



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



I would like to remind you to take a look at the [Rosarian ClubRunner Calendar](#). Over the next several weeks there are a number of our Rosarian marquee events scheduled. See details below. I hope to see you there.

Rose Bowl

December 29th, First Lady Colleen and myself along with Secretary of State Ron and Lady Kelly Fisher attended the Pasadena Tournament of Roses where we were hosted by the Tournament officials and attended the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl. It was a wonderful time and, other than the Ducks not being in the game, it was great fun! Special thanks to our Tournament of Roses hosts for the invitation.

NW Festival Hosting

January 26th - 28th, the Rosarians hosted the annual Northwest Festival Hosting Conference here in Portland. This event is where representatives from all of our out-of-town festival partners come together to discuss their plans, learn from quality speakers and share information about their upcoming festivals. Special thanks to Lord Chief Justice Patrick Wong and Dame Carla Stenberg for putting together a great event.

Kaoshiung Festival

February 15th, First Lady Colleen and I will be joining with representatives of the Kaoshiung Sister Cities Association, Rose Festival Foundation and City of Portland for a trip to Kaoshiung, Taiwan, where we will meet with local officials and attend the annual Lantern Festival.

I would like also to offer a special Thank You to Lord High Sheriff Michelle

Veentjer and Dame Pat Salimena along with their entire committee for their hard work and dedication in putting together another successful New and Potential Member event at Atiyeh Brothers. I would also like to thank Sir Knight Tom Marantette and the entire staff of Atiyeh's for hosting a wonderful evening with great food.

To sum it up, we are entering a very busy time of the year for Rosarian activities. Now is the time to join committees, start looking at the Out-of-Town festivals and choose the two you're going to attend. But most important, NOW is the time to sign up for the Foundation Auction and show your support for the charitable activities of your Foundation.

Mike Ware
2024 Prime Minister

Holiday Brunch

December 3rd we got together for some wonderful food, holiday spirit and giving. Much needed and appreciated donations of non-perishable food for the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division and new, unwrapped toys for the Portland Fire Department's Toy & Joy Makers were donated by our members and guests.





New and Potential Members' Reception

January 24th we held the new and potential members' reception, where they were able to meet the Royal Rosarian Council members and the Dukes and Duchesses of the Realm of Rosaria. Thank you to Atiyeh Brothers for making their space available.





Purely Social Mardi Gras

Beads and Bling, it's a Mardi Gras thing!

The Clarks have graciously agreed to host a Mardi Gras Purely Social party on Fat Tuesday.

When: February 13th, 5-8 pm. The fun begins at 5:00 pm with Sir Knight Matt and Lady Miriana Clark the life of the Mardi!

Where: 3808 N Commercial Ave, Portland, OR 97227 (This is not their home.)

You're encouraged to wear your favorite Mardi Gras themed outfit. Gold, green and purple are the primary colors for Mardi Gras.

What can Rosarians Bring? Well, besides bringing your good sense of cheer and camaraderie, bring your favorite appetizer/dessert to share with your fellow Rosarians.

Since this is Fat Tuesday, bring your favorite libation to share as well.

[Registration Link](#)

Foundation Gala and Auction

March 2nd, is the annual Foundation Gala and Auction. If you have not signed up, today's a good day to do it. Lord High Sheriff Michelle Veentjer has assures that this year's event is going to be a "Barrel of Fun" and one not to miss. New trips, unique auction Items and lots of fun! So, invite your friends to share in an evening of fun, great food and plenty of items to bid on. Now is the time to register and support your Foundation.

Buy or reserve a table today, then invite your friends and family!

[Registration Link](#)

March Membership Meeting

March 7th is our next Membership Meeting where will be honoring our Dukes

and Duchesses. Master of Ceremonies David Althaus and Meeting Chair Dame Kimberly Takla have been putting together some wonderful meetings. Please make it a point to attend to honor our past Prime Ministers and thank them for their ongoing leadership and counsel.

[Registration Link](#)

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 17th we will be participating in our first parade of 2024, St. Patrick's Day. This parade is not one to be missed and is a great opportunity to get out, spend some time with your fellow Rosarians and start the parade year off right. At the end of the parade we will be meeting at the Rose & Thistle for lunch and libations. They are opening early just for us!

[Registration Link](#)

Annual Newsmakers Banquet

March 20th is our 26th annual Newsmakers event. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ken Yohe and Chairperson Margie Schroeder have once again put together another wonderful evening that will be honoring several deserving individuals by the area's media outlets. This year's Master of Ceremonies will be our own Sir Knight David Salesky, KATU Meteorologist, and Laurel Porter, News Anchor from KGW Channel 8.

[Registration Link](#)

It's Festival Time

Join the fun! Attend these great events to connect with old friends and meet new friends at the NW Hosting Festival weekends. Each city has it's own unique history and entertaining activities for you to enjoy. It is of *great importance* that we, as Rosarians, support this organization and it's festivals by making a strong showing to keep this tradition strong and vibrant. Please check at nwfestivalhosting.com, hospitality weekends, for a link to each festival, as well as the Rosarian calendar and Tuesday Report for updates. But most importantly, learn why these festivals are *essential* to each community.

Wenatchee Apple Blossom - April 25-May 5th
Hyack, New Westminster, B.C. - last weekend in May
Spokane Lilac - May 11th-15th
Marysville Strawberry - June 18th-23rd
Capital Lakefair, Olympia, WA. - July 17th-24th
Seattle Seafair - First weekend in August.
Penticton Peach - August 7th-11th
Leavenworth Autumn Leaf, Last full weekend in Sept.

Fun, food and festivals!

A new way that you can donate

to the Royal Rosarian Foundation

With the recent demise of the Smile Amazon program the Royal Rosarian Foundation lost a funding source, but fear not, we have been diligent and have found a new way that you can support the Foundation.

The BottleDrop program is a great and easy way for you to support your Royal Rosarian Foundation. Here is all that you need to do.

1. Get a blue bag and sticker from Barbara Brennan.
2. Fill the bag with recyclable bottles and cans.
3. Tie the bag firmly.
4. Drop off your bag at a BottleDrop site (site locations can be found at BottleDrop Location Finder)
5. To deposit the bags, scan the QR code at the deposit site and put the bag inside.
6. That's it!
7. TIME TO GET ANOTHER BLUE BAG!

If you need another bag, contact Barbara Brennan at 503-351-7708 and she will get one to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings will be held at 5:30 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: February 1st, March 7th, April 11th, May 2nd, May 23rd, June 13th.



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: February 19, March 18, April 15, May 13, July 15, August 12, September 16.

Rosarian Foundation Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: February 28, March 27, April 17, May 29, June 13 (annual meeting), July 24, August 28, September 25.

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



"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams."

Oprah Winfrey

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

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