

Statements from Committee Members Running for Chair and Vice Chair

Melinda Lowery, Costa Mesa Historical Preservation Committee:

I would like to chair the 60th committee because I bring my excitement about Costa Mesa and want to help showcase her assets while giving the citizens and visitors a time to remember.

For the last four years I have been a member of the Historical Preservation Committee of the city. I am thrilled that Costa Mesa is a city where its people care about and try to preserve as much of the history as is possible. I have learned so much and am honored to be able to share with the whole city.

My qualifications are:

I work well with people and groups. I listen to all of the opinions of all of the people and then help to build a consensus that reflects the ideas of the group.

I was the chair of My college's Commencement Ceremony. I worked with a committee to: procure vendors, worked out logistics, design and send out invitations. We researched Hood's history and found out that there used to be a champagne breakfast for the graduates, we revived it and now it is a custom that continues today. We started a new tradition of a sleepover for the graduates the night of the commencement; It gave old friends a way to celebrate and to say farewell to each other, a good time was had by all.

I was an ombudsman for my husband's naval command (a liaison between the command and the families). As such, I wore many hats from getting a member home for compassionate leave, to helping a new mom get helpers for her older children so she had time to meet the needs of her baby and to get needed rest. I became a successful problem solver.

As a member of the Officer's wives club, at many different duty stations, I worked on committees and headed some of them. We wrote a newsletter to keep families who did not live in the area to keep them in the loop during deployments and to let them know about resources that were available to them. We started pre and post deployment seminars to help families to cope with the challenges of long deployments and the difficulties of homecoming. I am proud to say that these are used now by all of the services and held for both families and the service members.

I returned to school to earn my teaching credential and Masters in education. I learned to teach to students with different learning styles. I

loved being able to create an end of the year project, teach the lessons that would make the students successful and then enjoy reading and grading the completed projects. My specialty is high school social sciences

I have excellent leadership and organizational skills. I have experience with contacting vendors not only for donations, but also to purchase goods at the best price:

as a lecturer at church I have no problem speaking to large groups. I love to research to find the best way to carry out a plan. I can speak clearly, to people about all stages of a project.

I can both praise and give constructive criticism to the people I work with.

I have time to devote to this committee because I am now disabled with RA and no longer teach.

One of my most successful projects is that both, of my children are lawyers and I was their first teacher. (smile)

I hope that you will consider me for chair of the 60th celebration. I look forward to serving you!

Mike Scheafer, Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor Lions Club:

I would like to formally submit my name as Chair for the Anniversary Committee. I feel I am uniquely qualified, with a vast ledger of past experience chairing events such as this. I have chaired a number of Lions Clubs celebrations and conventions, including State and International committees. Additionally I have chaired our local District Lions convention on 5 separate occasions. All of these events take a considerable amount of planning and preparation. In every case, I and my committees had tremendous success.

Locally, I have chaired the Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor Lions Fish Fry for the last 10+ years. We have had a very successful track record for over 65 years. I was very instrumental in resurrecting the event after we suffered a lawsuit. I believe my efforts were critical in establishing the great relationship the Lions and the City of Costa Mesa now possess.

As a former Costa Mesa City Councilmember, and current Director of the CM Sanitary District, I have a number of personal relationships with people in the community and our surrounding community. These relationships will go a long way to insure we have a monumental event(s).

A resident of Costa Mesa since 1958 I would be honored to chair this event. I have been in Costa Mesa to witness most of the dramatic occasions and tremendous growth and success that has taken place. I feed cows at the corner of Adams and Harbor, when it was just a field. I played at the Santa Ana Army Airbase while my father taught my Mom to drive. Costa Mesa is in my blood, and I have served this community in many ways. I would relish the opportunity to continue to serve in this capacity. As a self-employed insurance agent, I have the time to take on the Chairmanship.

Finally, I turn 60 myself in 2013. Born in Newport Beach, and started in Laguna Beach, but once we moved to Costa Mesa it became and still is, my hometown.

Thanks again for receiving this note. I look forward to serving on the Anniversary Committee in any way I am needed.