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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

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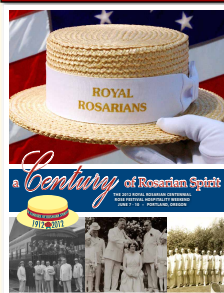
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Rose Festival Hospitality Weekend



Please make your plans now to join your fellow Rosarians and friends from our sister Festivals from around the Northwest as we celebrate "A Century of Rosarian Spirit" June 7th-10th at the Portland Hilton Hotel, located at 921 SW 6th in beautiful downtown Portland.

The weekend begins on Thursday, June 7th with our famous Hospitality in the Presidential Suite. Friday includes the Honorary Knighting Ceremony, the Queens' Garden Party and the "Ridin' in the Wind" Fun Night. Saturday begins with the Queen's Coronation and the Grand Floral Parade, and culminates with the Centennial Grand Floral Ball. Sunday we will hold a farewell breakfast for our friends from other Festivals and then lay the Queen's plaque at Washington Park. For more information, contact Chair Korrie Hoeckendorf at hoecken@frontier.com or by phone at 503-784-8150. The registration form and weekend brochure, which contain details about all of the events, are available on our [website](http://www.royalrosarians.com). Sign up now so you don't miss out on this once in a lifetime celebration. **There are less than 30 rooms available for Friday and Saturday night at the hotel, so book yours now!**

Tacoma Daffodil Festival



On Saturday, April 14th, in celebration of the Tacoma Daffodil Festival, the Rosarians will honor one of its sister festivals by participating in the four Parades associated with the Daffodil Festival. The newly redesigned traveling float, on its maiden voyage, will be featured in all four parades. As a marching unit for a day event, the Royal Rosarians will march in three of the parades; Puyallup at 12:45 PM, Sumner at 2:30 PM and Orting at 5:00 PM. Here is a wonderful opportunity for Rosarians to show our support by marching in three parades in one day. The parades are very well attended by the communities as they eagerly anticipate seeing the ladies and gentlemen dressed in white, marching as a group and showing off their Traveling Float.

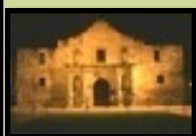
We are in the process of trying to finalize plans to have a bus that will take you to each of the parades comfortably and effortlessly. Our plan is to have the bus leave the Red Lion Jantzen Beach Hotel at 8:30 AM and return around 9:00 PM. Come celebrate the day, show your support to our Daffodil Festival friends, meet new friends and let's get excited about attending out-of-town festivals to promote the Portland Rose Festival as we share our slogan, "For You a Rose in Portland Grows". For more information, contact event Chair John Creegan at jtcreegan293@msn.com or by phone at 503-293-5002.

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*For the Good of the
Rosarians!*



**PM Trip
to San
Antonio,
Texas**

Rob and Roxanne will take a trip to celebrate the Fiesta San Antonio Festival, April 22nd-29th, 2012. For more information, contact Duke Bob Strader at 503-621-3778 or by email at bob@agc-oregon.org.

Sash Protocol Reminder

For the Centennial Year, Prime Minister Rob Hungerford would like members to wear sashes whenever in whites. If you wear a tuxedo or formal gown to a ball he would like sashes to be worn as well. Sashes are not worn with greens or with casual wear. Please see Gayle Whitehurst to pick up your sash at events or parades. You are responsible for your sash; one sash is provided for each member.

Seasonal Uniform Change

As a reminder, on April 1st we will be changing our seasonal uniform to white pants when we are wearing our green jackets.

Royal Rosarian Foundation News

Submitted by Sir Knight Gordon Walker

Several months ago Duke Don Henderson voluntarily embarked on what I like to fondly call The Donald Project. Aided by Duke Bob Strader, this project is to provide definitions for the activities/programs in which your Foundation is presently involved. These definitions are to provide you, our member, with a better understanding of how our Foundation is operating on your behalf.

Below is the Introduction, also written by Don, to these definitions and in the ensuing months a couple of these will appear in each edition of the Royal Update. We still have a couple of definitions to complete, but it is felt we are far enough along that we can start disseminating this information to you.

When this project is completed this information will be included in the New Member's and the Foundation's manuals and serve as a handout at Membership Meetings at the Foundation's table. Many thanks to both Don and Bob for their efforts in putting this very important information together so the Foundation membership can be better informed.

The Memorial Fund Has Grown Up! By Don Henderson

When I was Prime Minister (1998-1999) the Memorial Fund was in it's infancy with very little money, no defined direction and no philanthropic areas identified. But many dedicated and visionary Rosarians pursued the goal of a meaningful adjunct to the Rosarian mission of service to the citizens of Portland. In the intervening decade an amazing transformation has taken place.

The fund became a charitable Foundation with a well defined mission. A number of fund raising methods were put in place and several (and growing) areas of giving were begun, with an emphasis on youth at risk. Judging by the enthusiastic and grateful responses from teachers and parents we have been, and increasingly are, making a real contribution to the lives of these children. Other areas of giving include Scholarships For Youth and Community Spirit.



To mention just one endeavor, we gave \$17,000 to schools this year to use toward covering the cost of eligible kids to go on field trips. One small example is a group of students who qualified for special training, but had no way of paying for the transportation to get there. Our Field Trip Program provided the money to make that happen. This program is unique. We are the only ones giving this support.

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Royal Rosarian Foundation News (continued)

Funding for the field trip program which is part of the R.O.S.E.S. (Rosarians Offering Support to Encourage Students) was helped by a very generous grant from the Juan Young trust in the amount of \$10,000. Last year they gave us \$7,500. Beside the benefit we can offer these kids, this is a very significant event because your Foundation is now recognized as being worthy of receiving grant money. This reputation will grow and the potential for the future of your Foundation is huge, which means the impact we can make for the benefit of disadvantaged youth is also huge. You can be very proud to be a member of the Royal Rosarian Foundation.

Royal Rosarians To Bestow Knighthood On Packy the Elephant



Please join us as we honor Portland's number one icon on his 50th birthday with an honorary Knighthood! Portland's beloved and world-famous Asian bull elephant will be celebrating his 50th birthday with birthday cake and many admirers on April 14th. The ceremony will be highly modified to a 2-3 minute ceremony that will take place at the Oregon Zoo.

Packy's birthday is always a big crowd-pleasing event with full media coverage. The ceremony takes place at 2:00 PM, however, Royal Rosarians are requested to be in place at the Elephant House area by 1:30 PM resplendent in full whites with capes and sashes, Dames to wear pants.

Family and friends are encouraged to wear apparel identifying them with the Royal Rosarians. Packy's birthday is one of the busiest days of the year at the zoo, so please allow extra time for traffic, parking and crowds. This may be a great day for those beautiful new Royal Rosarian umbrellas, rain or shine!

Queens' Garden Party - Save the Date

Submitted by Lady Lin Hledik

On behalf of her majesty Queen Lamarra, it is our pleasure to request your presence at the Centennial Queens' Garden Party, Friday June 8th at the Downtown Hilton Hotel.



With 100 years of pageantry behind them, the Royal Rosarians are "Celebrating the Century" in June of 2012. Our Centennial Queens' Garden Party will be an event to remember. We have gone to great lengths to locate past Queens and invite them to this very special party. This annual gathering of past Rose Festival Queens and newly Knighted Sir Knights and Dames is always a special time for sharing memories and meeting new friends. Many of the past Queens will meet the 2011 Rose Festival Queen and the 2012 Court for the first time. Speculation about who will be crowned Queen of Rosaria the next morning will fill the room. As is our tradition, we will also be blessed with the attendance of some of the 1962 court as they celebrate the 50 year anniversary of their very special experience. There is no other event like this in all of Rosaria.

The Garden Party is an a la carte feature of the hospitality package. Be sure to note in your reservation that you will be attending and include the \$35.00 cost in your payment. We will be sharing more news as we grow closer to the event! For more information, please contact event Co-Chair Lin Hledik at linda.hledik@frontier.com or by phone at 503-622-1907.

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Recent Happenings in Rosaria

Rosarians welcomed former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Laureate, F.W. de Klerk to the City of Roses. President de Klerk was the last State President of apartheid-era South Africa, serving from September 1989 to May 1994, and he was also leader of the National Party from February 1989 to September 1997.

He is best known for engineering the end of apartheid, South Africa's racial segregation policy, and supporting the transformation of South Africa into a multi-racial democracy by entering into the negotiations that resulted in all citizens, including the country's black majority, having equal voting and other rights. President de Klerk was in Portland to deliver a series of speeches to groups by invitation from Portland's Wholistic Peace Institute.



VIP Rose Plantings



Please join Prime Minister Rob Hungerford and First Lady Roxanne at one of the very special VIP Rose Plantings on Saturday, April 7th, 2012. For our Centennial, we will be sharing the stunning Royal Rosarian rose at all rose plantings this year.

We will begin the plantings at 10:00am at the home of Prime Minister Rob Hungerford and First Lady Roxanne, located at 6685 Canterbury Dr. in Gladstone. At 11:00 AM we will depart for the home of Gretchen Humphrey, the President of the Portland Rose Society, located at 12385 SW 121st in Tigard. The rose planting will occur at 11:30 AM. At 12:30 PM, we will make our way to the Rose Festival Headquarters where we will plant a rose at 1:00 PM.

Rosarian attire is white suits (ladies wear pants) with gloves and hats, with Council in capes (if it's raining, wear older capes). Green jackets and white pants are optional dress. Join us for a fantastic day of sharing our Rosarian goodwill and help us spread our message, "For You a Rose in Portland Grows."



Calendar of Events

- *Membership Meeting*
Holiday Inn at the Airport,
5:30 PM Social Hour,
6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM
Meeting, April 5th (Spouses
Night)
- *Council Meetings*
Double Tree Lloyd Center
Hotel, 7:00 PM on April
16th
- *Royal Rosarian
Foundation Meetings*
Finley-Sunset Hills
Mortuary, 6:30 PM on
March 29th, April 19th
- *VIP Rose Plantings*
10:00 AM at the home of
Prime Minister Rob
Hungerford and First Lady
Roxanne, 11:30 AM at the
home of Portland Rose
Society President Gretchen
Humphrey, 1:00 PM at the
Rose Festival Office, on
April 7th
- *Knighting Ceremony for
Packy the Elephant*
Oregon Zoo Elephant House,
1:30 PM on April 14th
- *Rose Planting*
Pittock Mansion, 9:30 AM
on April 20th
- *Blessing of the Festival*
The Grotto, 12:30 PM on
April 21st

NW Festival & Local Parade Dates:

Daffodil Festival

April 13th-15th, 2012
Tacoma, WA

Apple Blossom Festival

May 4th-6th, 2012
Wenatchee, WA

Lilac Festival

May 18th-20th, 2012
Spokane, WA

Hyack Festival

May 25th-27th, 2012
New Westminster, BC

Rose Festival

Starlight Parade June 2nd,
Rose Festival Weekend
June 8th-10th, 2012
Portland, OR

Strawberry Festival

June 15th-17th, 2012
Marysville, WA

Capital Lakefair

July 18th-22nd, 2012
Olympia, WA

Seattle Seafair

July 27th-29th, 2012
Seattle, WA

Astoria Regatta

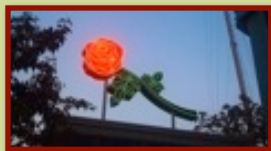
August 9th-13th, 2012
Astoria, OR

Autumn Leaf Festival

September 28th-30th, 2012
Leavenworth, WA

Salmon Days

October 5th-7th, 2012
Issaquah, WA



2013 Prime Minister's Trip Informational Meeting



Don't forget to attend the informational meeting for Prime Minister Gayle Whitehurst and First Squire Ed's trip to Florida! The meeting will be on April 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM at Caldwell's Funeral Home, located at 20 NE 14th in Portland. The first stop will be at Kennedy Space Center near Cocoa Beach on the Atlantic Coast for a very special rose planting. Event co-chairs Larry Roberts and Bob

Simmons are putting together an exciting itinerary that will also include time in St. Petersburg on the Gulf of Mexico side of the Florida panhandle.

Rose Festival Pin Sales

The Rose Festival Pins for 2012 are now available for sale! The pins will allow access to the CityFair for the entire Rose Festival season. The price remains unchanged this year at \$5, which is a bargain for three full weekends of fun! The pins this year, pictured to the right, feature a photo of the beautiful Royal Rosarian Rose in honor of our Centennial year. To purchase pins, please contact Adam Baker at ab33842@gmail.com or 503-477-0685.



Membership Meeting - Spouses Night

Please join the Royal Rosarian family for the next Spouses/Partners Night on April 5th at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport, located at 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. in Portland. This is your opportunity to gather information about many upcoming events and activities. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM, dinner begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Members are asked to wear green jackets and white slacks.

Dinner choices include Roasted Pork Loin, Marinated in Apple Cider and topped with Tart Apples and Sweet Onions Served with Mashed Potatoes OR Broiled Fillet of Salmon with a Lemon Herb Sauce served with Rice Pilaf OR Pasta Primavera - Roasted Peppers, Zucchini, Sun Dried Tomatoes & Mushrooms with Spinach Fettuccine. Contact Mark Sleasman at marksleasman@msn.com or 503-866-2724 for more information.

Duke Jim Nielson's Truisms

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you place the blame."

Jim Nielson, Prime Minister in 1979, was famous for his "truisms" which he was happy to share in each issue of the Royal Update. Jim was knighted under the rose "Sutter's Gold", pictured here.



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Ambassadors of Goodwill - By proclamation of the Mayor, The Royal Rosarians are the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland promoting the best interests of the City of Portland and the Portland Rose Festival.

Community Service - The Royal Rosarians are a volunteer organization that is dedicated to provide community service to the Portland community and to complete charitable projects through the Royal Rosarian Foundation.

Tradition – The Royal Rosarians are a historically significant organization with a rich heritage of ceremonial pageantry that enhances the image of the City of Roses and the Portland Rose Festival. We honor our legacy of Tradition.