

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

MATT BYERS



On behalf of the Camellia Festival Committee, Matt would like to thank all of you for choosing to be a part of the most magical and memorable “Musical” event of the year. It is the volunteerism of our wonderful community that creates the “Home of the Camellias”. Growing up in Temple City, he was influenced by the many volunteer coaches, teachers and advisors, like the ones who will participate in the 81st Temple City Camellia Festival Parade. Their investment in him led to a 40-plus-year career which allowed him to influence and encourage the youth of our city. His story is one that can be shared by many of you here today.

Matt Byers is a Retired Director of Vocal Arts, T.C.U.S.D. and a graduate of Temple City Schools, P.C.C. and Cal State, Los Angeles, he returned to the TCUSD in 1984 developing a district-wide vocal arts program that was featured through various avenues of production all around the world. He directed choirs covering grades 4 through 12, was the co-founder of the Temple City Summer Musical/Drama Workshop, the Temple City Junior Honor Choir and the Temple City Performing Arts Academy. He was selected as Los Angeles County’s “Teacher Of The Year” for 2016. He has marched in over 40 Camellia Parades as a student and advisor, including as as Grand Marshal of the Virtual Parade in 2021, Honorary Grand Marshal in 1998 and again in 2022 with Co-Grand Marshal Bert Ferntheil! Matt resides in Pasadena, along with his bride Sheri, enjoying time with his 6 children, sons in law and grandchildren!

Matt thanks you all for being a part of this 81st Camellia Festival Celebration!

