

# Election Edition of The Royal Update

e-newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

**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).

## Special Edition

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### Annual Election Coming Up June 11

The annual election meeting of the Royal Rosarians will take place Thursday, June 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Portland at 6:30 p.m.

This year there are 16 candidates for nine open positions on Council. There are two candidates for Secretary of State.

All Rosarians must register at the voting table to receive their ballot. Once completed the ballots are to be placed in the ballot box. Vote for a maximum of nine candidates for Council. A ballot with more than nine selections for Council will not be counted. Similarly, each ballot must indicate a maximum selection of two candidates for the Foundation Board positions. This first ballot voting will end at 6:30 p.m. and ballots will be counted immediately thereafter. Rosarians will vote for Council and Foundation candidates at the outset, but not candidates for the Secretary of State position. After the the initial votes are tallied, a separate ballot will then be distributed for the Secretary of State position. (This process resulted from an interpretation of the Edict previously. It addresses a concern voiced in past years that no votes for Secretary of State candidates are "wasted" because the SOS candidate failed to get elected to Council, which is a qualification to be Secretary of State.)

Those who attend the Election meeting only for the purpose of voting will want to plan to remain in attendance after the Council election at 6:30 so that they can vote in the Secretary of State election after the Council ballots are counted.

For new Rosarians, the person elected Secretary of State in June is then in line to become our 2018 Prime Minister.

Keep in mind that there is no proxy voting and no absentee voting. You must be present to vote.

Also at this meeting will be the election of two Rosarians to the Board of Directors of our Rosarian Foundation. There are three candidates for these two positions and their submitted information is set forth below. Remember: all Rosarians are members of the Royal Rosarian Foundation and are entitled to vote.

Immediately below is information submitted by each candidate. The questions were put to Council and Secretary of State candidates by Royal Regent Mark Smith, who chairs the Nominating Committee. The Foundation question was put to Board candidates by Foundation President Korrie Hoeckendorf. The submissions of each candidate have not been edited. They are printed as submitted. The photos below of Rosarian candidates were submitted by the candidates (or, if a candidate didn't submit a photo, the Royal Regent may have used the Roster photo).

The first two candidates are running for Secretary of State (Baker and McIntyre, in alphabetical order) as well as for re-election to Council. Following these two candidates are the other 14 candidates for Council. Remember that there are nine positions on Council for which these 16 candidates are running.

Below the Council candidates are the three candidates for two positions on the Foundation board.

Best Wishes to the candidates!

# Candidates for Secretary of State and Rosarian Council



## Sir Knight Adam Baker

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

My most satisfying roles in the Rosarians have been a direct result of my Council duties. I truly enjoyed working with honorees both locally and from other Northwest Festival Hosting Group organizations during each unique rose planting as Royal Gardener. My duties as Minister of Foreign Affairs allowed me to make lasting connections and friendships with members of the Rose Festival Foundation and the Portland Rose Society. But my current role as Chancellor of the Exchequer has been the most important to me. This position allowed me to fully understand how our organization runs on a daily basis. I feel that it is vitally important to know how our group operates in order to make decisions and plan for the future.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

My election to Council will bring a wide range of community leadership experience to the organization. My leadership experience includes neighborhood associations, sports leagues, non-profit groups, youth organizations and in my career as a police officer. My various Royal Rosarian Council assignments, committee involvement and event participation will allow me to encourage other members to attend and to help make our events successful during the 2015-2016 year. I have a high level of energy that I bring to each event, and by electing me to Council you also get Lady Lauren as a bonus. The support of a spouse or significant other is important and Lady Lauren is fully invested in the organization. She was a part of Rosaria even before I met her and she really understands our group's purpose and how it functions. From marching in parades to out of town festivals to our Hospitality Weekend, we have participated together as a team in every aspect of the Royal Rosarians.

## Dame Lynne McIntyre

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

As a team-building leader, the greatest thrill for me is to see you stepping up and shining in a can-do atmosphere of positive energy! I strive to build trust, show appreciation and to learn from you as we have fun working and socializing together! I've had a great time successfully managing events, floats, parades, greetings and ceremonies. Here are three very satisfying responsibilities that turned into game changers:



- We've revitalized the Membership Committee this year, listening to the needs of existing members, increasing support of new members, adding the Mentor Program and the Ride Share Program and we've re-activated the Royal Communicators. I love this job!
- Fulfilling a 5-year dream of modernizing the Royal Rosarian Website with a powerful new financial package allowing you to register and pay for events online was the result of amazing team collaboration and effort in 2014! The new site is fast, reliable and fun to use.
- Re-energizing and expanding our ambassadorial relationship with the City of Portland over the past 6 years is elevating our value to the City. We regularly rock the Power of the White Suit at VIP greetings and ceremonial events where our Prime Ministers are distinguished guests and speakers.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I'm offering you my enthusiastic attitude and skills in organizational management, planning, communications and problem solving as a member of the Council of 2016. This is what you can expect from me:

- I negotiate for a living. Keeping a cool head and diplomatically solving problems is one of my strengths.
- When you and the Prime Minister need a helping hand, I will be there. You should expect nothing less!
- I will listen to your advice and make good use of it. I will bring a sense of humor, provide positive feedback and will be quick to recognize your efforts and accomplishments.

# The Remaining 14 Candidates for Rosarian Council



## **Dame Kathie Bagley**

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

Certainly just being an Official Greeter and an Ambassador of Goodwill for the city of Portland is the most important and satisfying role I play. Loving the smiles we see on someone's face either at a greeting or parade is a source of extreme pride.

I have served as chair person or council to most of our events. Helping with or chairing events during our centennial celebration will always remain one of the highlights of my membership. Reliving our history through chairing the fashion show and working with past first ladies and extremely talented dedicated Rosarian members was a privilege. The success of the event was without a doubt a tribute to the generosity and dedication of those who have gone before us and those carrying on our mission and tradition.

Council to the auction means being part of a team that has worked to find ongoing, new and creative ways to rally our membership in support of our financial goals. Working for this event and with this energetic group of Rosarian and non-Rosarian volunteers has been unforgettable.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

My election and past service to the Rosarians as a council member has shown my willingness to be the worker bee or part of the leadership with an attitude of doing whatever necessary to get the job done. I view the council as a team where the members need strong leadership, management, and communication skills. They need to be tuned in to the attitudes and ideas of the membership always encouraging and open to new and different ideas. To develop and lead a strong team you need to listen and be able to bring together different personalities. Volunteers rarely succeed unless they believe in what they are doing and have FUN doing it.

I respect and embrace our love of pageantry and tradition and use my talents to strengthen the Realm of Rosaria.

I am proud to be a Royal Rosarian and believe in this organization. I feel personally rewarded by being able to serve as a member of your council and the wonderful friendships that I have gained by being among you will always special.

## **Sir Knight Bill Barry**

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

Definitely, the most satisfying role I have enjoyed has been serving the Royal Rosarians as your photographer.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I have served in leadership roles in the real estate and MLS industry for the past 20 years and served on several non-profit and church boards. I believe that I have the organizational skills to benefit the Council and organization.





### **Dame Kimberly Bown**

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

Last year I served as the Royal Gardener and it was a magical, whirlwind of a year. I was proud to wear the red cape and help honor the 55 recipients of our royal rose planting ceremony. It was heartwarming to see each and every honoree moved and delighted with the recognition bestowed on them. Although the year involved many travel days attending every out-of-town and local festival, the benefits were enormous as we got to know the NW Festival heads and their celebrations thoroughly.

**How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

As a Council member, I would apply my extensive energies and organizational skills to serve the membership as well as represent the Royal Rosarians with honor. I am committed to achieving the many assignments and responsibilities we take on with teamwork and shared respect. I have great admiration for our traditions and pageantry and will strive to sustain them while increasing our relevancy in the 21st century.

### **Sir Knight Robert Cyrus**

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

That is a tough choice. I have enjoyed all of the roles I have had from chairing Membership, being the Royal Chaplin and working with the Queen's Garden Party, to Honorary Knighting and the day parades. Participating with the Rose Festival past courts and current royalty is also very important to me and has had an impact on which activities I enjoy the most.

**How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**



I try to do things to the best of my ability, remembering and honoring tradition but not being afraid to seek change where I see it to be beneficial while remaining within the traditions.

I believe in remembering that all of us are volunteers and can choose to do something else with our time and money. With that, I seek to make the events for which I am responsible as organized as possible as to not waste anyone's time or treasure yet still stay within our Rosarian traditions that everyone within and outside our organization have learned to expect and love.

I also feel strongly about maintaining our relationship with our sister organizations here in Portland; the Portland Rose Festival Foundation and the Rose Society. I feel that a strong working relationships with these organizations is absolutely vital to our success and charter to represent Portland. I have and will continue to keep this in the forefront as I plan events and activities. Also very important is our support and relationships with our Northwest Hosting peer organizations. Maintaining those relationships is also important to me as I work on events and chose activities in which to participate.



### **Sir Knight John Danielson**

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

My most satisfying role to date in the Royal Rosarians was the result of being appointed Royal Scribe. Serving on the Rosarian Council as a Red Cape provided me the opportunity to not only observe the work of the Council, but to listen and learn about the organization. Being a member of council, allowed me to learn of the challenges ahead for our organization. It was satisfying to hear the commitment to our organization from those in leadership positions both now and in the past. It was a pleasure to get to know so many committed Rosarians.

As Royal Scribe I enjoyed visiting out of town festivals as a member of the rose planting team. I learned something from each member of the



team. I was simultaneously coached and mentored. It was a gratifying to be a member of a team that was always working to make the next rose planting better than the last. Being a red cape spurred me to grow personally and professionally.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

It has been an honor to serve as a Green Cape on the Rosarian Council this year. If reelected, my commitment to a collaborative style of leadership will be my focus and most significant contribution to the Royal Rosarians. This year I had the opportunity to observe collaboration amongst members on and off the Council. I observed their skills, while taking note of their achievements. I came to appreciate the need for collaboration, cooperation and communication as the bedrock of success. If reelected, I hope to have the opportunity to support the work of members by further development of these skills personally.

Reelection to the Council will also continue to provide me an opportunity to contribute to our community in both a positive and tangible way.

### **Dame Karen Denedde**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

To date, my most satisfying role and responsibilities to the Royal Rosarians was chairing the Hospitality Room during my first year as a Rosarian. I had no idea what to expect, but was determined to make it a successful event. During that process, I learned that the Rosarians were one incredible family that all worked together to help make the event a success.

Having to take a year off to take care of some "life events", I am looking forward to assisting in this year's hospitality room, Grand Ball and where ever else hands are needed. I tried to participate in everything my first couple of years, but I have to say, the most rewarding task was taking money to the schools.



### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I feel my election to Council will benefit the Royal Rosarians because I have a deep history with the Rosarians as a past Rose Festival Princess and growing up with a step-father who was also a Rosarian. I have a passion for creativity and would use that to benefit any project I am a part of. I thoroughly enjoy networking with everyone and I am lucky to have a super supportive husband who is also willing to assist in any way.



### **Dame Korrie Hoeckendorf**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

In 2006 I was knighted under the rose, Daybreaker not only because it was a beautiful, award winning rose, but because it seemed to project optimism, the dawning of each new experience, providing opportunity to grow. Over the last several years I have had many growth opportunities, including being appointed Royal Gardner in 2009, and being elected to Council in 2011.

In 2012 I decided to get involved with the Royal Rosarian Foundation board. Over the last 3 years I have served as a Foundation Board member, with the primary responsibility of Chairing the Fieldtrip for Kids program. I'm proud of how we've been able to grow this program with the help of the Annual Auction, and grants provided by generous

sponsors. During this last year of my term, I was honored to serve as Board President. As the President I have been able to grow the field trip program and enhance the communication between the Foundation Board and the Council.

Since 2006 I have chaired many events, including 2 Hospitality weekends. This provided many opportunities to get to know so many other Rosarians and spouses. It takes so many working together to make our events as special as they are. My favorite role though, is that of Goodwill Ambassador, marching

in parades, attending other festivals, and participating in the excitement of watching a new Queen of Rosaria crowned, proudly wearing the white suit!

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I feel the benefits I bring, as a Council member, include my strength of character, effective communication, strong interpersonal skills and the willingness to mentor and support new members so our organization will continue on for another 100 years! I am known for getting the job done and completing what I committed to. Given the opportunity I will be proud to serve.

### **Sir Knight Tom Hofmann**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

So far, I would have to say being appointed a Red Cape and having the opportunity to serve as the Royal Chaplain gave me the opportunity to see the inner workings at Council meetings and participate in the decisions made by the current Council. This year with being the Council advisor to the Blessing of the Festival I can appreciate all the hard work that the committee members do and it is a privilege to be involved with such dedicated people. Leading this event that has so much history and tradition has truly been a pleasure and honor.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I bring to the Council strong leadership, management, organization and interpersonal relationship skills which I have learned and had the opportunity to practice over many years in business. It will be my honor to serve this organization and its membership, honoring the traditions and history, while moving forward to accommodate changing times. As well, my team-building skills will be a major asset to the new Council and the membership in general. Like many others before me who have had family members who were Royal Rosarians, I consider it a privilege to contribute and help the Rosarians as we continue to grow. In my case, I am in a unique position since my great-grandfather was one of the founding fathers of this great organization and our first Prime Minister in 1912; so my connection makes it extra special and gives me a sense of pride of not only the past but the future.



### **Dame Jacquie Janulis**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

Prime Ministers' Ball Chair, Hospitality Weekend Council and Chair, Exchequer and NW Hosting Liaison, and Council person overseeing all out-of-town visitations.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

Work ethic, three years of Council experience, thorough knowledge of the financial, inner workings of the Rosarians, cultivation of out-of-town relationships with other NW Festival leadership, communication skills and dedication to the organization.

### **Sir Knight Larry Rodman**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

My role as a Red Cape has brought satisfaction on many levels; the role we play in our community, the great people, and the excitement of out-of-town parades and festivals. Additionally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Editor of the Tuesday Report.

On the other side is the experience and insights gained from serving on Council; understanding how we function as an organization, and our working relationship with the Portland Rose Society, and the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.



Our Foundation Newsmakers Awards Program has been particularly satisfying to me. It recognizes positive newsworthy contributions from members of our community, and has dedicated support from a great group of Rosarians.

### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I have an extensive background in business spanning broadcasting, advertising, and insurance. I continue to run a successful business with five employees, two of which have been with me for eighteen years.

I have proven, strong leadership skills. During my years in leadership for State Farm I was appointed as an Agency Director in the State of Pennsylvania, with a charge of nine managers and 147 agents. Responsibilities included advanced planning, agent recruitment, and agency training. During that time, I appointed nineteen agents for State Farm.

Since 2011 I have twice chaired Newsmakers, co-chaired the Foundation Auction, continue to serve on both committees, and have served on other committees in various capacities.

My duties on Council this year have encompassed Communications and Public Relations. This has meant working with a talented and experienced group of Rosarians, visible through their work on the Royal Update, Roster/Database,

### **Sir Knight John Santos**

#### **Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

I have been fortunate and found it very rewarding to have held several positions as a past council member. Elected by the membership, I have held the following positions:

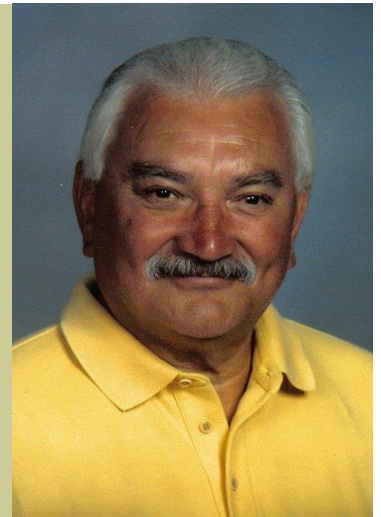
**Royal Gardener** - Appointed by the Prime Minister. In this capacity, I attended both in and out of town Rose Plantings and Festivals, giving me the opportunity to meet and develop lasting friendships in many festival cities. All members are encouraged to attend at least one out of town festival and do the 'Meet and Greet'. Learning about the different festivals and customs was an enjoyable and enlightening experience.

**Lord High Chamberlain** - My responsibility in this position was attending out of town Festivals, and inaugurating 'Rosie the Bus', which is still being utilized for many of the various festival venues.

**Lord High Sheriff** - My primary responsibility was working with the planning committees on the Royal Rosarian Centennial Celebration.

**Master of Ceremonies** - Collaborated and assisted the auction planning committee on a very successful celebration.

Currently, I am serving as a **Foundation Board Member** and am on the **Finance Budgeting Committee** for the Foundation.



### **How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I believe that my experience in having held these positions will enable me to assist the Prime Minister and Executive Council with growth of the membership by promoting the Royal Rotarians in public relations and the retention of current membership.

## Sir Knight Dwight Terry

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

My most satisfying role with the Royal Rosarians has been as a member of the council. I served as the Lord High Chamberlain, Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Lord High Sheriff. It is very gratifying representing the City of Portland as well as representing the organization in a positive light. Prior to being a member of council I was chair of the Children's parade in the Hollywood District, arranged and scheduled a meeting place for the membership meetings, co- chair of the Knighting Ceremony in Washington Park and coordinated Rosarians to attend Portland Public Schools competition for painting dumpsters for the Rose Festival Association. I would have continued on council but I had the opportunity to open my own business. Knowing the time commitment involved I decided that I should step down until my business allowed me to participate more. I have truly missed being an active member with this awesome group.



**How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

I am bringing to the table several years of working experience in chair positions and as a member of the Rosarian council. Having the history and understanding the traditions and protocols of the organization, I believe is an asset. I have experience working with volunteer organizations, having been past president of the Albina Rotary Club and Vice President of the Multnomah Athletic Club. I have the desire, passion and experience to serve you (members of the Royal Rosarians) and the City of Portland. You will find, that I will represent you well. As stated above I have the experience within the organization and outside of the organization and you will find that I will represent you well. I thank you in advance for consideration for a council position.



## Sir Knight Don Thacker

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

I joined in 2010 and was knighted under the Peace Rose in 2011. From day one there was not a single event that I did not find enjoyable. Working on and attending events became an important part of my role as a Rosarian.

My most satisfying role, with much responsibility, came as the Royal Scribe for then PM Whitehurst, now Duchess Gayle. This role introduced me to so much; not only as a member of the Rose Planting team, where I met wonderful people throughout the Northwest, but also in managing a greeting, introducing me to a variety of notable individuals from around the world.

Satisfying roles continue. As Lord High Chamberlain with Hospitality as my main responsibility, I have learned that it truly takes a village! Hard work by many dedicated Rosarians and spouses promises to produce a Hospitality Weekend you will thoroughly enjoy. I cannot wait for Hospitality Weekend - the chairs are fantastic this year.

**How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

My commitment to the Royal Rosarians has been demonstrated time and again since joining this amazing organization in 2010. I will continue to demonstrate that commitment in every council duty assigned, including attending out-of-town activities, going to greetings, and participating in rose plantings. The Rosarians will benefit from my passion, dedication, energy, and love instilled in every duty assigned.



## Sir Knight Doug Zimmerman

**Describe your most satisfying roles and responsibilities to date in the Royal Rosarians.**

For the past 3 years, my most satisfying role has been serving as active chairman for the Honorary Knighting Ceremony. I have been responsible for coordinating and organizing this annual event, which has been a tremendous honor and thrill. I've reached out and assembled wonderful committees, which have helped to make this yearly event one of the shining examples of how the Royal Rosarians honor and acknowledge the important leaders in our community.

I have also participated on the following Royal Rosarian committees:

- Hospitality Weekend
- Field Trip Auction
- Newsmaker of the Year Banquet
- Queen's Garden Party
- New Member Knighting
- Sister City Liaison-Ulsan, Korea
- Public Relations and Press Releases
- Dozens of parades and airport greetings in which I have been involved

I would be extremely honored and excited to be a member of the 2015-2016 Royal Rosarian Council.

**How will your election to Council benefit the Royal Rosarians?**

It will be an honor to contribute many of my creative talents to the Royal Rosarian Council. For nearly 30 years, I have worked in television at news stations such as KGW-TV and KPTV-TV as a writer, producer, editor and videographer. My experience has prepared me take on many challenges and projects. Some of my many strengths, include the ability to produce videos, write press releases and make media contacts. I sit on various theater boards and perform with local theater companies.

In 2011, I was knighted under the rose "Dream Come True" and for me, the honor of being on the Royal Rosarian Council would truly be a dream come true.



## Candidates for Foundation Board of Directors



## Sir Knight Fred Anderson

**What personal strengths and previous experiences will assist you as a Foundation Board director?"**

I was knighted in 2012 under the rose Sentimental.

I have been involved with, and have participated on the boards of directors of various non-profit organizations since 1972.

My first experience was with the Tustin Meadows Homeowners Association. I was on the board for 3 years from 1972 to 1975. In subsequent years I was on the board, and chairman of the boards' for Lancers Youth Soccer in Orange, Ca. (1980-1982), Newport Harbor Orchid Society in Newport Beach, Ca.(1998-2001) Antique and Classic Boat Club here in Portland, Or,(2012-2014) and have served on several other boards including the Orange County Bar Association board of directors (1998-2000).

As an attorney dealing with corporate litigation, some involving boards of directors, I am somewhat familiar with some of the problems a board can get into, all of which I think can be prevented.

I believe that the charitable arm of the Royal Rosarians is one of the best ways we can help the community and the schools. I look forward to getting involved with the charitable arm of the Royal Rosarians.

## Sir Knight John Linngren

**What personal strengths and previous experiences will assist you as a Foundation Board director?"**

I was knighted under the rose "Ingrid Bergman" in 2013. I first gave serious thought participating in the Foundation Board last fall, as I attended my initial Board meeting. While I was interested to see how the Foundation's mission played out in business matters and decisions, I was equally interested in watching the dynamics in play, and remember thinking, 'this is a group and a function I would enjoy working with, and in which there would be great satisfaction in making my best contribution'.



As a Royal Rosarian, I have chaired the Rose Garden Contest the past two years, and have been required to interact productively with other parts of the Royal Rosarian organization, utilizing group decision-making where possible, monitoring the progress of the contest, and when budget issues arose I took the initiative to solicit donations. Outside of my Royal Rosarian life, I am actively engaged with my partner in the ownership of the Lake Oswego Ace Hardware store. That responsibility has required the application and continual sharpening of skills related to the oversight of spending and equivalent business income, and related to the maintenance of productive group and interpersonal dynamics.

Prior to moving to Portland, I spent many years working for the Federal government, engaged in the recruitment, hiring, and retention of new federal employees throughout the west coast. My last three assignments involved managing large offices and large budgets to get the human resources work of the Federal government done timely and within budget.

I am a hard and conscientious worker, can always summon the energy required to get a project done, and enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done. I look forward to the particular sense of accomplishment that comes with the direct support of so many important charitable undertakings related to the Rosarian Foundation.



## Dame Ellen Sawo

**What personal strengths and previous experiences will assist you as a Foundation Board director?"**

Thank you in advance for your consideration of me as a candidate for the Royal Rosarian Foundation Board. I was knighted this past year, in 2014 under the rose Gemini, sponsored by Duke Bob Strader.

I'm a native Oregonian, and though I grew-up in Bend, I have fond early memories of The Rose Festival and am very proud to be a Rosarian upholding the traditions that make our city and region special! I have always identified with Portland as my home base in between stints in Spokane, New York and Honolulu, respectively.

I have been back in Oregon now for over 5 years. I completed my MBA with a focus in Business Law at Marylhurst University two years ago and decided to invest in the next stage of my career here in The City of Roses.

I met Bob Strader through my work with the Oregon/ China Sister State program, which I have become heavily involved with for professional networking reasons in the past few years.

As an active Rotarian, I quickly realized that I shared very similar values to the Rosarians and have had a wonderful year assisting with Newsmakers, Queen's Garden Party, the Grand Floral Ball and hopefully soon, the Foundation Board.

As an independent consultant to local tech companies, I work to help our region grow fiscally stronger. My daily motivation is helping my client companies make sales that will help build their companies, and ultimately help build our regional economy. I love business.

I believe that the Foundation Board is the area of service within the Rosarians where I could best make use of my professional network, love of business, and devotion to maximizing organization efficiency. It is truly an honor to be a member of such an esteemed organization.

**Please Exercise Your Right to Vote Responsably**

