



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 would like to begin by offering a special thank you to all who attended our April 11th Membership Meeting. Participation in meetings continues to grow – this meeting had over 100 people in attendance. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at the DoubleTree Hotel.

On March 17th, St Patrick's Day: the first parade of the year. It was a bright and sunny day and over 36 Rosarians attended. It was a wonderful parade and if you missed it, I would suggest you try to attend with PM Amy next year.

On March 18th we had the honor of greeting Vice Governor Ningning Guo and delegation from the Fujian Province in China at the

Embassy Suites Hotel at the Airport. They were in town for meetings with Governor Kotek regarding trade negotiations.



April is really the beginning of a very busy time of the year with lots of events and opportunities for all Rosarians to get involved. All of the events listed are in ClubRunner. Please plan to register both now and often.

Upcoming events:

April 13: Blessing of the 2024 Rose Festival and Rose Planting, at Saint John Fisher Catholic Church. Attend and see the first public gathering of the Rose Festival Princess Court.

April 27: 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade. Join Secretary of State Ron and Lady Kelly Fisher as this fun local parade makes its return debut after being gone since the beginning of the Covid Pandemic.

April 30th: Tour de Rosaria Golf Tournament at the Rose City Golf Course. Get signed up early as there is only room for 16 at the first of the 2024 season outings.

May 1st: Rose Planting at the Washington Park Zoo. Plan to meet at the entrance gate at 8:30 am; planting starts at 9:00 am. The location at the Zoo is in the Elephant Lands near the Packy Memorial.

May 3rd through 5th: Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival. Get your Hospitality Package order and your hotel reservation for our first Out-of-Town Parade of the year. Please note that if you don't feel you can march but would like to be in the parade, we have additional seats on the float for the first four Rosarians who reach out to Parade Chair Ron Pfeifer.

May 3rd: Cinco de Mayo Immigration Ceremony. Plan to attend this amazing event at Portland Waterfront Park and witness 100 plus new citizens as they pledge their Oath of Allegiance to the United States and receive their citizenship.

The above listed events are all on ClubRunner along with a lot of additional information and registration details.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events and membership meetings.

Best Regards,
Mike Ware
Prime Minister

Royal Rosarian Election Information

The annual election of the Rosarian Elective Council will be held on June 13 as part of the June membership meeting. Members must vote in person. Proxy voting is prohibited.

Each year, eight members are elected to the Rosarian Council. The Council consists of Prime Minister, Royal Regent, Lord High Chancellor, Secretary of State, eight elected members, three members appointed by the Prime Minister (Red Capes), three Executive Secretaries, and Dukes and Duchesses.

A slate of candidates for the eight elected Council positions was presented at the April membership meeting. Also submitted at the meeting were the names of candidates for Secretary of State: Kik Nielsen and Patrick Wong. Nominations from the floor are accepted for all elected offices at both May membership meetings.

Candidates for Council positions must meet these qualifications:

- Must have been a member for at least three consecutive years preceding the nomination. The current year is included.
- Dues paid in full.

Candidates for Secretary of State must meet these qualifications:

- Must have been a member for at least three consecutive years preceding the nomination.
- Dues paid in full.
- Must have served on the Council for at least three (3) years. The current year is included.
- Must have served two (2) of those three (3) years as an elected member of council.
- Must have served on the elected council the two (2) years preceding nomination for Secretary of State.

Information about the elections process is available under Article VII of our Edict.

If you are interested in being a candidate for Council or have questions give me a call.

John Danielson

New Member Knighting

On March 6th the Rosarians knighted ten new members for the class of 2024. They are Dame Judy Andersen, Dame Kerri Burke, Dame Jennifer Clark, Dame Cherie Green, Dame Masha Junuz, Dame Kristine Olsen, Sir Knight Noah Rich, Dame Kathryn Schach, Sir Knight Ron Shoals, and Dame Kimberly Takla. Please take a moment at a membership meeting, parade, greeting or rose planting to welcome these impressive new members to our ranks. Thanks to New Member Knighting Chair and Rosarian of the Year Dame Jan Tolman, Lord High Sheriff Michelle Veentjer and their entire committee for a wonderful event.





Class of 2024 New Member Knighting

St. Patrick's Day Parade

On March 17th, 2024, led by Prime Minister Mike Ware and First Lady Colleen, the Royal Rosarians participated in the 35th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. With beautiful weather and a fantastic turnout of nearly 40 Rosarians, the streets of the Grant Park neighborhood were filled with green as the parade showcased everything from Irish Dog Breeds to classic cars. Spectators lined the streets, cheering and waving. Many homes along the route hosted St. Patrick's Day parties, and everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere as the procession celebrated Irish culture and heritage in the heart of the city. Hundreds of children, and possible future Rosarians, lined the route to solicit candy from the parade goers and it was a joyful and memorable event for all who attended. Please consider joining us for the next parade on April 27th at the 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade.



Annual Newsmakers Banquet

The annual Newsmakers event was held at the DoubleTree to a sold-out crowd on March 20th. We honored eight Newsmakers of the Year. All of the major media outlets including KPTV, KATU, The Skanner, KUNP Univision, Pamplin Media, KOIN and KGW were represented, as well as our Premier Sponsor, the Oregonian – Oregon Live. First Lady Colleen and Prime Minister Mike were thrilled to be in attendance to hear each of the heartwarming presentations. A doff of the hat to Dame Margie Schroeder and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ken Yohe, along with all of the other Rosarians and spouses who made this a night to remember.



Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony

On March 30th, another bright and sunny day, PM Mike and First Lady Colleen,

along with over 30 Rosarians, attended the annual Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony held along the Portland Waterfront. This event marks the beginning of the Rose Festival season. PM Mike, RFF President Contessa Diaz-Nicolaidis, RFF CEO Marilyn Clint, Kaoshiung Sister City Association President Chi-Chao Chen and the Taiwan Vice Consular from Seattle were honored to dot the eyes of the Dragon Boats to awaken them for the coming racing season. PM Mike was also honored to be given a ride in a Dragon Boat, crewed by Alaska Airlines.



April Membership Meeting

Spring is in the air! Our April Membership Meeting featured flowers and fun! We delighted in another delicious buffet menu and fantastic raffle prizes. Lucky ticket holders will be sprucing up their gardens after winning a gift certificate to Portland Nursery or the Rose Festival's rose of the year, "The Heart of Portland." Our raffle also featured a gift certificate for two tickets to see our very own Royal Rosarian Doug Zimmerman and Miss Oregon 2022 Sophia Takla as they star in the hit musical "Legally Blonde" at the Winningstad Theater in downtown Portland. Perfect for Hospitality Weekend, a two-night stay in a premium room at the DoubleTree was also a

coveted raffle item.



It's Festival Time

Join the fun! Attend these great events to connect with old friends and meet new friends at the NW Hosting Festival weekends. Each city has its own unique history and entertaining activities for you to enjoy. It is of *great importance* that we, as Rosarians, support this organization and its festivals by making a strong showing to keep this tradition strong and vibrant. Please check at nwfestivalhosting.com, hospitality weekends, for a link to each festival, as well as the Rosarian calendar and Tuesday Report for updates. But most importantly, learn why these festivals are *essential* to each community.

Wenatchee Apple Blossom - May 3rd-May 5th

Spokane Lilac - May 11th-15th

Hyack, New Westminster, B.C. - May 24-26th CANCELLED

Portland Rose Festival - June 1st-9th

Marysville Strawberry - Marysville, WA - June 18th-23rd

Capital Lakefair, Olympia, WA. - July 19th-21st

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

Penticton Peach - Penticton, B.C. - August 9th-11th

Leavenworth Autumn Leaf - Leavenworth, WA - September 27-29th

Fun, food and festivals!

Tour de Rosaria

The Tour de Rosaria golf series opens April 30th at Portland's own Rose City Golf Club. [Register here](#) We invite ALL Rosarians and guests who even remotely like to play golf. A good score is in the 40's. Most scores are in the 50's with occasional "pixlies" (aka 60's). We play nine holes followed by refreshments and great fellowship. Play begins at 3:30 pm. We have four tee times which allows for 16 golfers, so please sign up on the Rosarian Calendar soon. The series continues every Tuesday afternoon at courses around the Realm. You'll find details on the Calendar.

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings will be held at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: May 2nd, May 23rd, June 13th.



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: April 15, May 13, July 15, August 12, September 16.

Rosarian Foundation Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: April 17, May 29, 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.

Click here to visit the Royal Rosarian website

Jim Nielson's Truisms



"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln

(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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