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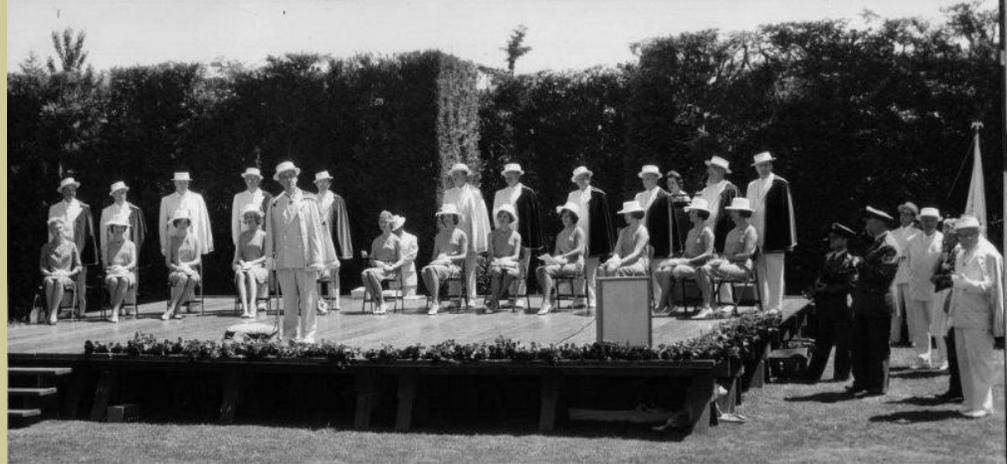
Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

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) or Peter (pkglazer@aol.com).

Duke Ells Purdy Profile

by Tom
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Duke Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Leading Rosarians



In 1963 the average home price was \$12,650 and the average price of gas was 29 cents a gallon. The average annual income was \$5,807 and we rotated a dial to make a telephone call. In November of that year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and just one week later the Beatles released their second single in the USA, "Please Please Me."

Many things have changed over the past 50 years but not the relevance and vitality of the Royal Rosarians. Led by Prime Minister Ellsworth Purdy in 1963, the old photos and documents in our possession indicate many of the events and activities on our calendar today were on the calendar, back then. The respect we enjoy today was equally obvious in 1963.

Duke Ells Purdy was knighted in 1956 under the Rose "New Yorker." His sponsor was his father, Sir Knight Ellsworth L. Purdy. Duke Ells Purdy also followed his dad into the funeral home business where creativity and hard work had been a pattern for success in his family for generations.

A very busy man, somehow he managed to balance his Rosarian life with the business and family. Recognized as a leader, Ells rose to the position of Prime Minister in a very short time (seven years). He has shared that he was not particularly excited or pushing to take on that role but when called to the task, he served with distinction and honor.

Today, Ells Purdy is our longest serving living Duke, although not quite the oldest. Duke Richard Atiyeh was Prime Minister in 1971 but is a couple of years older than Ells. Both men are vibrant and very proud to talk about their many years of service to our organization.

Duke Purdy lives in Vancouver on beautifully landscaped acreage. With his wife Eleanor's health failing in recent years, Duke Purdy remains dedicated to keeping her comfortable. His health does not allow him to venture far from home and consequently we do not see him at many of our events (Duke Peter thinks that Ells



last attended the Dukes Night membership meeting during Tom Wright's year, 2005).

Several Rosarians have visited him often in the office he occupies every day just across the driveway from his home. He thinks about us regularly, enjoys reading about us, and is proud to have played such an important role in the Realm of Rosaria.

We congratulate Duke Ells Purdy on celebrating the 50th anniversary of his year as Prime Minister of the Royal Rosarians. We thank him for his great service to the Rosarians, the Rose Festival, and the City of Portland.

images: a 1963 Rose Festival Court event taking place in Washington Park and Duke Ells Purdy and First Lady Eleanora are all smiles as they dance the night away.

Hearts and Roses Auction 2013

by John Santos

Please Make Your Commitment to Attend, Today!



“The Ports of Call” AUCTION and DINNER

FEBRUARY 9th 2013

What's HOT at the 2013 AUCTION

THE ISLANDS ARE CALLING



4-night, 5-day romantic getaway at the elegant Moana Surfrider hotel in the heart of beautiful Waikiki Beach and includes airline fare on Hawaiian Airlines.

OREGON FOOTBALL SEASON



CLUB LEVEL SEATS

2 Two Club Level seats for the entire 2013 Football Season (not a misprint-these exclusive seats are yours for the entire season). Value: *Priceless - available only at the Rosarian Auction.*



MINI CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

This car collector has agreed to open his private collection to Auction signees! Bonus- other car enthusiasts will offer rides in their exotics (think Ferraris). *Includes lunch and beverage.*



SKAMANIA LODGE RETREAT

What could be more breathtaking than to look out the window of your fireplace suite to a commanding view of the Columbia River Gorge? *Weekend package includes 2-nights stay and a round of golf for 2, a truly romantic retreat.*

PLUS! *Behind the Scenes at the Zoo* will be back, and new additions like **2- 50 yard line seats to the 2013 Oregon vs OSU Civil War Football game**, great wines like the recent acquisition of a **limited \$50 bottle of Durell Vineyard Chardonnay from Three Sticks Winery**, and a **Behind-the-Scenes with Drew Carney on Newschannel 8 At Sunrise** for up to six guests. And the quest goes on....

With only 16 days remaining until the Ports of Call Auction on February 9th, we are still in need of a few items for the auction. Here are two examples:

- We are seeking a contribution of airline miles to complete the travel package to see Jay Leno in Los Angeles.
- If you have a favorite wine with a value of \$25 or more, please donate it to be displayed around the room for bidding.

Table sponsors are still available; we have a few tables left and are looking for a sponsor to donate \$750 and will receive: preferred seating, wine and table service, advertising of your business and early viewing of the auction items.

Planning to attend the event and signing up today will provide great relief to your Auction Committee. Please keep in mind that proceeds benefit children whose family situations involve homelessness or transition, and children experiencing chronic poverty-related circumstances. Your generosity will assist in providing them with a stable, supportive environment that promotes their personal and academic growth.

Traveling Float 2013

by Carla Stenberg



Work Party Every Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Royal Rosarian Traveling Float is under construction and almost ready for "FESTOONING". We love saying that word because that is when the float comes to life. As you can see from the artist's rendering of our float, it is decorated in an elegant black and gold metallic theme depicting Pioneer Courthouse Square,

"Portland's Living Room". The float celebrates the Rose Festival theme of "Portland's Party."

Portland's beautiful skyline highlights the back of the float and the stylish man in top hat and tails will spin to music. Bubbles will entertain the parade crowd and encourage them to participate in having fun, as is the mission and purpose of the Traveling Float.

However, during February and March we need your help in finishing the float. If you can paint, use a staple gun, glue gun or spray sealer, we need you to help us. We have a lot of fun working together for a common cause ---- to promote the best interests of Portland and the Portland Rose Festival. Come join Portland's Party in the Float warehouse; you won't regret it, we promise. Please note we are moving to a permanent address starting this Saturday, January 26. It is 5500 NE Moore Court, Hillsboro, just south of NE Cornell. Follow the orange cones with Rosarian signs to the parking area and entrance. If you have questions please call Carla Stenberg, Float Chairman, at 503-348-6688.

Another Emotional Evening



So many lights, so many cameras, so many microphones! It was a complicated production with musicians, a 13-year old vocalist, two camera operators and two engineers, (one controlling the cameras and microphones while the other controlled the lights and cued the numerous video clips). In the middle of it all was Newsmakers Chairman Larry Rodman. As a former TV producer, he was in his groove. His creativity, planning and hard work came together with the result being another great Newsmakers Awards Banquet.

New this year were seven 30 second videos each thanking and promoting the Media Table Sponsor businesses. This concept was Larry's brainchild and it came off beautifully. Table sponsors can feel very positive about the event and their role in again, making the awards banquet possible.

Rosarian attendees were there with many guests. Media celebrities included Jeff Gianola, Shauna Parsons, and our very own Dave Salesky, each presenting their station's chosen Newsmaker of the Year. Emcee Bruce Murdock was in fine form as he carried on without his usual K103 sidekick, John Erickson, who (because of our calendar change to January) was celebrating his wife's birthday.

As usual, the highlights of the evening were the seven Newsmakers and their heart-warming stories brought to light by our presenters. The descriptions of the heroism and selfless sacrifice of several of the Newsmakers again brought tears to our eyes and emotion to our hearts. The variety of stories and the entertaining presentations made the evening most memorable. Chairman Larry and his Committee are to be congratulated on a job very well done.



The grand finale features one last standing ovation for Newsmakers and presenters as they pose for a group photo. The variety of stories and professional presentations made the evening most entertaining. (Newsmaker photos by Bill Barry)

Announcements



For the Good of the Royal Rosarians

Prime Minister Ellsworth Purdy places the crown on Queen Linda in 1963. The Court of 1963 will be honored at the Queens' Garden Party this year in June.

Cheer and Outreach

We are sad to report that long-time Royal Rosarian Aleck (Al) Prihar passed away peacefully on January 17 of natural causes at age 92. He was knighted in 1976 under the rose "Yankee Doodle". A rosary and funeral service will be held Friday, January 25th at St. Pius Catholic Church, 1280 NW Saltzman Rd. The Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. and a reception at the church.

Rosarians will participate with a Rose Ceremony and a poem to be read by Prime Minister Gayle. Whites with hats, gloves and

capas is appropriate attire.

Words from Lady Gerry Newby

"It saddens me to report we had to admit Glen Newby to the St Andrews Care Center because of his Alzheimer's/dementia. He can have visitors, he would love to have visitors. Yesterday was his first day and they already know he is a Rosarian, a pilot and who knows what else he told them. The address is 7617 SE Main St., Room 316, Portland, Oregon, 97215. This is a hard time for me. First time in over 62 years we have been apart".

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gerry.

Rose Planting to Honor New Mayor

A Royal Rosarian Rose Planting will take place Friday, February 8 at 12:00 p.m. (arrive at 11:30 a.m. please) at the Portland City Hall on the 4th Street side. This event will honor newly elected Portland Mayor Charlie Hales. All Rosarians are asked to attend, wearing whites, capes, gloves and hats.

Planting Roses in Peninsula Park

It is the Centennial year for Portland's Peninsula Park and the community plans to replace some 3,000 or more roses at the park. The "Rose Planting Project" will take place between February 19 and February 22, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. Rosarians are asked to lend a hand in this worthwhile effort. Indicate your availability to help within those dates by emailing penrosegarden@gmail.com. Peninsula Park is located at N. Ainsworth St. and N. Albina Ave.

VIP Rose Planting

Mark your calendars for the annual VIP Rose Planting to be held on Saturday, April 6. This event typically provides a Rose Planting at the homes of the Rose Festival President, the Rose Society President and the Prime Minister. Details will follow.

Changes to Rosarian Council

At the Council meeting last Monday evening the Council voted to "accept with regret" the resignation from Council of James Brennan from the Rosarian Council, effective immediately. (Let there be no confusion, James plans to remain actively involved as a Royal Rosarian). Per Edict requirements, the Council was presented with three

qualified candidates willing to fill the vacancy left by James' departure. The Council in "sub-rosa" session elected Sir Knight Tom Marantette to replace James on the Council. The Prime Minister has moved Dame Kathie Bagley into the Lord Chief Justice position and placed Tom into the position of Councillor.

Prime Minister's Trip 2013

Prime Minister Gayle and Squire Ed are packing their bags for the 80 degree weather in Florida. Many of their fellow Rosarians and friends are doing the same thing. However, they are still hoping this freezing weather in Oregon might entice you to want to pack your bags, too. Squire Ed is very busy customizing vacations for many of the travelers and you may as well take advantage of his good nature and organization skills as well. There is still room on the full two week plan but if your time and budget doesn't fit that schedule then let him figure out a one week trip just for you. Anything might be possible and all you have to do is ask him. Call Ed today with your questions, your hopes and desires (503-635-5568).

Prime Minister's Trip 2014

Lord High Chancellor Mark Smith and Lady Bobbie are working on details of their trip to Russia in August of 2014. Tom and Shirley Sagerser are chairs of the excursion and big plans are underway. Viking Cruises has extended significant cost savings to Rosarians and our friends, as well as a convenient payment plan. Your commitment to travel will be required soon.

An informational meeting is scheduled for February 20 at Stafford Woods, 25050 SW Parkway Ave., Wilsonville. To secure your cabin or RSVP for the informational meeting, contact Nancy Fowler or Wailana at Willamette International Travel, 503-224-0180 or email nancy@wittravel.com.

Rosarians at Work

A Behind-the-Scenes Look

Royal Rosarians are well known for producing great events. However, long before an event takes place, planning, recruiting, discussions, delegating, telephone calls, emails, a whole lot of meetings and "get er done" hard work have been performed. Nothing happens by accident. Here is a brief look at just a few of the back-stage efforts that took place this past week to keep the organization running smoothly.



Here, the Rosarian Council is at its regularly scheduled meeting last Monday. The hotel switched rooms at the last minute and provided courtesy wine for the inconvenience. Nobody complained although the table arrangement was a bit odd.

Here is a lunch meeting of the ad-hoc Edict Committee and two Dukes from the Ballot Counting Committee discussing details of election procedures. From the left are Tom Marantette's left hand, Bob Woody, Rob Hungerford, Peter Glazer, Marilyn Schultz, and Denny Baker's hands. Tony Pasion is hiding behind the camera.



Here, Larry Rodman is supervising a Newsmakers rehearsal and making sure all aspects of the event production will work as planned. Prime Minister Gayle and Lord High Chancellor Mark sit in the background awaiting instructions.

Behind-the-scenes at Newsmakers the buttons are pushed by Bruce Mitchell on spot, Bob Akamian on the control board, Aivars Saukants on camera and Bob Strader on lights and video. Larry Rodman gives last minute encouragement to his talented crew.



Calendar

Events for Your Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings-- Now is a great time to put on your calendar all six of this year's membership meetings, held on the following Thursdays: February 7, March 7, April 4 (Spouses Night) , May 2, May 23 (Spouses Night with Rose Festival Court), and June 13 (elections). Except for the April meeting, membership meetings are at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel. The April meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.



Rosarian Council Meetings -- will be held at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center the following Mondays at 7:00 p.m.: January 21, February 18, March 25 (note this date, not third Monday), April 15 , May 20, and July 15.

Foundation Membership Meetings -- will be held at Finley's Sunset Hills Mortuary at 6:30 p.m. on January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 16, July 25, August 22, and September 24.

Rose Planting for Mayor - February 8, 12:00 p.m., Portland City Hall

Hearts and Roses Auction -- February 9, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Peninsula Park Re-Planting Roses -- February 19-22, N Ainsworth & N Albina

2014 Prime Minister's Trip to Russia Orientation Meeting -- February 20, Stafford Woods, 25030 S.W. Parkway Ave., Wilsonville

Prime Minister's Trip to Florida - March 10-22

VIP Rose Planting - April 6

Blessing of the Festival - April 20, Grace Memorial Episcopal Church.

Apple Blossom Festival - May 3-5, Wenatchee

Greeting for DAR - May 17, Crown Plaza Hotel, Lloyd Center

Lilac Festival -- May 17-19, Spokane

Hyack Festival -- May 24-26, New Westminster, B.C.

Starlight Parade -- June 1

Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade -- June 8

Marysville Strawberry Festival -- June 14-16

Battle Ground Harvest Days Parade- - July 20

Capital Lakefair-- July 19-21, Olympia

Seattle Seafair -- July 26-28

Astoria Rose Planting -- August 9

Astoria Regatta Parade -- August 10

New Member Knighting -- August 24, Sheraton Airport Hotel

GFWC Women's Club Greeting - September 6, Embassy Suites, Portland

Autumn Leaf Festival -- September 27-29, Leavenworth

Issaquah Salmon Days Festival - October 5-6

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"And when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow."

--G. K. Chesterton

(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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