



Royal Rosarians

# Royal Update

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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](mailto:Lundberg@elitecare.com)

## Prime Minister' s Message



It seemed as though my year as Prime Minister began on the night of my Prime Minister's Ball. It was a wonderful evening, held in an historic setting. It was all that I could have asked for and more, except for maybe a better air conditioner. I must thank my co-chairs, Duchess Kimberly Bown and Dames Holly Morgan and Yushonna Wilson. I could not have asked for a better team to plan the event and they always seemed to enjoy it - well, most of the time.

Duke Peter Glazer again showed us all why he is asked to MC this event; he does it with such ease and confidence. Thank you, Peter. New member Dame Judy Rompa and Kim Burton treated us all to a violin and viola duet during the Opening Reception. It was enjoyed by many. Sir Knight Dennis Ferney, thank you for taking on the task of keeping so many in just the right place at the right time. The ice sculpture was amazing. I wanted to take it home. I have heard the National Anthem sung many times; Lord High Steward David Althaus was at the top of his game that night. Thank you, David. Did anyone record him? I hope so. Cindy Marker, you are an amazing registrar. Marti, you did it again. And of course, Harlene, you are special. Thank you so much.

There were too many volunteers to list them all, but if you volunteered that evening, know that I am so grateful and I hope you also had a most enjoyable evening.







The next morning I was up early to get to Washington Park International Rose test Garden for my rose planting and plaque laying. I showed up with my Mr. Lincoln rose bush, a little embarrassed by its overall state. But I know it has potential and its new setting is glorious. It did help that Duke Bob Strader brought a rose from his Mr. Lincoln rose bush so those in attendance could see at least what it will soon be producing. Very soon I hope, and pray. Thanks to Royal Regent Dwight Terry for conducting the Rose planting and plaque laying ceremony. I was especially proud of my Rose Planting team. They were just great for their first time out.





Well, after that weekend I was exhausted, so I headed out of town for a few days to just walk, drink good coffee and enjoy friends. But at some point, I had to start looking at photos as they were sent to me and being posted on our Rosarian web page. Bill Barry, you are a treasure to us. Thank you! If any of you have a great photo, please send it to me to enjoy.

I got back in town just in time to attend my first official event as Prime Minister, the Octoberfest at Master of Ceremonies Kik and Mike Nielsen's home. Chair of the event Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf, you have set the bar high for this year right from the beginning. It was a fun evening with many, many Rosarians. Somebody did mistakenly take home my large white platter. I need it back before Thanksgiving, thank you.

So, we are off to a wonderful year! I am so excited and am looking forward to all that is ahead. See all of you, Life members, spouses, members and friends on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Danielson  
Prime Minister

## 2023 Rosarian Council Assignments

Under the leadership of **Prime Minister John Danielson** these are some but not all of the responsibilities of Council members:

**Dwight Terry as Royal Regent** is in charge of Nominations and Elections, Prime Minister's Plaque Ceremony, Queen's Plaque Ceremony and is a member of the Budget Committee.

**Mike Ware as Lord High Chancellor** is our Rose Festival Foundation Liaison, including Rose Festival Queen and Court Liaison; Queen's Coronation Liaison; Court/council escort lineup; Rose Festival/Pendleton/Happy Canyon Courts Dinner; Council Knighting Practices and Knighting books; Strategic Planning for 2024; Foundation Board Member; Budget/Finance Committees



Member.

**Amy Arasmith as Secretary of State** is responsible for Council Notifications and Activity Reports, Council/Membership Meeting Minutes, Rosarian Correspondence, Portland Rose Society Liaison, Foundation Board Member, Budget/Finance Committees Member.

**Craig Dirksen as Lord Chief Justice** is responsible for Honorary Knighting, Queens' Garden Party , Hospitality Weekend/Events, and is a member of the Finance/Budget Committees.

**Jannette Day as Lord High Sheriff** chairs the Membership Committee and is responsible for Member recruitment, retention, and participation, new member investigation, new member Orientations, Receptions and Knighting, and PM wine.

**Ron Fisher as Chancellor of the Exchequer** is responsible for all Royal Rosarian Finances. Ron is chair of the Budget and Finance Committees. Ron maintains Membership documentation and sends dues notices.

**Kik Nielsen as Master of Ceremonies** is responsible for Membership meetings, Purely Socials, Rosarian of the Year, golf activities and companion bike rides, Drill Master/Drummer training and development and is a member of the Budget Committee.

**Michelle Veentjer as Minister of Foreign Affairs** is responsible for the Hearts and Roses Auction, 2023 Parades Marching Guide, Rose Festival Pin Sales, Starlight Parade and Marshals, Hosting by Starlight at Hotel Deluxe, Junior Parade and Marshals, Junior Parade shuttle drivers, Grand Floral Parade and Marshals, Rose Festival Parade Scripts, Grand Floral Parade vehicle for non-marching members, and is a Budget Committee Member.

**Patrick Wong as Lord High Chamberlain** takes on Out-of-Town Festivals including Wenatchee Apple Blossom, Spokane Lilac, New Westminster Hyack, Marysville, Olympia Capital Lakefair, Seattle Seafair, Penticton Peach and Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festivals. Patrick oversees the Grand Floral Parade float and traveling float, and maintains the list of Drill Masters, Drummers, Flag and Banner carriers. He arranges for Out-of-Town PM Car when needed and Out-of-Town registrations and scripts.

**David Althaus as Lord High Steward** is responsible for the Local Parades: Veterans Day, St. Patrick's, 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. of Roses, St. John's, Pride Parade, Dairy Days - Tillamook, Good in the Hood, Fourth of July - Hillsboro, Battleground/Olympia, Astoria Regatta and the Cinco de Mayo Naturalization ceremony. He will arrange for PM car, and registrations and scripts for local parades. He'll provide group transportation (Battle Ground/Olympia, Astoria, others).

**Doug Crimin as Councillor** is responsible for Newsmakers, Milk Carton Boat Races, Merchandise sales , VA Hospital visits, RoyalRosarian.com website and calendar (clubrunner), Database, Roster, Tuesday Report, Speakers' Bureau, Royal Communicators, Photographers.

**Pat Salimena as Royal Chaplain** is responsible for Cheer and Outreach, Royal Update Editor Liaison, Blessing of the Festival, Memorial Services, Senior Center Ceremonies and is a member of the Rose Planting Team.

**Ruth Takahashi as Royal Gardener** is responsible for the Rose Garden contest, Rose Garden maintenance, Wine & Roses International Rose Test Garden Benefit, Ships Greetings and is a member of the Rose Planting Team.

**Doug Zimmerman as Royal Scribe** is responsible for the holiday brunch, VIP and Event Greetings, Public Affairs, Press Releases, Travel Portland Liaison, social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), PA Equipment, Rosarian Family Picnic, storage in Hollywood and is a Rose Planting Team Member.

### **Executive Secretaries:**

**Duke of the Realm Peter Glazer** is responsible for insurance, name badges, Duke/Duchess medallions, Legal Affairs, Budget Committee Member, Elections Liaison and Royal Update Liaison.

**Duke of the Realm Rick Saturn** is responsible for Stationery and Printing, Certificates and Plaques, Honorary Knighting Medallions, Finance and Budget Committees Member and Elections Liaison.

**Duke of the Realm Adam Baker** is responsible for uniforms, History Book, archival storage, equipment, flags and banners, Budget Committee Member and Elections Liaison.

## **Purely Social Season "Kik's" off with Oktoberfest!**

On Saturday, October 1, 2022 we kicked off the 2023 Prime Minister year with an Oktoberfest Purely Social of the home of 2023 Master of Ceremonies Kathleen (Kik) Nielsen and her Squire Mike Nielsen. After an amazing weekend at the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival, it seemed only logical to have our first Purely Social of the 2022-2023 PM year with an Oktoberfest theme. What better way to use the dirndls and lederhosen just worn the weekend before?

Squire Mike and Dame Kik provided all of the 'brats' and attendees brought their favorite appetizers, sides and desserts! Approximately 60 Rosarians and guests attended this first social. An amazing time was had by everyone, and we owe a very special thanks to Dame Kik and Squire Mike for opening their home for this event. Extra credit for their amazing decorations that were truly 'Bavarian' in nature!

A very special thanks to Dame Mary Hrkac, who was there providing 'pours' of Prime Minister John Danielson's PM wine selections, and to Lord High Steward David Althaus, who led us through many renditions of the chicken dance!!! Please reach out to Dame Mary if you would like to purchase this year's

delicious PM wine!!

Over the coming months, we are planning additional themed Purely Socials, including Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, and others. Stay tuned! If you would like to host one of these fun socials, where there is no agenda other than getting together to be with friends and eat amazing food, please reach out to Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf, the Chair of the 2022-2023 Purely Socials! You can reach Korrie at [hoecken@frontier.com](mailto:hoecken@frontier.com) or please feel free to text her at 503-953-5901. Happy Fall!!!



## Register for the Nov. 3 Membership Meeting and Celebrate Life Members and Spouses' Night!

Thursday, November 3, will be our first Membership meeting of the new year!! Please register now and get in the swing of attending all the membership meetings. Each meeting is going to be chock full of fun entertainment and information. Each meeting presents a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new friends, meet our newest members and be informed of upcoming events. Register today and start this new Rosarian year off right!



This first meeting is always special as it honors our Life Members and Rosarian spouses. Life members have served the Rosarians for twenty-five years or more, and they keep our history and traditions alive. At one time the first meeting was the only one spouses used to attend so they could learn what the new year would hold. We now encourage spouses to attend all the membership meetings, because we know they are such an integral part of our organization. From carrying banners in out-of-town parades to serving on committees, they do so much. Encourage your spouse to attend this meeting with you to be honored. Encourage your spouse to attend all the Membership meetings of the year and to sign up and get involved in our fun activities. We have so much to accomplish each new year and our work could not be completed without the support and participation of all members and their spouses!

Register today and come and celebrate our Life Members and all spouses!

Kik Nielsen  
Master of Ceremonies!!



**Win a 2023  
Portland Rosarian  
Hospitality Packet**

Receive one ticket for each membership meeting you pay for and attend. Attend all six meetings and at the May 25 membership meeting you will receive 5 extra tickets. All tickets are entered into the drawing.

At the May 25 meeting we will hold a drawing for a 2023 Hospitality packet. The value of the prize is equal to the value of one single hospitality packet.

Good Luck!

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A ROYAL ROSARIAN

Per Prime Minister John Danielson

To the degree you are physically able, all members but especially new members are expected to:

- Follow the Rosarian Code of Conduct.
- Promptly acquire the White uniform and green jacket during your knighting year.
- Attend membership meetings.
- Participate in VIP Greetings and Rose plantings.
- Attend at least two out-of-town Festivals and march in local parades.
- Work on at least one committee.
- March in Rose Festival parades and purchase the Royal Rosarian Hospitality Packet.



These expectations are not new; they are listed in the roster. It is always good to start a new year by reviewing them.

## The History of the Veterans Day Parade

Portland's only Veterans Day parade started in 1974. Vernon E. Ross, proprietor of Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel, founded this parade to honor all veterans, past and present, living and deceased.

Many groups and organizations from in and around Portland participate in the Parade, such as the Royal Rosarians, local school marching bands, military groups, motorcycle groups, bagpiper marching bands, senior living groups, and various local dignitaries, such as the Mayor, congresspersons, councilpersons, and sometimes the Oregon Governor, when their schedules allow.

In 2020 the Veterans Day Parade was cancelled due to COVID-19. Later that year, Oregon Market Director Angela McKenzie-Tucker wrote, "As Dignity Memorial and Ross Hollywood Chapel look further into the future and our involvement with the parade, we have had to make a difficult decision..."

### The Veterans Day Parade is back for 2022!

Please join your fellow Royal Rosarians November 11th to once again show respect and thanks for the Veterans who served our country. Details to follow in future Tuesday Reports.



## The Commemorative Prime Minister Wine is Available!



Iris Pinot Gris 2021 | Willamette Valley, Oregon - \$16

This classic Pinot Gris is a brilliant platinum color with aromas of Asian pear, pineapple, and a lively balanced palate of guava and grapefruit. Stainless steel fermented, fruit sourced from the finest vineyards in Willamette Valley. The versatility of this wine allows it to

pair well with white fish, scallops, Pad Thai, cured meats, spicy food, sushi, pork, and many other foods.

**K. Vintners Substance Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 | Walla Walla, Washington - \$19**

Sustainability Farmed - 100% Cabernet - 92 Points James Suckling  
Blackberry, plum, and tobacco notes. Full bodied, ripe tannins, beautifully balanced, with a great finish. A wonderful pairing with burgers, beef short ribs, grilled lamb, portabello mushrooms, hard cheeses (aged cheddar or gouda), dark chocolate and more... Rich – Velvety – Powerful!!

**Purchase Opportunities:**

Please contact Wine Chair Mary Hrkac at 503-998-2443

[royalrosarianmary@gmail.com](mailto:royalrosarianmary@gmail.com)

Additional Wine Committee members are available to drop off wine; just let us know when you need it.

**New this year:** An electronic order form! Please fill out your form and email it to me. I will call you for your credit card information. \*Order form link attached.

If you purchased wine at an event, I will be in touch regarding drop off details.

**The next in-person tasting and purchase opportunity is: Thursday, November 3rd at the membership meeting.**

**\*Request – if you have wine bags or boxes to recycle, please bring them to the next membership meeting or event. I can use them to pack up new purchases. Thank you.**

**Mary**



## 2022 -2023 Royal Rosarian Prime Minister Wine

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery or pickup (circle one)

If delivery - include address

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### Willamette Valley Iris Vineyard Pinot Gris

\$192.00 a case (12 -bottles) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$96.00 half case (6-bottles) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$16.00 EA. # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Substance Cabernet Sauvignon from Washington

\$228.00 a case (12-bottles) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$114.00 half case (6-bottles) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$19.00 EA. # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**One case of each - Pinot Gris (\$192) and Cabernet (\$228) = \$420**

**Half a case of each - Pinot Gris (\$96) and Cabernet (\$114) = \$210**

**Total Purchase price:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment:

☐ Credit Card ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Please make check payable to Royal Rosarians

Visa - Mastercard - American Express -Discover (Circle One)

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## We Remember and Honor

Recent Royal Rosarian Rose Ceremonies were held on 9/18/22 for Sir Knight Gordon Ivan Torstenbo and 10/06/22 for Dame Jenny Gwo-Tsun Kim.

Sir Knight Gorden Torstenbo

November 7, 1936 - July 12, 2022

Gordon was knighted in 2000 under the rose "Fire and Ice" and sponsored by

Terry Robertson. Gordon grew up in a Norwegian community in Washington State. He loved to travel, live "large and in charge" and enjoyed being surrounded by his family. His three daughters, Lynnae, Tamara, and Teresa sang at his Celebration of Life Service. Before his successful plumbing supply business he was a minister and a Battle Ground School District coach/teacher. His smile and generosity were wide and far reaching. If you didn't see him side by side with Tom Marentette you would find him in Paris or Kona with his wife, Pat.

Dame Jenny Kim December 22, 1940 - September 21, 2022  
Jenny was knighted in 2009 under the rose "Chicago Peace" and sponsored by Worth Caldwell. Jenny was born in Southern China and raised in Taiwan. Dr Kenneth Kim and Jenny relocated to the USA in 1969. She loved to cook, and Rob Hungerford remembers when she invited famous Taiwanese Chefs to Portland to demonstrate the art of Chinese cuisine. She always had a place for the Royal Rosarians to share in these culinary exhibitions. At her restaurant she had a glass case at the counter with her Rosarian Hat and other items on display. She was involved with Portland's Kaohsiung, Taiwan Sister City and was a promoter of the Dragon Boat Races. Her service was filled with so many floral arrangements that you could not walk down the side aisles. She served on many Boards and each one expressed condolences including President of the OCAC (Overseas Community Affair Council) ROC.

Honorably submitted, Kathy Fastenau  
Rose Ceremony Chair

## Calendar

***Rosarian Membership Meetings*** Membership meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: November 3, February 2nd, March 2, April 4th, May 4th, May 25th, June 15th.



***Rosarian Council Meetings*** - The Council meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: October 17, November 14, December 12th, January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th, April 10th, May 22nd, July 17, August 14th, September 18th.

***Rosarian Foundation Meeting*** - The Foundation meetings will be held at 6:00 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: October 26, November 16, January 25th, February 22nd, March 20th, April 26th, May 24, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th.

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

" My mission in life is not merely to survive, but





to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” – Maya Angelou

*(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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