

COMMITTEES

Calling all Royal Rosarians!

ROYAL ROSARIAN COUNCIL / COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council meets monthly and at other times at the discretion of the Prime Minister. Any member may attend Council meetings; however, you do not have a vote in the proceedings.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Council Person – acts as liaison between the Council and the committee. Every committee has a Council member with ultimate responsibility to see that the committee functions as it should, schedules are met, and events are “within budget”.

Committee Chairperson – sets up committee structure, arranges for committee members and guides the committee in fulfilling the tasks in accordance with the wishes of the Prime Minister and First Lady/First Squire.

Committee Members – work together, share ideas, complete tasks to accomplish the committee goals.

COMMITTEES AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN:

There are many standing committees in our organization. Listed below are brief descriptions and duties of some Rosarian Committees.

BLESSING OF THE FESTIVAL:

Council - Royal Chaplain Pat Salimena

This committee is responsible for securing a facility and arranging an appropriate program for the Rosarian Blessing of the Festival and Memorial. This is an annual affair normally held during the month of April.

The Memorial Service recognizes and honors those members and spouses of the Royal Rosarians, Rose Society, Rose Festival Foundation and Blue Back Council of the Navy League who passed away in the preceding year. The Blessing of the Festival seeks a blessing for the forthcoming Portland Rose Festival.

Members of our affiliate organizations, the media and public are invited to attend. The event creates togetherness among the Festival groups and is the first time the newly selected Rose Festival princesses are presented to the public.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Council and Chair - Chancellor of the Exchequer Ron Fisher

The Budget Committee meets each year to review the previous year's budget and make recommendations to the Council for the ensuing year's Operating Budget. The Prime Minister selects members from the Council, Dukes/Duchesses of the Realm, and one member from the General Membership for this committee.

CHEER & OUTREACH:

Council - Royal Chaplain Pat Salimena. Chair - Dame Shirley Deck

The Cheer and Visitation Committee responds on behalf of the Royal Rosarians when members or their families have suffered a death, sickness or other family disruption. The committee visits the sick and sends greetings of cheer or condolences as appropriate. It reports its findings to the membership at meetings and in the Tuesday Report or Royal Update. **All Rosarians** assist the Cheer and Outreach Committee by informing the committee chairperson or the Royal Chaplain when any member is ill or experiences other misfortune.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH 2022:

Council – Royal Scribe Doug Zimmerman Chairs – Dame Jan Tolman & Dame Sue Simpson

This committee organizes our Holiday Brunch on a Sunday early in December. This is a social event with donations brought by attending Rosarians and their guests for the Toy and Joy Makers and Sunshine Division. Live music entertainment is provided.

DRILL MASTERS:

Council - Lord High Chamberlain Patrick Wong

There are normally two or more Drill Masters who marshal Rosarians and who are in charge during parades and other large formations. They are responsible for parade equipment, i.e., drums, flags, banners, etc. and assignment of flag bearers.

DRUMMERS:

Council - Lord High Chamberlain Patrick Wong

The drummers are members, using bass and snare drums, who provide the beat for the marchers in the parades. Anyone who would like to learn is welcome to join this committee. No experience is necessary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Council - Chancellor of the Exchequer Ron Fisher

The Finance Committee is appointed by the Prime Minister and consists of two (2) Dukes/Duchesses of the Realm, one (1) member from the General Membership, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer as Chairperson. This committee reviews requests for changes in the Operating Budget throughout the year and makes limitations as approved by the Rosarian Council.

GRAND FLORAL PARADE FLOAT:

Council - Minister of Foreign Affairs Michelle Veentjer

Rosarian members decorate the Royal Rosarian Foundation sponsored float prior to the Grand Floral Parade.

GOLF:

Council - Master of Ceremonies Kik Nielsen Chair – David Rich

The Golf committee fosters good fellowship by organizing dates for Rosarian golfers to play together and toward the end of summer organizes a golf tournament. Prizes are awarded and include the annual “**Dodo Bird**” award presented to the hardest working (most swings) golfer. As you might have guessed, these are strictly “social and fun” tournaments. All Rosarians who play golf, at whatever skill level, are encouraged to sign up.

GRAND FLORAL BALL:

Council - Lord Chief Justice Craig Dirksen Chair – Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf

The committee organizes one of the premiere formal events of the year, the Grand Floral Ball (also sometimes called the VIP Ball). It is held during Hospitality Weekend, the weekend of the Grand Floral Parade, and is attended by Rosarians, visiting royalty and dignitaries, city and military officials, leaders, guests, and members from other festivals.

Leaders of other festivals and their spouses are recognized by the Prime Minister and First Lady and are presented a token gift of appreciation for their participation in the Portland Rose Festival. This presentation may be at the Prime Minister’s reception (by invitation only) prior to the Ball or at the Ball itself.

GRAND FLORAL PARADE:

Council - Minister of Foreign Affairs Michelle Veentjer Chair – Dame Connie Shipley

The Grand Floral Parade is the major event of the Rose Festival and requires the assistance and participation of **all Rosarians**.

Some members of the committee arrive at 4:00 am on parade morning at the Coliseum parking lot and line up floats and other units in pre-assigned spaces as they arrive.

Other Rosarians serve as Marshals of floats and bands in the parade. They help maintain units at proper intervals and assist in any emergency that may occur.

Some Rosarians (and/or their spouses) are announcers over public address systems in towers along the parade route, at pre-assigned locations, to provide spectators with information of the passing unit.

The remaining Rosarians march in the parade as a unit with the Council and Dukes/Duchesses of the Realm behind the Prime Minister and First Lady/First Squire, riding in a car.

GREETINGS:

Council - Royal Scribe Doug Zimmerman

A major purpose of our organization, other than the Rose Festival, is representing the City of Portland. Each year at the Prime Minister's Ball, the Mayor presents a written Proclamation declaring Rosarians as the official "Greeters and Ambassadors of Good Will" for the City.

As the "Ambassadors of Goodwill", Rosarians greet distinguished visitors to Portland at the airport, hotels or other designated places. The individual to be honored is told the purpose of the greeting and presented a framed Rosarian Certificate signed by the Mayor and Prime Minister. The greeters also display a Rosarian banner that reads, "Welcome to the City of Roses".

HEARTS AND ROSES AUCTION COMMITTEE:

Council – Minister of Foreign Affairs Michelle Veentjer

The Hearts and Roses Auction committee organizes an auction annually to raise funds for funding the many projects that the Foundation sponsors. The event is held close to Valentine's Day. A large committee is needed to handle the many tasks required to make this event possible.

HOSPITALITY:

Council - Lord Chief Justice Craig Dirksen Chair – Dame Dana Nardi

Hospitality is considered a very important Rosarian function due to the extensive planning and “hosting” of several hundred guests from Thursday through Sunday on the weekend of Portland’s Rose Festival. This is the premiere hosting event of the year and all Royal Rosarians are in the public eye during this event.

Duties of this committee are numerous and a large committee is required. The committee arranges Hotel accommodations for guests, plans a “Packet of Events” for three days, provides food and dining arrangements, secures and plans bus transportation as needed, packs a “Goodie” bag for attendees and operates a hospitality room with beverages and hors d’oeuvres each day.

The committee also manages the registration, tickets, seating arrangements and accountability of all events.

Most important is the attendance and purchase of a Packet by all Rosarians. Everyone is expected to “host” our out-of-town visitors by making them feel welcomed in attending the Rose Festival. This was the original, and still is, a prime objective of the Royal Rosarians.

HOSTING BY STARLIGHT:

Council - Minister of Foreign Affairs Michelle Veentjer Chairs. Sir Knight David & Penny Rich

The Hosting by Starlight committee arranges for the Starlight Parade’s pre-parade and post-parade hosting for the marchers of the Out-of-Town participants and fellow Royal Rosarians. This is typically held at the Hotel deLuxe.

JUNIOR PARADE:

Council - Minister of Foreign Affairs Michelle Veentjer Chairs – Sir Knight Dennis Ferney & Dame Si Barron

The Rose Festival Junior Parade originated in 1918 and is considered the largest children’s parade in the country. It is held in the Hollywood District on the Wednesday afternoon prior to the Grand Floral Parade.

Rosarians serve as Band Marshals and assist the Rose Festival Foundation in coordinating the order of parade floats, bands and other units.

The Rosarian Council, Dukes/Duchesses of the Realm and unassigned Rosarians walk as a unit in the parade, usually with their young children or grandchildren.

LEGAL AFFAIRS:

Council - Duke of the Realm Peter Glazer

The Chairman of this committee is a Rosarian, normally an attorney, who advises and tends to the legal affairs of our organization.

LOCAL PARADES:

Council - Lord High Steward David Althaus

The committee chair for each particular parade works with the Drill Masters to arrange for the banners, flags, drummers, and car for the Prime Minister and keeps the Council advised of any activities prior or after the parade.

MEMBERSHIP:

Council - Lord High Sheriff Jannette Day

The Membership Committee is responsible for recruitment new members. Proposed members are screened and investigative background checks are conducted. The findings and recommendations are presented to the Rosarian Council for approval. Those approved are invited to become members of the Royal Rosarians.

This committee also focuses on member orientations and knighting, and member retention and participation.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Council - Master of Ceremonies Kik Nielsen. Chair – Holly Morgan

The Membership Meeting Committee is responsible for obtaining a facility and making necessary arrangements to conduct dinner meetings for the General Membership.

There are seven regular Membership Meetings held each year. They normally are scheduled on the first Thursday of November, February, March, April and May, and then on the fourth Thursday of May and the Thursday after the Grand Floral Parade. The committee will provide dates and places at the beginning of the year and advise members of other details throughout the year.

There are at least two “Spouses/Partners Nights” where the Rosarians bring their spouses/partners for wine tasting and special programs as directed by the Prime Minister. The two traditional “spouses/partner night” meetings are in November and April.

MENTORING PROGRAM:

Council - Lord High Sheriff Jannette Day

Following your knighting you will be assigned a mentor who may be your sponsor or another member. They are your first contact for any questions you have regarding being a Rosarian. You also have the option to request any member to be your mentor. Council members are also available to answer questions.

NEW MEMBER KNIGHTING COMMITTEE:

Council - Lord High Sheriff Jannette Day

The purpose of this committee is to put on the “Knighting Ceremony” for the new members.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:

Council - Lord High Sheriff, Jannette Day Co-Chair Don Thacker

The purpose of this committee is to familiarize new members of the Royal Rosarians as to “Who we are and What we do” so that they may better understand and be comfortable in and serving their new organization.

An informal meeting of new members and their spouses/partners will be announced and held with the Rosarian Council prior to the bestowing of “Knighthood”. This enables new members to become personally acquainted with leaders of the organization and to ask any questions that a new member may have.

NEWSMAKERS OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET:

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin Chairs – Margie Schroeder, Ken Yohe

The Newsmakers committee plans and organizes the Newsmakers of the Year Award Banquet. Members of the community are honored for their heroism and/or outstanding humanitarian work at the annual Newsmakers of the Year banquet. Local media newsrooms each select an honoree from the stories they have covered in the previous year. The Newsmakers banquet takes place in March.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Council - Royal Regent Dwight Terry

The Nominating committee is responsible for the nomination of members to the Rosarian Council. Each Councilperson must be elected each year (all serve only a one-year term). The committee is chaired by the Royal Regent, who ensures that the proposed candidates qualify, and conducts the election by the general membership as outlined in Article VII of the Edict.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITATIONS:

Council - Lord Chief Chamberlain Patrick Wong

Rosarians and their spouses participate in Out-of-Town Festivals each year

These festivals are held throughout the Northwest and each “hosting” organization offers a “Packet” that includes meals, special events, a hospitality room with food and beverages and other benefits at a minimal charge. The Out-of-Town Visitation Committee promotes these festivals. It may collect and forward checks and reservations to respective Festival organizations and hotels.

A committee member and spouse/partner, attending the festival with the Rosarian delegation, will be designated the “Chair”, ensuring arrangements of all the details related to the Rosarians for the weekend. Visitations are social and fun. You meet new friends and become better acquainted with fellow Rosarians.

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin Chair – Squire William Barry

The Photography Committee makes photographic records of Rosarian activities. Photos of official functions, social activities and photos of general interest are made for use in the “Royal Update”, Prime Minister’s Scrapbook, community and public relations and membership goodwill. Photo albums of events can be viewed on the Rosarian website at www.RoyalRosarians.com after you login. The Member’s tab has a drop-down menu with a Photo Albums choice.

ROYAL ROSARIAN APPRECIATION PICNIC:

Council - Royal Scribe Doug Zimmerman Chair – Dame Jan Tolman

The Picnic Committee organizes an annual picnic with food, beverages, games, etc., for Rosarians and their families. It is normally held during the month of August, a time after the Rose Festival, to relax, enjoy light recreation, socialize and meet family members. Members and their immediate family attend free.

PIN SALES:

Council - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Michelle Veentjer

This committee is responsible for the sale of Rose Festival Foundation pins.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Council - Royal Scribe, Doug Zimmerman

The function of the Public Relations committee is to create favorable public opinion of the Royal Rosarians through the media or other means of publicity. This is accomplished by keeping the media advised of forthcoming events and providing them the information for publication.

Articles other than information about an event, require approval of the Prime Minister or his/her designated representative.

“PURELY SOCIAL” GATHERINGS:

Council - Master of Ceremonies Kik Nielsen. Chair – Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf

The committee is responsible for organizing “Purely Social” get-togethers. These are potlucks typically held randomly at different members’ homes to provide a low-cost way to socialize with fellow Rosarians and spouses/partners.

QUEEN’S CORONATION:

Council - Lord High Chancellor, Mike Ware

The Queen’s Coronation is a Rose Festival Foundation event that takes place prior to the Grand Floral Parade. Royal Rosarians provide an Honor Guard during the ceremony. The goal is to have 50 Rosarians or more participate to make a strong impact.

QUEENS’ GARDEN PARTY:

Council - Lord High Justice Craig Dirksen Chair – Dame Katherine Johnson

Immediately following the Washington Park Honorary Knighting ceremony (the day before the Grand Floral Parade), there is a Queens’ Luncheon Reception for those individuals who were given honorary knighthood and invited guests, including all former Queens of Rosaria. The current Rose Festival Court (15 princesses) are in attendance. This committee is responsible for organizing and obtaining sponsors for the reception and producing the event.

ROSE GARDEN CONTEST:

Council - Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi. Chair – Duchess Marilyn Schultz

During Rose Festival, the Royal Rosarians conduct a citywide Rose Garden Contest. Many of the most beautiful private and commercial gardens in the area compete for trophies, which are traditionally presented at a special ceremony.

This committee organizes the event and Rosarians provide various services from judging gardens to creating an awards ceremony.

ROSE GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

Council - Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi

The Rose Garden Maintenance Committee assists the gardeners at Washington Park Rose Garden in pruning and maintaining the rose gardens. It is a great opportunity to be an “Ambassador for the City of Portland” as the committee members are asked many questions from visitors to the City while they work in the Garden.

ROSE PLANTINGS:

Council - Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi

Throughout the year, the Prime Minister and Rose Planting Team (red capes: Royal Chaplain, Royal Scribe and Royal Gardener) conduct rose planting ceremonies throughout the city and the Northwest. All Rosarians are invited to attend rose planting ceremonies wearing white uniforms with hats and gloves.

Roster, Database, and Website:

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin Database Chair – Lady Kelly Fisher

The Roster Committee is responsible for printing the membership roster each fall. The database is maintained throughout the year by the Database Chair. All members receive a membership roster at no cost. Additional rosters are available from the committee at a minimal charge.

We also have a Roster online in our web site, www.RoyalRosarians.com. Each member is encouraged to update their profile information in the online membership directory.

The Roster and online membership directory are both to be used for official Rosarian business only.

ROYAL COMMUNICATORS:

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin

The “Royal Communicators” are charged with the duty of telephoning all Rosarians when required. This is a large committee and a system has been devised to reduce the number of calls by any one individual committee member.

Primary responsibility of this committee is to ensure good communications and event promotion to the membership. This is an excellent committee for new members to become acquainted with names of fellow Rosarians. This is also a great way to introduce yourself to other members.

ROYAL UPDATE (NEWSLETTER)

Council - Duke of the Realm Peter Glazer Chair/Editor - Lydia Lundberg

The “Royal Update” is the official emailed newsletter of the Royal Rosarians published about twice monthly. Its purpose is communication by providing information on the business and social affairs of the organization and reporting other items of interest to the membership. It is the responsibility of every chairperson or Council advisor to committees and activities to submit information to the editor in writing, and in sufficient time for publication. It is suggested that members not discard their copy of the Royal Update, but save it for future reference.

Periodically, the Royal Update is emailed to all Rosarians with an email address. This gives updates on upcoming events as well as short reports on recent activities. If you are not receiving the Royal Update, email the Update Chairman and ask to be put on the list.

Past Royal Updates are archived on the Rosarian website, www.RoyalRosarians.com.

SENIOR CENTER CEREMONIES:

Council - Royal Chaplain Pat Salimena

The committee participates in special ceremonies at Senior Centers throughout Portland during the Rose Festival. The Rosarians may crown a “Senior Queen” or do a special Rose Planting.

SHIPS GREETINGS/NAVY GREETING (RFA):

Council - Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi

During the first week of the Rose Festival, approximately five (5) Navy ships dock in Portland on a Wednesday and Thursday. This committee is responsible for greeting these ships after they arrive and presenting each Commanding Officer with a framed Rosarian Certificate.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin

The Speakers Bureau committee speaks about the Royal Rosarians to local civic organizations and any other groups that may request a speaker.

STARLIGHT PARADE:

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UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

Council - Duke of the Realm Adam Baker

The committee, under the direction of the Executive Secretaries who are responsible for all Rosarian equipment, supplies, and memorabilia, provides uniform items and supplementary shirts and jackets for sale at the membership meetings. They will work with new members to make sure they get the appropriate attire.

HONORARY KNIGHTING CEREMONY:

Council - Lord Chief Justice Craig Dirksen

The Honorary Knighting Ceremony is a major Rosarian event that is often held in the amphitheater at p Park on the Friday morning preceding the Grand Floral Parade. All Rosarians, not assigned other duties that morning, are expected to attend.

The Rose Festival Queen with the assistance of the Royal Rosarians, will bestow “Knighthood” on visiting leaders from other festivals, military and other honorary dignitaries and heads of state.

Following the ceremony, the Queen and this year’s court are escorted by the Rosarian Council to their bus where they go to the Queens’ Garden Party. This committee is responsible for promoting and organizing the event that includes procedural plans, chairs for dignitaries, program, music, public address system, practice session, and other details. They also arrange for necessary permits for the use of the Park and the coordination with park employees.

MILK CARTON BOAT RACES

Council – Councillor Doug Crimin

Chair Connie Shipley, Co-Chair Chris Johnson

The Milk Carton Boat Race is held on the 4th Sunday of June at the casting pond in Westmoreland Park. The Royal Rosarians provide the hands-on volunteering to make the event happen in support of the Rose Festival Foundation. A sponsor, now Alpenrose, pays for the financial costs of putting the event on., and there is an organizing committee responsible for different parts of the event that is meeting monthly to work through the list of tasks needed to make for a great day. The day of the event over 50 Rosarian volunteers are there to help the racers get organized into class of races, track the winners of the races and give prizes to all the winners. The Oregon Dairy Princesses and the Rose Festival Foundation Queen attend the event. It is a lot of fun and we're happy to get new members to join us.

MERCHANDISE SALES

Dame Rosalind Vancil

Merchandise stocks a few items that are required for completion of the uniforms such as men's and women's red ties, white gloves and women's white shirts. The main function of merchandise is to provide an assortment of non-uniform Rosarian logo items that can be worn anywhere and by Rosarian family members and Rosarians. These include such items as long and short sleeved shirts and jackets, windbreaker and rain jackets, baseball and assorted hats, license plate covers, umbrellas and other miscellaneous items.