

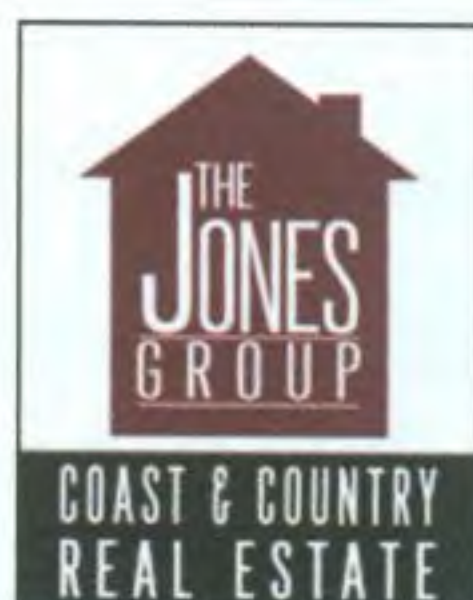
**2018
FEAST OF LANTERNS
PRESENTING SPONSORS**



**J.R. ROUSE
&
JAN PRATT**



**Maureen
Mason**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to celebrate 60 years of the Royal Court with Pacific Grove. It is my great honor to serve Butterfly Town USA as the president of the Feast of Lanterns. The board has planned many special additions for this anniversary year!

For this diamond anniversary there are two costumes being dedicated. Princess Emerald, the most popular princess costume is being dedicated to Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke. For her years of service as the Matriarch for Pacific Grove's oldest tradition. The Feast of Lanterns began in 1905 and was formally revived in 1958 by Elmarie. She formed the Royal Court as we see it today. The second costume being dedicated is Princess Turquoise to Marabee Rush Boone, Princess Turquoise 1961, Pageant Director and Board Member Emeritus. Marabee has been volunteering for the Feast of Lanterns since 1958 and has served as Pageant Director 35 times. Their love for Pacific Grove rooted the Feast of Lanterns in our town's history and made this a celebration that will last for many generations.

This year the main events for the Feast of Lanterns are divided into two weekends. Please join us for Feast week July 20 – 28, 2018: Opening Ceremonies, Feast of Flavors, Feast of Dancing, Pet Parade, Queen Mom's Tea, and Pageant Day at Lovers Point. As we honor the past the pageant will be the closing event for Feast week as it was the Closing Ceremonies for the Chautauqua Assembly.

Lanterns from all nations make a brighter world! The Feast of Lanterns is a multi-cultural and inclusive event that celebrates the history of Pacific Grove. It was part of the Chautauqua Movement which celebrated the United States as a melting pot, a nation of immigrants. Like lantern festivals all over the world, the Feast shares the universal theme of celebrating the light within. We are all lighted lanterns and our world needs that light more than ever. Queen Topaz, Scholar Chang and the Royal Court are the best of our community and they serve as ambassadors to our town as they reign. The Feast of Lanterns refines them as leaders and historians, so that they can make our world a better place.

May we all remember the light as we celebrate together at Lovers Point on Feast Day and watch "Queen Topaz Escapes." Queen Topaz and Scholar Chang transform into Monarch Butterflies and we all carry our lighted lanterns. Celebrating the transformational power of LOVE.

Kaye Coleman

President, Feast of Lanterns



Virginia and Kaye Coleman, 1993



Joni and Kaye Coleman, 2005



Photo: Melissa McNitt of Mel's View Photography