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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).

Hearts and Roses Auction 2013

by Larry
Rodman

All Aboard for "Ports of Call"



Final Plans are emerging for our Hearts & Roses Foundation Auction on Saturday evening, February 9. The Royal Rosarian Foundation invites you to come aboard for an evening of dining, entertainment, and auction thrills as we travel to our Ports Of Call destinations!

This elegant evening aboard will find you browsing among hundreds of compelling silent auction items and mingling over a complimentary beverage, as you enjoy the entertainment, retiring to your table for a delicious themed dining entrée. Excitement will build as we approach an inspiring live Oral Auction that will awake the traveler, outdoorsman, writer, and philanthropist in us all.

Embarkation is from the Doubletree Lloyd Center Hotel on Saturday evening, February 9 at 5:00 p.m. for registration; be sure to dress for the evening (Black-Tie or business attire please); ensure that your documents are in order (register). Parking during your cruise will be complimentary.

It's all aboard as our ship departs on our Ports Of Call on February 9, 2013.

This will be an evening and an auction that you don't want to miss!

Newsmakers 2013 -- January 23

by Larry
Rodman



Please Reserve Your Seats Now!

Portland's K103 radio station is home to long-time morning personality Sir Knight Bruce Murdock. He and on-air partner Sir Knight John Erickson have been honorarily knighted by the Royal Rosarians and are two of our biggest supporters. Bruce and John have been emcees of our Newsmakers Award Banquet since 2005 and they love the event.

Have you made your plans to attend Newsmakers in January? January is right around the corner, and so is our traditional Rosarian Newsmakers Award Banquet. That's right, the event is earlier on the calendar this year because of the Prime Minister's Trip so please sign up now.

The curtain goes up Wednesday evening, January 23, for another electric evening filled with prominent Portland area media representatives coming together to honor local heroes. It's truly a special night for all in attendance. And we hope you'll agree that the timing is, well, timely, with events of 2012 so fresh in our minds.

Your Newsmakers committee has arranged for some special entertainment as well. We'll begin with our time-honored social hour at 6:00 p.m. during which a talented youth jazz quartet from the Arts And Communications Magnet Academy of Beaverton School District will perform as we mingle with fellow Rosarians, friends, and guests.

We'll dine at 7:00 p.m., and shortly before 8:00 p.m. our local media celebrities will take the stage to introduce their selected Newsmaker honorees.

This one of a kind event continues to grow, and our January 23 Newsmakers production will feature a two camera shoot, ensuring that every table is involved in all the action taking place on the media stage and every seat will have a front row view!

Tickets are \$48 per person; Corporate and Media table sponsorships are available. Please call Larry Rodman at 503-805-2215 or email him at larryrodman@comcast.net for ticket and sponsorship information.

The location is the Doubletree Lloyd Center Hotel, and parking is free. Make plans now to attend this very special event!

Prime Minister's Medallion

It was 60 years ago this year that Donald Sloan, our 1953 Prime Minister, traveled to England and was inspired to begin at least two important Rosarian traditions. The most visible of the two is the Prime Minister's Medallion (pictured) which every Prime Minister has worn on every important occasion since 1953 (except one or two of our Dukes who shall remain anonymous but know exactly when and where they forgot to wear it once during their year!)

In England Prime Minister Don Sloan noted the beautiful medallion worn by the Lord Mayor and he felt the need for a medallion to be worn by Rosarian Prime Ministers so he had one made by a Royal Rosarian jeweler, Sir Knight Al Molin.

The Prime Minister's Medallion has as a part of it sliding metal plates on which are engraved the names of every Prime Minister. As you may



know, the medallion got a little heavier this year after adding a new plate for the name of Prime Minister Gayle and many who will succeed her.

Each year the medallion is painstakingly cleaned and shined by Klein Jewelers when they engrave the name of the new Prime Minister on one of the sliding metal leaves.

The Prime Minister's Medallion may be the most valuable single item of property owned by the Royal Rosarians. We insure it. Every Prime Minister carefully protects it from theft or loss. And for years there has been talk about the advisability of creating a simpler less valuable "traveling medallion" just in case something happened on one of the many trips every Prime Minister takes.

This year, thanks to Duke Tony Pasion and the owners of Klein Jewelers, Kathie Hellwege and her husband, Rod, Rosarians have a traveling medallion. At the November membership meeting Tony introduced Kathie and Rod and they presented their creation to Prime Minister Gayle as a gift from Klein Jewelers to the Royal Rosarians. Thanks, Klein Jewelers!

Oh: the other important tradition begun by Don Sloan? The Loving Cup which is passed on each year to our new leader and used in the Loving Cup Ceremony at the Dukes/Duchess Dinner (formerly Dukes Stag Night) every November.

Announcements



(Photo by Bill Barry)

For the Good of the Royal Rosarians

Memorial Service Pays a Real Tribute

As reported earlier, Lady Pat Troyer passed away on November 21 after a brief acute illness. She was the widow of Sir Knight Ray Troyer. Her memorial service was held on Thursday, November 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Portland. The attendance at this service displayed the value her life held in the eyes of so many people. In particular, the significant Royal Rosarian presence paid tribute to all Pat has done for the organization for so many years.

Known best in recent times for her skill and dedication at providing flowers for most Rosarian events, Pat was well known and loved by those with whom she worked. Her special touch will be missed by the Rosarians and her big smile and friendship will be remembered throughout the Realm of Rosaria.

2014 Prime Minister's Trip to Russia Informational Meeting

Save the date, Wednesday February 20, 2013. Come and hear about traveling to Russia with Mark and Bobbie Smith in August 2014. Travel on a luxury Viking river boat between Moscow and St. Petersburg. This will be the opportunity of a lifetime. The meeting will be at Stafford Woods, 25030 S.W. Parkway Ave. in Wilsonville where all your questions will be answered. Please note that the location of this gathering has changed: it is in Wilsonville, not where previously scheduled.

To reserve your spot at this private orientation meeting presented by Viking Cruises with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, contact:

Nancy Fowler or **Wailana** at Willamette International Travel at 503-224-0180 or email your RSVP to nancyf@wittravel.com

Purely Social to be Held at Home of Prime Minister

Mark your calendars! Friday, January 4. The first 2013 Purely Social Potluck will be held at the home of our Prime Minister and First Squire, Gayle and Ed Whitehurst. Come and enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations and the great Rosarian camaraderie. Call Pat Hufford with any questions, if you plan to attend and what food you will bring (503-771-1859).

Christmas Brunch 2012

As they Say, "A Good Time Was Had by All!"



If you were not there, you missed an extraordinary Rosarian event. On Sunday, December 2, the annual Christmas Brunch was held in the Mayfair Room of the Benson Hotel. The hard working committee-in-charge had the room elegantly decorated in holiday fashion. The specified attire was "Christmas Sparkle" and as the room filled, it was most evident that all were ready for Christmas.

Holiday neckties, worn by most men, sparkled brightly as a few even flashed on and off with lights. Not to be outdone, the ladies' fashion displayed all the spectacular colors and baubles appropriate for the season. With mimosas and bloody Marys in many hands the crowd displayed a Royal Rosarian social hour at its best.

When called, the attendees found their seats and were served a delicious plated breakfast in the typical Benson Hotel style. Emcee, Duchess Sue Klobertanz, delighted the room with humorous commentary as she welcomed and introduced the many non-Rosarian guests. Her subsequent introduction of our featured entertainment, the Grant High School Royal Blues, paved the way for a most enjoyable half hour of song and commentary that left the crowd in awe of the talent and character of this fine group of students.

Duchess Sue then announced the winners of the Christmas Tie Contest. Jim Stahl and Bela Reiner shared that award. Just back from Afghanistan, Eric Hungerford (see below) and Carla Stenberg shared the Christmas Scarf trophy.

Presentations from representatives of the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Fire Bureau demonstrated the Royal Rosarians are most generous and have again this year, filled the barrels with unwrapped toys and with food in support of the Sunshine Division's food drive and the Toy and Joy Maker's toy drive

Prime Minister Gayle Whitehurst was brought to the stage where she welcomed, thanked and inspired the audience with appropriate Christmas lore. A final farewell from Sue sent the Rosarians and their guests home with a renewed holiday spirit. As they say, "A good time was had by all."



The highlight entertainment at this year's event was of exceptionally high quality. Although it was their first performance of the season, the Grant High School Royal Blues were on top of their game. Seasonal tunes and enlightening commentary kept all in the Christmas spirit.

This couple must claim responsibility for the success of this year's Christmas Brunch. Royal Gardener Adam Baker was the Council person-in-charge and as he indicated, it was Lauren's touch most evident throughout the room. Although Adam also acted as the chair, he was aided by a most capable committee. Bill and Carole McDonald provided expert consultation and Ron Pfeifer donated his many decorating skills. Thank you to all.



Royal Regent Rob Hungerford poses at the Christmas Brunch with his brother, Sir Knight Eric Hungerford. Just back from Afghanistan (see photo below), Eric was awarded the honor of Best Christmas Scarf, an honor he shared with Dame Carla Stenberg. It was suggested that Eric might have spent too much time in the desert.

(photos by Bill Barry)

Prime Minister's Trip

photos: Major League baseball, depicted here, will be in full swing with spring training camps, NASA Space Shuttle takes flight, the Ringling Bros Circus in miniature form at the Circus Museum and your view from the bar after a typical day laying by the pool.

The activities will be numerous and the variety will appeal to all. Prime Minister Gayle and First Squire Ed invite all Rosarians and friends to join them on their adventure to Florida. Taking place March 10th through March 22nd, the temperature should be 70 to 80 degrees and the travel should be easy.

The first stop will be at Cocoa Beach on the Space Coast of the Atlantic Ocean. There, accommodations will provide easy access to both planned and unplanned activities, as well as simple beach and pool relaxation. You will have the great opportunity to join Ed and Gayle as Royal Rosarians plant a rose at the Kennedy Space Center.

The next stop will be on Florida's Gulf Coast. Activities will abound, including the Festival of States. Its Sungoddess Coronation and Night Parade promise to be highlights of the entire trip. With close proximity to major cultural and scenic opportunities, you will be as busy as you care to be in the Tampa -St. Petersburg area. Again, plain old relaxation on Gulf beaches will entice those so-inclined.

For more information, contact trip Co-chairs Larry and Ann Roberts (503-722-1897) or Bob and Sandy Simmons (503-735-3443) or obtain registration form by emailing Bob Strader (bob@agc-oregon.org).



Royal Event Photos



On November 29 a group of Rosarians greeted Leanne Lemley, the National President in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prime Minister Gayle Whitehurst led our delegation to the VFW Hall in southeast Portland and made the much appreciated presentation evidenced by the standing ovation.

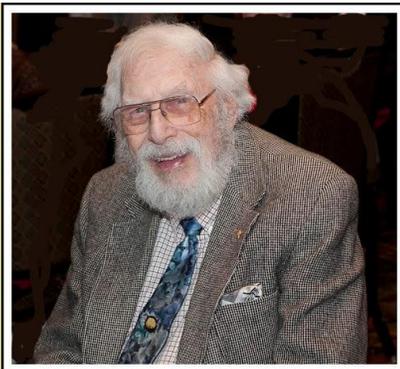


Eric Hungerford arrived at the Portland Airport on November 26 from a year in Afghanistan. A group of Royal Rosarians were there to greet him along with his proud mother, Lady Betty Hungerford (seated). Her elder son, Royal Regent, Rob Hungerford stands inconspicuously in the row behind (third from the left).

Wednesday, December 5 was the day Royal Rosarians and their spouses joined other generous citizens to support the Christmas for Kids project. The Royal Rosarian Foundation is a Co-Sponsor of this event and Rosarians show up in significant numbers to help disadvantaged students Christmas shop for their families. Here, Duke Tony Pasion and Lady Dorothy help young Ryan to complete his shopping list.



Rosarian Profile



Born in Florida on November 24th, 1920, Sir Knight Walter Collins has a wealth of information and experience that he could readily share with us younger Knights and Dames. His presence at the Christmas Brunch gave us the opportunity to congratulate him on his 92nd birthday.

Of course, his knighting into the Royal Rosarians in 1962 under the Rose "Peace" makes him a Life Member and one of only a handful of Rosarians who have served the organization for over 50 years. His sponsor was Hugh Dwight.

Walter retired from a career in Public Relations after spending the last 13 years of that career with the Better Business Bureau. His beautiful wife, Ina has been the love and support in his life. They celebrated their 20th anniversary on November 29. Ina has retired from a career in special education.

Join with us as we congratulate Walter and Ina on reaching several milestones in their lives, their marriage and of course, as a 50 year member of the Royal Rosarians. It was great to see them both, looking good, at the Christmas Brunch.

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.: December 17, 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.

Purely Social - January 4, Home of Gayle & Ed Whitehurst (call Pat Hufford)

NW Festival Hosting Conference - January 18-20, Marysville, WA.

Newsmakers Award Banquet - January 23, Doubletree Lloyd Center

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

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

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

Apple Blossom Festival - May 3-5, Wenatchee

Lilac Festival -- May 17-19, Spokane

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

Memorial Day March -- May 27, Waterfront Park

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 Regatta Parade -- August 10

New Member Knighting -- August 24, Sheraton Airport Hotel

Autumn Leaf Festival -- September 27-29, Leavenworth

Issaquah Salmon Days Festival - October 5-6

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

-- Laura Ingalls Wilder

(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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