



The Royal Rosarian Foundation Review

June 2020

Foundation Board Candidates

It is time, at last, to elect officers for our Foundation board for 2020-2021. Due to current social restrictions, please refer to the Royal Update and Tuesday Report for voting procedures for this year. The following candidates are seeking your votes for election to the Foundation board (presented in alphabetical order by last name):

Board Officers

Marilyn Schultz
President
Scott Stuhl
Secretary
John Linngren
Treasurer

Board Members

Term Ending 2020

Kathie Bagley
Kimberly Bown
Ray Hanson
Rodney Mazour

Term Ending 2021

Korrie Hoeckendorf
John Linngren
Marti Penske
Scott Stuhl

Term Ending 2022

Katherine Johnson
Marilyn Schultz
Mark Smith
Dwight Terry

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Kathie Bagley

I believe I have the interest, perspective and temperament to help assure that the Rosarian Foundation and its funds are carefully invested in the charitable activities that showcase the spirit of good will of the Royal Rosarians and supports the best interests of the city of Portland. I have a strong commitment to continue to work to strengthen the foundation and its charitable activities thru education of the entire Rosarians membership.

I enjoy being a worker bee with an attitude of doing whatever necessary to get the job done. My leadership, management and communications skills help with this goal. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Camp

Catherine Camp was knighted in March 2018. She has proudly participated on the Christmas Brunch, Picnic and Grand Floral Ball committees. She has tapped into her fundraising know-how to procure donations for hospitality weekend gift bag items. After attending Foundation meetings it is her ambition to dedicate more of her volunteer time supporting the philanthropic endeavors of the Royal Rosarian Foundation and continue to develop its vital role providing meaningful youth programs in our communities.



Mark Sleasman

I have enjoyed the honor of serving the Royal Rosarian Memorial Fund, and its successor the Royal Rosarian Foundation. Recently, from the outside, I have seen the foundation's elected members and committee volunteers accomplish more than I ever thought possible. Committee volunteers are a powerful tool. I look forward to serving the foundation either as an elected board member or, if not elected, I pledge my efforts as a committee volunteer.

Ruth Takahashi

I was born in Multnomah County and grew up a Portland native. Going to Rose Festival parades was a tradition for my family and I always loved seeing the Rosarians. I joined in 2018, attended Membership Meetings, helped float decorating, and was knighted in the Class of 2019. I marched in many parades. Now, to serve on the Royal Rosarian Foundation Board, to help preserve history and tradition, is a golden opportunity for me to serve the Rosarians in a new way.



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President's Message



Even during a pandemic I have much for which to be thankful in regard to our Foundation. Let me count the ways:

1. For Scott Stuhl and John Linngren, the Foundation's Secretary and Treasurer, who perform their jobs superbly and upon whom I rely for sage advice and support.
2. For the Foundation's Board members who attend meetings regularly, share opinions respectfully, say "Yes" when asked to perform tasks, then do those jobs well.
3. For our "helpers," those Rosarians who are not elected board members, but upon whom we depend heavily to take an active roll in our meetings, projects and events.
4. For the wonderful candidates who have indicated a desire to serve on our board.
5. For the timing of our calendar, where almost all our activities occur in fall and winter. This year we completed our poinsettia sale, distributed checks to the successful grant applicants, and benefitted from the annual auction, all before the Governor mandated a stay-at-home order.
6. For our financial supporters, without whom we could do nothing! You bought our plants, spent money at the auction, and sent us "free will offerings." In the past year and a half, we have received 88 contributions, some to honor or memorialize a special person, others because you believe in our philanthropic causes.

Our "house arrest" sentences will be over soon. I look forward to seeing you all as we continue our mission.

With sincerest gratitude,
Marilyn Schultz

Foundation Investment Committee

The investment committee, formed in 2013, is tasked with managing and growing the Foundation's endowment fund. Gordon Walker chairs the committee, and is assisted by Virgil Caramella, Katherine Johnson, and Bruce Kent. Dan Botti of Peregrine Asset Advisors is the professional financial advisor. The ultimate goal of the Foundation is to create an endowment that will be self-supporting, thus providing funding for all our charitable works. Legacy gifts to the Foundation become part of the Endowment Fund unless otherwise specified by the donor.

A guideline in the Foundation's Investment Policy Statement specifies that our fund should sustain a growth rate of 4%. Since the inception of the account seven years ago, it has maintained a growth rate of 5% until the CORONA-19 pandemic hit us earlier this year. I checked with our Investment advisor on May 20, 2020 and because of the upswing of the market, we are now on the plus side of 4% since the inception of the account.

Gordon Walker
Foundation Investment Committee Chair

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Field Trip Program Recap

The Royal Rosarian Foundation dispersed \$36,260 to thirty-five schools in three school districts: eight schools in David Douglas School District, seven schools in Hillsboro School District, and twenty schools in Portland Public School District. Funds are allocated based on the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and early closure of schools, not all field trips were able to be experienced this year. Principals have been advised to retain any unused funds and apply them to next year's field trips.

Thank you to Katherine Johnson, Connie Shipley, Holly Fowler, Mike Ware, Cindy Marker, Sue Simpson, Careen Cieloha, Tom Hofmann, Jacqueline Janulis, Linda White, Suzanne Day, Jan Tolman, Kathie Bagley and Marilyn Schultz for getting the checks distributed!



2020 Rose Garden Celebration

The annual Rose Garden Contest has evolved this year to a **2020 Rose Garden Celebration** and we encourage you and your friends to participate in the *Roses for Hope Virtual Celebration*. Please register [here](#).

Bring a rose and join us the evening of June 16, 2020 in our Zoom gathering to celebrate Roses for Hope, learn some rose history and hear from experts about growing roses.

- Rose City, Roses and Rosarians (Kimberly Bown)
- What's new in the International Test Rose Garden (Rachel Burlington)
- How do you get your garden ready to be judged for the RGC? (Harry Landers)
- Rose Growing Tips/Lessons Learned in growing a rose garden (Phil Edmunds & Gretchen Humphrey)
- The Rose Society and a sampling of Rose Rhetoric (Emily Hastings)

For more information contact Royal Gardener Michelle Veentjer at 971-222-5797 or Chair Barb Brennan at 503-351-7708.

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Foundation Auction Recap *(Submitted by Larry Rodman)*

LOOKING BACK

February 9, 2020

"Donors have responded, donations have been received by mail, and many more items have been picked up from donors at their place of business. Day after day, donations are entered, stored, and cataloged. Item, by item, piece by piece, the 2020 Foundation Auction, "A Vision of Blooms", is coming together."



February 29, 2020

The night had arrived, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Kimberly Bown and Foundation President Marilyn Schultz, "A Vision of Blooms" took flight. The highly-prized fundraising engine of the Royal Rosarian Foundation was in motion.



THAT NIGHT, BEHIND THE SCENES

There were three things that stood out that night. The first was attendance. Earlier that morning, while all volunteers were setting up the room, the conversation turned briefly to Covid-19. Would it affect our evening? Would it affect our attendance? We didn't know. In a matter of eight hours we would have our answer.

Minutes before Auctioneer Mitch Lambley, and Master of Ceremonies Adam Baker would take the stage to welcome our guests, Mike Ware quietly shared that 30 guests had not checked in. How would the evening go?

I WAS SHOCKED

The second thing that happened that night was Marti Penske and Coleen Ware's Dessert Dash. I will admit that I was skeptical about the concept. Our guests were moving to their tables for the start of our live auction, and in many instances meeting for the first time. Would there be time for them to bond together to raise their bids to make their table a winner? The Dash was going to take time, and time is a most precious commodity in a live auction.



At the time the Dessert Dash got underway, I was at the back of the room conferring with Mike Ware and our database guru Robin Jerke. We were discussing a couple of issues when a commotion erupted. When I looked up, guests were literally running to the dessert table. As I watched one guest in full stride, with a look of total determination on her face, I realized in that second that the Dessert Dash was to be a huge success. Hats off to Marti and Colleen!



ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

The third thing that stood out? Rosarians brought guests! And your guests helped to make our paddle raise one of the best we have ever had! Yes, we were down in numbers, but as Mike Ware later pointed out our fewer attendees actually bid and donated more than attendees the previous year. Little did we know that night how fortunate we were. We know now that many, many organizations saw their events cancelled within weeks. For Royal Rosarians, all things considered, it was a fabulously successful evening!

Thank you to all who contributed, participated, and supported our Foundation Auction. We are truly a Rosarian Family!

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Foundation Auction Recap (continued)

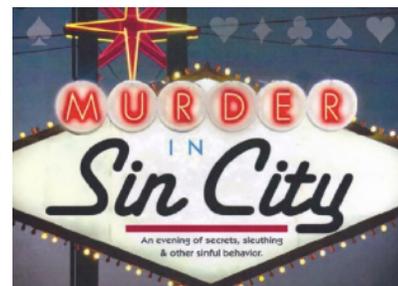
NOW TO THE FUTURE

Joining us as co-chair for the 2021 Royal Rosarian Foundation Auction is Michelle Veentjer; welcome aboard Michelle! In October we anticipate the announcement of our 2021 Foundation Auction date! And check out our still-available dinner options below!



Mike Ware's COUNTRY HOEDOWN
August 22, 2020
15 spots are still available, \$75 per person
Call or text Mike Ware to sign up, 503-939-2584

MURDER IN SIN CITY
September 30, 2020
Six spots are still available, \$75 per person
Hosts Pat Salimena, Connie Shipley, and Jean Benevento
Call or text Cathy Gagnon to sign up, 503-964-9639



Themed DINNER PARTY PACKAGE #1
Includes three dinners:
Connie Shipley's Summer Solstice Lunch, June 25, 2020
Ilse Kindler's German Dinner Party July 19, 2020
Jeanette Day's Salmon Dinner October 3, 2020
One spot still available for one lucky person, \$120
Call or text Cathy Gagnon to sign up, 503-964-9639

Themed DINNER PARTY PACKAGE #2
Includes three dinners:
Marilyn Schultz's American Comfort Food; Date TBA
Marti Penske's Old-Fashioned BBQ! August 2, 2020
Sue Simpson's Trick or Treat Brunch on October 25, 2020
Four spots are still available, \$120 per person
Call or text Cathy Gagnon for details to sign up, 503-964-9639



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Thank You Letters From Schools

On occasion, we receive incredibly heart-felt messages from students and staff of those schools who have received funds from the Foundation. Here are a couple from this year, even though the year was stopped short due to the ongoing pandemic:

Dear Friends of the Community Transitional School:

To paraphrase Thomas Paine, these are the times that try our souls. And our will to persevere. But thanks to your generous support, we have both the will and the resources to get through these challenging times and continue to provide quality education to our community's most vulnerable children.

Like all schools in Oregon, CTS has been closed for more than seven weeks and will remain closed through June 30. While many schools have set up various online programs that allow teachers to interact with their students, few of our students are equipped with the resources to participate in online learning. Each week, however, the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division donates boxes of food which are distributed to the families of our students using our buses and with the help of Nike volunteers. Along with the food boxes, work packets prepared by the teachers are sent, and the teachers call or text parents each week to provide help where needed.

Assuming that schools are allowed to reopen at the end of June, we plan to begin a new school year as soon as possible. Students will start in the same grade they are in now, and after six weeks we will evaluate each student to determine whether he or she should move up to the next grade or, in the case of eighth graders, graduate and go on to high school.

Meanwhile, I want to thank you again, not only for your financial support but for continuing to believe in the school and our mission.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Bickle, Principal and Teacher



Dear Royal Rosarians:

On behalf of Jason Lee Elementary, Portland Public Schools and especially our Student Body, I wanted to thank you so much for your very generous gift of \$504.00 to be allocated toward classroom Field Trips.

Gifts like this make an absolute difference in our children's lives as we work daily to make sure each of our young people are learning and growing to their fullest potential. Your gift will support our students as they learn outside of the traditional classroom. Field trips are an opportunity to visit our city and municipal parks, museums, and attend live music and theater performances.

Again, we offer our sincerest thanks. You are one of Jason Lee's most generous community partners and we appreciate all you do on behalf of our staff and students.

Regards,
Isaac Cardona, Principal

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Royal Rosarian Foundation Financials

Balance Sheet YTD FY 2020

<i>Assets</i>	
Checking/Savings	\$90,368
Fidelity Investments	\$118,963
Total Assets	\$209,331
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Unrestricted	\$212,580
Net Income	\$(3,249)
Total Equity	\$209,331

***Please note that the \$10,000 expenditure listed for the Grand Floral Parade Float (under expenses, to the right side of the page) is not spending for this year's postponed Rose Festival; it is the purchase of the Astoria Float, which will become our future Grand Floral Parade float.

Profit & Loss Statement YTD FY 2020

<i>Donations</i>	
Total Unrestricted Donations	\$5,429
Traveling Float	\$1,139
Donations-Rose Garden Contest	\$20
Community Transitional School	\$200
Wasington County Field Trips	\$7,600
Dedicated Field Trip Grants/Donations	\$12,500
Total Donations	\$26,888
<i>Auction & Fundraising</i>	
Total Auction Revenue	\$105,565
Total Auction Expenses	\$(46,021)
Poinsettia Fundraiser (Net)	\$3,138
Total Fundraising	\$89,569
<i>Expenses</i>	
Administrative Costs	\$8,589
Traveling Float Expenses	\$9,558
Grand Floral Parade Float***	\$10,000
Field Trip Grants	\$36,273
PRFF Court Outreach	\$5,000
Christmas For Kids	\$2,500
Sister City Associations	\$500
Community Transitional School	\$7,000
Blueprint Ensemble	\$750
Ethos Music Center	\$5,000
ACMA	\$1,100
The Aspire Project	\$2,250
Total Expense	\$88,520
Investment Income Total	\$(4,298)
Net Income	\$(3,249)



Thank you to all Rosarians who have signed up with Fred Meyer already to link the Royal Rosarian Foundation as your favorite nonprofit. The amount of money received at the end of each quarter as a donation from Fred Meyer to our Foundation has been growing over the past year, and for that we say THANK YOU!

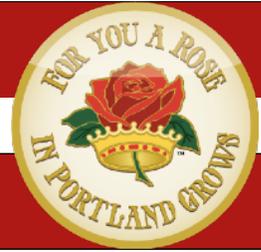
Those of you who have not yet signed up, please log in and create an account online and search for the Royal Rosarian Foundation. If you don't have a Rewards Card, you can get one at any register. You still will get your fuel points and rebates. There is no change to what you earn! Contact Duke Scott Stuhl with any questions at scottstuhl@mac.com.



Another way to make simple donations simply by shopping is through Amazon. Visit smile.amazon.com, log in and select the Royal Rosarian Foundation as the beneficiary. ***That's all you have to do!*** Why not make your shopping go further without costing you any more money by having Amazon make a donation to the RRF every time you buy something on Amazon.

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Endowment Program and Foundation Donors

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY IN YOUR NAME!

- Yes, I have included the RRF in my estate plan
 I am considering making a legacy gift to the RRF

PLEASE CONTACT ME

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State and Zip code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I have included the RRF in my estate plan through my:

- Will or living trust
 Retirement account
 Life insurance
 Other _____

THANK YOU!

A Certificate of Appreciation and other acknowledgments will be provided to all legacy donors.

The Royal Rosarian Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
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"For you a rose in Portland grows!"

Financial Donations to the Royal Rosarian Foundation (since February 18, 2020)

This does not include auction contributors or poinsettia purchases

Barb Brennan	Pat Maberry
Libby Crawford	Network For Good
Karen Dervedde	Harriet Ottavino
Marjie & Neil Dreiseszun	Rose City Float Designs LLC
Pat Espenscheid	Marilyn Schultz
Holly & Reed Fowler	Sue Simpson
Ed Honeycutt	Ruth Takahashi
Tom Jenkins	Washington County Commissioners
Kroger – Fred Meyer Rewards	

Endowment Program

The Royal Rosarian Foundation would appreciate your consideration of the Foundation when you talk with your financial advisor about your estate planning. Since about 2004, several Rosarians have made generous contributions and the Foundation assets have been growing through good stewardship on the part of the Foundation Board. Your contribution can help make sure the good work of the Foundation continues into the future. If you want any information about this program please contact Connie Shipley at 503-830-1028 or connieshipley97230@gmail.com