



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 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



It's been an amazing and busy month for the Rosarians as we move toward the Rose Festival events and Rosarian Hospitality Weekend.

Please see below more details of the events that have happened since the last Rosarian Update.

Upcoming Events: Parades, Parades, Parades, Greetings, Hospitality Weekend. If you have not signed up to attend the Rose Festival Parades or purchased a package for Hospitality, it's not too late! We need Marshals, Drummers, Marchers, for all parades and greeters at the Airport to meet our city's visitors. Go to ClubRunner, signup and get involved!

See you all at the Rose Festival parades and Hospitality Weekend!
Mike

April Membership Meeting

At our Membership Meeting on April 11th we highlighted our New Members as we welcomed ten new Rosarians to our family.

Blessing of the Festival

On April 13th the annual Blessing of the Festival was held at St. John Fisher Catholic Church. Duchess Kimberly Bown chaired the event and Royal Regent

John Danielson was MC for an amazing and moving ceremony. A special Thank You to both Duchess Kimberly and Royal Regent John for all their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to all of the Rosarians who attended to form the Honor Guard and to the many other spouses and Rosarians who volunteered to help with the reception that followed. It all made a difference for the families of those who had passed in the last year from the Rosarians, Rose Festival Foundation, Rose Society and Navy League. Bill Barry was on hand to do our photography and there are a number of photos posted on the website for those of you who could not attend.



San Antonio Fiesta

On April 20th First Lady Colleen and, I along with about forty-five Rosarians, spouses and guests arrived in San Antonio for a week of festivities during the annual Fiesta. It was an amazing time and I would like to thank Dukes Peter Glazer, Rick Saturn, Dwight Terry, Rob Hungerford and Bob Strader for co-chairing and setting up an amazing week of fun. I would also like to thank Dame Holly Fowler for arranging the Honorary Knighting and Chancellor of the Exchequer Kik Neilsen for arranging for drummers at the Flambo Parade. If you have never attended this festival, don't miss it the next time we attend.





82nd Avenue of Roses Parade

On April 27th, Secretary of State Ron Fisher led the Rosarians at the 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade. It was a very nice parade that was well attended by Rosarians.



Packy Memorial Rose Planting

On Wednesday, May 1st a rose planting was held at the Packy Memorial at the Oregon Zoo in honor of a benefactor to the Elephant Lands addition to the Zoo. There were about twelve Rosarians on hand and the honoree was overwhelmed. Thank you to the Rose Planting Team of Royal Chaplain Holly Morgan, Royal Gardener Yushonna Wilson, and Royal Scribe Vicky Rice along with all the others who attended.



May 2nd Membership Meeting

On May 2nd we held the first May Membership meeting of the month. Royal Regent John Danielson presented the list of Rosarians who are running for next year's Council and accepted nominations from the floor. Foundation President Duke Scott Stuhl presented the Rosarians who are running for the Foundation Board. Also, during that meeting, Duke Bob Strader, Chair of a special committee that was formed at the Prime Minister's request to review the Rosarian financials and look at the overall financial health of the Rosarians, gave the Committee's report to the membership. While we are not in a crisis, we are facing a serious issue with our finances due to a significant decline in membership and a lack of member participation in Rosarian events. In reviewing the last five years of financials, the Rosarians' cash reserves have dropped from close to \$100k to less than \$45k. During his presentation, Bob presented a number of ways to bring us back to a healthy position. Those included increasing our membership levels, which both the committee and Council believe will take anywhere from three to five years. To bridge the gap and stop the losses, he presented four motions that will act as a stop gap in our losses as we rebuild our membership. PM Mike detailed these motions in a letter to the entire membership on May 16. In that letter he also announced a special membership meeting that will be held on August 15th at a location to be determined.

Apple Blossom Festival

On May 4th we attended the annual Apple Blossom festival in Wenatchee, Washington. The weather was a little less than perfect, but it was a great time in spite of the rain. During the weekend, we also did a rose planting for festival President Mary Ann Castro. Thank you to all the Rosarians and spouses who attended.





Pendleton Court Reception

May 6th we hosted the annual Three Court Reception. It is always great to see these young ladies from the Pendleton and Happy Canyon courts meet with our Rose Festival princesses.



St John's Parade

On Saturday, May 11th we attended the St. John's Parade. It was well attended by a number of Rosarians and the weather was great. Thank you, Lord High Steward Doug Crimin, for putting together a great time.



Rose Planting at Elite Care

On May 15th we held a rose planting at Elite Care's Oatfield Estates to honor their residents who have passed in the last year and to recognize Dame Lydia Lundberg, founder. The rose planting was also attended this year's Rose Festival Princess Court. Thank you to all the Rosarians who attended to make this a wonderful event for the Oatfield Estates residents.





Spokane Lilac Festival

On May 17th the Rosarians attended the Spokane Lilac Festival (no rain for this one). Queen of Rosaria Deja Fitzwater was in attendance with the Rosarians for a great weekend of food, fun, a parade and rose planting. A special Thank You to the organizers of the festival for a warm welcome and excellent event.



May 23rd Membership Meeting

On May 23rd our second Membership Meeting of the month was held at the DoubleTree and was well attended by the Rosarians. We hosted the Princess Court and introduced them to the members present. This was also a "judging event" for the princesses and Duke Bob Strader acted as MC for the Court questions and responses. Thank you, Bob, for doing a great job and bringing out the best in each of these wonderful young women. We also heard from our two Secretary of State nominees, Patrick Wong and Kik Nielsen, who gave speeches on their vision for the Rosarians' future.



Rose Festival Opening Ceremony

On May 24th, Lord High Chancellor Amy Arasmith led a group of Rosarians for the opening of the Rose Festival City Fair and fireworks display. Thank you, Amy and all the Rosarians present for representing us at this event.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING OUT OF TOWN FESTIVALS!

Strawberry Festival, Marysville, Washington June 21st-23rd

Capitol Lakefair, Olympia, Washington July 19th-21st.

Seattle Seafair, Seattle, Washington July 26th-28th

Peachfest, Penticton, BC, Canada August 9th-11th

Autumn Leaf, Leavenworth, Washington September 27-29th

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: June 13th.



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: July 15, August 12, September 16.

Rosarian Foundation Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: June 13 (annual meeting), July 24, August 28, September 25.

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



"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."
Confucius

(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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