



Royal Rosarians

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Electronic Newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

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



I have had an incredible year as your 2023 Prime Minister and must thank all of you for the opportunities. I have been asked several times in the last month about the highlights of my year. It's a good question and each time I answered I seemed to have a different response. There were many highlights. Some were not even activities or events as I might have thought but were just how Rosarians support and are willing to help each other. Thank you for being such a caring group.

I spoke at my Prime Minister's Ball about looking at what we do as creating a "masterpiece." Under the direction of many

event chairs, I experienced your interpretation of that theme and it brought me joy. **Thank you,** chairs, for all you accomplished over the year.

I was so fortunate to be able to work with a Council that saw the importance of achieving their best and were always supportive of our work together. You are a group that deserves to be honored. **Thank you.**

I was so appreciative of the Dukes and Duchesses that not only supported but reached out to me to offer suggestions when I wasn't quite sure what my next move should be. **Thank you.**

Membership, I hope at the end of this year you have realized how important your involvement is to the continued health and success of our organization. Our mission is big and will always require the involvement of all of our membership to achieve.

Continue to attend membership meetings, join committees, attend events and enjoy finding that perfect place in the organization to share your interests and

talents. **Thank you** for your contribution to this year. But, be a little careful - you might find it so enjoyable that you too someday are writing your final article for the Royal Update as Prime Minister. Speaking from personal experience, it can happen.

And now, I will return to retirement, maybe much more ready for it than I was a few years ago, but with many good memories to keep me company. I know some of you have been expecting this all year, and I have tried to refrain from saying it but here goes, "Go Ducks". I can now become a full-time fan once again.

May a rose grow in each of your gardens; may a rose bloom in each of your hearts.

Thanks for everything,

John Danielson
2024 Royal Regent

Prime Minister's Ball and Rosarian Council and Foundation Officers Installation

Prime Minister Michael Ware and First Lady Colleen held their Prime Minister's Ball and installation of Rosarian Council and Foundation Officers on September 16, 2023 at the Embassy Suites. There were two hundred and thirty six Rosarians and friends in attendance. The Prime Minister's theme for the year is "Everything's coming up Roses".

To make the evening extra special, in attendance were many Dukes and Duchesses, past and present leaders of Festival Organizations and our Sister Organizations in Portland. A special guest joined us for the evening, First Lady Janis Ferlisi. Her late husband Gary Ferlisi was our Prime Minister in 1985. Toasts, dancing, and fellowship made for a most memorable evening. Thank you to all of you who helped make the evening a wonderful success.





Prime Minister Plaque Laying Ceremony and Rose Planting

Prime Minister Plaque Laying Ceremony and Rose Planting was held Sunday, September 17, 2023. Oh, what a beautiful day! Thirty-four Rosarians plus spouses and friends attended the event. The Plaque Laying included a violin prelude by 2023 Miss Oregon, Allison Burke.





Penticton Peach Festival

The Royal Rosarians had a great showing for the Penticton Peach Festival. Seventeen Royal Rosarians participated, plus spouses and friends. We started the weekend off with a Wine and Cheese Reception and great fun at the Free Concert in the Park. Saturday was the Rose Planting ceremony, followed by the Parade. Rosarians were then off to wine tours, local craft breweries or floating the river channel. Rosarians were active participants everywhere! Saturday evening's banquet started off with Ron Fisher, Kelly Hughes Fisher and Karen Murphy performing the national anthems and another night of Free Concerts in the Park. Make sure to put this event in your calendar for next year; this is a highlight of the year.



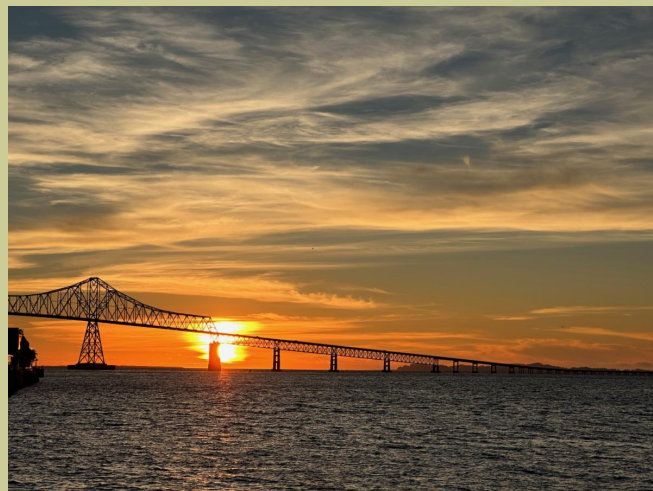
Blooming in the International Rose Test Garden

Blooming in the International Rose Test Garden was held the evening of August 3rd. Guests were dressed to match the beauty of the garden and enjoyed an evening of art, delectables and roses. A garden hunt took everyone exploring throughout the park, testing their knowledge of roses and historical features. Net proceeds from the event go to the Rose Garden Trust Fund, dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Portland's iconic rose garden.



Astoria Parade

More than thirty Royal Rosarians, guests and spouses attended the Astoria Parade. The weather was great and spirits were high. Rick and Marie Saturn hosted an after-parade event that many attended. Thank you, Rick and Marie!



Aiport Greeting

At the request of Portland's Mayor, Ted Wheeler, Royal Rosarians turned out for a special VIP airport greeting on Sunday, September 17. A delegation from the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) arrived to a warm Royal Rosarian welcome. As one of his last official duties as Prime Minister, John Danielson presented CPIFA President Wang Chao with an official Royal Rosarian certificate.

The general purposes of the CPIFA, at its inception, were to study foreign policies and international issues and make suggestions on China's foreign policy. Since 1955, people-to-people diplomacy has become an important task of the CPIFA.



Annual Summer Picnic

We could not close out the dog days of summer without the annual Royal Rosarian Summer Picnic. On August 20 over 100 Rosarians, their families and friends attended the ever-popular summer tradition at the beautiful home of Mike and Colleen Ware.

The theme "Music Man" was in the air. Great music throughout the day along with an impromptu band made the day even more memorable. Dozens of raffle prizes were handed out - everything from potted roses to Gartner's Meat Market gift cards. Bingo Queen Duchess Marilyn Schultz led many participants through tense games of bingo. And talk about food...yumm! Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pickled watermelon huh?... Super tasty and a huge hit. And we can't forget the corn-on-the-cob drenched in heart-stopping butter. It was a perfect day to celebrate our Royal Rosarian spirit with friends, food and drinks.

Thanks to Jan Tolman and her committee! This popular summer tradition will continue again in 2024. See y'all then!!



VIP Rose Plantings

On Saturday, September 9th, VIP Rose Plantings were held at the homes of Rose Society President Kathryn Schach and Royal Rosarian Prime Minister John Danielson.

"Mr. Lincoln" was the featured rose. After the planting a wonderful brunch was served at the home of Kathryn Schach and a luncheon was served at John Danielson's. The weather was wonderful and the events were well attended by both the Rose Society and the Royal Rosarians.



A new way that you can donate to the Royal Rosarian Foundation

With the recent demise of the Smile Amazon program the Royal Rosarian Foundation lost a funding source, but fear not, we have been diligent and have found a new way that you can support the Foundation.

The BottleDrop program is a great and easy way for you to support your Royal Rosarian Foundation. Here is all that you need to do.

1. Get a blue bag and sticker from Denny Baker.
2. Fill the bag with recyclable bottles and cans.
3. Tie the bag firmly.
4. Drop off your bag at a BottleDrop site (site locations can be found at

BottleDrop Location Finder)

5. To deposit the bags, scan the QR code at the deposit site and put the bag inside.
6. That's it!
7. TIME TO GET ANOTHER BLUE BAG!

If you need another bag, contact Denny Baker (971-219-8743), and he will get one to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings will be held at 5:30pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: November 2nd, February 1st, March 7th, April 11th, April 24th, May 2nd, May 23rd, June 13th,

Rosarian Council Meetings TBA

Rosarian Foundation Meetings 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



"There are times when wisdom cannot be found in the chambers of parliament or the halls of academia but at the unpretentious setting of the kitchen table."

— E.A. Bucchianeri

(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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