

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 (pkglazer@aol.com).

2014 Prime Minister's Ball

The New Year Is Off to A Great Start!



The newly elected Council awaits their installation as Master of Ceremonies Duke Peter Glazer explains Royal Rosarian history and tradition to an enthused audience.

Newly-installed Prime Minister Marilyn Schultz is caped and presented the Prime Minister's medallion by Dukes Jeff Metzker and Tony Pasion.



2014-2015 Prime Minister Marilyn Schultz shows off her new cape as she poses with installing Dukes Tony Pasion, Jeff Metzker, Denny Baker and Bob Strader. Her Council members stand in the background. At this point in the

program Marilyn approached the podium and delivered the following message to her audience:

Thank you all for joining me on this very special night.

I am honored to stand before you as the 100th Prime Minister of the Royal Rosarians.

I did not come to this position alone. I am indebted to so many of you. First, I'd like to thank my sponsor, Leo Reinikka, a friend from my Kiwanis Club and a member of my poker group.

When Leo brought me to my first Rosarian membership meeting 13 years ago, I was hugely impressed at the level of involvement of the members. It seemed like everyone was doing something, and some were doing quite a lot. I decided then that I wanted to be a part of that activity.

As with all new members, I was asked what rose I wanted to be knighted under. I confess that at that time I knew very little about roses, and the only rose name I could think of was Peace, so that became my rose. Only recently did I learn of the rich history of the Peace rose, which I'd like to share with you tonight.

On June 15, 1935, Francis Meilland (mee-ann), a rose grower in France, cross-pollinated two roses, which produced a weak seedling of dubious qualities. But a few eyes of that seedling were budded in 1936, and by fall one of the plants had developed into an especially fine specimen with lush green, glossy foliage. It had magnificent blooms colored a delicate ivory-yellow and brushed with pink at the edges. It had no name but was simply called 3-35-40. Four years later, in June, 1939, rose growers from 7 nations visited Meilland's nursery and admired the seedling. Budding stock was made available. Three months after that, Hitler invaded Poland and WW II began.

By November, the Nazis were closing in on southern France. The American consul, who loved roses, told Meilland that he was leaving the country, and that he could take some budwood to America if he received it within two hours. Meilland quickly parceled up a package containing budwood from 3-35-40. That package was on the last plane out of France.

Despite the war, in 1942 Meilland introduced the 3-35-40 rose in France by the name 'Mme A. Meilland' in memory of his mother. He also received word that the rose was being sold, ironically, as Glory to God in Germany and as Joy in Italy.

During the German occupation, the Meilland family was forced to remove their roses in order to grow food crops. The 3-35-40 rose was also lost to a similar fate elsewhere in Europe.

In 1944, a month after France was liberated, Meilland received the amazing word that the rose 3-35-40 was being grown in test gardens all over the United States, and the American Rose Society found the rose to be exceptional.

The Conard-Pyle Company introduced this rose in America under the appropriate name of 'Peace' on April 29, 1945, coincidentally the same day Berlin fell to the Allies and the war in Europe was pronounced over.

A few weeks later, when the 50 members of the United Nations met for the first time at the United Nations Building in San Francisco, each found a blossom of the Peace rose in their rooms.

Also by coincidence, 'Peace' was given the All-American Award on the day Japan surrendered, and the rose received a gold medal from the American Rose Society on the day Japan signed its peace treaty.

It's estimated that in the next nine years, more than 30 million 'Peace' roses were planted worldwide. Royalties from the sales allowed Meilland to rebuild his stock of roses and quickly return to business. Today, the Meillands are still creating beautiful roses.

Isn't that an inspiring story? My thanks to John Linnegren and Kimberly Bown for bringing it to my attention.

I'm so glad that I chose the Peace rose for my knighting, even if it was by accident. Now, with so much conflict in the world, we need the Peace rose to once again work its magic.

Becoming Prime Minister has not been an easy journey for me, and I would not be here without the support, encouragement, patience and persistence of many friends, family, Alan, and especially Duke Dennis Brookshire, who, in 2005, appointed me to be one of his red capes and started me on this wonderful path. Thank you ALL for your confidence in me.

You know, Rosarians throw great parties, and tonight is one of them. My deepest appreciation to the marvelous people who created this event. Gene, Sue, Denny, Pam and your wonderful committee, I love you all!

I am standing on the shoulders of giants, those 99 Prime Ministers who came before me.

Each devoted time, energy and talent to keep our organization strong. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. I will do my best to follow your impressive examples.

Now let's have some fun!

The dance floor filled quickly as "Sandpoint" played familiar tunes. While many danced, others enjoyed the warm summer evening on the patio overlooking the Columbia River.



Prime Minister Plaque Laying Ceremony



This Past Sunday at Washington Park Rose Garden

Royal Rosarians line up to honor our 2014 - 2015 Prime Minister, Marilyn Schultz. Her permanent plaque was unveiled and her rose "Peace" was planted. Mark Smith organized and officiated

at the ceremony as our incoming Royal Regent.

2014-2015 Royal Gardener Doxie McCaw-Cook and upcoming Royal Scribe Larry Rodman help new Prime Minister Marilyn Schultz get her rose planted firmly in the ground while Royal Regent Mark Smith looks on.



Prime Minister and First Lady Return From P.M. Trip



Rosarians Are There to Greet Them

This group of white-suited Rosarians must have been a welcome sight for Prime Minister Mark and First Lady Bobbie after their three week trip to Russia, extended to several European cities. They had a

great time on this long-awaited trip but there is no place like home.

2014 Christmas for Kids

Sign-up Now Online!

Sir Knight John Creegan made this child's Christmas great last year. The difference he made is why this event is so popular with Royal Rosarians. Once you participate, you will keep coming back. The event often fills up quickly so sign-up early.



The Christmas for Kids event will take place on December 3, 2014. The sign-up for this event has opened this week at www.christmasforkids.org (click on link below). This is a bit earlier than in the past so we can encourage you to sign-up for this event before available time slots are gone.

The event takes place at the Hollywood Fred Meyer at 3030 NE Weidler St. Approximately two hours of your time should be allotted. Dress whites with gloves is the attire and Ladies wear pants. No hats or capes are required. Variable shifts, per your sign-up request, are available. Any questions can be addressed to Greg Burnett, the event chair.

[click here to sign-up for 2014 Christmas for Kids](#)

Announcements

For the Good of the Royal Rosarians

Leavenworth Bus Riders

We will be leaving the Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach parking lot promptly at 8:00 a.m. this Friday, September 26. Please plan to arrive by 7:30 a.m. We will have a lunch break on the way. We should arrive at the Enzian Inn in Leavenworth around 2pm.

On Sunday morning, we will leave right after the farewell breakfast and should be back in Portland around 4:00pm.

If you have signed up to ride the bus please verify your ride with Chris Casteel. If you have not signed up but would like to ride contact Chris, as well. (888-282-5009) Food and drink are welcome to bring along, we will have plenty of Rosarian water on board.



Issaquah Salmon Days Festival

Date: October 3-5

Location: Issaquah, WA

Attire: Dress whites with hats, gloves and capes.

Ladies wear pants.

For details, please contact Lord High Steward Bob Wolcott.

Cheer and Outreach

"Dr. Steven Fritz, husband of Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, died Wednesday in an auto accident on Interstate 5. Honorary Dame Amanda Fritz has been a steadfast supporter of the Royal Rosarians and our hearts and prayers go out to her and her family.

Dame Janice Hirsch has been courageously battling lung cancer. She has undergone many chemo and radiation treatments but it has now continued to spread. She is at home. Cards would be most welcomed but please call before visits.

Duchess Sue Klobertanz had knee surgery last Monday, September 22. Please delay calls or visits for a few days. Cards would be welcome

Upcoming VIP Greetings

Who: Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia Friendship City Delegation

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Location: Sheraton Airport Hotel for Shuttle to Airport

Time: Shuttle departs Sheraton at 8:30 p.m. Group is scheduled to arrive on United Airlines flight 1178 at 8:45 p.m.

Attire: Dress whites with gloves, hats and capes. Ladies to wear day skirts.

Becoming a Friendship City of Portland is a first step in becoming a Sister City. Kota Kinabalu is situated on the tropical island of Borneo, and is the state capital of the Malaysian State Sabah, which is one of the two states of East Malaysia.

Who: The Burtonwood Association

Date: October 7, 2014

Time: Gather at 6:15 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. Greeting

Location: Shilo Inn at the Airport

Attire: Dress whites with hats, gloves and capes. Ladies wear day skirts.

This group of about 100 WW2 Air Force Veterans meeting for the first time in Portland. They are veterans who were stationed at Burtonwood Air Base in England. They are noted as being the group responsible for preparing planes required for the Berlin Airlift immediately following the war. A certificate will be presented to Jim Bentley, President of the Association. Questions? Contact Royal Scribe John Danielson.

Who: Suzhou, China Sister City Delegation

Date: October 8, 2014

Time: 9:00 p.m. for a 9:20 p.m. train arrival

Location: Amtrak Train 509 from Seattle Union Station Train Depot, 800 NW 6th Avenue

Attire: Dress whites with hats, gloves and capes. Ladies wear day skirts. A certificate will be presented to Mr. Zhou Yulong, Vice Director of Suzhou People's Congress, who is leading this distinguished 5-member delegation.

Calendar

Rosarian Council Meetings -- Next year's Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center on October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 13, May 11, July 20, August 17 and September 21.

Autumn Leaf Festival -- September 26-28, Leavenworth, WA

Kota Kinabalu Airport Greeting - September 27, Sheraton Airport, 8:30 p.m.



Salmon Days Festival -- October 3-5, Issaquah, WA

The Burtonwood Association Greeting - October 7, Shilo Inn Airport, 6:15 p.m.

Suzhou, China Delegation Greeting - October 8, Train Station, 9:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting November 6, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Veterans' Parade - November 11, Hollywood District

Christmas Brunch - December 7, Benson Hotel

Membership Meeting - January 29, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Hearts & Roses Auction - February 7, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Membership Meeting - March 5, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Newsmakers - March 11, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

VIP Rose Plantings - March 21, 3 locations

Membership Meeting - April 2, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Daffodil Festival - April 10-11, Tacoma, WA.

PM Trip - April 14-25, England, Scotland, Walles

82nd Avenue of Roses Parade - April 25, SE Portland

Membership Meeting - April 30, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival - May 1-3, Wenatchee, WA

Blessing of the Festival - May 3, TBA

St. Johns Parade - May 9, North Portland

Lilac Festival - May 15-18, Spokane, WA

Membership Meeting - May 21, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Hyack Festival - May 22-24, New Westminster, BC

Powell Valley Rose Planting - May 30, Gresham, OR

Starlight Parade May 30, Downtown Portland

Hosting by Starlight - May 30, Hotel deLuxe

To Be Continued

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

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This Issue's "Truism"

"It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages."

-- Friedrich Nietzsche

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