



Royal Update

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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter created in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now edited by Dame Lydia Lundberg, with technical support and continuity from Tom Marantette and Peter Glazer. If you have suggestions or contributions, please email to Lydia at Lundberg@elitecare.com

Introducing new Members

Kurt Brunswick

Kurt is a native Portlandian and the youngest of three brothers. For the last 15 years he has been an Account Executive for CSNW Benefits where he helps companies with a variety of employee insurance benefits. When not working, he enjoys playing golf, watching Duck football, doing DIY projects at his house, and other hobbies that keep him busy. He considers himself a foodie and enjoys cooking and a glass of red wine. He looks forward to meeting and getting to know fellow Rosarians and participating in future events.



Shawna Fuller

Shawna was born in Oregon but spent much of her childhood in Southern California, returning to live in Oregon City for middle and high school. For the past 30 years she and her wife, Mary have made Portland their home and have two adult children, a son in Portland and a daughter in Massachusetts. They have spent the past couple of years making their backyard into their favorite entertaining space and love to have large groups of friends converge there. Shawna's been a local 48 IBEW union electrician for almost 30 years and is hoping to retire in just a few more years. In the meantime she is thrilled to be getting involved with the Rosarians and is looking forward to traveling to events and working with a lot of very



fun people.

Trina Hams-Ciapanno

Trina is a proud fifth-generation Oregonian with family ties to both the Royal Rosarians and Rose Festival Pageantry, dating back to 1938. Her passion for hospitality and community engagement led her to establish her own beverage consulting company in 2007, which she has successfully owned and operated for going on 18 years. Through her business, Trina has built strong relationships with Portland's vibrant beverage and hospitality industries; working closely with distilleries, breweries, wineries, and restaurants. Her industry expertise has led her to supporting numerous charities, providing beverage sponsorship and event advice to help enhance fundraising efforts. Her desire to connect with people and her family's long-standing legacy in Portland naturally led her to join the Royal Rosarians, where she will continue to honor and uplift the community. She will be knighted under the rose "Sutter's Gold" in remembrance of George Gannett, Prime Minister 1972.



Jennifer Jardee-Borquist

A sixth-generation Oregonian with deep pioneer roots, she grew up in the Portland Metro area and has been actively engaged in civic organizations since childhood, beginning with the Girl Scouts. She is committed to community service and civic pride. She is eager to represent Portland as a Rosarian, promoting the values and traditions of Rosaria while fostering connections that celebrate the city's vibrant and rich heritage.

David Onasch

David has made his home in Oregon since he graduated from high school 47 years ago. He met his wife on the Oregon coast, and they moved to Portland in 1990. They have been here since. During that time, their one and only daughter was born here, and now she is a successful voice actor in Los Angeles. He spends a lot of his time writing. The decision to join the Rosarians marks a new chapter in his life as he looks forward to new friends, travelling, and romping in the Pacific Northwest playground.



Paula Luan Phillips

She is excited to become a Royal Rosarian and be a part of this esteemed organization that celebrates Portland's rich traditions and spirit. She is passionate about connecting with others who share a love for our city and its representation. Her enthusiasm for planting, and gardening, especially roses, aligns perfectly with the Royal Rosarians' values and activities.



Huma Pierce

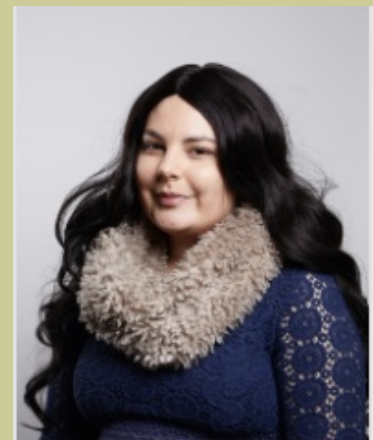
She is an inventor, devoted mother, partner, loving two dog owner, and proud navy veteran. Originally from the vibrant city of Toronto, Canada, born in the UK, she pursued her education at the University of Toronto, and earned degrees in Evolutionary Biology and Islamic Architecture. She first came to Portland for the Rose Festival, aboard HMCS Port De La Reine in 1992. She disembarked from the ship and saw the Rosarians march by and was flummoxed. Who were they, why were they so beloved? It intrigued her for a decade.

Returning to Portland after marrying the love of her life, Dr Christopher Pierce, in 2000, Portland became her home, and she proudly considers herself a "born-again native." Her real native is son Aiden, a highly accomplished, smart, strong and kind Portlander. Becoming a Royal Rosarian is the natural evolution of who she is and she intends to bring 1000% to the organization and foundation.



Gabriella Tomei

Originally moving to Oregon for her master's degree, Gabriella now calls Portland home. She is the current Executive Director of the Portland Bologna Sister City Association, which just wrapped up its 20th Year Anniversary last year. With a love for traveling and global connection, she is honored to have the opportunity to strengthen Portland's international ties through cultural exchange, youth programs, and collaboration with both government institutions in Portland and Bologna, Italy. She volunteers reviewing cases of children in foster care with the Multnomah Co. Citizen Review Board No. 4. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Wahkeena Chapter), the Trails Club of Oregon, and is an honorary member of the



Portland Skyliners. In her free time, she enjoys participating in local fun runs, biking, sailing, painting, skiing, reading, and going to the symphony or opera.

Carol Vogel Warner

Carol has lived in Portland for over 35 years. Her career was as an Executive for numerous non-profits throughout the country. In addition, she had a short term and long term rental business that she has run for over 30 years and continues to do so. Her greatest joy is her 24 year old son Xavier. He resides in NYC. He came into her life when he was three as his foster son and she was then able to adopt him. It has been her honor to be his Mom. In junior high and high school she was in a Drum and Bugle Corp called the Columbians from Tri-Cities, Washington. They marched many times in the Rose Festival Parade and at festivals all throughout the NW, Canada and further east. This experience was the highlight of her youth. She believes becoming a Rosarian will combine her love to serve others and her joy to march.



Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: May 1, May 22. The June 12, meeting will be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory on 715 S Bancroft Street, Portland.



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8

Rosarian Foundation Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: April 23, May 28, July 23, August 27, September TBA

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

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Jim Nielson's Truisms

- "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- - *Eleanor Roosevelt*



(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 Glazer thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)

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