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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

Prime Minister's Message



Thank you to all who attended the April Membership Meeting. I hope you enjoyed a sneak peek at the the Rose Festival season. It promises to be another terrific festival.

In March we enjoyed a rain free St Patrick's Day Parade and woke a fleet of Dragons to kick off the 2025 Dragon Boat racing season. We also said farewell to Duke Ray Hanson and Lady Bettie Maring. It was truly moving to see how many Rosarians were there to honor their lives.

On April 5th the Class of 2025 was knighted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Since Queen Kobi is away at school, 2020 Queen Anya did the honors. It was a lovely evening expertly presided over by Dames Kimberly Takla and Karen Murphy. This is an outstanding class of Rosarians. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to make the acquaintance of each of these new members.

It's time to get signed up for these events:

2025 Newsmakers of the Year; April 16th
Blessing of the Festival; April 26th
Membership Meeting; May 1st
Cinco de Mayo Naturalization Ceremony; May 2nd
Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival; May 2nd-4th
Arleta First Grade Parade; May 9th
St John's Parade; May 10th

St. Paddy's Day Parade

The skies were gray, there was a 40% chance of rain, and there were shades of green as far as the eyes could see on Sunday March 16th, when about 26 Rosarians, family, and friends participated in Portland's St. Paddy's Day parade. The sidewalks of the Grant neighborhood were lined with parade goers that were young, experienced, furry and feathered and it did not rain on Steve O'Slaviks 36th annual parade. The afternoon was filled with giggles, waves, thank you's and the occasional hug, along with music, dancing and barks. If your cheeks didn't hurt from smiling after this parade then you were doing it wrong.



Travel Oregon at The Redd

We had a delightful afternoon on Tuesday, March 18, spreading our goodwill and sticky roses. Travel Oregon invited us to attend a wonderful immersive experience showcasing the 7 regions of Oregon for local, national and international news. Highlighted areas included Portland, the Oregon Coast, Eastern & Southern Oregon, Wine country, Sports and our Tribes. While the guests enjoyed delicious tapas and drinks, we walked among the crowd ... and may have had a snack or beverage ourselves.



Vicky Li Airport Greeting

WHY we do ... what we do ... On Saturday, March 22, we had the honor of greeting Vicky Li, the Kaohsiung coordinator and local liaison for the Kaohsiung Sister City Association. For many years, Vicky Li, has taken care of the Portland delegation to Kaohsiung. She helps them get where they need to be, translates and makes sure everyone is well fed. She has traveled many times with the Kaohsiung delegation but has never had a greeting for herself.

Apparently at one point she told President Chi that she was going to fly into Seattle and drive to Portland. Well, that wasn't going to work so he managed to convince her to fly into Portland. I believe she was truly surprised and took in every word as Amy read her certificate to her. Vicky came to Portland for the Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony which took place this past Saturday.



Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony



April 3rd Membership Meeting

We had a great membership meeting. PRFF president Jeremy Emerson and Grand Floral Parade chair David McCall came to talk about Rose Festival. Also, the current slate of council members standing for election were introduced.



2025 New Member Knighting Ceremony





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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