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LAEF Announces Sherry Kropp as Queen for 2020!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is proud to announce that the 2020 Royal Gala queen honoree is Dr. Sherry Kropp. This month, the LAEF Board of Directors officially selected the retired superintendent to be crowned queen at the Royal Gala, taking place on February 7, and serve as the LAEF royal ambassador for the year!

LAEF announced last month that the King and Queen of Hearts campaign will no longer consist of candidates competing against each other, but that LAEF will appoint, through a nomination process, a King and/or Queen annually who will officially be crowned at the Royal Gala.

Dr. Sherry Kropp represents exactly what LAEF is looking for in a nominee. Her ties to LAEF and the community are very strong and her support for Los Al Kids was endless as superintendent of the district. Kropp served as an advisor on the LAEF Board of Directors during her entire tenure as superintendent and was a huge advocate for LAEF within the community and with district staff. She worked closely with LAEF to establish the Summer Enrichment Institute and After-School programs and initiated the vision for LAEF's free world language classes, which were launched in 2018. Kropp connected LAEF with many opportunities to ignite student group support, such as sending the LAHS Robotics Team at the Global Championships and supporting the LAHS Marching Band's appearance in the London New Year's Day parade. She is a founding member of LAEF's Los Al Leadership Circle (LALC), the major donor group.

"When we put out the call for nominations, the considerations focused on someone who demonstrates amazing support for Los Al kids, has longevity of service, is well respected in the community, and a strong supporter of LAEF. It came as no surprise to me that Dr. Sherry Kropp received the most nominations. LAEF would not be where we are today without the support of Sherry. We are so excited to honor her in February," said Carrie Logue, LAEF Executive Director.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 7, 2020 and join LAEF at its Royal Gala as it honors Dr. Sherry Kropp and continues to raise funds for Los Al Kids. All proceeds from the Royal Gala will support LAEF's STEAM Initiative and specifically fund STEAM project preparation classes, STEAM fairs on all campuses and the district-wide STEAM showcase, as well as elementary school Media Center Teachers and innovative STEAM opportunities at secondary schools. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. For more information and to purchase tickets to the event, please visit www.LAEF4Kids.org/royalgala.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF provides significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources, to impact all students. For additional information on LAEF, please call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 or visit www.LAEF4Kids.org.



LAEF's 2020 Queen Honoree Dr. Sherry Kropp.

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