



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **King and Queen Candidates Already Successful in Fundraising for LAEF**

**Seal Beach, CA** – With several weeks left in the campaign, the King and Queen of Hearts candidates have already fundraised over \$52,000 for the Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF). This is \$12,000 more than the entirety of last year's debut campaign and much more fundraising is set to take place. The King and Queen who raise the most funds will be crowned at the Royal Ball and Coronation gala on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach.

Candidate fundraisers are taking place every week and the community is invited to participate. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, support LAHS Counselor Tina Heeren by eating at On The Rocks restaurant (12752 Valley View, Garden Grove) where 15% of all sales will go to her campaign and LAEF.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, jump in the Southland Credit Union Cash Booth at Rossmoor Carwash from 8:00-2:00. Make a \$20 donation to Tom Lent's campaign and you get 15 seconds to grab as much cash as you can.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, join a wine tasting event for school board member Dr. Jeff Barke in which \$25 gets you tastes of many award winning wines. The event will take place from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the home of fellow school board member Karen Russell. Tickets are available to purchase on the LAEF website at [www.LAEF4Kids.org/jeff-barke](http://www.LAEF4Kids.org/jeff-barke).

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, head to Duke and Duchess clothing store (9091 Walker Street, Cypress) for a shopping event supporting Tina Heeren and Jeff Barke from 5-8 p.m. A \$15 donation gets you 15% off all purchases and 15% of sales go to LAEF. Refreshments will be served as well.

Students at Los Alamitos Elementary School and McAuliffe Middle School will participate in class fundraising competitions to benefit McAuliffe Principal Annie Allen's bid for queen. Students at Weaver and McGaugh will also be fundraising to support Seal Beach Police Chief Joe Stilinovich.

Many very successful events have already taken place including "Take a Photo with Buddy the Elf" supporting Tina Heeren, the Polar Plunge with Chief Joe Stilinovich, Change Wars for retired music teacher Coralie Prince at Hopkinson and Lee Elementary Schools, a McAuliffe PTA sponsored

pancake breakfast for Annie Allen, and many personal donation requests from Jim Klisanin of Baytown Realty and Shelley Hasselbrink of the Los Alamitos City Council.

For additional information on LAEF, please call (562) 277-6876 or visit [www.LAEF4Kids.org](http://www.LAEF4Kids.org). The King and Queen of Hearts campaign link is [www.LAEF4Kids.org/kingandqueen](http://www.LAEF4Kids.org/kingandqueen).



Queen of Hearts candidate Annie Allen's pancake breakfast at St. Isidore Historic Plaza - (pictured from left to right: LAEF Secretary Kim Baldwin, McAuliffe Assistant Principal Phil Bowen, Annie Allen, LAEF President Randy Hill)



Queen of Hearts candidate Tina Heeren's "Photos with Buddy the Elf" fundraiser - (pictured from left to right: LAHS Teacher Jeff Heeren (Tina's husband) as Buddy and LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue)