



# Royal Rosarians

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## Royal Update

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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 Norb Murray. If you have suggestions or contributions for the Royal Update, please contact Norb (norbmur@comcast.net) or Peter (pkglazer@aol.com). Sir Knight Tom Marantette is the technical advisor.



## Newsmakers of the Year Award Banquet

**Wednesday, March 22**

At the Newsmakers of the Year Award Banquet the Royal Rosarians will be honoring members of our community who have performed exceptional acts of heroism and/or outstanding humanitarian work without regard for personal safety, public recognition, or personal gain. Portland area media newsrooms will select the Newsmaker honorees.

John Erickson and Bruce Murdock from the K103-FM morning radio show will serve as the Masters of Ceremonies as they have for several years. TV news anchors and other media representatives will present their Newsmaker, and his or her newsworthy story.

Invite a prospective member and their guest at no cost for the evening, thanks to a generous benefactor. Contact Marjie Drieseszum (503-297-7829) or Jon Caplan (503-701-1507) if you have a prospective member that you would like to bring to this memorable event.

[Click here to register for Newsmaker Award Banquet](#)



## First Out of Town Festival



### Daffodil Festival, April 7-9

The Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade is an annual celebration of the community, history, traditions, and growth, of its home of Pierce County. The theme for this year's parade is "Daffodil Paradise."

Traveling through the four cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting, the parade consists of over 180 entries, including floats, bands, marching, and mounted units. Linking one generation to another in tradition, floats are decorated with thousands of fresh-cut daffodils, just like the daffodil flowers that have grown in the Puyallup Valley for over 80 years.

The Daffodillians are the hosts for this great parade and festival weekend. Join fellow Rosarians for the Friday night formal dinner and the Saturday morning parades. Appropriate attire for the Friday night Formal will be whites (ladies preferred in long skirts). Parade attire will be whites, hats, capes and gloves (ladies in pants). Saturday there is a hospitality room and silent auction followed by an evening parade in Orting and dinner at the host hotel, the Courtyard Tacoma Downtown.

To learn more and/or register for the Daffodil Festival Hospitality Weekend visit [thedaffodilfestival.org](http://thedaffodilfestival.org) or click the link below. Hotel reservations can be made separate from the hospitality package.

[Click here to visit the Daffodil Festival Hospitality site](http://thedaffodilfestival.org)

## 2017 Royal Rosarian Hospitality Weekend

### June 8-11, 2017

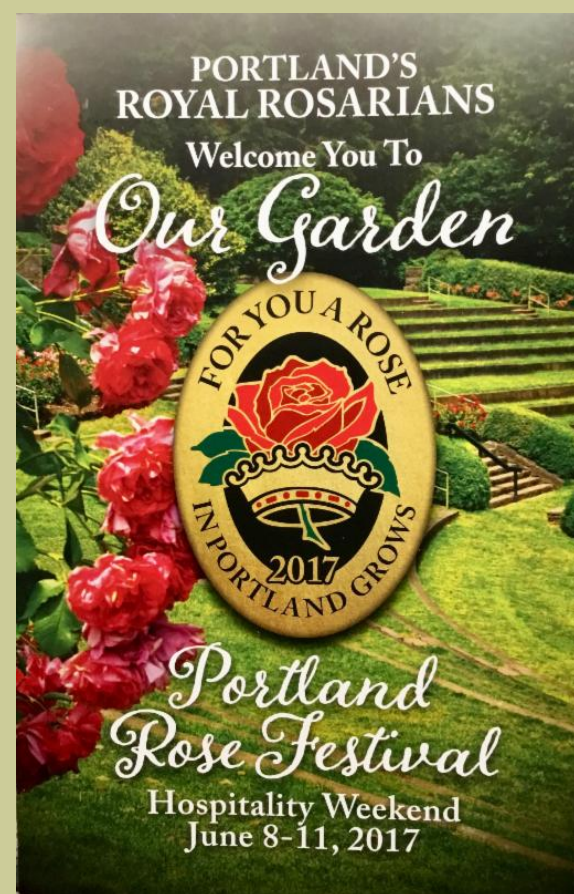
It is not too soon to sign up now! Join your fellow Royal Rosarians who have already made the commitment to enjoy the finest party on the planet. Participate in an event-packed weekend with a Knighting Ceremony, Queens' Garden Party, Fun Night, Queen's Coronation and Grand Floral Parade, Grand Floral Garden Ball, and wrap the weekend with the Farewell Breakfast.

New this year will be a continental breakfast available in the Hospitality Suite on Friday and Saturday for those going to the Knighting Ceremony and Queen's Coronation.

Register on the Royal Rosarian website by clicking the link below or contact Cathy Gagnon (503-964-9639 or [cathygagnon49@gmail.com](mailto:cathygagnon49@gmail.com)), Hospitality Chair or Amy Arasmith (503-312-8381 or [amyarasmith@gmail.com](mailto:amyarasmith@gmail.com)), Hospitality Registration Chair, with questions.

[Click here to register for the 2017 Hospitality Weekend](http://www.royalrosarian.com)





## International Rose Test Garden celebrates 100 Years

Kimberly Bown



2017 marks the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden's Centennial Year! Prime Minister Jim Stahl has honored this milestone by weaving the theme, "Welcome to Our Garden," into various events throughout the year. There will be celebratory occasions to mark the Centennial and we hope you'll be able to join in the festivities: Saturday, August 19th, a Wine & Roses Fund-Raising Gala, and Saturday, August 26th, Community Day. Both events will take place in the Rose Garden. Chancellor of the Exchequer Kimberly Bown will be providing more information as the dates approach.

And there are some improvements in the works! Ground has just been broken to launch a Parks Bond Project that will remove many of the accessibility problems in and around the rose garden. The removal of stairs in and out of the Beach Fountain will be a significant enhancement; however, the new ramp footprint will require some changes to the Prime Minister' Walk in the Royal Rosarian Garden. Construction will continue into May.

***Pictured: Sir Knight Harry Landers, Curator of the Rose Garden, Portland Parks & Recreation Director Mike Abatte', Prime Minister Jim Stahl, Chancellor of the Exchequer Kimberly Bown, also President of Friends of the Rose Garden, Michael Humphrey, President Portland Rose Society, and Commissioner Amanda Fritz. Even the Rosarian statue was dressed for the occasion!***



## Rosarian Rotogravure





**Prime Minister Jim Stahl and First Lady Geneane traveled to Taiwan where they were hosted by Portland's sister city Kaohsiung. They are pictured here being shown with their hosts on tour.**

**Rosarians turned out to welcome home Prime Minister Jim and First Lady Geneane and to welcome the delegation from Kaohsiung traveling with with them.**



**On a gloomy Saturday, February 18, 40 Royal Rosarians turned out to honor Packy, the Portland zoo's iconic resident, with a traditional Rosarian Rose Ceremony at a memorial service held for him at the zoo. Packy, just two months shy of his 55th birthday, had to be euthanized because of untreatable tuberculosis on February 9. Packy was made an honorary knight in the Realm of Rosaria in a Knighting ceremony at the zoo on his 50th birthday April 14, 2012.**

**Prime Minister Jim Stahl and First Lady Geneane, having arrived home from Taiwan the day before, were up early to lead the Rosarians in the Rose Ceremony. Packy's fellow elephants turned out during the ceremony seemingly understanding the significance of the gathered crowd.**





## Rosarian Fashion Corner



*Shown here is one of the new Rosarian apparel items available. Another Northwest must-have; a white, soft shell zippered vest. It also has zippered pockets. It is available for \$43. Contact Lady Roz Vancil or pick one up at a membership meeting.*

## Announcements

### For the Good of the Organization

#### Cheer and Outreach

Sir Knight Bob Wolcott was recently released from a hospital stay due to complications caused by his cancer. He has exhausted all chemo treatments available, and the Keytruda (a cancer drug) he has been receiving as not been effective. At the advice of his doctors, he is entering hospice home care. The family is requesting no calls, but cards are encouraged. Further updates will soon be available at

[www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com).

### **Traveling Float Work Party**

**Date:** Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Where:** My Binding; 5500 NE Moore Ct., Hillsboro

**Contact:** Brent Barnett, [barnettbster@gmail.com](mailto:barnettbster@gmail.com) or 503-960-2616 cell or [barnettbster@gmail.com](mailto:barnettbster@gmail.com)

### **Greeting of PSSCA Sapporo High School**

**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2017

**Time:** 10:26 AM

**Where:** Portland International Airport

**Meet:** 9:30 AM, Sheraton Airport Hotel Lobby

**Uniform:** Dress Whites (women should wear skirts) with gloves and hats.

**Flight Info:** Delta Flight #DL 68

**Contact:** Craig Dirksen ([craigdirksen@hotmail.com](mailto:craigdirksen@hotmail.com))

### **New Member Orientation**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017

**Time:** 6 PM - 7:30 PM (5:30 if ordering dinner)

**Where:** DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Gather's Restaurant

**Contact:** Korrie Hoeckendorf at [hoecken@frontier.com](mailto:hoecken@frontier.com) or phone 503-953-5901

**Attire:** Business Casual



## Calendar

***Rosarian Membership Meetings*** - The Membership meetings for this Rosarian year will be held on March 2 (Dukes' & Duchesses' Night), March 30, May 4, May 25 (Court, SOS, Spouses) and June 15 (Elections). All meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center. Notification with details of each meeting will be sent out several weeks prior to the meeting.

***Rosarian Council Meetings*** -- The Council meetings for this Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, April 17, May 22, July 17, August 14 and September 18 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

***Rosarian Foundation Meetings*** - Will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30 and September 27 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

***Newsmakers*** - March 22, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

***Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony*** - April 1, Riverplace

***New Member Orientation*** - April 4, Doubletree Lloyd Center

***Daffodil Festival*** - April 7-9, Tacoma-Puyallup

***New Member Reception*** - April 11, Sheraton Airport Hotel

***New Member Knighting*** - April 15, Sheraton Airport Hotel

***Blessing of the Festival*** - April 22, St. John Fisher Church

***Membership Meeting*** - May 4, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

***Apple Blossom Festival*** - May 5-7, Wenatchee

***St. John's Parade*** - May 13, North Portland



**Lilac Festival** - May 19-21, Spokane

**Membership Meeting** - May 25, Doubletree Lloyd Center

**Hyack Festival** - May 26-28, New Westminster, B.C.

Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website. Click the link below.

[click here to see the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

# Jim Nielson's Truisms



## This Issue's "Truism"

**"People are so difficult. Give me an elephant any day."**

**- Mark Shand**

*(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 thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)*

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