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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



It does not seem possible that Thanksgiving has already passed and we are quickly onto December and its busy schedule. As we hopefully become involved in this month's activities, let's first take a quick look back at November.

Rosarians gathered at the DoubleTree on November 3 for our first membership meeting of the new year. It was so nice to see so many Rosarians and friends at the meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to specifically invite and honor our spouses for their many contributions to our organization. I don't think we could thank them enough for all they do. Much of the success of this organization rests with them. Let's continue to thank our spouses throughout the year.

It was an honor for me to present the new Life Members at the meeting. With many Life members in attendance, they were joined by new Life members Bill Barry, Lynnmarie Dixon-Fancher, Fran Scearce and Dwight Terry. Harry Landers was unable to attend the meeting. Congratulations to all.









The meeting started on time (almost) following a dinner that included special dining music performed by our own Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi. Thank you, Ruth. Following dinner significant announcements were made, and usual Council Reports were made. A special thanks to Master of Ceremonies Kik Nielsen and Dame Holly Morgan for Chairing the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

The following week our Council attended the Duke and Duchess dinner. This event is planned by the Dukes and Duchesses for our Council each year. We at times talk of the importance of tradition and ritual. This evening is important as the Dukes and Duchesses provide an evening experience full of tradition and ritual. Their importance is a little clearer after each dinner, and I thank the Dukes and Duchesses for this opportunity each year. If you have not experienced this evening before and are interested, consider being a candidate

for Council.



Lord High Steward David Althaus and Chair Dame Sue Simpson had us ready for the Veterans Day parade this year. It was nice to have this parade back after a few years. Whatever the form or location, it is an opportunity to thank veterans and those in active service. Many Rosarians showed up to march. It was a little cold but we all seemed to do fine. I asked Rosarian of the Year Sue Simpson to ride in the car with me. It is always nice to have some company in the car and, as you know, Sue provides that.

Please join Rosarians at the Purely Social December 11 at Michelle and David Veentjer's home. Sign up and find details on clubrunner. In addition, Duchess Marilyn Schultz is hosting a Holiday Open House to support the Community Transitional School on December 17. Sign up and details also on clubrunner. I hope to see you at one or all of these events planned for December. Don't forget to get signed up on clubrunner so the hosts and chairs can plan accordingly.

See you at a Rosarian activity soon.

All my best,

John Danielson
Prime Minister

Veterans Day Parade

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans

Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November, 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.







Twenty-Six Rosarians marched up MLK and looked perfect. Thank you to Drill Master Jeff Mandel and Drummers Margie Schroeder and Kik Nielsen. It was a Grand Parade!

Gratefully

Patricia Salimena



Holiday Brunch

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, the Royal Rosarians gathered in their festive attire to ring in the holiday season at Portland's famous Benson Hotel. While guests

arrived, Mother Nature decided to turn Portland into a giant snow globe. The large snowflakes, coming down, added to the festive spirit of this year's annual Royal Rosarian Holiday Brunch.

"Let's Get ART+SY for the Holidays" was this year's brunch theme, paying tribute to Prime Minister John Danielson's "Masterpiece" 2023 theme. Committee Chairs Dame Sue Simpson and Dame Jan Tolman outdid themselves with a vintage flair of holiday décor, a tasty brunch menu and, of course, the coordination of putting on this year's event with a stellar committee. Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf was outstanding as the Mistress of Ceremonies during the brunch. Throughout the morning, Duchess Korrie announced the winning numbers for over two dozen raffle items. From colorful poinsettias to beautiful holiday wreathes and floral arrangements, the raffle was a huge success, thanks to the contributions of Dame Marti Penske.

One of the highlights throughout the morning was entertainment by the Marian Singers with their pastoral and traditional holiday music. This nationally known singing group, made up of 50 talented high school women, came to us from St. Mary's Academy under the leadership of Kathy Briggs. The Royal Rosarians also showed their outpouring of support with donations of toys and food for the Portland Fire and Rescue Joy and Toy Makers and the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys and food! Your support will help over 17,000 local children have a happy and bright holiday season. Prime Minister John Danielson said it best: "*Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.*"

Doug Zimmerman













Purely Social

The holiday season is upon us! To celebrate the season, and get together with other Royal Rosarians, their families, and guests, the next Purely Social will be a celebration of this very special time of year.

Please join us on Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 4:00 PM at the home of Dame Michelle and Squire David Veentjer. Their address is 11560 SE Carter Lane, Happy Valley, Oregon.

There is no cost to attend a purely social, but to celebrate this season of sharing, we ask that you bring a dish based on the first initial of your last name:

A - H - Main Dish
I - P - Salad or side dish
Q - Z - Dessert or Appetizer.

Please be sure to register by going to the Royal Rosarian website, then go to the Calendar, click on December 11th and find the registration page.

To get into the spirit of the season, we will also be looking for the "best" ugly Christmas sweater/shirt/tie/hat. Prizes will be given for the "best" garment worn by a man and one worn by a woman!

This would also be an excellent opportunity to bring your Royal Rosarian Auction item donations, as the auction is coming up on February 25, 2023. If you need some ideas for auction donations, please reach out to Michelle Veentjer for a list of items we are looking to procure. If you have items, and cannot attend the Purely Social, you can contact Squire Alan Hoeckendorf, who would be happy to come by and pick them up.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 11th. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Please contact Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf if you have any questions.

Marilyn Schultz's Holiday Open House

Marilyn will be hosting her annual Open House on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at her home at 2423 Remington Drive, West Linn, OR 97068. Stop by for a little holiday cheer! There is no dress code; please drop-in

as you are.

This is not a potluck, and please, no hostess gifts. It is, however, an opportunity (but not a requirement) for you to support the Community Transitional School, one of our Rosarian Foundation's favorite charities. Recently, and even during the pandemic, Marilyn's generous guests have provided around $4,000 each year in donations for these homeless children.

Checks (made out to CTS) are most welcome and would be used to pay for gas for the school's little yellow buses. If you enjoy shopping, there is always a need for school supplies, new basic clothing for boys and girls ages 4-14, and books and educational games. Gift cards of $5 value from McDonald's or Burger King can be used as prizes or incentives. Gifts should be unwrapped, and they will be given to students throughout the school year. If you'd like more ideas you can see a current wish list on the school's website transitionalschool.org under the Donate tab. To receive a receipt for your donation, please attach to your package your name, address and estimated value of your gift. All check donors will automatically be sent a receipt.

Last year a decorated Christmas tree from a Rosarian was put up in the school, just inside the entrance doors where everyone could enjoy it. Several pupils remarked that they had never had a Christmas tree before.

Call for Drummers

Hey, Rock Stars! We are putting together a pool of people who want to play the drums in the parades!
Great if you have experience, or come join the fun and you will be trained by some of our own Rock Stars, Duke Rob Hungerford and Sir Knight Larry Rodman.



This once in a lifetime opportunity is open to all Rosarians, spouses, kids, grandkids or anyone you know! It would be great to get a group of drummers trained and parade ready by our first Parade in the spring time. Don't hesitate, sign up today! Contact Dame Kik Nielsen: kmn1@aol.com or 503-318-4526. Thanks!

More Parade Opportunities!

We are also looking for some Drill Masters - our wish and goal is to have a pool of well trained Drill Masters on the ready to lead and direct the Rosarians in each parade. Sign up now and we will contact you for a fun and informative training session in the Spring before Parade Season starts!
Get your whistle ready and contact Dame Kik Nielsen kmn1@aol.com or 503-318-4526 or Dame Si Baron TSCLion@gmail.com or 503-998-6482.

Share your Talents!

With this year's theme being "Masterpiece," we would like to showcase the

talents of our Rosarians throughout the year at the Membership meetings. If you have a talent you'd like to share, please contact Dame Kik Nielsen kmn1@aol.com or 503-318-4526 or committee chair Dame Holly Morgan hollymorgan@comcast.net or 503-869-2735. We are seeking artists, dramatic actors, musicians, singers, photographers…. Please don't be shy, share your talents!

Win a Hospitality Packet



2024 Prime Minister's Trip

The 2024 Prime Minister's Trip will be a Small Ship Cruise Adventure on Great Lake Ontario and the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Trip dates are September 29th through October 10, 2023. Rosarian Chair is Dame Roz Vancil, with trip details and reservations by Nancy Fowler of Willamette International Travel.

Our "all-inclusive" cruise will begin in Montreal, Quebec, Canada with an overnight stay in a hotel provided by American Queen Cruise Lines. On September 30th we will board the Ocean Navigator where we have secured 25% of the ship's room capacity for an 11-night cruise with stops in Quebec City; Clayton, New York; Port Weller; Toronto; Gananoque; and Brockville; ending at the beginning in Montreal.

Along the way, we are planning to do one or two Rose Plantings. More details to follow as they become available, but we are hoping for approval to do a Rose Planting in the old walled city area of Quebec City. This cruise is "All-Inclusive," which means you can take advantage of unlimited guided wours at each port, unlimited beverages, open bars and lounges, award-winning cuisine in multiple venues, in-room dining, unlimited WIFI and live daily on-board entertainment and enrichment programs. Plus $150 per guest on-board spending is also included.

At our November Membership Meeting Colleen also introduced a "Special" Excursion she is planning at Niagara Falls that involves a "Barrel Ride." Be sure to reach out to her if you would like to go on this exciting and I think "deadly

experience" with her.

Dress for the Rose Planting(s): Green jackets, white polo shirts from Roz and black pants. Weather: This is a great time of the year; temperatures are mild, averaging 55-60 during the day and 45-50 at night. But most importantly, the fall foliage is at its peak this time of year.

For more information, including costs: Nancy or Beci at Willamette International Travel, 503-224-0180, Dame Roz Vancil at rozvancil@gmail.com or Mike and Colleen Ware at ims9@msn.com

So, plan on joining Colleen and Mike Ware for a great time, great memories, amazing views and just plain fun with other Rosarians and friends!

In Memory

Sir Knight and Life member Joseph Catanese passed away on Monday, November 7th, 2022 at the age of 95. Knighted in 1978 under the rose Mr. Lincoln, Joe lived in Seaside Oregon for many years.

Sir Knight and Life member Stan Schmidt passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 2022. He was knighted in 1992 under the rose Fragrant Cloud.

These long-time members will be deeply missed.

Calendar



Rosarian Membership Meetings Membership meetings will be held at 6:30 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: February 2nd, March 2, April 4th, May 4th, May 25th, June 15th.
Rosarian Council Meetings - The Council meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th, April 10th, May 22nd, July 17th, August 14th, September 18th.

Rosarian Foundation Meeting - The Foundation meetings will be held at 6:00 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 24, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th.

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



Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.
Albert Einstein

(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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