Royal Rosarians

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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 published by Sir Knight Norb Murray (norbmur@comcast.net) with technical support by Sir Knight Tom Marantette.



Pagentry of Roses



Spring and summer is normally a busy time for Rosarians and the Portland Rose Festival, but this year from mid-March on the operative word has been "Cancelled." Rosarian uniforms have gathered more dust than miles. But the ingenuity, creativity and energy of the Royal Rosarian and Rose Festival leaders found ways to outflank the COVID devil. Porch, virtual and drive by parades have been highlights. But too many iconic festival events had been sidelined.

The leadership was not to sit idly by and let it pass so created the Pageantry of Rosaria that combined six events into one. The event was held on a beautiful July 30th in Washington Park's International Rose Test Garden. The Blessing of the Festival and Memoriam (April), New Member Knighting (April), Honorary Knighting (June), Queen's Coronation (June) and Queen's Plaque Laying were conducted by those few allowed to participate due to the COVID restrictions.

Queen Mya Brazile concludes a busy 2019-20 year as Queen of Rosaria above.

Queen's Coronation

During the Pageantry of Rosaria Anya Anand was crowned 2020-21 Queen of Rosaria. The Lincoln High School graduate was crowned in a special limited Queen's

Coronation presented at the Queens' Walk in the International Rose Test Garden at Washington Park. The new Queen and her court did a short procession around the Garden, and returned to Queens' Walk to lay the traditional Queen's plaque, cementing her place in the long line of Rose Festival queens since 1908's Queen Flora.



Due to the pandemic, Queen Anya was elected by a vote of her peers. The Rose Festival was unable to assemble the standard collection of community volunteers to meet and greet the court in a series of judging opportunities, so the Festival asked those with the best knowledge of the Court -- the Princesses themselves -- to make the determination. The last time the court selected their own Queen was in 1930, the first year the Rose Festival started selecting Princesses from area high schools.

Anya, who was born in Portland, Oregon, plans to attend the University of California at Davis, and major in Psychology for four years, before moving on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

Anya was very active at Lincoln: as a volunteer Co-President of the Associated Student Body and Asian Student Union, as well as Co-Chair of the Multnomah Youth Commission Committee. Anya has been passionate about education from an early age and is president of REAL (Rural Education and Literacy) in India. Anya visited a remote village in India to give free education to underprivileged girls. According to Queen Anya "This is to encourage girls to be self-sufficient, independent, and secure a better life for themselves, in an area that predominantly doesn't provide or allow education for girls."

Above, Prime Minister Kimberly crowns Queen Anya while court princesses look on.

Royal Rosarian Class of 2020 Knighted



The beautiful day and gorgeous rose gardens provided a special backdrop for the knighting the newest Royal Rosarians by Queen Mya as she concluded her reign over the Realm of Rosaria.

As her final official function Queen Mya knighted the nine members of the Royal Rosarian Class of 2020 and two Honorary Knightees. Queen Mya was included as an honorary member.

Duke Adam Baker and Prime Minister Kimberly look on as Queen Mya knights Dame Sally Runyan.

Christina Johnson Rose: Sheila's Perfume



Chris was born and raised in Washington state and, as the great- granddaughter of a 'Homestead Pioneer', has always felt a grounded-connection to the Pacific Northwest. She left Western Washington University in 1970 to 'see the world' as a flight attendant and, adding her love of gardening to her professional life, she became certified by The New York Botanical Gardens in Professional Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, and built her landscape design business. She has retired to Portland, volunteering with several organizations, and has become part of the Master Gardener Program with a special love for her work at The International Rose Test Garden.

Holly Morgan Rose: Burst of Joy



Holly was born in Portland and grew up in Canby before going on to attend Portland State University and the Dental Hygiene Program at Portland Community College. Holly lived in California after college before returning to Oregon where she now lives in Beaverton. She has a son who graduated from Southridge High School in Beaverton, then going on to attend and play football at the University of Arizona. She has worked for Kaiser Permanente Dental for the last 26 years. Holly serves on the Board of Directors at KaiPermNW Federal Credit Union and sits on the board of the dental hygiene programs for two local colleges. She has many fond memories of Rose Festival activities through baton twirling and Girl Scouts: marching in parades, attending the air show, milk carton boat races, etc. She looks forward to extending the opportunity for others to create lasting memories of Portland, Oregon through her Royal Rosarian participation.

Gabriela Roman Rose: Secret



Gabriela was born in Bucharest, Romania and came to Portland in June of 1991. She studied English at Mt Hood Community College and earned an Associate degree in Human Service and later earned a BA in Social Science at Portland State University. Gabriela enjoys traveling, dancing, movies, reading, and classic cars but most enjoys spending time with her wonderful son. She is looking forward to using past experience and skills to giving back to this great City of Roses, that same city that welcomed her with open arms, allowing her so many opportunities.

Sally Runyan Rose: Wildfire



Sally was raised on her family's 30,000-acre wheat and cattle ranch in Eastern Oregon. She went to school in Heppner before moving to Portland where she attended Portland State University and earned her BS in Accounting. Sally then went to work in the mortgage business. In 1989 she and her husband purchased a small airport which she continues to run. Along the way she got her pilot's license. Together, she and her husband fostered two teenage girls. She loves animals and currently has a mule, a donkey, a dog, and a cat who live with her on the airport property. She says she has been very lucky to have had a wide variety or experiences and would love to share her enthusiasm and "give back".

Tracy Schaffer Rose: Love



Tracy grew up in Salem. She attended North Salem High. She attended Western Oregon University for her undergraduate studies in Secondary Education (English and writing), with an art minor, and graduate studies in Rehabilitation Counseling. Tracy grew up with deaf parents and has several family members who are also deaf. Tracy works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Beaverton.

Brandon Silvestre Rose: Peace



Brandon was born and raised in Portland's St. Johns neighborhood and went to college at Portland State University. Brandon grew up participating in the St. Johns, Thanksgiving Day and Starlight parades while in middle and high school, playing the baritone saxophone. He always had so much pride representing his schools and city through these parades. While at PSU and after, Brandon worked at Uwajimaya in Beaverton for 13 years as the Grocery Department Manager and is involved with local organizations that support the Portland community. Brandon is also a board member of the Portland Sapporo Sister City Association, where he directly supports the community and business relations between Uwajimaya and Sapporo Bussan Kyokai Association.

Linda White Rose: Peace



Linda White has lived in the Portland area for 30 years, having moved from the South for work. Linda imagined she would return after retiring but found it difficult to leave. The climate, the activities, and most of all the friends were impossible to leave. Linda has volunteered as an usher in Portland theaters, traveled worldwide, and is now a volunteer with Travel Portland. Linda looks forward to using her experiences to represent Portland and the Royal Rosarians locally and worldwide.

Yushonna Wilson Rose: Walking on Sunshine



After being raised in Vancouver, Washington, Yushonna moved to Portland in the late 1980s. She currently resides in the Parkrose-Argay neighborhood with her husband of 25 years, Curtis, and their two sons Christopher and Andrew. Yushonna has been employed by Kaiser Permanente for over 30 years and is the manager of one of its dental offices. In her spare time, she loves to gather and gathers to love. This is why Yushonna is looking forward to contributing to the Royal Rosarians' rich tradition of being the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland.

Ken Yohe Rose: Lasting Love



Ken Yohe grew up in the Portland Metro area and graduated Sherwood High School. After school, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Korea for a year and deploying for Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Ken graduated from Portland State University and then worked for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office where he recently retired after 25 years of service. It was as a patrol deputy that Ken was injured which led him to hire Peter Glazer for his insurance claim. They became friends and the next thing Ken knew he was joining the Rosarians. One of his favorite duties was escorting the Navy Ships during Rose Festival from the coast to Portland in the Sheriff's Patrol Boat. Ken and Cherrie Yohe have been married 28 years and have raised two boys, Kenneth and Matthew. Ken and Cherrie look forward to upcoming activities and social events with the Rosarians during their retirement years.

Honorary Knighting

This year's Honorary Knighting class was probably the smallest on record, and that's what makes it special. In addition to Queen Mya the knighting ceremony honored the accomplishments and contributions of two women in advancing and promoting the rose and development of Portland's rose gardens, in particular the International Test Garden and Peninsula Park Rose Garden.



Mya Brazile of St. Mary's Academy was crowned last year's 2019 Rose Festival Queen.

An all-league standout varsity basketball player at St. Mary's, Brazile will attend Westcliff University in Irvine, CA this fall. She will be majoring in Sports Management, working to grow the representation of women in sports.

We wish Queen Mya the best of everything in her future.

Rachel Burlington is the Curator of the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden. Rachel was knighted under the rose Europeana.





Patricia Forbes is the Founder and Member of Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden in Northeast Portland. Pat was knighted under the rose Fame.

2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council

The Royal Rosarian elections took place on June11, the Thursday following the originally scheduled date of the Grand Floral Parade. The election results were announced by Prime Minister Kimberly at the virtual Membership Meeting, held that evening.



The following is the 2020-2021 elected council:

Executive Officers:
Prime Minister: Korrie Hoeckendorf
Lord High Chancellor: Dwight Terry
Secretary of State: John Danielson

Elected Council (Green Capes):
Mike Ware
Amy Arasmith
Ilse Kindler
John Jackson
Michael Mills
Michelle Veentjer
Sue Simpson
Ron Fisher

Dwight Terry as Lord High Chancellor will succeed to Prime Minister for the 2021-22 year. John Danielson then becomes Lord High Chancellor then Prime Minister for the 2022-23 year.

The Council will be installed at the Prime Minister Korrie's Ball currently scheduled for October 3 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard.

In the above photo the Election Committee collects ballots from drive-by Rosarians at DoubleTree Hotel entrance on June 11.

Rosarian Rotogravure



A Royal Rosarian final salute to reigning Queen Mya.

July 30 was a beautiful day in the International Rose Test Garden for the Knighting Ceremony.





2019 Queen Mya with the 2020 Princesses prior to the Coronation.

The Court is in place ready for the Coronation of the new Queen of Rosaria.





The moment the new Queen is announced.

The Queen's procession as Royal Rosarians salute 2020 Queen Anya.





Queen Anya and her family.

Queen Anya and Prime Minister Kimberly complete the laying of the Queen's plaque in The Queens' Walk section of the Rose Garden. The Plaque Laying is normally conducted the day following the coronation.





Calendar

Rosarian Council Meetings - Council Meetings for the 2019-20 Rosarian year will be held on August 17 (Zoom Meeting), and September 21. Council meetings start at 7:00 p.m.



Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Remaining meetings for 2019-20 will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 26 and September 23

2020-2021 Prime Minister's Ball - October 3, Embassy Suites, Tigard

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



"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains."

- Anne Frank

(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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