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## Royal Update

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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](mailto:tjm@atiyehbros.com)) or Peter ([pkglazer@aol.com](mailto:pkglazer@aol.com)).

**Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!**



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Royal Update and Prime Minister Gayle Whitehurst!

The New Year is approaching. Please be sure you've marked your calendar for the Purely Social on Friday, January 4, at the Whitehursts'. Details below.

## Newsmakers is Only a Month Away--January 23



Have you made your commitment yet to attend Newsmakers of the Year? It's just a month away (earlier this year than ever because of scheduling conflicts in March). The 2013 Newsmakers Awards Banquet takes place on January 23 at the Doubletree Lloyd Center. Please consider sponsoring a Media Table (your six guests seated with a media presenter and a Newsmaker of the Year) or a Corporate Table (your business gets all 8 seats at the table) or individual tickets. **Please call Joan Blizzard now at 503-638-4540.**

The Royal Rosarians' fifth annual Newsmakers of the Year Award Banquet took place in 2003. The article that follows appeared afterward in The Royal Rosarian Reminder. It describes a very typical Newsmakers Award banquet.

### **A Night to Remember**

The Newsmakers Committee had done its work. Seven premier Portland news organizations were ready with a splendid variety of newsmaker stories. Seven Media Table sponsors had stepped up to the plate and additional corporate sponsors had purchased 22 tables. In all, close to 400 persons anxiously waited to fill, to capacity, the banquet room at the Lloyd Center Doubletree hotel.

Inside the banquet room, Lady Pat Troyer was placing the final touches on her splendid arrangements of red and white roses at each of forty-four tables. The white table cloths and black napkins enhanced the significance and beauty of the roses in bloom. On stage a magnificent bouquet, approximately three feet wide, would draw everyone's attention.

At 6:30 the doors were opened. As guests found their places, jovial conversation and admiration for the decorations filled the room. A prime rib meal with all the trimmings was placed before us, and while dessert was served Prime Minister Bob Woody began the program. Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies, Jim Francesconi, was followed by the Commissioner's remarks regarding the state of the news media industry. His ability to poke fun, to compliment and to enthusiastically express his appreciation for the Royal Rosarians, clearly made the evening both entertaining and memorable.

But the real stars of the evening were lead off by the presentation of Officer **George Weseman** and **William Hayden**, by Steve Dunn and Natali Marmion of KATU Channel 2 News. Their description of Officer Weseman's arrest of a check fraud suspect, the subsequent shooting of the policeman in the head, and the courageous support offered by passerby, William Holden, definitely grabbed everyone's attention. Jim McLaren and Marie Dodds of KEX Radio 1190, next introduced **Dr. Stephen Boyer**, whose heroic effort on Mt. Hood, during last year's mountain tragedy, had helped to save lives. Other honorees included **Sister Cathie Boerboom**, presented by Janine Robben of the Portland Tribune. **Amelia Gonsiewski**, the young recipient of a successful, 2002 heart and lung transplant, was introduced by Christina Lent and Jaime Valdez of the Community Newspapers. **Linda Martin's** willingness to get involved was described by KPTV FOX 12 Oregon News Anchor, Wayne Garcia. KOIN Channel 6's Christine Miles introduced **Karen Masterson** and her tale of a mother's extraordinary love and determination. Shelly Brady's story about **Bill Porter** was presented by Krista Vasquez of KGW Television Channel 8. Their heartwarming tribute to Bill's lifetime of determination and hard work, despite unbelievable handicaps, brought the audience to its feet and tears to their eyes.

The personalities, the accomplishments and the extraordinary efforts of each honored newsmaker was felt by all who sat in the room. There were laughs, there were tears and there was appreciation by all for the positive and uplifting evening produced by the Royal Rosarians.

**The 2003 event was most memorable as it honored a very special man.**

**Bill Porter (pictured right) was born with cerebral palsy but nonetheless became a very successful door-to-door salesman in Portland, struggling up to 10 miles a day on foot while selling household products for the Watkins Company. Friendly and persistent, in time Bill Porter became the top grossing Watkins salesman in the United States. Krista Vasquez, from KGW, presented Mr. Porter as the last Newsmaker of the evening and what a job she did. As the article indicates, Rosarians and their guests left that evening with damp eyes and happy hearts (not uncommon at Newsmaker events).**



**The photo at the top promotes a full length feature film telling the life story of Bill Porter. William H. Macy performed admirably as Mr. Porter and if you have not seen it, you should add it to your list.**

**You should also add to your list, attendance at the 2013 Newsmakers Awards Banquet on January 23. You will surely walk away with damp eyes and a happy heart. Please call Joan Blizzard now to reserve your seat (503-638-4540).**

## Hearts and Roses Auction 2013

by Larry Rodman



Can you help?

The Foundation Auction is right around the corner, on February 9, 2013.

### **WINE is on our mind\_\_\_\_\_**

Help us reclaim our traditional "wall of wine" that in years past played such a prominent role for the Foundation. If you have a couple of bottles you could donate, please set them aside and give us a call; we'll pick them up!

### **A basket here, a basket there\_\_\_\_\_**

Have an idea for a basket? Our baskets gather a lot of attention with their charm, appeal, and the excitement they generate! Interested in a class on creating a spectacular gift basket? We need volunteers to help assemble the baskets prior to the auction, and our professional basket designer will show you how to build your basket layer by layer.

### **Donate A Dinner**

Hey let's have a party! Pick a theme, give us a call; we'll line it up.

Do you have a neighbor, friend, co-worker that has something special they could donate to the Auction? We'd love to hear from you.

### **And what's hot???**

Jay Leno tickets (you can't buy these); unrestricted airline tickets; five-star hotel rooms; Oregon Football season box seats; Drive Portland In A Mini weekend - keep it coming - Contact Mike Ware, Larry Rodman, or Wayne Woodridge if you have something, or know of someone who has something to donate- Let's get crazy; thanks for your support!!!



Gene and Sue Horton looking for bargains at a past Hearts and Roses Auction

## Purely Social - January 4



### Celebrate the New Year with Prime Minister Gayle!

*A typical holiday scene at the West Linn home of Prime Minister Gayle Whitehurst and Squire Ed. Don't worry, this is a photo from the past and although the home is still magnificent and beautifully decorated, you will not have to trudge through snow to attend the January 4 Purely Social.*

Do you know the history of Purely Socials? It's a pretty simple concept.

They started in 2007 under Prime Minister Bob Strader. The concept was inspired by the Wenatchee Applarians (stolen from them might be a better term) at a time when some Rosarians were heard to complain that "everything we do costs money."

The Applarians, who were launched with the help of Royal Rosarians, held regular potluck dinners as a method of getting to know each other better throughout the year; traveling to out-of-town festivals is a great way to get to know others in your organization but it isn't feasible for everyone. An in-town social event provides some of the same opportunities to talk, bond, and build a united spirit.

Purely Socials are no-charge dinners, usually at a Rosarian's home but sometimes his business (last year we had a great event at Atiyeh Bros. showroom). You should always RSVP to the coordinator (Patty Hufford) to be sure that there aren't 50 salads and no desserts, and whether you should bring your own beverage.

If you haven't contacted Patty to join us January 4, don't wait. Do it today.

## For the Good of the Royal Rosarians



**Mark Smith's 2014 Prime Minister's Trip is a hit!** Deposits have been received from about 60 Rosarians and friends of Rosaria who look forward to this once-in-a-lifetime river cruise in Russia. The first informational meeting hasn't even been held--it's on February 20--but to take advantage of an opportunity to lock in prices, Mark and trip chairman Tom Sagerser communicated through email with persons who had expressed an interest. There's still room for more. Call Tom Sagerser (503-292-8433) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

**Merry Christmas from Sir Knight Marv Schlabs**--Marv was nice enough to send holiday greetings with a link to a live musical performance in the town square of a Spanish city. It's impressive and the link is at the bottom of this article. Enjoy. And here's Marv's greeting:

"Merry Christmas to all. I've seen this before but it is just wonderful!!!!

What a special experience this would be. Out for a stroll in Sabadella near Barcelona in Spain and a symphony orchestra, accompanied by a popular choir, appears out of nowhere and begins playing Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Just watch the children's reactions. That is how you can tell just how special this happening is." This is so wonderful! Enjoy and Merry Christmas!!

Photo at top: Prime Minister Gayle is all about looking forward to the future. Once in awhile, however, an editor may sneak in an image of our rich history. The above photos are on a page of an album that belonged to Duke Peter's grandfather, A.C. Kendall, who took them in 1913 when he arrived in Portland as a 20 year old looking to make his fortune in the Pacific Northwest.

## Christmas for Kids 2012

### Successful Event Involves Many Rosarians, Spouses & Friends.

For the past 22 years the Oregon based Christmas for Kids Foundation has sponsored Christmas for Kids, a non-religious charity outreach program. They raise the funds for this project in the form of donated merchandise, employees' time, and of course cash contributions. Over the past several years the Foundation has developed a partnership with several sponsors to make this event truly memorable for the kids.



The Royal Rosarian Foundation is one of those major sponsors. A \$5,000 check was presented to the Christmas for Kids Foundation at the November 1 membership meeting. Then on December 5, many Rosarians and spouses showed up at the NE Weidler Fred Meyer Store and with their hearts, gave the best gift of all. Event Chairs Bob and Sandy Simmons reported that 40 Rosarians, spouses and friends took the time to help disadvantaged students shop for their families.

The Christmas for Kids Foundation reports that 14 school districts and 54 schools were involved in the project this year. The student shoppers and their families received \$152,496 in value. That is a new record. In the past eight years the project has surpassed \$1,000,000 of value to these families. In 2012 expenses were held to 1.68%. A remarkable charity and one we are proud to sponsor and equally proud to participate with "hands on" experience at the event.

Congratulations to long-time chairs, Bob and Sandy Simmons and to new Chair Greg Burnett. Your efforts, this year are to be applauded.



*Sir Knight John Creegan looks just a little perplexed. Shopping is not a naturally born talent for him. Fortunately, he has the help of that beautiful blond student.*

**Spouse Lady Mindy Brennan, on the other hand, finds shopping a natural talent. Her student shopper does not even have to help but sure enjoys the ride.**

photos by Larry Klobertanz



## 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.: 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.

**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 Rose Planting** -- August 9

**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"**

***"Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbors, and let every New-Year find you a better Man."***

-- ~Quoted in Benjamin Franklin's 1755 Poor Richard's Almanac

*(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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