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## Royal Update

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### Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thanks for reading this issue of the e-newsletter of the Royal Rosarians produced by Duke Peter Glazer and Sir Knight Tom Marantette. If you have suggestions or contributions for the Royal Update, please contact Tom ([tjm@atiyehbros.com](mailto:tjm@atiyehbros.com)) or Peter ([pkglazer@aol.com](mailto:pkglazer@aol.com)).

**May This Thanksgiving Find Us Healthy and Happy!**



### At Grandma's House

I like the taste of turkey  
Any time throughout the year  
But it never  
seems to taste as good  
As when Thanksgiving's here.

Could be it's all the trimmings  
That are cooked with it to eat-  
But I think it's  
eating at Grandma's house  
That makes it such a treat!

**2013 Christmas Brunch, December 8**

### Children Will Love the Opportunity to See Santa

Come celebrate the holiday season at the Royal Rosarian Christmas Brunch. This traditional event is always the highlight of the season and it won't be the same without your attendance. Of course, bring your spouse and consider inviting guests to see the Rosarians at their social best. Your young children or grandchildren will have the opportunity to see Santa Clause and the cost is half price for children under 12 and free for children under four. Make this your family event.



This year, it will be held at the Holiday Inn at 25425 SW 95th Avenue in Wilsonville. This social activity will begin at 10:15 a.m. and wind down at approximately 1:15 p.m. Questions regarding this event can be directed to Dame Kathie Bagley.

## Poinsettia Sales 2013



**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

The Royal Rosarian's 11th annual benefit Poinsettia Sale has sold out. The committee gives a big thank you to all who have participated in this event.

Proceeds from this sale will provide needed support for Foundation charitable projects with a special focus this holiday season on the Christmas for Kids Foundation gift program which helps underprivileged local children and families at Christmas.

Plants will be available for pick-up or delivery December 5th & 6th. There will be free delivery with a minimum \$75.00 purchase. Plants can be picked up at 900 SE Sandy Blvd. in Portland.

## The Passing of Life Member Sir Knight Bill McDonald

"Wild Bill" McDonald was introduced to the Royal Rosarians by 1982 Prime Minister Tom McDonald (no relation) and the first Rosarian activity of Bill and Carole was to travel with the Rosarians to Guadalajara before Bill was a member.

Bill suffered a massive heart attack at a Rosarian meeting on November 20. He was 73.

Of all Rosarian activities Bill enjoyed parades the most. "He never met a parade he didn't like," Carole says. And Bill loved to be a drillmaster (photo on right, probably from 2008 Grand Floral Parade).

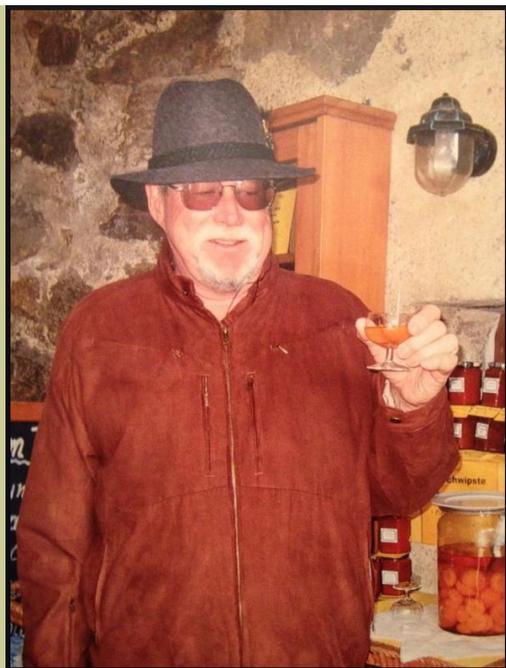
Bill was born in Seattle October 7, 1940, graduated from Shoreline High School, and then graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in economics. He was a proud U of Idaho alum and loved it anytime the Vandals beat the Washington State Cougars.

After graduating from college Bill served in the U.S. Army in Germany and Vietnam. He then moved to Portland and graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School. He was a practicing lawyer for several years but he loved transportation (his field in the Army) so he founded a delivery service, Pronto Messenger Service, which he owned and operated for 30 years.

Bill was a passionate history buff. He would often mention finding parallels in history to circumstances in today's world. He especially liked aviation history, particularly World War II history. Bill became a pilot in 1995 and loved to fly around the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

Bill will long be remembered for his ever-present smile and the twinkle in his eyes, both shown in the photo below from Duke Peter's Prime Minister's Trip on the Danube in October 2007.





You are invited to a Celebration of Life for Bill on Saturday, December 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Columbia Aviation Assoc. Clubhouse, 14323 Stenbock Road NE, Aurora. There will be no rose ceremony and Rosarians will not wear white uniforms. Rosarians are asked to wear green uniforms (green jacket, black slacks) with a Hawaiian shirt (no tie).

Bill was a pastrami enthusiast and his favorite pastrami came from Katz Delicatessen in Manhattan (where "When Harry Met Sally" was filmed and where its most famous line, "I'll have what she's having," was said). In Bill's honor there will be Katz pastrami sandwiches, beer and wine, and lots of jokes at the Celebration of Life.

Those attending the Celebration of Life will have an opportunity to privately share a memory of Bill via video which Carole and

the family will later see (think of your best "Wild Bill" stories); you will also have an opportunity to write a memory down on paper (bring a photo if you like, too).

## Prime Minister's Trip 2014

### Travel the Waterways of the Czars

#### Great Savings & Perks

With only 8 cabins left, now is the time to join us for a luxury Viking River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg, **August 24 to September 4, 2014**. Compared to the 2014 Viking Prices (published October 2013), we are able to save Rosarians and friends \$1777 at the DX cabin level and \$2327 at the AX cabin level. In addition, there is another \$800 in savings per person with the following exclusive charter perks:

- Transfer fees
- Gratuity for ship's crew
- Port taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Payment Plan
- 5 hosted informational nights



For more information contact: [nancyf@wittravel.com](mailto:nancyf@wittravel.com) or call 503-224-0180

Join us at Caldwell's on January 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for an informational night including snacks and a guest speaker discussing the topic of "Peter the Great."

Click on the link below to see the trip video. It will convince you to:

**JOIN US FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME**

[click here to view Prime Minister's Russia trip video](#)

## Announcements



### For the Good of the Royal Rosarians

*Sir Knight Richard Cole and Lady Heide, and Dame Karen Dervedde and Squire Bob are all smiles after a pruning job well done at Washington Park.*

#### **Words from Royal Gardner Kimberly Bown**

Thank you to the many Royal Rosarians and spouses who showed up yesterday at the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden to wind prune the garden's 4.5 acres of roses. Dozens of volunteers and Portland Park & Rec staff made quick work of the job starting at 8:00 a.m. and finishing just as Sir Knight Harry Landers rang the lunch bell and served us all hot spaghetti and garlic bread. Our efforts were very much appreciated, and now the garden is ready for the winter season that lies ahead.

#### **Cheer and Outreach**

**Squire Mel Ness**, husband of Dame Marlene Ness and father of Dame Dana McClintock, passed away November 15, 2013 following a hospital stay for heart issues. Our deepest condolences go out to all members of the family. Services for Squire Mel will be on Sunday, December 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Tumwater Room, 211 Tumwater Drive in Oregon City.

Life Member **Sir Knight William McDonald**, known affectionately as "Wild Bill", passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening November 20. Bill was Knighted in 1985 under the rose Guadalajara. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Lady Carole. Cards will be greatly appreciated. A Celebration of Bill's Life will take place on December 7th at Columbia Aviation Association, 14323 Stenbock Rd. NE in Aurora, Oregon from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the request of the family, whites will not be worn. Rosarians are asked to wear Hawaiian shirts with their greens (green jacket and black slacks; no tie) to honor Bill.

#### **Foundation News from President Gordon Walker**

The Royal Rosarian Foundation has once again received a grant from the Juan Young Trust in the amount of \$10,000 earmarked for the field trip program. Please contact Korrie Hoeckendorf if you would like to help deliver checks to the participating schools.

Questions regarding the Royal Rosarians' Foundation can be directed to Phil Guzzie and information about our foundation can be accessed on the Rosarian website including meeting minutes and financial statements. They are in the "View Club Documents" section.

## Calendar



**Rosarian Council Meetings** -- will be held at Stafford Retirement Community, 1200 Overlook Dr., Lake Oswego at 7:00 p.m. on the following Mondays: December 16, January 20, February 17, March 24, April 14, May 19, July 14, August 18 and September 29.

**Foundation Board Meetings** -- will be held at Finley's Sunset Hills Mortuary at 6:30 p.m. on January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 15, July 24, August 28 and September 23.

**Christmas for Kids** -- December 4, Hollywood Fred Meyer (sign-up online)

**Christmas Brunch** -- December 8, Wilsonville Holiday Inn, 10:15 a.m.

**Membership Meeting** -- January 30, Stafford Woods Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Royal Rosarian Annual Auction "Run for the Roses"** -- February 1, Wilsonville Holiday Inn.

**Membership Meeting (Dukes/Duchesses Night)** -- March 6, Stafford Woods Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Newsmakers of the Year Awards Dinner** -- March 12, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

**Membership Meeting (spouses invited)** -- April 3, Stafford Woods Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.

**VIP Rose Plantings** -- April 5, Queen Anne Victorian Mansion

**Daffodil Festival** -- April 11-13, Tacoma, WA

**Rose Planting** -- April 15, Pittock Mansion, 9:00 a.m.

**Blessing of the Festival** -- April 19, Reedwood Friends Church, Portland.

Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website. Click the link below.

[click here to see the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

## Jim Nielson's Truisms



### This Issue's "Truism"

*"It's not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, that is the true measure of our Thanksgiving."*

-- W.T. Purkiser

*(The late Jim Nielson, Prime Minister in 1979, was famous for his "truisms" which he happily shared in each issue of the Royal Update from its launch in 2005 until his death in 2011. Jim was knighted under the rose Sutter's Gold, pictured. Truisms now are either from Jim's archives or are quotations Duke Peter thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)*

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