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Royal Update

e-newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

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) or Peter (pklazer@aol.com).

Eye Dotting Ceremony

Saturday, March 26

The Eye Dotting Ceremony is a special where Portland's Dragon awakened and the Kaohsiung Sister City Association officially the Dragon Boat Racing



event
Boats are
Portland-
kicks off
Season!
Please

join us to form a Royal Rosarian Honor Guard where Prime Minister Rick Saturn will be one of the featured dignitaries speaking and dotting the eyes of one of the dragon boats.

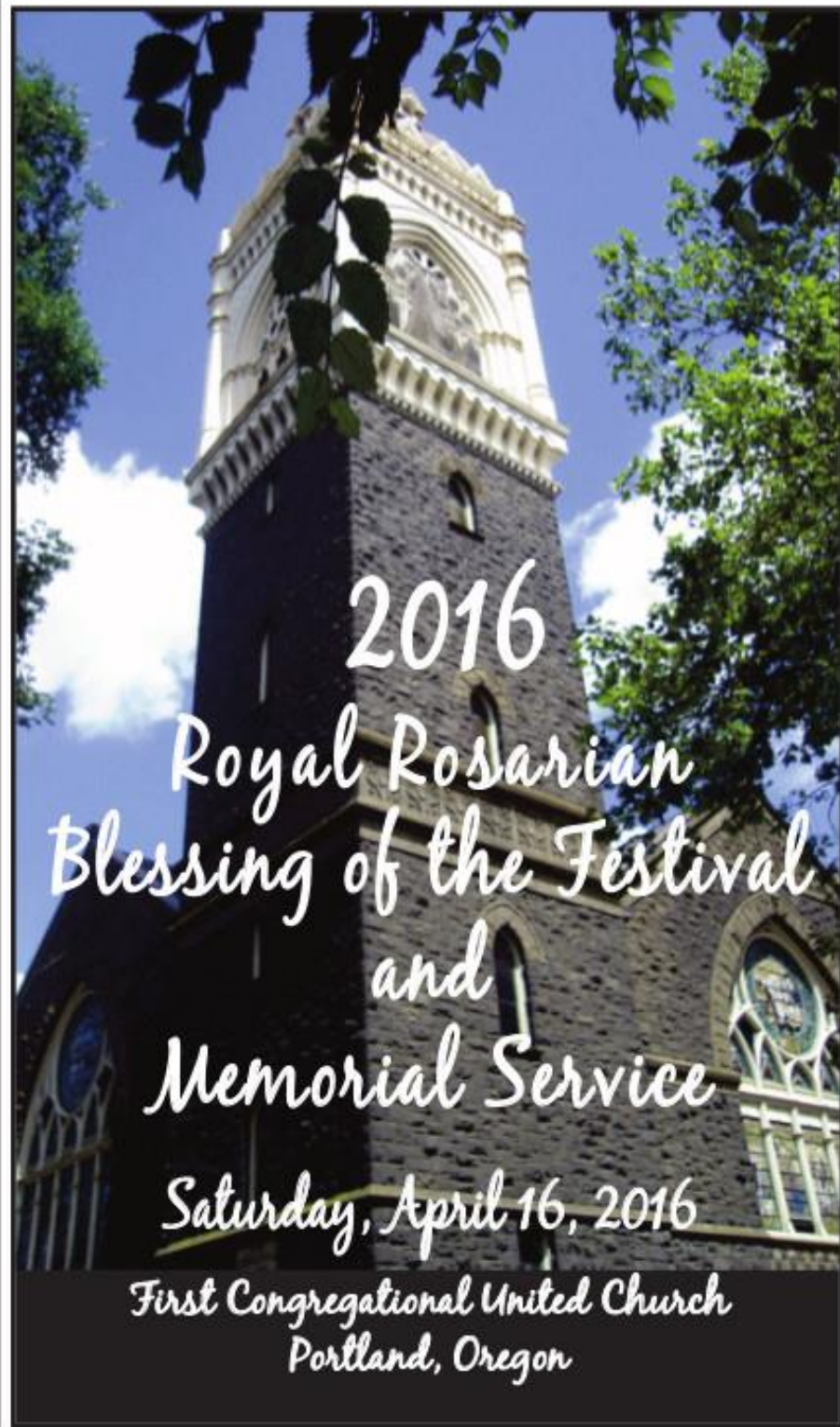
Experience the beginning of race season as we proceed down to the boats and the teams, dot the eyes, and see them paddle out for the first time!

Please join us at 11:40 a.m. at 1510 SW Harbor Way (at the north end of the promenade, outside Three Degrees Restaurant). Appropriate attire is whites with hats, capes and gloves. There are two different parking garages at Riverplace Marina and a few metered parking spaces.

Contact Duke of the Realm Rob Hungerford, Royal Rosarian Liaison to the Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association, with any questions.

image: Sir Knight Jim Stahl is seen participating in a past Eye Dotting Ceremony.

2016 Blessing of the Festival



2016

Royal Rosarian
Blessing of the Festival
and
Memorial Service

Saturday, April 16, 2016

First Congregational United Church
Portland, Oregon

Duke Ells Purdy Remembered

by Duke
Peter Glazer



Memorial Service This Sunday, March 20

Our most senior Duke of the Realm, Ellsworth Purdy, died February 27 at age 91. Ells was Prime Minister in 1963.

His year started in the fall of 1962 as Royal Rosarians celebrated our first 50 years of service to Portland.

Things were a little different then. When

Rosarians went to Seattle for Seafair, they took the train. Ells Purdy's Grand Floral Parade was the first to be televised live throughout the Northwest, a milestone for Rose Festival and the City of Portland. Portland's brand new downtown hotel, The Hilton, opened with a dedication including Royal Rosarians and a special presentation from Prime Minister Ells to Conrad Hilton, the iconic owner of the hotel chain.

Portland had a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Mark Hatfield was Governor of Oregon (he was elected to the U.S. Senate three years later). Terry Schunk was Mayor of Portland. Ells planted roses for each of them.

It was Prime Minister Ells who established a new Royal Rosarian committee, the "greeters."

Ells was a third-generation funeral director who was not content to simply follow in the footsteps of his family. He consolidated numerous family holdings into a regional company which became the leading funeral and cemetery operator in the Northwest. He retired in 1995 as Chairman and CEO.

Ells leaves a daughter, Nancy (Jim) Letson, and son, Peter (Danielle) Purdy, as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Former First Lady Elenora preceded him in death in 2013.



Rosarians will participate with our Rose Ceremony at the memorial reception and celebration of life for Ells on Sunday, March 20 (**please note this is not March 19 as originally indicated**), from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Heathman Lodge, 7801 Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, Washington.

Then Prime Minister Ellsworth Purdy places the crown on Queen Linda in 1963.

Upcoming Out of Town Festivals



Daffodil Festival, April 8-10

The Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade is an annual celebration of the community, history, traditions, and growth, of its home of Pierce County.

Traveling through the four cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and

Orting, the parade consists of over 180 entries, including floats, bands, marching, and mounted units. Linking one generation to

another in tradition, floats are decorated with thousands of fresh-cut daffodils, just like the daffodil flowers that have grown in the Puyallup Valley for over 80 years.

Join your fellow Rosarians this year at the Friday night Formal and the Saturday morning parades in Tacoma and Puyallup. Appropriate attire for the Friday night Formal will be whites (ladies preferred in long skirts). Parade attire will be whites, hats, capes and gloves (ladies in pants). Saturday, you may spend another evening at the host hotel, the Courtyard Tacoma Downtown, located at 1515 Commerce Street. Reservations can be made by calling 253-591-9100.

Sir Knight Don Thacker will be glad to answer any of your questions. He can be reached at 503-784-8533. or at pdxone@hotmail.com.

Apple Blossom Festival, May 6-8

The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, originally called "Blossom Days" was founded in 1919 to celebrate the importance of the apple industry to the region. The Ladies Musical Club produced the first festival in 1920, a one-day event involving songs, speeches, maypoles, and baseball. The festival's relative success in drawing in large crowds assured the continuation of the festival in subsequent years. In 1921, the Commercial Club, forerunner of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, took over sponsorship.

This year the theme is "Simply the Best" and you can be assured that Wenatchee hospitality will live up to those words. There will be a "Best of the West" casual dinner on Friday night and a festival formal dinner on Saturday night titled "One Enchanted Evening." In between there will be a Royal Rosarian Rose Planting and the Washington State Apple Blossom Grand Parade. Make your plans now to attend.

The hotel is the Coast Wenatchee Center, which is filling up fast. You can make reservations by calling 509-662-1234. Indicate the Applarian block of rooms to obtain the \$108 per night rate. Packet information is available by contacting steve@lacykane.com



Questions regarding this festival or transportation to attend will gladly be answered by Sir Knight Morris Westlund at 503-781-1981 or morriswestlund@gmail.com

2016 Royal Rosarian Wine Sale



Currently underway until April 15 is the annual Royal Rosarian Wine Sale. Your Wine Committee has been hard at work traveling, tasting, selecting and tasting some more so that Rosarians can enjoy the very best wine at the very best prices.

There are both reds and whites available. Buy one case (12 bottles) and receive six extra bottles at no additional cost. Buy half of a case (6 bottles) and receive two extra bottles at no additional cost.

In addition to receiving great value, purchasing this wine

helps to fund the purchase of wine for the Royal Rosarian Hospitality Weekend. Call Mercy Norby today to order (or at least by April 15). She can be reached at 503-367-7801.

2016 VIP Rose Plantings

Mark Saturday, April 2, on your calendar so that you do not miss the traditional Royal Rosarian VIP Rose Plantings. There will be a Rose Planting at the homes of the Rose Society President and Prime Minister Rick and First Lady Marie. It is a great event and an opportunity to meet and socialize with members of all three Rose Festival organizations.



image: this fine group of Rose Festival enthusiasts gathered to honor then Prime Minister Denny Baker and First Lady Pam to plant a rose at their home in Claremont. The year was 2009.

2016 Hospitality Weekend



It is not too soon to sign up now! Join many of your fellow Royal Rosarians who have already made the commitment to enjoy the finest party on the planet. Your presence is requested and your early registration will be appreciated.

Register on Royal Rosarian website or call Amy Arasmith or Korrie Hoeckendorf

with any questions.

Announcements

For the Good of the Organization



2016 Rose Garden Contest is now open!

Show off your garden and apply now (it's free). Applications are due May 26. Download your application from the Royal Rosarian website.

Cheer and Outreach

It is with a saddened heart, the Royal Rosarians announce the passing of Sir Knight Gerald L. Allen on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Gerry was sponsored by Richard Gearhart and knighted under the rose Command Performance in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Lady Jutta, a son, Marc Visnick, three daughters and grandson Cody Visnick. Pending memorial arrangements are being arranged by the Terry Family Funeral Home. Gerry extended his life for 28 years as a heart transplant recipient, and was a supporter of the Oregon Donor program. Cards and other remembrances only, please.

Support New U.S. Citizens

Be a member of the Royal Rosarian Honor Guard at a naturalization ceremony for candidates for US citizenship. A reception will take place immediately following the ceremony. When: Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 1:00 pm (Assemble at 12:30 pm).

Where: Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Main Entrance Gate. Attire: Whites with hats, capes and gloves. Women to wear pants.

Membership Meeting RideShare

Need a ride to our membership meetings? Gene Horton, chair of RideShare, will match you with a member driver in your area. Call Gene at 503-747-8385 or email gene@hortonos.com

Traveling Float Work Party

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Where: MyBinding, 5500 NE Moore Court, Hillsboro

Attire: Painting & Work Clothes

Perks: Coffee and Donuts!!

Contact: Brent Barnett, 503-960-2616, barnettbster@gmail.com or Don Thacker, 503-784-8533, pdxone@hotmail.com

Traveling Float Work Party

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016

Time: 1:00 p.m. (after Eye Dotting Ceremony)

Where: MyBinding, 5500 NE Moore Court, Hillsboro

Attire: Painting & Work Clothes

Perks: Coffee and Donuts!!

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Calendar

Rosarian Council Meetings -- The Council meetings for this Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 21, April 11, May 16, July 18, August 15 and September 26 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

Royal Rosarian Foundation Meetings -- will be held on March 30, April 27, May 25, July 27, August 31 and September 21. They will be at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel and are scheduled from 6:00 p.m 'til 8:00 p.m.

Newsmakers - March 16, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

New Member Orientation - March 22, McMenamin's Kennedy School

VIP Rose Plantings - April 2, Two Locations



Membership Meeting - April 7, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Daffodil Festival - April 8-10, Tacoma, WA

Blessing of the Festival - April 16

San Antonio Fiesta - April 17-24, San Antonio, TX

New Member Reception - April 26, Red Lion Jantzen Beach

New Member Knighting - April 30, Red Lion Jantzen Beach

Membership Meeting - May 5, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Cinco de Mayo Immigration Ceremony - May 5, Waterfront

Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival - May 6-8, Wenatchee, WA

St. Johns Parade - May 14, North Portland

Spokane Lilac Festival - May 20-22, Spokane, WA

Membership Meeting - May 26, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Hyack Festival - May 27-29, New Westminster, BC

Powell Valley Senior Center Rose Planting - June 4, 10:00 a.m.

Hosting by Starlight - June 4, Hotel deLuxe, 7:00 p.m.

Starlight Parade - June 4, Portland Park Blocks, 7:00 p.m.

Rose Garden Contest Judging - June 5, 9:00 a.m.

Columbia Highway Celebration - June 7

Kiwanis Rose Festival Breakfast - June 8, Benson Hotel, 7:30 a.m.

Fred Meyer Junior Parade - June 8, Holywood District, 12:30 p.m.

Hospitality Weekend - June 9-12, DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center

City of Portland Reception - June 9, Portland City Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Ship Greetings - June 9, Portland Seawall, 12:00 p.m.

Honorary Knighting & Reception - June 10, Washington Park, 10:00 a.m.

Queens' Garden Party - June 10, DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, 12:30 p.m.

Fun Night - June 10, DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, 5:30 p.m.

Queen's Coronation - June 11, Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, 7:30 a.m.

Grand Floral Parade - June 11, Veterans' Memorial Coliseum, 10:00 a.m.

Grand Floral Ball - June 11, DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, 6:00 p.m.

Farewell Breakfast - June 12, DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, 8:30 a.m.

Queen's Plaque Laying Ceremony - June 12, Washington Park, 11:00 a.m.

Milk Carton Boat Races - June 12, Westmoreland City Park, 10:30 a.m.

Membership Meeting (elections) - June 16, Columbia Edgewater Country Club

Marysville Strawberry Festival - June 17-19, Marysville, WA

Rose Garden Contest Awards Ceremony - June 21, Washington Park, 6:30 p.m.

Good in the Hood Parade - Northeast Portland, 9:30 a.m.

Tillamook Dairy Days Festival - June 25, Tillamook, OR,

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"

"The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources."

-- Albert Einstein

(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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