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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thanks for reading this issue of the e-newsletter of the Royal Rosarians founded in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now published by Sir Knight Norb Murray (norbmur@comcast.net) with technical support by Sir Knight Tom Marantette.



Prime Minister Adam and First Lady Lauren get a Dragon Boat ride following the Eye Dotting ceremony.

Blessing of the Festival



Tomorrow

On April 14, we will welcome the 2018 Rose Festival Court as they make their first public appearance and honor our members that have passed away the past year.

Each year the Royal Rosarians host the Blessing of the Festival to mark the beginning of the Rose Festival season. The event introduces the newly selected princesses and honors those members of the Royal

Rosarians, Rose Festival Foundation, Rose Society and the Blueback Submarine Council who have passed away the previous year.

The Blessing will be held at the Mosaic Church, 1832 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd. in the Hollywood District. Rosarians are requested to arrive at 11:30 am with the court arriving shortly thereafter. The Blessing will start at 1:00 pm.

The uniform is whites with hats, gloves and capes. Women wear day skirts. Carry your hats into the church building before the practice line-up. Hats will be left near the entrance to be picked upon exiting for the Rose Planting Ceremony. The drill master will give you instructions on the ceremony. The contact is Sir Knight John Creegan (jtcreegan293@msn.com or 503-293-5002).

Parking is available on the street and the parking lot directly behind the church. Do not park in the Poor Richard's or Hollywood Dental Care parking lots. Parking in these two lots is subject to towing

[Click here to register for the Blessing of the Festival](#)

New Member Knighting 2018



On Saturday, March 31, twelve new Rosarians making up the class of 2018 were knighted by Queen Michaela Canete into the Royal Rosarians in a ceremony steeped in decades of tradition. The excited and proud new Dames and Sir Knights shared their big evening with families and friends. Following the ceremony everyone celebrated by dancing to the sounds of the band One Brick Shy.

The class of 2018 is shown above. Top Row, left to right; Elisa Bennett, Diane Bohr, Holly Fowler, Prime Minister Adam Baker, Stephanie More, Vivian Soloman, and Mitch Rose, Bottom row; Katherine Johnson, Catherine Camp, Molly McDade, Queen Michaela Canete, Carolyn Saba, Paula Sorensen and Tim Bolen.

82nd Avenue of Roses Parade

Saturday, April 28

This is the first Parade of the season for the Portland Rose Festival and is the parade that was cancelled in 2017 for safety reasons. Please join Prime Minister Adam and First Lady Lauren with a strong showing of Rosarians to support this amazing community. The parade assembly point is in front of the Eastport Plaza Theatre on 82nd and SE Holgate at 8:00 am. All Rosarians must be in place by 9:00 am. There will be a shuttle to take participants back to the parade starting area.



Enjoy this multicultural event, complete with bands, community members, government officials, schools, classic cars and representatives of the Portland Rose Festival. Don't miss this easy two mile parade that runs from SE 82nd & Boise (at Eastport Plaza) to SE 80th & Yamhill.

When: Saturday, April 28.

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Eastport Plaza Theatre on 82nd and SE Holgate

Uniform: Whites, Capes, Gloves and Hats

Hospitality Weekend 2018

Carnival of Roses June 7-10



Registration is open for the Royal Rosarian 2018 Rose Festival Hospitality Weekend. Join Prime Minister Adam and First Lady Lauren for an exciting and fun-filled weekend June 7-10 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Your full registration packet includes admission to the Hospitality Suite all weekend, the "Under the Big Top" Fun Night, the "Paint the Town Red" Grand Floral Ball, and the Grand Farewell Breakfast. The Queens' Garden Party and preferred seating for the Queen's Coronation and Grand Floral Parade are a la carte registrations.

Rooms at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel are available at discounted rates of \$150 and \$160 plus tax per night. The rate is available through May 7. The Royal Rosarian Hospitality room code is RR8. Registration details are in the registration packet.

The Hospitality committee is calling for volunteers to help with the

Hospitality room. Help is needed in setting up, staffing when the room is open, and clean-up. Donations of food and money are also needed. Traditionally, Rosarians bring pot luck dishes and food. Dame Dana Nardi is the Hospitality Chair. Contact Dana (Danya234@gmail.com or 315-278-4622) to volunteer and to let her know what you can contribute.

You can register online by clicking the link below or at the Royal Rosarian website. Registration packets are available at the membership meetings.

[Click here to register for the 2018 Hospitality Weekend](#)

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival

Wenatchee, Washington - May 4-6

The next out-of-town festival is the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival May 4-6 in Wenatchee, Washington. The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, originally called "Blossom Days," was founded in 1919 to celebrate the importance of the apple industry to the region. The

Ladies Musical Club produced the first festival in 1920, a one-day event involving speeches, maypoles, and baseball. The festival's drawing of large crowds assured the continuation of the festival in subsequent years. In 1921, the Commercial Club, forerunner of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, took over sponsorship.



This year's theme is "How Do You Like Them Apples?" Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Applarians are wonderful hosts so the weekend is always a festive one with these special friends.

There will be a "Medieval Times" themed casual dinner on Friday night and a festival formal "Medieval Times" dinner on Saturday night. Saturday morning the Royal Rosarians will conduct a Rose Planting and march in the Washington State Apple Blossom Grand Parade. Make your plans now to attend.

Sir Knight Morris Westlund is our chair of the Apple Blossom trip. For information contact Morris (503- 781-1981 or MorrisWestlund@gmail.com). The host hotel is the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and it is recommended that you register early (509-662-1234).

You can link below to the Applarian home page with further links to more details about the weekend and to the registration packet.

[Click here for for information on the Apple Blossom Festival](#)

80th Annual Rose Garden Contest

Show Off Your Roses

Portland is the "City of Roses" for a good reason. Roses love growing here and nearly every self-respecting gardener has at least some roses



in their garden. If you happen to be one of those who does and is proud of your rose garden enter the Annual Rose Garden Contest. Celebrating its 80th year, the contest is open to all rose growers within 20 miles of Pioneer Courthouse Square as verified by an electronic mapping system. No garden club membership is required

to enter the contest.

In 1938, the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest was established as the first sponsored, citywide event to honor the rose, the "Queen of flowers." The contest was so popular that it immediately became an annual event. The Royal Rosarians are committed to continually improving the contest to showcase the best amateur rose gardens and commercial plantings in Portland, the City of Roses. The contest promotes greater appreciation of growing roses, honoring those citizens who help beautify Portland through their rose growing efforts and upholds the signature Royal Rosarian slogan "For You A Rose In Portland Grows!" The Royal Rosarians encourage all rose growers in the Portland Metropolitan Area to enter this contest.

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 25. On-site judging will take place on Sunday, June 3 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The awards ceremony will take place in the Royal Rosarian Garden in the Washington Park International Test Garden on Tuesday, June 19.

Download an application by clicking the link below and then click the link for the "2018 Rose Garden Contest." If you have questions or would like to be a judge or help with the award ceremony contact Royal Gardener Barb Brennan at bbrennan59@gmail.com or 503-351-7708.

[Click here to download an Rose Garden Contest application](#)

Rosarian Rotogravure

Prime Minister Adam Baker shown dotting the eye on one of the Dragon Boats at the traditional Dotting the Eye Ceremony prior to the start of the dragon boat racing season. Adam and First Lady Lauren were treated to a ride in one of the dragon boats following the ceremony. Click the link below to view a short video of Adam's ride. The video is courtesy of Dame Cindy Marker.



[Click here to view Adam's & Lauren's dragon boat ride.](#)



Dame Holly Fowler shown being knighted into the Royal Rosarians by Queen Michaela.

Newly knighted Class of 2018 Dame, Carolyn Saba seated with Queen Michaela, seems quite pleased with the evening.



Peace Rose Commemorative Stamp

Rose Society Photographer's Photo Used



On April 21 the United States Postal Service will formally release a commemorative Forever stamp of the Peace rose, one of the most popular roses of all time. The peace rose revolutionized hybrid tea roses with its unique coloring, hardiness, and disease resistance. The Peace rose image is a photograph by local photographer, Portland Rose Society past president and Honorary Royal Rosarian Knight, Rich Baer. Eighteen current Royal Rosarians were knighted under the Peace

rose.

Rich Baer served as president of the Portland Rose Society in 1999 and 2011, a position currently held by his wife, Charold. Rich and Charold have both been honorarily Knighted. He is a talented rose photographer with some 40 years experience. He is the rose photographer for the Portland Rose Festival and has 47 American Rose magazine covers, over 3,000 photos in articles, catalogues, newspapers, text books, note cards, and calendars. His photographs have assisted several local and national organizations in their fund-raising endeavors. He frequently spends hours deciding when to photograph a rose to capture it at its peak and then he grooms it so that it would out do any average queen of show rose.

When the U.S. Postal Service decided to produce a commemorative Peace rose stamp they were referred to Rich who is well known in the garden world for his rose photographs. The USPS asked for several photos of the Peace rose from which to select.

The stamp will be formally introduced on April 21 at a First-Day-of-Issue Dedication Ceremony at the Gardens of the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. The 118-acre gardens are home to the American Rose Society's national headquarters. The release coincides with one of the American Rose Society's largest annual events, the Roses in Bloom Celebration held in Shreveport. Retail sales of the Peace rose stamp will begin that day.

Congratulations, Rich!

The story of the 'Peace' rose is an enduring one as it encapsulates everything that we hold dear in roses - drama, love and greatness of spirit. This year marks the sixty-third anniversary of the naming of this enduring rose that remains an excellent garden rose, and a symbol of our desire for that ever-elusive peace. It is something of a miracle that the rose survived to have a stamp in its honor.



In 1935, the French rose breeder, Francis Meilland, the third generation in a family of rose growers near Lyon, selected 50 'promising' seedlings from his seedbeds. Over the next four years Francis and his father, Papa Meilland, watched one of the seedlings development with interest. In spite of war clouds gathering, the unnamed rose was introduced to friends and professional rose growers who gave it an enthusiastic 'thumbs up'. Three months later Hitler invaded France and, with the nursery under threat of destruction, three parcels of bud wood were hastily sent out of France, one of which was smuggled out in the diplomatic bag to America.

For the duration of the war the Meilland family had no idea whether any of the budwood had survived. In America their agent planted the rose in his own trial beds and gave it to other rose growers for testing in all the

climatic zones throughout the United States. The rose did so well that it was decided to release it in the United States and thousands of plants were propagated. Although the war was still raging in Europe, the launch date was set for 29 April 1945, in Pasadena, California.

On the same day that two doves were released into the American sky to symbolize the naming of the rose, Berlin fell and a truce was declared. It was sheer coincidence. In naming the rose, this simple statement was read: "We are persuaded that this greatest new rose of our time should be named for the world's greatest desire: 'PEACE'."

'Peace' went on to receive the All-American Award for roses on the day that the war in Japan came to an end. On May 8, 1945, when Germany signed its surrender, the 49 delegates who met to form the United Nations were each presented with a bloom of 'Peace' and a message of peace from the Secretary of the American Rose Society.

In France, the rose had been named 'Madame Antoine Meilland' in memory of Claudia Dubreuil, the wife of Antoine Meilland and mother of Francis. She had been the heart and mainstay of the Meilland family and died tragically young from cancer. At the same time news coming back from Germany and Italy where other bud wood had been sent, revealed that in Italy the rose was called 'Gioia' (Joy) and in Germany, 'Gloria Dei' (Glory of God). For the family, all the names captured the qualities that they loved in Claudia.

The name 'Peace' has outlasted all the others. The timing of its launch was perfect, and it struck such a chord that within nine years some 30 million 'Peace' rose bushes were flowering around the world. But it wasn't because of sentiment alone. 'Peace' truly was a superlative rose, superior by far to the roses before it in terms of vigor, hardiness, and the long-lasting ability of its blooms. The color was also magnificent, a pale, golden yellow deepening to red along the petal edges.

Its contribution to the rose world has been immeasurable. Because of its vigor and dependability, 'Peace' has been used in breeding programs across the world. It is recorded that 'Peace' is the 'mother' in 150 varieties and the 'father' in a further 180 varieties. There would be many more if breeders always declared the parentage of new

Rosarian Honored

Dirksen Named First Citizen

Most hearty congratulations goes to Lord High Chamberlain Craig Dirksen, recently named as the City of Tigard's First Citizen. This award recognizes someone who has made in-depth, long-term volunteer contributions to the Tigard community over the years through individual involvement in education, social services, youth work and community improvements.

Craig has served as a volunteer in many areas in Tigard for the last 38 years. From an early start serving on the board of the Tigard Soccer Club, he moved on to serving on several city committees. He served on the Tigard City Council as a Council Member from 2000 to 2003 when he was selected by his peers to serve as Interim Mayor of Tigard. The



citizens of Tigard later elected Craig as Mayor and he held that position until 2014. Craig was the longest-serving mayor in Tigard's history, with a total of nine years, or 2 ½ terms, before he was elected to a seat on the Metro Council. On the Metro Council he represents portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.

His interest has been parks and open spaces and transportation. Over the years of his involvement in Tigard politics parks acreage expanded from 280 acres to almost 600 acres. The Dirksen Nature Park, one of the city's largest is named in

his honor.

The recognition for Craig Dirksen epitomizes who we are as Royal Rosarians - involved citizens who care about their communities and the Portland area. It is continuously demonstrated in some way on a regular basis by the Knights, Dames, Dukes and Duchesses who proudly wear the uniform of the Royal Rosarians. Whether it's welcoming visitors to the City of Roses, doffing our boaters to parade spectators, planting a rose in a far-off land, handing checks to local schools or helping kids shop for Christmas gifts, we are recognized and respected. Another area in which Royal Rosarians excel is having fun.

Congratulations Craig!

Announcements

For the Good of the Organization

Rip City Race for the Roses

The RipCity Race for the Roses will be held on Sunday, April 29. Uniformed Royal Rosarians will be at the end of the race to hand out 3000 roses to the participants as they cross the finish line. Partnering with the Portland Trailblazers, The Rip City Race for the Roses is a chip-timed run or walk with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Albertina Kerr's enriching programs and services for those with mental health challenges and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Billed as a Portland community race there will be a half-marathon, 5K & 10K, and a 1K family-friendly run/walk.

When: Sunday, April 29

Where: Rose Quarter Commons

Time: Arrive no later than 7:45 am

Uniform: Whites, hats, gloves, capes. Women wear pants.

Gloves for Starlight Parade

A Rosarian favorite, the Starlight Parade, is not to far off on June 2. Check the lighted "sparkle" gloves to see if they still work. If not, or if you do not have a pair, contact Dame Roz Vancil

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for this Rosarian year will be held on May 3, May 24 (Court, SOS, Spouses), and June 14 (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 pm on April 16, May 21, July 16, August 20 and September 17 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Will be held at 6:00 pm on May 30, July 25, August 22 and September 26 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

Blessing of the Festival - April 14, Mosaic Church, Portland

USS Portland Commissioning - April 21, Port of Portland

82nd Avenue of Roses Parade - April 28, Portland

RipCity Race for the Roses - April 29, Rose Quarter Commons

Apple Blossom Festival - May 4-6, Wenatchee, WA

Cinco de Mayo Naturalization - May 5, Portland

Vista House Centennial - May 5, Corbett HS/Crown Point, Corbett

St. Johns Parade - May 12, St. Johns

Lilac Festival - May 18-20, Spokane, WA

Hyack Festival - May 25-27, New Westminster, BC

Powell Valley Rose Planting - June 2, Powell Valley Care Facility

Starlight Parade - June 2, Portland

Hosting by Starlight - June 2, TBA

Rose Garden Judging - June 3, Zeller Chapel of the Roses

Kiwanis Rose Festival Breakfast - June 6, Benson Hotel

Junior Parade - June 6, Hollywood District

Hospitality Weekend - June 7-10, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Honorary Knighting - June 8, Peninsula Park

Queens' Garden Party - June 8, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Fun Night - June 8, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Queen's Coronation - June 9, Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Grand Floral Parade - June 9, Portland

Grand Floral Ball - June 9, DoubleTree Lloyd Center

Queen's Plaque Laying - June 10, Washington Park Queen's Walk

Cornell Estates Coronation - June 11, Cornell Estates

Strawberry Festival - June 15-17, Marysville, WA.

Rose Garden Contest Awards - June 19, Washington Park Garden

Tillamook Dairy Days Parade - June 23, Tillamook, OR

Good in the Hood Parade - June 23, King School, Portland

Milk Carton Boat Races - June 24, Westmoreland Casting Pond

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 view the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person."

- Unknown

(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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