



## ROSARIAN TRIP TO FIESTA SAN ANTONIO April 17 through April 24, 2016

The Royal Rosarians will travel again (the 5th time since 1995) to San Antonio Fiesta with our Prime Minister, Rick Saturn. You are invited to join us!

Fiesta San Antonio is a celebration of San Jacinto Day. It honors the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the battle of San Jacinto. The battle of San Jacinto is where the Texas army defeated the invading Mexican Army after the loss at the Alamo (cir. 1836). 2016 will mark the 125th Anniversary of Fiesta so this should be an extra special Fiesta week.

We will be marching in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. This event is one of the highlights of the celebration known as Fiesta.

You will be meeting people from:

- The Battle of the Flowers Association which got Fiesta started in 1891; this group of women (of the Light Brigade) dress in yellow with their special hats and stage the Battle of the Flowers Parade. Their parade is the second-biggest in America (only the Tournament of the Roses Parade is bigger).
- The Order of the Alamo; since 1909 they have selected the Queen and her Court. In 2008 their president rode on our float in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.
- The Texas Cavaliers; they wear red plumes on their hats and elect King Antonio. They put on the famous River Parade.
- The Rey Feyo Scholarship Committee; they elect the Ugly King known as El Rey Feyo, the people's king. The 2008 El Rey Feo, Fernando Reyes, also rode on our 2008 float in the Grand Floral Parade and he has become a good friend of the Royal Rosarians.

We will be attending the Coronation of the Queen and presentation of her Court (a princess and 24 duchesses). This is a major social event in the city. Known for its pageantry, gowns alone can run \$100,000 or more. And if one queen isn't enough, other festival organizations also have their royalty including Miss Fiesta, a Queen of Soul, and some 30 additional queens. There will also be honored male and female representatives from each of the five or more major military installations located in San Antonio.

The parades are all fun-filled and more down to earth than the parades you are accustomed to. Some of the events are fairs with good food like fresh baked oysters, real Tex-Mexican (none of that California stuff), and especially for Duke Victor Greb, a special German food fair. San Antonio itself is a wonderful city with great restaurants, good shopping and many museums, parks, and sights to see. The San Antonio Riverwalk winds through the downtown and is lots of fun. You will ride on one of the river taxis and probably choose to enjoy dinner, a snack or a cool one as you watch the sights float by. A side trip to the LBJ Ranch or the Halsey Museum is an easy day trip.

Included in the trip package are tickets to the River Parade (where "floats" really float), the Queen's Coronation, the Battle of the Flowers Parade, the Fiesta Flambeau Parade (Rosarians march in whites; spouses and guests have seats), A Night in Old San Antonio Festival (NIOA), our Rosarian brunch for Fiesta and city officials, a Texas style BBQ luncheon and a special dinner on the San Antonio River. A more specific itinerary will be presented at a later date.

You will be staying at the Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk. Located in the heart of San Antonio on the Riverwalk and situated within walking distance to all the parades and our events. The Drury is famous for its inclusive breakfast buffet and afternoon manager's kickback. Don't forget your swimming suit for the roof top pools. A better location or value will not be found in San Antonio. [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com)

If you are interested we would like to know as soon as possible. Under the tutelage of Chairs Emeritus Vic Greb and Bill Nelson, your trip co-chairs for 2016 are Peter Glazer, Bob Strader and Rob Hungerford.

To register your interest or reserve a spot, contact Bob Strader at 503-754-7550; email him at [RoyalRosarian@gmail.com](mailto:RoyalRosarian@gmail.com) or get this form to us. We will keep you up to date on what is happening.

### **Fiesta Packet Pricing**

<u>Room Preference</u>	<u>Couple</u>	Single <u>(shared room)</u>	Single <u>(private room)</u>
Deluxe Non-Smoking with 2 Queen beds	\$2,175	\$1,087.50	\$1,735
Deluxe Non-Smoking with 1 King bed	\$2,175	\$1,087.50	\$1,735
2-Room Suite, Non-Smoking with 1 King bed	\$2,445	\$1,222.50	\$2,005

**Please circle the packet price that matches your room preference**

#### **The Fine Print**

Airfare is not included in the Fiesta Packet Price. A deposit of \$300 per person will guarantee your room preference. Cancellations will be accepted and refunds made, less pro-rata trip costs incurred and paid out. Your deposit should be made payable to the Royal Rosarians SA2016 and delivered or mailed to Bob Strader.

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