



Royal Rosarians

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Electronic Newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

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

Council Elections

According to the Edict of the Royal Rosarians, the annual election shall be held on the Thursday following the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. The election will take place on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel. All voting must be done in person. The Edict does not allow absentee or proxy voting.

One ballot will be issued to each eligible Royal Rosarian voter. The Elections Committee, chaired by Royal Regent Korrie Hoeckendorf, will check off the name of each Rosarian receiving a ballot. The Rosarian may then vote by marking candidates for Council, a candidate for Secretary of State, and candidates for the Foundation Board. The ballot will then be deposited into a ballot box supervised by the Elections Committee. Anyone having concerns or questions about their voting should contact Royal Regent Korrie Hoeckendorf.

Voting must be completed by 6:30 pm. The Election Committee will count all ballots submitted by 6:30 pm. Counting will be done by several Royal Rosarian Dukes and Duchesses, joined by two Rosarians who are not past Prime Ministers, as is Rosarian policy. Election results will be communicated to Prime Minister Dwight Terry so that he may announce the results before the end of the meeting.

Candidates for Secretary of State and Rosarian Council

The following is information submitted by each candidate. The questions were put to Council and Secretary of State candidates by Royal Regent Korrie Hoeckendorf who chairs the Nominating Committee. The submissions of each candidate have not been edited. They are printed as submitted. The photos of Rosarian candidates were submitted by the candidates.

The Council Candidates should answer two questions:

Question One - What has been your most fulfilling job or committee assignment in the Royal Rosarians, and why did you enjoy it?

Question Two - What is the biggest challenge facing the Royal Rosarians over the next few years, and what is one thing you could personally do to help overcome it?

Council Candidate Statements

Candidate for Council and Secretary of State



Amy Arasmith

1) I loved being Royal Scribe. I got to perform our beautiful rose planting ceremony. I had the joy of greeting dignitaries. Above all, I will cherish the time I spent with the rose planting team traveling to our sister festivals.

2) I believe the biggest challenge facing the Royal Rosarians is the beating the city's reputation has taken in the last couple of years. The one thing I can do to help overcome it is to show up every time the city has something good to celebrate. I am a goodwill ambassador even when times are

hard.

Candidates for Council



David Althaus

1) Serving as Royal Scribe was the most fulfilling position I have held. It allowed me to contribute to the RRs in ways I never thought of. Chairing the picnic was probably my most significant contribution. The picnic allowed me to build a sense of trust and congeniality among my fellow Rosarians.

2) Membership is one of our biggest challenges. The world is changing, member's needs and expectations are changing, and our tactics must change, too. I would invite current members to bring their creativity to the planning table and be open to trying out new ideas and experimenting with new tactics.

Hal Barry

No response, due to illness



Doug Crimin

1) The most fulfilling job that I have had was carrying the flag in the 2019 Grand Floral Parade. This was my first grand floral parade and to be right up front, carrying the flag, in my hometown, participating in a parade that I grew up watching was an incredible

experience that I will never forget.

2) Participation. The pandemic has caused many to reconsider large gatherings, we face the challenge of how to creatively encourage participation and connect with existing members. Recruiting new members who can forge relationships with tenured members could reengage an energy that may have dwindled.



Jannette Day

1) Of the many committee's/jobs I have performed during my 10 years of service as a Royal Rosarian the most rewarding was the year, I was the Minister of Foreign Affairs 2017/2018. My responsibilities included the coordination of major elements of the Grand Floral, Starlight, and Junior parades.

2) New member involvement is key. We need to be honest and forthright with our expectations so that we can honor our legacy of tradition. I believe that we should tap into organizations designed to develop younger generations. Friends, family, organizations such as Toastmasters, City of Hope, Inspirators, Nursing facilities, Red Cross.



Craig Dirksen

1) My most fulfilling job has been Royal Chaplain in 2017. Supporting PM Jim Stahl for Rose Plantings and Out of Towns, and getting to do the invocations at Rosarian events. Committing up front to prioritize RR events made it my best year ever. Second would be being Chamberlain and coordinating the hotels and hospitality packets for out-of-towns.

2) Our biggest challenge is the lack of participation of existing Rosarians. A good way to reverse this would be to encourage interpersonal relationships

(friendships), especially between active and non-active Rosarians, to combat isolation and encourage participation. We also need to recruit new members who already have a history of involvement.



Ron Fisher

1) I've had many jobs but the one that was most fulfilling was the hospitality room chair. There is lots of planning, logistics once the room is open, number of times to fill the tables with food, and in the end, it is very satisfying knowing you and your team were successful.

2) Today the biggest challenge for the Rosarians, and many other organizations, is keeping the membership growing. There is much to be done but keeping the members engaged and excited to be involved takes every one of us. Being excited about being together and helping our community is where we help most.



Kik Nielsen

1) Being Royal Chaplain was an honor and my most fulfilling job. I loved writing blessings, creating and sharing a brief moment of peace and togetherness before each event. As part of the Rose Planting team I gained a sense of pride and confidence. Planning the Blessing of The Festival has been my biggest job and truly a meaningful learning experience.

2) Membership is a big challenge – we all must sponsor new members. Getting members involved is also a huge challenge. I held a meeting for new members on how to get involved and am willing to coordinate these for current members who feel lost or would like to get more involved but aren't sure how. Membership is important - involved members are also very important!



Michelle Veentier

1) I have had a pleasure and opportunity to chair or be part of several committees, but the most fulfilling, fun and rewarding hands down would be the 2022 Foundation Auction. I have never taken on a task as large as the auction and I was excited for the challenge. The learning, growth and relationships that I have gained this last year will last me a lifetime. I am so thankful that the organization put its trust in me, and I will be forever grateful for everyone's support.

2) I believe one of the biggest challenges we are facing over the next few years is retaining and getting new membership. I would love to see all the hard work that the previous council have done continue and I would love to be part of the mentoring program, small group gatherings and I would love to help all new members learn the rich history &

heritage and tradition of the Royal Rosarians. I will continue to be a positive example, active member and an Ambassador of Goodwill to our city that I love.



Patrick Wong

1) PM Dwight appointed me as Royal Chaplain; I found this position especially fulfilling. I consider it an honor to serve on the council, engage with community members, and preserve the unique traditions of the Royal Rosarians. I am proud to represent this organization as part of the red capes team.

2) Consistent member participation is an ongoing challenge. I enjoy making connections with our members and believe that personal conversations are crucial for strong involvement. I want to

continue serving on the council to uphold traditions and offer greater variety to increase member participation.

Honorary Knighting and Queen Coronation



When: June 10th, 9 AM - Noon

Where: Peninsula Park

Thirty Honor Guards will be needed for this year's Honorary Knighting and Queen's Coronation. Event Chairs are requesting that Honor Guards plan to participate in both events. Honor Guards will need to arrive at 8:15 am and will be finished at the end of

the Queen's Coronation about noon. Rosarians wear Full whites to include hat and gloves. Honor Guards please sign up [HERE](#)

Honorary Knighting Ceremony - Guests are welcome to witness festival pageantry dating back more than a century, as worthy candidates for honorary knighthood kneel before Queen Lili of the Realm of Rosaria. The knighting will be in the beautiful Peninsula Park Rose Garden. Bus transportation provided from the Doubletree. Also there is plenty of parking on the street. Admission is free.

Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest

The Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest is blooming in spite of our record rain, and Judges will be out inspecting the gardens on June 5th. All Rosarians are invited to attend the Rose Garden Contest Ceremony up at the IRTG Royal Rosarian Garden on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 pm. Please join your fellow Rosarians and Community members who will be rewarded for their outstanding Rose Gardens. It is a great reminder of our slogan



that we proclaim around the world: "For you a rose in Portland grows".

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The last membership meeting in the 2020-2021 Rosarian year will be June 16 (Elections) at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree.



Rosarian Council Meetings - The council meetings for the 2021-2022 Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 pm July 18, August 15, and September 19 at the Doubletree Lloyd Center Hotel.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - - Foundation meetings will be held at 6:00 pm July 27, August 24 and September 28 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel unless otherwise announced.

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

[Click here to visit the Royal Rosarian website](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms



"The intelligent man finds almost everything ridiculous, the sensible man hardly anything."

- *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

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

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