



Royal Update

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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 can't believe I'm over a month into my Prime Minister year. October seems to have slipped by in a blink.

The Prime Minister's Ball and Installation was held September 21st at Sentinel Hotel. This year we had two city commissioners, Dan Ryan and Rene Gonzales, present the mayor's proclamation making the Royal Rosarians the official greeters and goodwill ambassadors for the city. It was a beautiful evening and First Squire Jeff and I are grateful to Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf and her committee for putting on such a lovely event.

On October 9, Squire Jeff and I and 36 of our Rosarian friends embarked on a sixteen day tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland. In a word, it was magical. We started in Dublin then went to Belfast & Derry in Northern Ireland then back into the Republic of Ireland down the west coast and back to Dublin. We saw marvels of nature like Giant's Causeway and the Cliffs of Moher. We learned a lot about Irish history and politics. We tangled with Storm Ashley, had a power outage (only two of us were stuck in the lift), Jeff and I were crowned king and queen of Ireland, and we drank many pints of Guinness. We even learned how to pour the perfect pint. The trip was made even better by our tour guide Brendan and coach driver Tommy. Our thanks to Dame Michelle Veentjer for chairing this epic adventure.

While we were gone, Royal Scribe Cindy Marker kept the home fires burning leading greetings for the Rotary International President and for the reunion of Flight for Freedom participants.

November 7 was our first Membership Meeting of the year. We had great

turnout (over 100 in attendance—keep it up!) and we honored our new Life Members Adam Baker, Mary Correll, Michael Harper, Douglas Jost, Lydia Lundberg, and Ron Pfeifer. When you see these members be sure to congratulate them on their long service to the city.

Veterans Day was our first parade of the Rosarian year. We had a great turn out of Rosarians and the rain miraculously stopped just before step off and didn't start again until all the speeches were done.

The Holiday Brunch is December 8th at Crown Plaza, I hope to see you there. The calendar on the Royal Rosarian website is up to date with all the confirmed events for the year. It's a good time to get them on your calendar.

As we swing into the Holiday Season and the Rosarians start their quiet time (or as quiet as we ever get) Jeff, Audrey, and I would like to wish you a joyous time. May you enjoy great meals with the people you love and may your path be strewn with roses.

--Amy

Prime Minister and Council Installation Ball





Prime Minister's Plaque Laying





Leavenworth Autumn Festival



Prime Minister Trip





Airport Greetings



On October 18 the Royal Rosarians the pleasure of greeting Stephanie Urchick, the 2024-2025 President of Rotary International. Six of our members who are also Rotarians made a point of being there to greet her.



On October 19 we had the honor of welcoming the Reunion for the historic "9/11 Flight for Freedom" participants. Pictured here are Jack McGowan and Sho Dozono, the main organizers of the 2001 trip. After welcoming the group, Ron presented a certificate to Sho Dozono in memory of his wife, Loen Dozono. It was Loen's idea that Oregonians should make their way to New

York and show their support. A reverse Oregon Trail of sorts that became the "Flight for Freedom"



On October 25, we welcomed home Prime Minister Amy Arasmith and First Squire Jeff from their fabulous trip to Ireland.

November 7th Membership Meeting, honoring Life Members





Duke and Dutchess Dinner



Veterans Day Parade



Remembering Duke of the Realm Ray Hanson



DUKE OF THE REALM RAY HANSON, OUR
2011 PRIME MINISTER (1947 - 2024)
by Peter Glazer

The Royal Rosarians lost one of our all-time finest members on November 10, 2024, when Duke of the Realm Ray Hanson succumbed to leukemia. Ray was born June 14, 1947 in Milbank, South Dakota.

Ray was knighted in 1989 shortly after moving to the Portland area from Tillamook with his wife, Lee Ann Gadilauskas. In Tillamook Ray was in the highly competitive soft drink distribution business. When he came to Portland he began a long career as a business broker, or as Ray would prefer to call it, a business intermediary.

For almost 20 years, Ray did not aspire to become Prime Minister. He was prolific in sponsoring and nurturing new Rosarians, three of whom became Prime Ministers. After Ray and Lee Ann saw how much fun Cyndie and I had,

he decided to run. Including Ray himself, and one Rosarian "grandchild" of Ray, Ray was responsible for five Prime Ministers in just 13 years (John Hisatomi in 2004, Peter Glazer in 2008, Ray himself in 2011, Mark Smith in 2014, and Rick Saturn in 2016). It's hard to imagine one having a bigger impact than that.

Ray's profession was helping people buy a business or sell a business, appraising machinery and equipment, and testifying as an expert.

Ray and First Lady Lee Ann took their Prime Minister's trip to Greece in the fall of 2010. They loved to travel. Ray loved to meet people, talk to people, and have fun. He may have said he had more than one priority in his Prime Minister year but really there was only one: for everyone to have fun!

After the passing of Lee Ann, Ray found love again with Dionne Hutton. Ray is survived by Dionne, his two children, Alan Hanson and Lea Ann Burr and his brother Lee Hanson.

In a note he wrote to me in 2010, Ray summed up his philosophy: "Life is all about having fun and building experiences, and the one who dies with the most experiences wins."

Royal Rosarian Foundation Auction

March 1st is the annual Foundation Auction. The theme this year will be "The luck of the Irish". The committee has been working hard on making this year's auction another success. New trips, lots of great silent auction items, dinner packages, wine wall, cake dash and more. Please invite your friends and please consider being a table sponsor. Please reach out to Michelle Veentjer for more information. 971-222-5797

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, May 22, June 12.



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: November 18, December 16, January 13, February 17, March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8

Rosarian Foundation Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: 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

"Believe you can and you're



halfway there."

Theodore Roosevelt

(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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