

## **SHORT BIOS FOR 'CERTIFIED' JUDGES FOR MISS MISSOURI LOCAL PAGEANTS**

(See "Contact Information List" for details and Certification dates)

### **ERMA JEAN ARMSTRONG**

- \* Background as a Registered Nurse; now retired
- \* Co-Director of the Miss Moberly Pageant & experienced judge
- \* Active in church, member of DAR & VFW Auxiliary;
- \* Married to Carl & mother of 2 sons (one who just returned from the middle East)

### **BRIAN CALFANO**

- \* Associate Professor of Political Science, Missouri State University
- \* Ph.D. from University of North Texas State University
- \* Enjoys music, football, history, and flying
- \* Experienced judge

### **LUCAS CASE**

- \* Publicist for several entertainers and politicians
- \* Contributor to Huffington Post News Agency
- \* Played piano professionally, and judged numerous talent contests in Nashville, TN
- \* Aspiring political servant / elected official

### **CONNIE (MAXWELL) COX**

- \* BA in Political Science from James Madison University
- \* Co-owns (with husband, Rob) an accounting firm in Mexico
- \* Board member of the Mexico Chamber of Commerce & Mexico Jaycees
- \* New mother to a baby boy, William, born in June of 2012

### **CAROLYN DRAGOO**

(No resume on file)

### **LAYLA EARL**

- \* Graduate degrees in Business Admin & HealthCare Service Admin; Undergrad degrees in Vocal Perf. & Mathematics
- \* 20 year healthcare and insurance executive
- \* Performed professionally the roles of Eponine; Belle and Despina
- \* Very active with my church and volunteering within my community

### **SUSAN FIELDLER**

- \* Has served for 16 years as an administrative assistant for the Springfield Public Schools
- \* Is a Cheerleader and Pep Club sponsor
- \* Co-Director for the Springfield Area pageant(s) for Miss Missouri & Missouri's Outstanding Teen
- \* Has judged many pageant programs in 5 states

### **DON FITZGERALD**

- \* Graduate of Central MO State with a degree in Commercial Arts
- \* Involved in various aspects of pageantry for the past 23 years
- \* Works as a freelance designer and building contractor
- \* Married and lives in Richmond; Dad to Lacey Fitzgerald (Miss MO 2008)

### **LEODIA GOOCH**

- \* Earned her Juris Doctorate degree in Law (now retired)
- \* Former advocate for social justice
- \* Former Director of Human Rights for Archdiocese of St. Louis
- \* Former model

### **TINA GOOLSBY**

- \* Bachelor degree in Computer Information Systems from Columbia College.
- \* Director of the Phelps County Fair, Holiday Pageant and Miss Route 66 programs in Rolla, Missouri.
- \* Outstanding Teen director for the Miss Pulaski County Scholarship Program in Waynesville, MO
- \* Member of Toastmasters International

### **DANA HESINGTON**

- \* Graduate of University of Kentucky with a degree in Diabetes Education
- \* Mother of six boys
- \* Founder of Pro Life Center, serving the counties of Barry, Lawrence, and Stone.
- \* Judged both local and stage pageants in the Miss America and Miss USA systems

### **REBECCA HOCKER**

- \* 38 years of experience with the Miss Moberly Pageant
- \* 10 years of substitute teaching / retired with 31 years of experience with Wal-Mart;
- \* Volunteer with charitable fund raiser(s)
- \* Training in Flute

### **STEVE HUSTER**

- \* Graduated from Florissant Valley Comm. College/American Institute of Banking with a degree in Banking & Finance
- \* Employed by CitiMortgage as Assistant VP in the Investor Support Division
- \* Part-time reporter for the website MoSports.com, covering Missouri H.S. sports
- \* Chairman of the past four (5 year) class reunions of my High School

### **DENA JONES**

- \* Graphic Designer for national advertising company
- \* Former Phelps County Junior Miss (H.S. senior)
- \* Avid pageant fan since childhood
- \* Pageant mom of 11 year old daughter

### **ASHLEY (HICKEY) KILE**

- \* Former 3-time title holder in the Miss MO Pageant; 'Top 10' finalist in 2006
- \* Master's degree in Educ. Admin., Taught Elementary school for 6 years
- \* Background in classical piano
- \* Stay-at-home mom, but also teach pre-school and report news for Lake TV station

### **JEFF KILE**

- \* Bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education (MU); Master's in Educ. Admin. (Wm Woods)
- \* Currently the Band Director at School of the Osage Middle and High School(s)
- \* Assists with the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Pageant (Production & talent consultant)
- \* Married to Ashley (Hicks) former Miss MO contestant

### **AMBER LANGSTON**

- \* Former member of board for Miss North Central Arkansas Pageant
- \* Former director of Miss N.C. Arkansas Princess pageant and Darlings of the Ozarks
- \* Wardrobe pageant consultant for Rebekah Lane Formalwear of Harrison, Ark.
- \* Graphic and Web Design degree from Univ. of AR, currently employed with Bass Pro General Offices in Springfield

### **KAY LATTA**

- \*Bachelor's degree from Hannibal-LaGrange College (Organizational Management), 2001
- \*Worked for 24 years with the Dept. of Social Services, State of MO (retired)
- \*Case Management Specialist for GAMM, Inc (Career Center)
- \*Hobbies include clogging (26+ years)

### **SUSAN GHEENS MAGNUS**

- \*English, Journalism, Speech & Theatre teacher for 30 years (now retired)
- \*Cheer Coach for 33 years & member of MO Cheerleading Coaches Ass'n. & Judged competitions
- \*Been a member of many different scholarship panels
- \*Have been attending the Miss MO Pageant since Debbye Turner was crowned

### **ROBIN (RILEY) MARTIN**

- \* Miss MO 1987; 'Top 10' finalist at the 1988 Miss America Pageant;
- \* Professional singer, dancer & actress for 20 years (Worked at Disney World & Universal Studios-Orlando)
- \* BFA in Dance from Stephens College;
- \* New York trained certified Pilates Instructor & owner of Pilates of Columbia

### **SHARI McCALLISTER**

- \* Executive Director of the Miss Texas County Pageant
- \* Has judged numerous local pageants; Currently V.P. of the MO Local Pageant Association
- \* Owner of D&L Florist for over 22 years. Published designer in floral magazines
- \* Recipient of the Sam Walton Business Leader Award

### **DEBRA (DANIELS) McDANNOLD**

- \* Miss Arizona Teen USA in 1979, and Miss Arizona 1982
- \* 'Top 10' finalist at the 1982-83 Miss America Pageant
- \* Host of Talk Show, "Powder River Review"
- \* Training in Dance & Gymnastics, Motivational Speaker

### **TONI MESSINA**

- \* Graduated from the University of Missouri with degrees in Journalism and Public Administration
- \* Currently employed with the City of Columbia, Missouri in the fields of intergovernmental relations, history and heritage
- \* First year of judging pageants; also certified as a Missouri Quality Examiner and National History Day judge
- \* Married for 38 years

### **BEVERLY MEUSCHKE**

*(No resume on file)*

### **J.E. (GENE) MEUSCHKE**

- \*Board Member of Miss Audrain Pageant
- \*Member of American Cancer Board of Directors (Audrain County)
- \*Business Manager & Personnel Manager (40+ years)
- \*Worked with pageants for 20+ years

### **LESLIE MEYER**

- \* Graduate of Univ. of Central MO, with a degree in Journalism and minor in Speech Communications
- \* Currently employed as the sales manager for KWWR and KXEO radio station(s)
- \* Have served on the Miss Audrain Pageant Board for 3 years
- \* Married for 11 years with 2 daughters and 1 son

### **KENDELL MISEMER**

- \* Involved 20 years in pageant system. Director of Miss Maryville, Miss NW, Miss NW Counties & Outstanding Teen
- \* Diversified farmer: cattle, hogs, raw crops
- \* Missouri Western State University Alumni Board for 30 years
- \* Single and likes to dance

### **SEANICA REINEKE-OTTERBY**

- \* Bachelors of Journalism degree, University of Nebraska
  - \* Previous local title holder / Miss Missouri Pageant
  - \* 20 years of experience in dance (competitive dancer for 15 years)
- (Not eligible to judge Miss, but would like to Judge O.T.)*

### **CORKY REINEKE**

- \* Involved as director, judge, parent in MAO since 1989
- \* Undergrad degree in vocal music; Masters in Early Child Education
- \* Competitive dance mom for 19 years
- \* Employed as Parent Educator with Parents As Teachers

### **PAM RICHTER**

*(No resume on file)*

### **LAUREN STATHEM-RYAN**

- \*Graduated with Master's in Business, emphasis in Accounting from Maryville University
- \*Has studied Dance for 18+ years
- \*Accounting Manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- \*Competed in the Miss MO Pageant system for several years & was a "Top 5 Finalist" to Miss MO 2006

**GREG SORELL**

- \*Master's Degree in Bus. Admin.; Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theater (Educ.)
- \*Certified judge with the MAO for many years; Judged numerous local pageants
- \*Married
- \*Veteran of the US Air Force - Firefighter

**PAWNEE STATHEM**

*(No Resume on File)*

**TERRI TOMLIN**

- \*Active in the Girl Scout Organization; Board of Directors & Lifetime member
- \*College graduate in Business Administration, and former Health Insurance career
- \*Member of local and state School Board(s)
- \*Local Pageant Director for the Miss Jackson Pageant

**CURTIS TITE**

*(No Resume on file)*

**KATHLEEN BEEZLEY-TITE**

*(No Resume on file)*

**MELANIE UTTERBACK**

- \* Graduate of U of MO with a degree in Agribusiness Mgt & minor in Hotel and Restaurant Mgt.
- \* Currently employed at Brenda Wilburn Crop Insurance
- \* Have served on the Miss Audrain Board for 1 year
- \* Married to husband Andy for little over 1 year

**WENDY WHITE**

- \* Currently employed with the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce as the Executive Director;
- \* Graduated from Central MO State University with a Master's degree in Educ. Admin.
- \* Background in Business, Education and Marketing;
- \* Executive Director of the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Pageant

**BARB WILKEN**

- \* Master's Degree in Education; Retired Reading Specialist
- \* Have served in the Miss America System 30 years
- \* Board of Miss Missouri Outstanding Teen 2005 to Present
- \* Married and actively volunteering in community

**JOHN WILKINS**

*(No Resume on File)*

**DAWN WILLIAMS**

- \* Magnum Cum Laude grad from Widener Univ. with BA in English and minor in Creative Writing & Secondary Ed.
- \* Currently Executive Director for Miss Columbia Scholarship Pageant, Columbia, MO
- \* Retired Teacher - Jr. & High School English, Speech and Drama Teacher.
- \* Married for 30+ years with 1 married son & 1 Daughter (Amanda, former MMO finalist)