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

Council Elections

According to the Edict of the Royal Rosarians, the annual election shall be held on the Thursday following the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. That parade will not be held this year, but the election will take place on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel. All voting must be done in person. The Edict does not allow absentee or proxy voting.

One ballot will be issued to each eligible Royal Rosarian voter. The Elections Committee, chaired by Duke Denny Baker, will check off the name of each Rosarian receiving a ballot. The Rosarian may then vote by marking candidates for Council, a candidate for Secretary of State, and candidates for the Foundation Board. The ballot will then be deposited into a ballot box supervised by the Elections Committee. Anyone having concerns or questions about their voting should contact Duke Denny Baker.

Voting must be completed by 6:30 pm. The Election Committee will count all ballots submitted by 6:30 pm. Counting will be done by several Royal Rosarian Dukes and Duchesses, joined by two Rosarians who are not past Prime Ministers, as is Rosarian policy. Election results will be communicated to Prime Minister Korrie Hoeckendorf so that she may announce the results before the end of the meeting.

Candidates for Secretary of State and Rosarian Council

The following is information submitted by each candidate. The questions were put to Council and Secretary of State candidates by Royal Regent Kimberly Bown, who chairs the Nominating Committee. The submissions of each candidate have not been edited. They are printed as submitted. The photos of Rosarian candidates were submitted by the candidates.

The question the Council Candidates should answer is: **How will your**

talents and experience benefit the Council and contribute to the Royal Rosarians?

Councel Candidate Statements

Candidate for Council and Secretary of State

Michael Ware

Being asked to join the Rosarians in 2011 was and continues to be one of the most significant highlights of my life. My spouse, best friend and companion of almost 49-years, Lady Colleen and I have been very active in the Rosarians. We have both served on and chaired many committees and have hosted several events over the years.
I have served on the Foundation Board as both a Board Member and President, worked on and Chaired the Foundation Hearts & Roses Auction for several years and continue to work with and support this worthy event for the benefit of the Foundation, all Rosarians and most importantly, the recipients of our many grants and donations.

Being a member of the Rosarian Council since 2018 I have served in a variety of roles and this year was appointed as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Being the Exchequer has given me a strong insight to the inner workings of the Rosarian organization and I believe this, along with my very successful career as a business owner and manager has allowed me to fully exhibit my ability to provide leadership within my assigned areas of responsibility.
My goal on Council if elected will be to continue to provide strong support to our Organization, it's Leadership and our talented and diverse Membership. Further, my goals will be to increase our visibility in the community, support our partner organizations and continue to expand our fundraising activities to benefit our many Community Outreach Programs and At-Risk Children.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sir Knight Michael Ware, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Candidates for Council

David Althaus

Thank you, fellow Royal Rosarians, for considering me as a candidate for a position on the 2022 Council. I would like to have another year to fulfill my responsibilities to this wonderful organization and further my role as a member of elected Council. My year as Royal Scribe has taught me many things that I had never been aware of prior to being on Council. This knowledge has only served to strengthen my belief that this is a worthy and amazing organization that I am proud to be a member of.

One of the most important things I admire about the Rosarians is our appreciation for education. As a veteran teacher of 30+ years in the Portland Metro area I find this to be probably the most admirable. My skill set as an educator transfers well to being on Council. I am organized, think creatively and am articulate in stating my opinions without denigrating the thoughts and opinions of others. My ability to work with a variety of people, take leadership roles and attend to details will again serve me well as a member of Council. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the Royal Rosarians for another year in the capacity of an elected Council member.

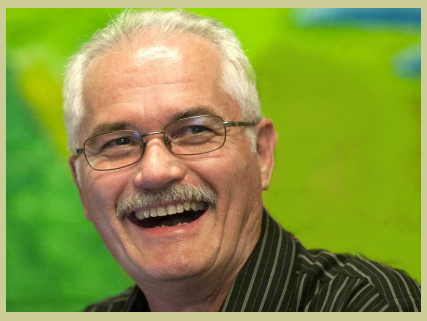
Amy Arasmith

I have been a Rosarian for seven years and have served on Council for three of those years. I have been in charge of airport greetings, new members, and Hospitality—at least the Covid version of Hospitality.

After 20 years in field sales, I have honed the ability to work with diverse groups of people in a rapidly changing environment. I work well unsupervised and can juggle multiple sets of expectations.

Ten years of PTA has made me keenly aware of the importance of community service and the duty to ensure everyone has the opportunity to make their voices heard.

I believe all this experience makes me a good candidate to continue working for the good of all Rosarians. I would love to continue to serve.



Craig Dirksen

We, and other civic organizations like the Royal Rosarians, have some real challenges ahead. Of course the social and economic effects of the Pandemic, but also other factors that predate Covid, like apathy, community division, and reduced civic spirit. I'd like to be an active part of addressing those challenges.

After my third year on Council, two years ago I had to step back from my Rosarian responsibilities somewhat in order to focus on some private and professional challenges. Now that I am fully retired I have more time and energy to devote to the Rosarians. My years with this organization and my exposure to its various activities have only grown my appreciation for our traditions and the value we bring to Portland and the Region. As Portland, the Northwest, and the Nation come out of the isolation caused by the Pandemic, I look forward to helping the Royal Rosarians do its part to restore the City's spirit and character.

Kathy Fastenau

Tradition • Pageantry • Hospitality

The Royal Rosarians travel near and far representing Portland, planting roses, and proclaiming, "For you a rose in Portland

grows". Dave and I have participated in these moments of tradition and pageantry around the world: from Tigard to Russia, from San Antonio to South Korea, from Washington to Hawaii. Being an official greeter and ambassador for the City of Portland is not only full of tradition, but also an honor. We have moved in and out of the country, and now we are enjoying full time living in the Portland Metro. The time is right to serve on the Royal Rosarian Council. I have worn many hats and gloves with the Royal Rosarians while serving as Chair, Co-Chair or as a Committee Member on virtually every event. Assisting as a Sister City Liaison has even provided Royal Rosarian representation in Ulsan, South Korea's Grand Floral Celebrations. Time honored Rosarians acknowledge that serving as Chair or Committee Member is where skills are stretched and friendships are formed. Perhaps we have served on a committee together.

Coordinating a Ball during this pandemic tested my skills, experience, patience, faith, and finances. My experience and talents uniquely qualify me as a Candidate, and it would be an honor to serve on the 2021-2022 Royal Rosarian Council.

Dame Kathy Fastenau

Knighted 2009 under the rose, Double Delight

Ron Fisher

Like many of my fellow Rosarians, my involvement started before my knighting in 2015. Before my knighting SK Doug Nielsen and Lady Patti invited Lady Kelly and I to help in the Hospitality suite. Serving my soon to be Rosarian family, friends, and out of town guests was so fun. After being knighted I was in charge of the food for hospitality and it was such a rewarding experience and one where I learned the inner workings of the Hospitality weekend. My respect for the organization grew as I learned more about the giving nature of the Rosarian membership.

Since my knighting I've been the Chaplain and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Serving on the Council has been an honor and is very rewarding. It has been my pleasure to support the organization in this manner and it would be an honor to do so again in 2021-2022.

Mary Getty

Being sponsored by Jacquie Janulis meant a lot of things. It meant I was a "Banner Babe" the very first parade I attended. It meant I signed up for every committee that appealed to me, that I attended any and all events that looked fun (and had a big time doing so), and it meant that it was okay to say "no" when I was asked to do something above my pay grade and/or abilities. With her guidance, I've learned how exciting,

entertaining, and calendar-stuffing being a Royal Rosarian is. I've embraced it all. Since joining, I've served on many committees (including the Newsmakers Banquet, Milk Carton Boat Races, Fun Night, Family Picnic, Christmas Brunch, and Auction) and I've worn many hats. I've co-chaired the Queens' Garden Party, greeted military ships, served as parade liaison, and was honor guard and "wallpaper" too many times to count. I've sponsored three Rosarians to date. This year, I've thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Royal Gardener. As a Council candidate, I bring a lot of skills to the table and believe I can help cultivate a sense of community. I will be a Council member who convinces people that they are important to the life, success, and future of our organization and that our organization is important to them. Portland is where I've lived since 1992; it's where our children were born and raised. This is where I have lived most of my life and I've followed my family's tradition of community-based service. I know what the Rosarians are, I know what they have been, and I know what they can still become. That's why today, I offer my candidacy for Council because I believe I have a lifetime of experience that counts...experience I will put to work for you.

John Jackson

Two years on Council during a pandemic has shown me the resiliency of this organization. Even as many of our normal activities are on hold, constant change and the spirit of the Rosarians means activity enthusiastically continues.
My energy hasn't wavered even though times have been tough. My support of the Rose Garden Contest continues all across the city in support of the ideas of keeping Portland beautiful and connected. The travelling float was built with most of us in lockdown, but with my leadership, we came together from our own homes to build something beautiful - and I can't wait to see it in its first parade in Wenatchee. Finding our incoming Prime Minister's wine is an opportunity for me to research and make connections across the region as an ambassador of good will. Though the general public is still socially distancing, outreach to recruit new members continues and we have a few strong prospects.
I'd love to continue serving on council. As we emerge from the pandemic, the opportunity for the Rosarians to grow and flourish is great and I am excited to support, lead, and otherwise work with my fellow Council members and all of the Rosarians to promote and celebrate the community we serve.

Ilse Kindler

Talent is a special ability that allows someone to do something well. Some talents are inherited but most of them are learned. Experience is knowledge resulting from actual observation or from what one has undergone.

I have shown over the last few years that I have the ability to accomplish every task I was given as a council member based on talent and experience. I have chaired, participated and attended countless Rosarian events, have learned a lot, made many friends and enjoyed the social times with my fellow Rosarians.
Although my last two assignments as Council for Membership Meetings and Out-of-Town festivals were unfortunately very limited, serving as a Council member during the pandemic allowed me to be more flexible, think "outside the box" and have a voice in the continued mission, improvement and success of our organization despite the limited opportunities.

Other than using talents and experience a council member should be dedicated, enthusiastic, respectful, accommodating, reliable and organized and bring a sense for tradition but also an open mind for change to the organization. I believe I have demonstrated these traits.

I enjoy and am proud to be a Rosarian and would be honored to continue to serve as a council member.

Mary McGrane

As a transplant to Portland in the 90's, I was always curious about the Royal Rosarians. I hoped that someday I would be honored with becoming a part of this tradition. Having been in this organization for 3 years, I believe I can make an impact with my values and work minded motivation. I have run a very successful business in Portland for the past 20 years and as an advocate for our community, I believe I could introduce new ideas to benefit the Council and the Royal Rosarians. As a leader in business, I am familiar with how to manage people and projects, with the goal of having a positive outcome that is on time. I truly enjoy meeting new people and listening to them to help solve a problem and get them to their goal. I encourage new ideas from a group, and I am always willing to incorporate different viewpoints to make a win-win outcome. Electing me to Council, is an opportunity to represent the time honored traditions of the Royal Rosarians, yet look at the group and its future to make sure all members, new and old have representation. Thank you for your consideration.

Kik Nielsen

I am positive, upbeat and bring a can-do attitude to every new challenge. I work well with others and am great to have on any committee. I love getting people excited about projects and events and getting new people involved.
In my nearly 5 years as a Royal Rosarian, I

have been very involved and have learned so much. My confidence as a Rosarian continues to grow.

I am artistic. I have painted roses on the traveling float. I was 2020 Hospitality Chair and even when COVID threw us a wrench, I and a great team regrouped and successfully pulled off a "Hospitality at Home" Goody Bag – bringing the hospitality spirit to people in the safety of their own homes!

As this year's Royal Chaplain, I've gained confidence and experience writing invocations that inspire, and have enjoyed participating in the few Rose Planting Ceremonies we've had. Most recently, as Royal Chaplain, I was in charge of the Blessing of the Festival. With lovely new member Holly Morgan as my chair, I learned that I remain positive, calm and happy under pressure and we put together a beautiful event

I love marching in Parades and have even tried playing the snare drum in a couple of them. I love attending out of town festivals and am certainly one of the Rosarians biggest cheerleaders.

If I were to be voted on to Council this year, I would continue to use these talents and experiences to the benefit of this organization that I truly love. I will continue to grow and learn and take on new challenges. Being a Royal Rosarian is truly a "Dream Come True!"

Rory Renfro

The Royal Rosarians, and greater Portland, find ourselves at a turning point. What does the future hold for our organization and our region? As we continue serving Portland for a second century, how do the Rosarians remain vibrant and relevant? As the Rosarian Council plays a central role in charting our future, I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to support our efforts as a Council member. A fourth-generation Portlander, I take tremendous pride in our community and our organization, from lasting traditions that have withstood the test of time, to newer initiatives reflecting our region's evolving character. Building on our predecessors' tremendous accomplishments, Council is well-positioned to steer us in the right direction. For the past two decades, my professional career has centered on project and people management, requiring the ability to think and communicate at differing scales from bigger-picture visioning to day-to-day cat-herding. Also critical is the ability to ensure that all perspectives are heard and welcomed, while being flexible even as your best-laid plans change on a moment's notice. As our organization gears up for another active year, I am excited to bring these attributes and skills to the Rosarian Council.

While Portland is undoubtedly experiencing challenging times, this is a unique opportunity for the Rosarians to play a pivotal role in shaping our region's future. Council's role will be crucial, as we consider strengths and improvement opportunities within the Rosarians, and how we can best serve the community moving forward. As a Council member, I commit to bringing the dedication,

passion and energy to meaningfully contribute to our organization's needs. As we emerge from these unprecedented times, I remain optimistic and confident for the road ahead. With the future of the Rosarians blooming before us, it would be an honor to serve you as a Council member.

Sue Simpson

I would be happy to serve a 3rd term on the Rosarian council. I've been a Rosarian since 2017. I've lived in Portland for over 60 years. I love the City and what the Rosarians stand for. It's a huge honor to wear the "whites" and represent the City. My love of Portland and the Rosarians makes mw want to help make Rosarian traditions continue.

The 30 plus years experience in guest service have given bbn me the ability to work well with others and still have fun in the process. My Royal Rosarian accomplishments should stand for themselves.....I hope. It's been great getting to interact with the fabulous council members over the past few years! Time to get out and vote.

Ruth Takahashi

First of all, I am a Portland native, born and bred. I grew up in SE Portland attending Creston Grade School and Franklin HS graduating in 1968. I married my husband Seiji in 1972, worked at downtown restaurants before moving to Japan to live from 1974-1985. During 6 of those years I taught English before having children. We moved home to Portland and opened over the course of 30+ years, 4 Japanese restaurants, all built from scratch. In 2016 we retired and now can spend quality time with our two grand children ages 4 and 2. Retirement is GREAT!!

About my hobbies and interests, I have a deep love of music, reading, keeping up with the news and most sports, traveling and meeting people. I am a worker not a procrastinator! My personality is a bit of an introvert which has worked out great during the pandemic being forced to spend time at home. Our yard has never looked this good! Being a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR for short) for 43 years, and having held positions in my chapter and State (we say "State" because DAR is a National Society then broken down into States), my 2 year term as State Chaplain has just completed which frees me up to participate in and attend Royal Rosarian functions. As a team player, I hope to assist in any way necessary for our organization to move forward and keep doing what it does for the city that I love, and the Royal Rosarian Foundation. Thank you for considering me on Council. Ruth Takahashi

Michelle Veentier

Hi, my name is Michelle Veentjer and I am running

for 2021-2022 Council this year. I was Knighted in 2014 and I have had the privilege of being on Council the last two years. The first year as the Royal Gardener and then this year as your Master of Ceremonies. I have had the honor of working with an amazing council the last two year under unforeseen circumstances. I have learned to use creativity and decision making with constant flexibility. I hope to continue to represent you all and be part of a group that is very dear to my heart and most importantly continue to carry on the rich traditions of the Royal Rosarians. It would be a privilege and an honor to be on the council 2021-2022.

Patrick Wong

My name is Patrick Wong and I'm a life member of the Royal Rosarians. When I was a teenager, I fell in love with community service and volunteerism. Inspired by the Royal Rosarian's key values – Ambassadors of Goodwill, dedicated to community service and legacy of tradition, I will bring a wide range of community leadership experience to the Rosarian organization.

Some of my community volunteer leadership experiences include homeowner association Co-president, Vice-chair of Cathedral School Advisory Council, and Ad Hoc Committee Policy Member for the Department of Oregon Degree Authorization. My Rosarian activities include technology strategic planning committee member, participating in local and out-of-town festivals, parades, and attending community events.

Our organization's voice and unique mission deserves to be showcased in a meaningful way. I would apply my leadership skills to serve our membership and represent the Royal Rosarians with honor. I am proud to be a Royal Rosarian and believe in this organization. Serving as your council member would be personally rewarding and I would be happy to spend my days sustaining the organization's relevance into the next century.
"The Wong guy for the Right job!"

Honorary Knighting

Another very special tradition that we are moving forward with is the Honorary Knighting! We will be knighting deserving men and women from our surrounding communities, in the **Washington Park Amphitheater**.
(pictures from 2020

The Knighting will be held in combination with the Crowning of the 2021 Rose Festival Queen. After both of those ceremonies, we will be having a "Garden Party" luncheon, under a tent on the amphitheater grounds. The committee is looking for volunteers, so please reach out to Lord Chief Justice Amy Arasmith if you would like to help with any of the events on June 18th. As in past years, we are looking for sponsors for the Garden Party, to help with the expenses for that event. If you would like to be a sponsor, please reach out to Duke Scott Stuhl or Amy Arasmith for more details.

Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest

- May 28 (Friday): Applications Due
- June 6 (Sunday): Royal Rosarian Judging
- June 21 (Monday): Awards Ceremony at the International Rose Test Garden

Request: Fellow Rosarians, please print up a flyer which you'll find attached. Hand out to anyone who has a rose garden that might be considered for our upcoming Rose Garden contest. We are looking for entrants, and the application is up and ready! If you keep this in your car, it'll be easy to place at a front door while you are out running errands and visiting friends and family (and/or for you to share electronically). Thanks for your anticipated cooperation; it takes a village!

Questions: Chris Johnson, Committee Chair, at 845-774-6920 or cjunejohnson@gmail.com

Calendar

Note: The following calendar is subject to change as COVID-19 developments dictate.

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The last membership meeting in the 2020-2021 Rosarian year will be June 17 (Elections) at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree.

Rosarian Council Meetings - The 2021 Council meetings will be held on , July 19, August 23 and September 20. Council meetings are scheduled for the Lloyd Center DoubleTree starting at 7:00 p.m.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Board meetings are scheduled on the following Wednesdays: July 28, August 25, September 22.

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

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou

(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 Pete Glazer thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)

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