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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thanks for reading this issue of the e-newsletter of the Royal Rosarians produced by Duke Peter Glazer and Sir Knight Tom Marantette. If you have suggestions or contributions for the Royal Update, please contact Tom (tjm@atiyehbros.com) or Peter (pkglazer@aol.com).

New Member Class of 2016



Members of the Royal Rosarian Knighting Class of 2016 are now official members of the organization. You are encouraged to meet each one and extend to them a royal welcome. Get to know a little about their lives by reading the information provided below. This class photo by Brent Barnett with Prime Minister Rick and Queen Kahedja was taken on Saturday, April 30 at the New Member Knighting Ceremony.

Terri Davis

Terri was born and raised in Portland, graduating from Portland State University where she majored in History and Political Science. She's raised three wonderful children and thoroughly enjoys being a grandmother to three brilliant and beautiful grandchildren. Terri has been employed by Portland Parks and Recreation for more than 24 years and has held many assignments, beginning as a fitness instructor, to her current and new position as the manager of our city's 13 community centers. As the second of five children, she grew up enjoying an "Oregon Lifestyle" of sports, camping, fishing, boating, skiing, hiking, running, backpacking, and climbing. With a birthday in June, she has many fond memories associated with the Rose Festival, which, as a child, she thought was a part of her birthday celebration.



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Kevin Faris



Kevin feels fortunate to have grown up and lived in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Kevin and Lady Lori Faris have been married for 26 years and together they have an 18-year-old son, Adam, who is graduating from Lakeridge High School this year and will attend their alma mater, the University of Oregon, in the fall. Kevin has enjoyed working in the Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk management profession for 17 years and is currently with Frito Lay and PepsiCo. Kevin enjoys cycling, skiing, roses, cooking, sipping champagne and many adventures within the Rose City. Kevin was involved early with Rose Festival events. While in high school at Hudson's Bay in Vancouver, Washington, Kevin helped decorate the Vancouver Rose Festival float, and he marched and played trumpet in the Junior Rose Festival and Rose Festival parades.

Spouse: Lori Faris
Sponsor: Robert Kronquist
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Mary Getty

Mary is a 5th grade teacher at Jacob Wismer Elementary School in Beaverton. She enjoys leading her students in annual volunteer projects to instill in them the satisfaction of making a difference. Mary and Squire Michael have lived in the City of Roses since 1992 and are parents of three great kids (Andy,18, Nathan,16, and Caroline,13). Mary spends much of her free time cheering on her kids in their various sporting events, and she volunteers with numerous non-profits in the Portland metro area. Also, for fun, she loves to go to the movies, host dinner parties, travel, and read "chick lit." Mary is a very proud Husky but is sponsored by a Cougar -- go figure!



Spouse: Michael Getty

Sponsor: Jacquie Janulis

Rose: Lagerfeld

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John Jackson



John is a nearly life-long resident of the Rose City. He grew up attending Portland Public Schools and met his wife of 21 years, Amy, while he was a student at Wilson High School. While at Wilson, he was a member of the marching band and participated in many Rose Festival events. John is a second-generation small business owner, having taken over Jackson Exterminators, Inc. from his dad, who founded the company in 1973 after moving his family cross country from Iowa (Portland won the coin toss), where John was born.

Spouse: Amy Jackson

Sponsor: Marilyn Schultz

Rose: Scentimental

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Darrell and his family recently moved from Wenatchee when he accepted the helm of Columbia Ridge Senior Living in Washougal. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for over 33 years and are the parents of two children, daughter, Kylie, and son, Andy. Darrell and Susan enjoy traveling (Disneyland seems to be a favorite destination) and spending time with family. In fact, one thing that drew them to Royal Rosarians is the opportunity to travel with new friends while being ambassadors of good will for the great City of Portland!

Spouse: Susan Johnson
Sponsor: Gordon Torstenbo
Rose: Othello
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Ilse is a native of Germany where she spent her school and college years. She got her first job at Lufthansa, married, and started a family. Working for the airlines allowed them to travel extensively, and one of their trips was to Oregon to visit family. They immediately fell in love with the beautiful Northwest and felt it would be a great place to raise their two daughters, so in 1978 they moved to Oregon. Ilse has worked for White Stag, Danner Boots and InSport International, first in the financial sector and later in customer service/sales support. Now she is an active, healthy and happy retiree who stays busy volunteering in school, going to the gym, playing golf with friends, tending to her yard and spending time with grandchildren.

Sponsor: Amy Arasmith

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Brad Meader

Brad (pictured with daughter, Rachael) was born in London, England, but his parents moved to Oregon when he was 11 weeks old, so he considers himself to be an almost-native Oregonian. He has a passion for travel so, after graduating from the University of Oregon, he opened a travel agency and started his career in the travel industry. Sixteen years ago he was offered employment with All About Tours, a local tour operator, as a sales representative to work with the travel agency community. For the past two years he has been in charge of marketing. The most important thing in Brad's life is family, his wife, Nancy (26 years of marriage) and two wonderful daughters, Rachael and Alexa.



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Sponsor: Martin Moll
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Dana Nardi



Dana is a Licensed Nutritional Therapist, an experienced events manager, and all-around Portland groupie. Six years ago she came to Portland to further her education in the culinary arts. She attended Oregon Culinary Institute and left with a diploma in Baking and Pastry. Last summer Dana discovered the joys and wonders of hiking in the Columbia River Gorge and on the coast. Before permanently settling in Portland, Dana spent three years trying to figure out where she belonged. She traveled across the globe and back again, looking for a home and community. When she flew into Portland for a three-week visit, and she set her feet on the famous carpet at PDX, she realized she didn't want to leave again. Home, sweet home!

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Neil Nathanson

Neil Nathanson is from the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from the University of Michigan in economics and computer science (does anyone need a Fortran programmer?) he worked for five years at IBM. Neil met his wife, Leslie, who hails from Great Falls, Montana, while attending Stanford Law School. They married after graduation and have three children, Keep, Dana and Sam. The family moved to Portland in 1997, where Neil works as a lawyer for start-ups at the Perkins Coie law firm and Leslie works as a planner for the City of Lake Oswego.

Spouse: Leslie Nathanson

Sponsor: Rick Saturn

Rose: Apricot Drift

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Martha Penske



Martha and Roger have been married almost 49 years. They have two children, Lisa and Steven, two grandchildren, Megan and Ben, and they are legal guardians of two teenagers, Terri and Jackie. They relocated to Oregon from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1996. After living here for 20 years, they feel like true Oregonians. Martha and Roger own and operate Flowers by Burkhardts from their home in Hillsboro. She is the floral designer and Roger does the marketing. Martha feels lucky everyday to be able to create beautiful arrangements that make others happy, whatever the occasion. Their motto is, "It's always a beautiful day at Burkhardts."

Spouse: Roger B. Penske

Sponsor: Mike Ware

Rose: Good As Gold

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Eric Rosenfeld

Eric and his wife Tiffany are both fourth-generation Portlanders who grew up attending Rose Festival events. In fact, their first date was an evening at the Rose Festival Fair at Waterfront Park in June, 1994. Eric believes you can get everything you could ever want out of life if you help enough other people get what they want out of life. Based on this principle, he launched the Oregon Angel Fund in 2007. It's a venture capital fund that has built a community of over 200 investors and entrepreneurs who are dedicated to helping ensure Oregon remains a vibrant and thriving place to work and live. In his free time Eric enjoys playing the violin, playing basketball and tennis, and skiing with his three school-age kids.



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Marc Rizzo



Marc Rizzo grew up in southwestern Pennsylvania where he earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Duquesne University. He then moved to Southern Oregon, where he managed many pharmacies and also met his wife, Celeste. They married in 2010. He has been very active in the local and state pharmaceutical community and recently served as a member of the executive committee of the Oregon State Pharmacy Association. Marc was to have been knighted in 2015. However, his daughter Bianca had other plans, being born almost on the evening of the Knighting Ceremony.

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Sponsor: David Ott
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Joe Rossi

Joe Rossi is a fourth-generation Portlander. He is the descendant of immigrants who left harsh conditions in Italy to work on farms in what was then a very young city, Parkrose, in the late 1880s. His great-grandfather saved his money and eventually bought his own farm. That started a five-generation legacy that continues to this day. Besides farming, Joe's father, Aldo, is also known for being a generous supporter of his community, especially after-school sports programs. Joe's vocation continues his father's work. Joe has been honored to receive the Spirit of Portland Award. The Portland Immigrant Statue Project, dedicated to the City of Portland on Parkrose's 100th anniversary, was one of his most gratifying projects. Close to the airport, the statue was conceived to be "An everlasting symbol of Portland gratitude to our past, present and future immigrant citizens, of all countries, who have made our city great."



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Peter Stack



Peter Stack is a native Oregonian. Born in Portland, he received his business degree from the University of Portland. His love of aviation and Oregon's natural beauty have kept him anchored to our state. Wife Stephanie Sparkman is the other half of this adventuresome duo. Son Adam graduates from high school this year, and they are looking forward to watching his journey unfold. Peter is an exceptional auctioneer, founder and President of IncStack Auctions. Peter and Stephanie have the privilege of working with clients, associates, and friends who have evolved from their entrepreneurial ventures: Consigning Women stores, IncStack Auctions fundraising services, and S&S Airborne Surveillance Training.

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Sponsor: Rick Saturn
Rose: Stephanie de Monaco
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New Member Darrell Johnson (left) is escorted into the New Member Knighting Ceremony by his sponsor, Sir Knight Gordon Torstenbo.

Queen Kahedja knights new member Joe Rossi as Prime Minister Rick Saturn and Royal Regent Marilyn Schultz look on. Bill Barry is in the background.



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