



Royal Update

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Electronic Newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter created in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now edited by Dame Lydia Lundberg, with technical support and continuity from Tom Marantette and Peter Glazer. If you have suggestions or contributions, please email to Lydia at Lundberg@elitecare.com

Prime Minister's Message



What a February we had! I hope everyone impacted by the winter storm a couple of weeks ago is beginning to recover. I heard from a number of you who had to go almost two weeks without power! Spring is in the air at last though. Sunny days help stoke my optimism that warmer and longer days are coming soon!

Despite the winter storm, our annual Hearts and Roses Auction was very successful. I want to extend my sincere thanks to our chairs Master of Ceremonies Michelle Veentjer and Sir Knight Larry Rodman for all their hard work coordinating the week-long event, culminating in a dynamic one hour live event. Kudos to Royal Chaplain "Kik" Nielsen and Sir Knight Doug Zimmerman for co-hosting the live event on Saturday, February 13th, from their homes, instead of the studio, as driving that day was out of the question! In coming days you will hear more about the outcome of our first-ever virtual auction! Thank you to everyone who donated and to everyone attended and bid on the great assortment of items we offered!



The Auction Pick-up event, at the home of Exchequer Mike Ware and Lady Colleen, was on Saturday, February 20th. Thank you to all the volunteers who were there to help. I was impressed with the very organized process, thanks to our Auction Pay Coordinator Robin, Michelle and her great team. We even had the help of



one of our newest members, Holly Morgan, who was just knighted in 2020! It is always a joy to see new members jump in and help with events!

Speaking of new members, it's important, even in COVID times, to recruit new members to our organization. I bet every one of us knows at least one person who might be a great addition. Our base membership has been decreasing for the last couple of years, and although that base is strong, we need to continue to grow. I know that with social distancing still in place, it might seem that we do not have opportunities for a prospect to learn about us, but as a line in one of my favorite movies goes, "If you build it they will come". Meaning, if we have interest, we will create the opportunity for your prospect to get to know us, and for us to get to know them! Please reach out to Lord High Sheriff John Jackson if you would like support to have a conversation with your prospect! We do have our March membership meeting coming up on March 4th, so perhaps you could invite them to join in that virtual event. If you do invite a guest, please let Master of Ceremonies, Michelle Veentjer know they may be coming so she can watch for them. After an issue with the February membership meeting, we are being more watchful now of how we allow entry to our online meetings.

In coming weeks I'll be sharing some exciting news about events we are planning, including the Blessing of the Festival, and a couple of other special projects, so stay tuned! In closing, a little inspirational quote: "Spring is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn! " Everyone stay safe, and stay well!

Prime Minister Korrie

St. Patrick's Day Parade Video

Some other fun news to share..... They Royal Rosarians were invited by Steve Slavik with the Portland St. Paddy's Day Parade group, to participate in a streaming St. Patrick's Day parade. We participated in that parade in 2019, and we honored him at the 2020 Newsmakers event last year. Steve asked any interested participants to submit a short video that could be integrated into a longer streaming video that will be shown on their website on Sunday, March 14th. If you would like to watch the full production on March 14th, please go to their website at <https://www.portlandstpaddysparade.com/>. We'll host the final video on our website after March 14th also.

On Saturday, February 27th, thanks to the great organizational skills of Lord High Steward Sue Simpson, and Sir Knight Doug Zimmerman, not to mention around 30 other Rosarians and spouses, a mock parade was held at the home of Mike and

Colleen Ware. Thanks to Doug Zimmerman, the result of that event was a fun video of the Royal Rosarians together, complete with a marching unit, and our redesigned traveling float. The float hasn't been able to take part in any events since it was completed in 2020. It was a great honor for Prime Minister Korrie and First Squire Alan to be the first actual riders, even if it just went round in circles!!!



Getting ready for the parade.



Virtual Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Time: 6:15pm Zoom room opens; and, 6:30pm Meeting begins

Location: Zoom Teleconference, watch for link via email.

Questions: Michelle Veentjer, (971) 222-5797, mlveentjer@gmail.com

Royal Rosarian Foundation

Even when we couldn't be together personally at the auction, we were all still able to gather virtually to support the Royal Rosarian Foundation. Because of your generosity, we are able to continue providing support to at-risk children.

You were instrumental in our success and we are both humbled and proud of the support of our community. We couldn't have done this without you!

Join in supporting the Royal Rosarian Foundation's work. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contribution may be tax deductible.

It is not too late to make a donation and donations can be mailed to:

Royal Rosarian Foundation

PO Box 8956

Portland OR 97207-8956

<https://www.royalrosarianfoundation.org>

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1 SUNDAY	Memphis, TN Host Day
2 MONDAY	Memphis, TN Depart 5:00pm
3 TUESDAY	Port of the Mississippi Delta
4 WEDNESDAY	Vicksburg, MS
5 THURSDAY	Natchez, MS
6 FRIDAY	St. Francisville, LA
7 SATURDAY	Baton Rouge, LA
8 SUNDAY	Natchez, LA
9 MONDAY	New Orleans, LA Disembark 8:00am

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Please note: The state rooms are going very quickly, with some categories of staterooms already sold out. If you are on the fence, we encourage you to contact Nancy Fowler at Willamette Travel as soon as possible to make sure you can join us on this very special trip. 503.224.0180.

nancyf@wittravel.com

Dates: October 10 - 18, 2021

Cruise Itinerary: Memphis to New Orleans, The American Queen

Royal Rosarian Social Hour

Continuing by popular demand



Date: Every other Saturday. Next on March 13th, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom teleconference on your computer

Details: Check your email inbox during the week for an email from Michelle Veentjer with the link information to get connected. This is a fun time to check and see what other Rosarians are doing and to share your activities. Be sure and have your favorite beverage on hand. Hope to see you Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Prime Minister Wine Sale



We have 2 cases of Pinot Noir & 5 cases of Pinot Gris. Once it's gone, no additional orders will be taken. \$18 per bottle. Arrangements can be made for delivery if needed. Also, since we are still working at the house, pick ups can be made on the weekends if that's more convenient (Possible Roster pick-up also). This may be your last chance to order the Pinot Noir wine. \$18 per bottle. Available in mixed half and full cases as well.

Contact John Jackson at 503-349-9427;

or, jacksonj1@comcast.net



ROYAL ROSARIAN GRAND FLORAL FLOAT (GFF)

If you are interested in helping with the design of the Grand Floral Float, please contact Ron Fisher, ron.j.fisher@gmail.com, (503) 591-9182.

Royal Rosarian Roster

2020-2021 Royal Rosarian Roster. Please let us know if you do not have your Roster yet and would like one delivered. Please contact Michael Mills at 503-522-1269, mpmills18@gmail.com.

Member Profile

Our profiled Rosarian was born and raised in Portland and her first memory of Rose Festival was a Junior Parade.

She became a Rosarian because of all the great things Rosarians do for the community. "I love what we do for the community. I am so excited about helping."

Her other Rose Festival activities have included the One More Time Around Again Marching Band. Her hobbies include dancing, boating and puzzles. Like many Rosarians, she is active in a service club devoted to helping children and people in need; she is a member of the Clackamas Rotary Club where she is active in the Student Exchange program.

The mother of six boys ranging in age from 24 to 34, she has a granddaughter who is 8 years old and a new grandson just 6 months old. This Rosarian lives in Happy Valley with her husband, David, and is a dental office manager where she supervises 40 employees.

She's a big fan of OSU football because it was the very first college game she went to.

Our profiled Rosarian is Michelle Veentjer, who this year serves on Council as Master of Ceremonies. She is in charge of membership and recently co-chaired the Hearts & Roses Auction.

This Happened to One of Our Own

VANPORT: THE SURGE OF SOCIAL CHANGE - Opening February 25, is the Vanport Mosaic developed in collaboration with the Pittock Mansion. This exhibition showcases the multifaceted social life, resilience, and legacy of Vanport residents. Duchess Gayle Whitehurst was one of those evacuated as a small child with only the clothes on their backs.

<https://www.vanportmosaic.org/events/vanportexhibit>

Calendar

Note: The following calendar is subject to change as COVID-19 developments dictate.



Rosarian Membership Meetings - The remaining membership meetings in the 2020-2021 Rosarian year will be March 4, April 1, May 6, May 20 (Rose Festival Court, Secretary of State Speeches), June 17 (Elections). All meetings will be at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree, unless virtual.

Rosarian Council Meetings - The 2021 Council meetings will be held on March 22, April 19, May 24, July 19, August 23 and September 20. Council meetings are scheduled for the Lloyd Center DoubleTree starting at 7:00 p.m. They may continue to be via Zoom, until in-person meetings are allowed.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Board meetings are scheduled on the

following Wednesdays: March 24, April 28, May 26, July 28, August 25, September 22.

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

[Click here to visit the Royal Rosarian website](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms



I'd rather regret the things I've done
than regret the things I haven't done.

Lucille Ball

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

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