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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



It's getting to be that time of year and the next several months are going to be busy! It is time to go online to the Rosarian Calendar and get registered for several events coming up in March and April. If you have already registered for events in the next month, Thank You! If you have not registered, now is the time. Events ready for you are:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17th
- Chinese Delegation Greeting, March 19th
- **Newsmakers of the Year Event, March 20th**
- Dragon Boat Eye Dotting, March 30th
- **New Member Knighting, April 6th**
- Membership Meeting, April 11th

During the past month, the Rosarians have been busy with several greetings, beginning with Eastwood Elementary where we greeted young students as they arrived at school. On the 16th we did a welcoming at the Lan Su Chinese Garden, and once again we participated with Doernbecher Childrens' Hospital at their annual Bowling with Heart event. If you have not attended a greeting recently, I would highly recommend it. These greetings are always amazing and heartwarming. I honestly feel we get more out of them than the people we greet.

On February 15th First Lady Colleen and I joined with the Kaohsiung Sister Cities Board, Commissioner Dan Ryan, some of his staff, Queen of Rosaria Deja Fitzwater and PRFF President Contessa Diaz-Nicolaidis for a week in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. It was an amazing trip, filled with fun events and meetings with many local officials.

See you soon at our first parade of the year, the Newsmakers Ceremony, the

Dragon Boat Eye Doting Ceremony and New Member Knighting.
Looking forward to seeing you soon at a Rosarian event!
Mike Ware

Lan Su Chinese Garden Greeting



Bowling With Heart



Kaohsiung, Taiwan



Welcome Home, Travelers



April Membership Meeting

Our April 11th Membership meeting will have some special surprises put together by Dame Kimberly Takla and her amazing committee. The meetings have been a lot of fun and are very informative. The April meeting, I am sure, will also be one to be remembered. Plan to come and hear from Council members their reports about the many exciting things coming up, as well as having the opportunity to sign up for out-of-town festivals and local parades. So, bring your calendars and get ready for a fun, busy time.

Purely Social Mardi Gras

The first "Purely Social" event of the season brought us to a Mardi Gras-themed party on February 13, 2024. Lady Miriana and Sir Knight Matt Clark graciously opened their establishment, "Libby's Place," for a memorable Mardi Gras party.

The exterior of Libby's Place was even decorated with Mardi Gras beads, and guests were greeted with Mardi Gras "bling" by Sir Knight Matt Clark and Sir Knight Walt Lundberg.

There was food and drink aplenty, and the Clarks baked the classic Mardi Gras dessert, King Cake!

Good conversation and warm fellowship, with random acts of Mardi Gras silliness and kindness, were the realm of the night. The Mardi Gras Parade was a hoot!

Thank you, Lady Miriana and Sir Knight Matt Clark, for a memorable party !





Foundation Gala and Auction

Thanks to everyone who brought friends and attended the annual Foundation Auction and Gala. Lord High Sheriff Michelle Veentjer and her committee did a wonderful job of putting together a fun event that was highlighted by many great silent auction packages and several amazing trips. The event overall was wonderful and many positive comments described it. If you weren't able to attend this year, mark your calendars for next year and don't miss it.





March Membership Meeting

The March membership meeting was attended by over 100 members, spouses and guests. For those that could not attend, you missed a great meeting where we honored our Dukes and Duchesses. Our Grand Duke, Tony Pasion led the pledge of allegiance and Duchess Gayle Whitehurst spoke about her Prime Minister's trip to the Kennedy Space Center.



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 and 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 some deserving individuals chosen 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](#)

Blessing of the Festival

The 2024 Blessing of the Rose Festival needs a Royal Rosarian Honor Guard!

[Register now](#) to serve on the Honor Guard for the 2024 Blessing of the Rose Festival. Scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, the selected venue is the Saint John Fisher Catholic Church, located at 4567 SW Nevada St. in Portland.

The program gets underway at noon. Royal Rosarians should arrive at 10:30am.

The Blessing of the Festival is a cherished tradition memorializing those from the festival's key organizations who have passed away during the previous year, as well as offering a blessing on the upcoming Rose Festival and its participants. The 2024 Princess Court will be attending as their first official outing. Following the church ceremony, there will be a Rose Planting Ceremony to honor Saint John Fisher Parish, and a reception for all with cookies and beverages. The event is free, and family and friends are most welcome!



Pictures from 2023 Blessing of the Festival

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 its own unique history and entertaining activities for you to enjoy. It is of *great importance* that we, as Rosarians, support this organization and its 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
Spokane Lilac - May 11th-15th
Hyack, New Westminster, B.C. - May 24-26th CANCELLED
Portland Rose Festival - June 1st-9th
Marysville Strawberry - Marysville, WA - June 18th-23rd
Capital Lakefair, Olympia, WA. - July 17th-24th
Seattle Seafair - First weekend in August.
Penticton Peach - Penticton, B.C. - August 7th-11th
Leavenworth Autumn Leaf, Last full weekend in Sept.

Fun, food and festivals!

Thank you for supporting the Commemorative Prime Minister Wine



This was the first year we had two delicious Oregon wines, complimented with a 2-bottle wine bag. And this is the second year we've been able to release and sell the new PM wine at the PM Ball. The Prime Minister wine is part of each PM experience.

This year's wines:

2021 Brandborg Bench Lands Pinot Noir,
Umpqua Valley

2021 Airlie Seven | White Wine Blend,
Willamette Valley

Choosing the PM wine entails a complex process that spans approximately 15 steps over several months. These steps involve discussing specific varietals, determining the ideal region and winery to source the wine from, conducting tastings, establishing a timeline for ordering, deciding on the quantity to order, coordinating delivery logistics, arranging storage for over 30 cases of wine, creating a label design and applying labels to each bottle, and finally, determining dates for resale.

If you have any inquiries regarding this process or feedback to enhance future selections, please don't hesitate to reach out to the wine chair. Mary can address any questions or concerns you may have and is committed to improving the wine selection process for future endeavors.

Wine Chair, Dame Mary Hrkac, royalrosarianmary@gmail.com

Calendar

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



Rosarian Council Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd

Center: 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: 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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