



Welcome Friends and Camellia Festival Volunteers to the 75th Annual Camellia Festival Kick-Off Breakfast.

On behalf of the Camellia Festival Executive Board, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful event that brings our community together. For seventy-five (75) years, the Camellia Festival has been a source of pride for our community and I am honored to serve as this year's General Chairman.

In 1944, the Temple City Women's Club began a tradition that has been ongoing for three quarters of a century, providing a wonderful community experience for all. Like many of you, I know the excitement of marching in the Camellia Parade and being a part of the Camellia Festival. I feel so blessed to be taking part in the coordinated effort that helps others have that wonderful experience as well. Seeing our neighbors come out and cheer for our friends and families is one of the best parts of the Temple City community. This year's Theme Winner, Giordano Camera, is in eighth (8th) grade at Oak Avenue Intermediate and is a four (4) time Theme Winner. He has captured the essence of this year's Festival with the theme of **"75 YEARS OF KIDS, CAMELLIAS & CARNIVALS."**

Tens of thousands of people have marched in the Camellia Parade over the past 74 years and the list of past Grand Marshals is impressive. We knew that this year's Grand Marshal must be very special, and we gave a lot of thought as to who we should honor. Since 1925, the Temple City Women's Club has been working to, "...promote cultural and philanthropic work among its members, and to develop interest in civic, social, and educational areas of the community." **We are pleased to thank the Temple City Women's Club for all that they do for our community, and are honoring them this year as our 75th Annual Camellia Festival Grand Marshal.**

*We are also delighted to announce our **Honorary Grand Marshal, Christina Salvo**, an alumni of Longden Elementary and Oak Avenue Intermediate. She has gone on to make Temple City proud as she serves as one of the Channel 7 News Weekend Morning co-anchors on ABC. Her passion to help others shows in her charity work and commitment to the community. She has visited Longden Elementary School to talk to students and recently she celebrated Oak Avenue Intermediate on a segment called "In Your Community." We are honored to have Christina Salvo as our 75th Honorary Grand Marshal.*

Lastly, we want to acknowledge and honor each of **you**, our community of family, friends, and volunteers. You are amazing representatives of the spirit of Temple City. This wonderful annual endeavor would not be possible without the support and commitment of our phenomenal community members who work tirelessly to ensure that the Camellia Festival is a success. I hope that all of you share in the joy and warm feeling of community pride as we work together to make this year's Camellia Festival spectacular. Again, thank you so much for all you do to make the Camellia Festival and Temple City the home that my family and I love so dearly.

I am deeply honored, humbled, and overjoyed to have the opportunity to be the General Chairman of the 75th Camellia Festival, thank you. I hope to help make this year's festival worthy of the title of, **"75 years of Kids, Camellias, and Carnivals."**

Jessica Goold
General Chairman
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