

*It is our pleasure to introduce our King's Celebration Guest Speaker,*

## Carol M. Jonson

### *“The Lure of the Grand Tour”*



In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, The Grand Tour was virtually an institution for young British aristocrats, and later for young gentlemen, artists and writers from both Britain and America. The Tour could last from a few months to several years and was considered a “mobile finishing school” for the wealthy. Italy was the grand destination, with Rome as the center of it all. This program will retrace some of the routes through the eyes and experiences of those young travelers of centuries ago. Sit back and relax as Carol takes us on a virtual tour of Venice and see historic paintings of Panini and Batoni.

Carol Jonson (pronounced Joan-son), a Detroit-area native, holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English Literature from Wayne State University in Detroit and did post-graduate work at the University of Detroit in Medieval and Renaissance Literature. She minored in Humanities. She has been an adjunct faculty member at University of Detroit, Davenport University and Oakland Community College in Michigan, and at Hodges and Barry universities in Naples, Florida.

After a career of more than 30 years in marketing and communications for healthcare, social service and educational organizations in Michigan and California, Carol retired to Naples.

Carol has taught retirement programs since 1996, and she currently teaches with The Academy at Shell Point, Moorings Park, The Arlington of Naples, and Collier County and Fort Myers libraries. Carol is a frequent guest presenter for The Italian Cultural Society of Naples and various area communities and clubs. She has also taught with the Adult Learning Institute in suburban Detroit, and the Hodges University Center for Lifelong Learning and the FGCU Academy in Naples. She offers classes ranging from literature and humanities to art history, classical mythology and travel.

An active volunteer with the Italian Cultural Society and the National Society of The Colonial Dames of American, Carol is also a Class XVI graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) Program and was Program Chair for GNL Master Class XVIII.

Please join us as we welcome this accomplished lady and enjoy her enlightenment of “The Lure of the Grand Tour.”