the senior women of Virginia. Thank you to the judges who gave me this opportunity. I was surprised, humbled, and elated to be crowned Ms. Virginia Senior America 2016. It has been an honor and a privilege to perform with the Cameo Jewels, and to see the happiness and joy our shows have given to those at senior centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, senior expos, fairs, and parades. It's been a pleasure to energize seniors and to let them know that we, over the age of elegance, are still vibrant, vigorous, and have much to give. I have worn this crown on my heart, not on my head. Thank you and God bless!

MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Julie Moore



Pinky O'Neil



Rich Massabny
In Memoriam

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JUDGING PROCEDURES

Interview: One of the most important aspects of the Pageant is for the judges to meet each contestant individually. It is during this personal interview that the judges have an opportunity to observe personality, charm, and conversational ability.

Evening Gown: Clothes don't make a woman, but rather it is the woman who makes the clothes. During this event, the judges seek the contestant whose poise and grace display not only her style of clothes, but also her style of life.

Inner Beauty: Physical beauty is recognized, but the Pageant seeks to emphasize that true beauty is a matter of insight as well as eyesight. Each contestant is given the opportunity to present a statement which conveys her "philosophy of life."

Talent: The talent presentation is an integral part of the Pageant. It is designed to encourage talent from music to art to homemaking, and demonstrates that these gifts do not diminish with age.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Ms. Virginia Senior America organization offers a Community Service Award to honor the contestant who excels in volunteer service in her community. This optional event is judged independently from the rest of the Pageant. The contestant chosen for this award need not be a Pageant finalist. To qualify she must submit a short essay describing her activity and supply supportive information to substantiate her involvement. The selection is made prior to the Pageant and the selected contestant is recognized at the Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant. Prior recipients of this award include: Dorothy Russ, Beverly Wetherbie, Barbara Guerrieri, Patricia Torrence King, Jackie Bong-Wright, Suzann Howe, Nancy Lee Martin, Mary Sunbeam, Betty Mann, Suzi Athanas, Linda F. Huntley, Louise Wade, Debbi Miller, Jerry Reed, and Frances Adams.

Seen here is the 2016 Community Service Award winner, Frances Adams (right), with Annmarie Pittman to present the award's cash portion to the President of the Powhatan Women's Club. Frances won this year's award for her work teaching young children to swim at the Powhatan YMCA.



MEET THE JUDGES

Clarice Patricia Evans-Carter, an Ethics Specialist with the Federal Government until retiring 7 years ago after serving 36 years, attended Northern Virginia and Prince Georges' Community Colleges. Clarice believes in giving back and is very active in her community and church. She serves on the Fairfax County Senior Citizens Council, and has extensive leadership involvement in various programs originating through the Gum Springs Community Center. She is an active Metro Church member and also serves as a board member with the Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizen's Club. Clarice is a Fairfax County native, where she and her husband still reside. She has two adult children and a granddaughter of whom she is very proud.

Robert (Bob) Wetherbie retired from the Army in 1981 and subsequent assignments as an engineer with Lockheed Martin and several other companies. Bob and his wife Beverly live in Aberdeen, N.C., and have been involved with Senior America since 2001. Beverly was Ms. Virginia Senior America 2005. Bob is a graduate of New York Photography Institute where he specialized in general, portrait, and wedding photography. He owned a photography business and was Virginia's pageant photographer until the family's move to Aberdeen.

Yvonne J. Batal is a fashion-forward interior designer and owner of Hauteline Design. She is also an award-winning international United Airlines purser, having traveled the globe part-time for 31 years. She was a competitive skier and now volunteers for the International Olympic Committee and FIS World Cup circuit. She is married to John Batal and they have 3 children in college. The family proudly supports the charities BEST Kids (mentoring underprivileged children in D.C.), EBeauty (a cancer wig exchange national program) and Life with Cancer. Yvonne is an avid skier and golfer.

Alternate Judge Carl J. Jackson is a retired FBI agent with 27 years of service. His career included assignments involving the illegal drug trade originating in Columbia, South America, and other high profile drug cases. He is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. Mr. Jackson is an avid bowler and is the father of two boys and a daughter. He is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

JUDGE MONITORS & TIME KEEPERS

Elsie Bartlett—Fairfax Station, Virginia, Ms. Virginia Senior America 1997

Donald Bartlett—Fairfax Station, Virginia

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD JUDGES

Carolyn Chappell—President, Fairfax Rotary Education Foundation

Mary Lee Anderson—Executive Director, Senior Services of Alexandria

MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2017

PROGRAM

"Putting on the Glitz"

National Anthem _____ Ronnie Hardcastle
"Putting on the Glitz" _____ Class of 2017
Host _____ Jim Seeley
Welcome _____ Annmarie Pittman, Director, MVSA
"The Creation" _____ Rebecca Tebbs Nunn, MVSA 2016
"Hello Dolly" _____ Jim Seeley, Ronnie Hardcastle, & Benny Robles
Evening Gown & Philosophy of Life Competition _____ Class of 2017
Introduction of Judges _____ Jim Seeley
Dance Performance _____ Snappy Tappers
Talent Competition _____ Class of 2017
"She's Got You" _____ Rebecca Tebbs Nunn, MVSA 2016
Dance Performance _____ Snappy Tappers
Ms. Senior America 2014 & MVSA 2014 _____ Patsy Hockaday
Specialty Performance _____ Tambourines
2016 Queen's Farewell Remarks _____ Rebecca Tebbs Nunn
Contestants on Stage _____ Class of 2017
Presentation to the Winner _____ Ms. Congeniality Award
Presentation to the Winner _____ Community Service Award
Pageant Winners Presentations (by placement):

5th Runner Up; 4th Runner Up; 3rd Runner Up;

2nd Runner Up; 1st Runner Up and

Coronation of Ms. Virginia Senior America 2017

Ms. Senior America Theme Song Written & Sung
By Dr. Al Mott, Founder, Senior America Pageant.

(Patrons please remain off-stage while formal photographs are taken.
Instead—join us in the lobby for the queen's reception, raffle prize
winner announcements, refreshments and more photographs.)

CONTESTANTS

In Order of Appearance



CHERYL DAVIS

Age 68
Heathsville
Talent: Singer



BONNIE FAIRBANK

Age 76
Alexandria
Talent: Living History of
Women Monologue



VICTORIA PEREIRA

Age 64
Alexandria
Talent: Dancer



LILCHY HUFFMAN

Age 70
Staunton
Talent: Singer

CONTESTANTS

In Order of Appearance

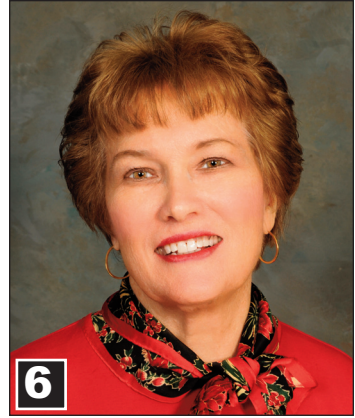


AVIS BRACEY

Age 60

Woodbridge

Talent: Social Activist



BARBARA BARON

Age 78

McLean

Talent: Piano Soloist

MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2017 SUPPORTERS

CAMEO CLUB BOOSTERS

Debra Graves Alexander	Franklin Burton
Clarice Evans-Carter	Simon Contreras
Sam Fanelli	Anita Geffinger
Mark Lappin	Yvonne M. Little
Squire Muse	

BACK STAGE STAFF

Anita Geffinger	Suzanne Howe
Yvonne M. Little	Becky Tebbs Nunn
Beverly Wetherbie	

BACK STAGE HANDS

Mark Lappin	"Spike" Nunn
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BOX OFFICE/GREETERS/USHERS

Chair—Christine Waleski	
George Waleski	RSVP Volunteers

RECEPTION

Irene Burton

PICK THE WINNER

Here is your own personal scorecard so you may pick the winner. Remember, the contestants are judged within the following categories: Personal Interview, Philosophy of Life, Evening Gown, and Talent. The judges do personal interviews in private so you may only judge philosophy, evening gown, and talent.

CONTESTANT	PHILOSOPHY	GOWN	TALENT	TOTAL
1. Cheryl Davis				
2. Bonnie Fairbank				
3. Victoria Pereira				
4. Lilchy Huffman				
5. Avis Bracey				
6. Barbara Baron				

Additional Notes:

*Best Wishes to the
2017 Contestants
Ms. Virginia Senior America*



Patrícia 'Patsy' Hockaday

Ms. Senior America 2014

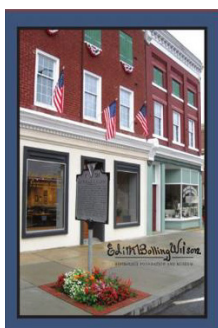
Ms. Virginia Senior America 2014

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the 2017 Ms. Virginia Senior America*

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New Jersey

Family

Nephew George

&

Great Nephews

Kevin & Colin



"Shushi" We Love You



3-year-old Kevin draws
"Shushi Rainbows"

The Best of Luck—Friends at Staunton Trinity Episcopal

Church



Deidre, Laurie & Robert



Linda, Hunter, Alex, & Janis



Annette--Churchville
Friend (2013 Pageant)

Congratulations
Ms. Virginia Senior America Contestants
Class of 2017



Gene Shirley Richey
Author
of
"DANCING MY WAY THROUGH HELL!"



Lilchy

Wishing you lots of luck in
the 2017 Ms. Virginia
Senior America Pageant

Love, Jane



Meet My Cousin Lilchy

- Born in Richmond, she is a 12th generation Virginian with her ancestors coming to Jamestown in 1610.
- A Sister, A Great-Aunt.
A graduate of Bridgewater College and UVA.
Retired Home Economics Teacher.
- An avid traveler, has been to all 50 states and 36 foreign countries.
- The summer of 1992, she taught English in China.
- Has always lived in Virginia except for the 11 years in PA, WA, AL, DE Guam, Japan, and Germany.
- A lifelong Episcopalian, she is very active at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton.
- Adores cats & adopted/rescued her Max and Annie.
- Loves rainbows, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and her beloved Virginia.

*Jane
and
Lilchy*



Victoria Pereira



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to our friend and neighbor.***

Best Wishes to the Class of 2017 Contestants



JANIS THOMAS
MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA 2015

*A warm welcome to the newest members of the
Ms. Virginia Senior America's Cameo Club.
an organization of outstanding women.*



MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA OUR QUEENS 1984 - 2015

Dorothy Gantt, 1984

Mary Barkley, 1987

Gervais Brekke, 1988

Barbara Gladd, 1990

Mary Jenkins, 1991

Rommie Behrens, 1992

Alvine Bethune, 1993

Babs Hillenbrand, 1994

Virginia Ann Freeman, 1995

Pinky O'Neil, 1996

Elsie Bartlett, 1997

Annmarie Pittman, 1998

Joyce Reilly Clautice, 1999

Shelby Jean Byrd Clark, 2000

Olivia W. Martin, 2001

Ruby Turner, 2002

Olga Jevtich, 2003

Jackie Bong-Wright, 2004

Beverly Wetherbie, 2005

Nancy Lee Martin, 2006

Brenda Brokaw, 2007

Ruth Barnett, 2008

Maureen Ribble, 2009

Linda Huntley, 2010

Louise Wade, 2011

Kathy Fanelli, 2012

Debbi Miller, 2013

Patsy Hockaday, 2014

Janis Thomas, 2015

Rebecca Tebbs Nunn, 2016

*All my love to the candidates for
Ms. Virginia Senior America 2017!*



*Debbi Miller
Ms. Virginia Senior America 2013
Ms. Senior Virginia USA 2016-17*

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MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA CONTESTANTS
CLASS OF 2017



"KAT" FANELLI
MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA
2012

Congratulations
to the Candidates for
Ms. Virginia Senior America 2017



Beverly A. Wetherbie
Ms. Virginia Senior America 2005
North Carolina State Co-Director

*“Life is a gift!
Wrap it with joy, tie it with hugs, and
pass it on with a smile.”*

Congratulations to the Class of 2017



Jackie Bong-Wright

**Ms. Virginia Senior America 2004
Gold Medal “Liberty” Award 2008
from Ms. Senior America**

★ ★

To All the Ms. VA Senior America Pageant Contestants

I Wish You a Wonderful Experience!



Olga Jevtich

Ms. Virginia Senior America 2003

★ ★

Joyce Reilly Clautice

Ms. Senior America 1999

Ms. Virginia Senior America 1999



Joyce and husband, Bill

***Congratulations to Each Contestant For
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Remember

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then your body can achieve it.

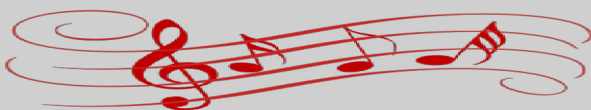
WELCOME
2017 Contestants
Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant

Annmarie Pittman
State Director



Mark & Annmarie

***"Dream Your Dance,
Dance Your Dream"***



*Best of Luck to This Year's
Ms. Virginia Senior America Contestants*



*Elsie Bartlett
Ms. Virginia Senior America 1997*



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Congratulations and Good Luck

Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant

Class of 2017



Cameo Club member, Frances Adams, sits for a photograph on a float at the prestigious Annual Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester, Virginia.

At the 2014 Staunton Pageant Parade, Frances Adams posed on a train caboose's rear platform—"Left my boots on the pageant stage, took the train."





*Good Luck Lilchy in the 2017
Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant*

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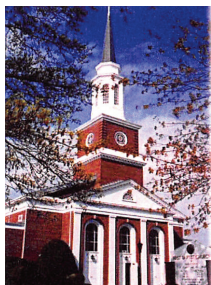
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Barbara Baron

and all

2017 Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant

Contestants

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Betty Ann Crews Graves
2016 First Runner-Up
and
Ms. Congeniality

*A wild Irish white stallion appears in a background of blue,
What Irish Luck—to be there in that time and place!*



Skye Road, Clifden, County Mayo, Ireland

Cheryl

*May Irish luck arise for you in this time and place—wishing you
good luck in your quest to become Ms. Virginia Senior America 2017.*



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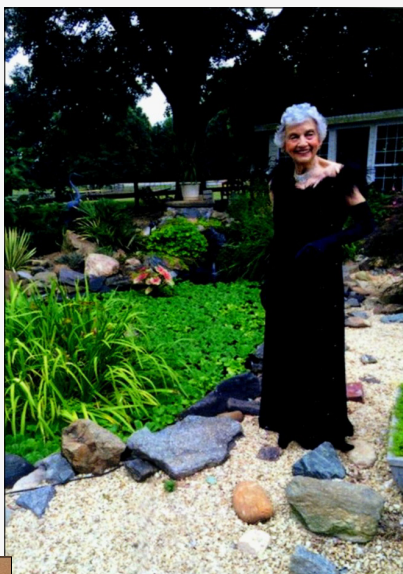


BEST OF LUCK

MS. VIRGINIA SENIOR AMERICA CONTESTANTS

CLASS OF 2017

After receiving the Ms. Congeniality award, Frances Adams poses in her black gown following the 2014 Pageant in Staunton, Virginia.



Frances is shown at the Virginia State House with Governor McAuliffe, and her friend Waverly, as she and other docents receive service honors. Frances, with 34 years of continuous service, received special recognition as having served the longest. Not seen, beyond the photograph, is Virginia's First Lady, Dorothy McAuliffe.

Congratulation and Good Luck
Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant Contestants
Class of 2017



Frances Adams

The Virginia Cameo Club traveled to the Powhatan Women's Club in Powhatan, Virginia, to present Frances Adams the 2016 Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant's "Community Service Award". Ms. Adams, the second runner-up in the 2016 Pageant, won this year's community service award for her work through the Women's Club teaching young children to swim at the Powhatan YMCA. Frances is shown with her certificate as Annmarie Pittman, the Pageant's State Administrator, presents the award check to club president Ms. Marcia Pflugrath.

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to
Cheryl Brown Davis***



Artistic Director Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis & the Chesapeake Chorale

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