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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter first published 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.



Editor's Note

This is an updated edition of the Royal Update as your editor entered the incorrect candidate statement for one of the Council candidates. The statement for Sir Knight Michael Mills in the original edition was Dame Amy Arasmith's statement. The correct statement appears below. My apologies to all concerned.

Also, take note a change for picking up your ballot when voting. The hotel's banquet doors will be locked so ballots can be picked up at the main entrance.

Norb Murray, Royal Update Editor

Council Election

In accordance with the Edict of the Royal Rosarians, the annual election shall be held on the Thursday following the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Due to the restrictions brought about by COVID-19 there is no Grand Floral Parade, nor will there be an in-person membership meeting. The election will still be held on site at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel and it is expected there will be a virtual meeting via Zoom as a separate event, both on Thursday, June 11, 2020.



The election will take place **in person** at the Portland DoubleTree Hotel. Royal Rosarians eligible to vote (dues paid and Life Members) may pick up a paper ballot at the main entrance of the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel at any time

from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm on June 11.

One ballot will be issued to each eligible Royal Rosarian voter. The Elections Committee, chaired by Duke Bob Woody, will check off the name of each Rosarian receiving a ballot. The Rosarian may then vote by marking candidates for Council, a candidate for Secretary of State, and candidates for the Foundation Board. The ballot will then be deposited into a ballot box supervised by the Elections Committee.

Rosarians who do not want to get out of their vehicles will be able to vote (your ballot will be brought to your car, just outside the front entrance doors, and after you have voted, an Election worker will see that it is deposited into the ballot box).

Rosarians may, if they wish, come inside the hotel to vote. We will all abide by appropriate social distancing and mask requirements in effect as of June 11. The goal of the 2020 Election procedure is to comply with our Edict while looking out for the safety of Rosarians and maintaining the high integrity of our elections process.

Voting must be completed by 6:30 pm. The Election Committee will count all ballots submitted by 6:30 pm. Counting will be done by several Royal Rosarian Dukes and Duchesses, joined by two Rosarians who are not past Prime Ministers, as is Rosarian policy. Election results will be communicated to Prime Minister Kimberly Bown so that she may announce the results the evening of June 11 during the virtual meeting.

No provision has been made for the possibility of a need for a second vote (such as a tie). Such an eventuality, should one occur, will have to be addressed by the Elections Committee, under the ultimate authority of the Council.

By Edict, no proxy voting is permitted. To vote, a Royal Rosarian must pick up his/her ballot at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel and then submit his/her ballot by 6:30 pm.

Candidates for Secretary of State and Rosarian Council

The following is information submitted by each candidate. The questions were put to Council and Secretary of State candidates by Royal Regent Don Thacker, who chairs the Nominating Committee. The submissions of each candidate have not been edited. They are printed as submitted. The photos of Rosarian candidates were submitted by the candidates.

The candidates running for Secretary of State are John Danielson and Mike Ware. When you vote for a candidate for Secretary of State you must also vote for his re-election to Council. Following the two Secretary of State candidates are the other eight candidates for Council.

There are four candidates are running for two positions on the Royal Rosarian Foundation board. Those candidates are Ruth Takahashi, Catherine Camp, Mark Sleasman and Kathie Bagley. Statements by Foundation candidates are in

the Royal Rosarian Foundation Newsletter issued separately.

Best Wishes to the candidates!

Sir Knight John Danielson - Secretary of State

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"



I started participating in Royal Rosarian activities in 2004 and was Knighted in 2005. In 2014 I was asked by Duke Mark Smith to Red Cape as Royal Scribe. Since then I have been elected to the Council for 5 years. I have served as Councillor, Master of Ceremonies, Lord High Sheriff, Lord Chief Justice and currently as Chancellor of the Exchequer. I enjoyed each assignment and found them all to have challenges but found personal satisfaction in each assignment as well. Each assignment provided me an opportunity to learn from and get to know many Rosarians.

This year as Chancellor of the Exchequer I was able to take advantage of all that I had learned in those previous assignments. I was able to develop the bigger picture of our organization and how the pieces fit together. Most important I was able to be of assistance to other Council members and committee chairs. Experience in an organization allows for that, and I look forward to assisting others next year.

I look forward to continuing the work started around strategic planning next year. I support that work and would like to be involved in its continued development.

Most importantly though, I want to serve on the Council and as your Secretary of State because I continue to be proud and honored to wear the white suit in such a visible way. We did not have many opportunities this year, but the capes are just resting! The Rosarians have provided me with an avenue to contribute to our community and continue my personal and professional growth.

Sir Knight Mike Ware - Secretary of State

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"

Since joining the Rosarians in 2011, both my spouse, Lady Colleen and I have found the Rosarian Organization to be a richly rewarding experience. During this time, we have chosen to be very active in both the Rosarian and Foundation events. I have served on or chaired a number of committees as well as I was a Board Member,

then President of the Foundation.

For the last three years I have been an active member of the Elected Council and have continued to chair the annual Hearts and Roses Benefit Auction. Under my leadership and with a lot of help from Rosarians we have grown the auction exponentially.



If elected to Council this year I plan to work with the Rosarian leadership and council along with you the membership to continue to navigate through what has been a very difficult time not only for us, but the community we serve.

I believe that my experiences with the Rosarians as well as being the founder and leader of a company that went from a small startup to one of the top 150 privately held companies in Oregon and having successfully managed this company through recessions, global trade issues and other challenges has positioned me to help the Rosarians manage through this difficult time and prosper.

Dame Amy Arasmith

“Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?”



Since my knighting in 2014, I spent three years as Hospitality Registration Chair, served as Royal Scribe, and been in charge of new members. Every job comes with its own unique set of challenges and I think I’ve met those challenges head on. This year has been particularly difficult trying to figure out new ways to do things and I’m still willing to do it again.

I love this organization, its people, and its mission and I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve on Council helping to preserve and continue our unique traditions.

Sir Knight Ron Fisher

“Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?”

Like many of my fellow Rosarians, my involvement started before my knighting in 2015. Sir Knight Doug Nielsen and Lady Patti invited Lady Kelly and me to help in the

Hospitality Suite in 2014 and again in 2015. Since my knighting in August of 2015 I worked in the Hospitality Suite in 2016, 2017, and was asked by Duke Adam Baker to Chair it in 2018. Serving my Rosarian family and friends is extremely rewarding.

I have been involved in Newsmakers, and supported many events on both setup and cleanup crews. During 2019 - 2020 I was



Royal Chaplain and loved every minute being part of the Rose Planting Team. It was my pleasure to represent the Rosarians at the festivals around the Northwest and meet many of our NW Festival Hosting friends. My other responsibilities that year included Blessing of the Festival, Christmas for kids, and Rose ceremonies to honor our members who passed.

I enjoy this organization and all the duties that have been assigned to me. If elected I would do everything within my power to promote the Rosarians, its values, and preserve the heritage that so many before me have created. This organization is known throughout the region, and even the smallest of gestures like placing a sticky rose on a child and proclaiming "For you a rose in Portland grows" makes a lasting impression. I know it does for me every time I get the opportunity to do so. Being on council would be another opportunity to serve and promote our community and the Royal Rosarians I've come to know and love.

Sir Knight Richard Horswell

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"



I have enjoyed being a member of the Royal Rosarians since 2007. Immediately I became involved and loved the culture of the organization. Many great friendships have developed during this time. In terms of my involvement, I brainstormed and chaired our first Hosting by Starlight event at the hotel deLuxe; developed the Parade Marching Guide; created a unique video parade marketing campaign "Destination: Washington" for members to join select parades in the state; chaired marketing for a really fun Hospitality Weekend in 2009; co-chaired Prelude to 100, the Centennial membership event at the University Club;

developed "100 Bites for Rosaria" – a program for local restaurants to contribute appetizers to Hospitality Weekend; and produced all the logistics, marketing, and publicity for the Rosarian Statue placement event in the Rose

Garden.

While I have not been involved in a while due to family and work obligations, it would be an great honor to serve on the Council and contribute to our "new normal" in this current environment.

My service in the community includes non-profit experience by chairing over 20 major charitable gala balls and serving on such boards as the Rose Festival Foundation, SOLVE, and the University of Oregon Foundation which have all enriched my life meeting new friends and giving me more perspective on group dynamics.

Professionally I am in marketing and communications – I have worked in finance and insurance marketing for the past several years and founded and sold one of Oregon's largest internet companies in 1999 after serving as a staff member for U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield in Washington D.C after college.

It would be a pleasure to serve, as my family has been involved in the Royal Rosarians since the 1950s and every time I march in a parade as a float or band escort is amazing.

Sir Knight John Jackson

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"

For the Rosarians, the 2020 council experience was one to remember. I was assigned to the Wine Committee, the Traveling Float, and the NW Hosting Festivals.

The wine committee duties included selling 30 cases of Kimberly's Prime Minister wine and finding and narrowing down options for Korrie's Prime Minister wine selection. With the wine committee's help, Kimberly's wine is sold out and Korrie's choices have been narrowed down with a final decision coming soon.



The traveling float has been completely rebuilt and is ready for the next 3 years of out of town parades. Who knew this would include securing and preparing a new vehicle to build from? I'm so grateful for all the volunteers who stepped up to the challenge of realizing the concept of the 2020 Vision of Blooms. Thank You, All!

Lastly, NW Hosting Festivals. Although we registered for all and planned to attend, like Rose Festival, most have fallen victim to the Covid-19 crisis. We hope that some will remain for this year and I stand ready to lead a team.

For 2020 I have been proud to serve with a flexible and adaptive team through whatever was thrown at us. For 2021, we will be starting out with

similar circumstances and I know I have the character and skills needed to help the Rosarians for years to come.

Dame Ilse Kindler

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"



I would like to continue to serve on the Royal Rosarian Council simply because I appreciate and enjoy the opportunity to participate and to have a voice in the continued mission, improvement and success of our organization.

Being a council member is also a learning opportunity and experience and I am not done learning yet.

My council responsibility this year was Membership Meetings. It was my goal and duty to re-invent the format, incorporate the Prime Minister's vision, offer more variety and increase membership participation. Although

we only had three membership meetings, I believe I was able to offer new and improved meetings which were well received and attended by the membership.

Should I be re-elected I will make every effort to perform my assigned duties to the best of my abilities.

A member of the Rosarian council should have dedication and enthusiasm, respect our traditions, be a team player, be open-minded, tolerant, cooperative, reliable and be passionate to serve for the benefit and growth of the Royal Rosarians.

I believe I have demonstrated most of these traits and would be honored to receive your vote.

Sir Knight Michael Mills

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"

I would like to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council to further my contributions to the organization as we strive to serve the greater Portland area. As the outgoing Royal Chaplain, I have learned a great deal about the inner workings of our organization; and, I have worked as a team player alongside of the Prime Minister and my fellow Red Capes. Having worked as ombudsman for the City of Portland for some 18 years, originally for Mayor Vera Katz, I understand the

importance of local government partnerships with the non-profit and business communities; and, how to nurture them.

I have valued my increased role in representing the Royal Rosarians, particularly during this unprecedented time. I will support the Prime Minister and Council as we represent the City of Roses beyond our borders and continue to serve the needs of our most vulnerable within our local community. I will actively participate on Council as we reshape our activities to conform to an unfamiliar future. Our ongoing leadership role in the community will help us weather this storm.



As “cheerleaders” for our city and metropolitan area, we are often seen as the face of the community while we inspire smiles at parades, greetings, and numerous civic functions. Whether helping with “Christmas for Kids” or joining the “Cinco de Mayo Naturalization Ceremony”, I love being a Royal Rosarian. I look forward to serving on the Royal Rosarian Council of 2020-21.

Thank You

Dame Sue Simpson

“Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?”



My name is Sue Simpson. I'm a member of the Royal Rosarian class of 2017. I've tossed my hat into the 2021 council race as a form of Paying It Forward. I have a couple projects from 2020 that I would like to see to the end and to also support my 2017 Lord High Sheriff, Korrie Hoeckendorf in 2021. The following is a little information about my time with the Royal Rosarians. I've worked on the Queens' Garden Party and Picnic committees.

I've served on these committees for the last three years: Newsmakers, Milk Carton Boat Races, Rose Garden Judging and Chaired the 2019 Silent Auction and co chaired the MCRB events. As 2020 Royal Scribe I was the council contact for Visiting our Veterans event at the Veterans' Hospital (on Pill Hill), the Christmas Brunch at the Benson Hotel, a few Airport VIP Greetings and a few Rose Plantings. Council in 2020 has been enlightening and challenging. 2021 could be another growing experience for me. Thank you for your time. Be sure to get out and vote!!!!

Dame Michelle Veentjer

"Why do you want to serve on the 2020-21 Royal Rosarian Council?"

In 2014 I was given the honor of being knighted as Dame Michelle Veentjer. Since my knighting I have been able to participate in several committees, chair the Farewell breakfast twice and in 2018-2019 chair Hospitality and most recently I was given the opportunity to be your Royal Gardener for 2019-2020. It was after these events that I knew that I wanted to become part of the Royal Rosarian Council.



I would love the opportunity to be considered to serve on the 2020-2021 Rosarian Council and to continue to be able to work with an amazing group of individuals that all have a passion and love for our City of Roses that I do.

Serving on the 2020-2021 council will give me an opportunity to experience all the events and festivals that I was unable to attend this year due to unforeseen events.

Parading in Place



Festivals play an important role in our social lives, and connect us with our families, communities and backgrounds. The professionals and volunteers that run festivals are heroes in their own right. They are creative, industrious, resilient, diplomatic and tireless multi-taskers. They are the ones that create, nurture and keep alive

these celebrations of our heritage, culture, accomplishments and traditions.

When all seemed dark as events surrounding Portland's Rose Festival were cancelled or put on hold, its leaders created new events of hope and celebration defying the threats of a silent enemy.

Rose Festival has always been a celebration of people, events, and traditions. Bridging communities in the City of Roses and beyond. The Rose Festival created the *Porch Parade* as part of *Parading in Place* and asked members of the community to celebrate by decorating their front porches. They said to choose one of the themes of the festival as inspiration and to go wild with ideas. To unleash creativity and bring a smile to friends and neighbors.

With well over 300 entries the community did just that big time. It has brought out not only the smiles, but I would guess a few tears of joy for the response. Photos of entries have flooded social media and the television news. National news will

probably pick up on it.

You can make a tour of your own to see the *Porch Parade* by clicking the link below to download the map of registered porches.



[Click here to access the Porch Parade map](#)

Roses for Hope



As part of *Parading in Place* the Royal Rosarians asked residents to join in with their gardens with *Roses for Hope*. When a resident registered for the *Porch Parade* they could enter their porch or garden or both. Over 80 entries were submitted by home gardeners.

The gardens can be visited by using the *Porch Parade* map.

Shown here Duke Bob Strader and Dame Jacquie Janulis join Prime Minister Kimberly to visit one of the Roses for Hope Gardens.

Royal Rosarian Traveling Float

After months of tedious, detailed construction the Royal Rosarian traveling float made its debut on May 23 as a static display for now.

The float will once again be on display on Saturday, May 30 at All Saints School, 601 NE Caesar Chavez Blvd. between 2-3 pm. Casual Rosarian attire is recommended if you are to make a visit.



A message from Lord High Chamberlain John Jackson:

So, how did we do? Special thanks to Amy Amato Jackson for allowing me the time needed to wrangle 50+ volunteers who made this all possible. The ones who helped us move from one location to another. The ones who helped design the float. The ones who helped deconstruct the new vehicle. The ones who helped build the foundation. The ones help design and build all the roses. The ones who painted. The ones who built the light boxes and wired the float for sound and lights and all the others that I didn't mention. I would have mentioned you all by name but there have been too many to count. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! We couldn't have made this happen without you all!

John Jackson, Traveling Float Chair

Grand Petite Parade



Another creation of the *Parade in Place* is the Grand Petite Parade. The *Grand Petite Parade* will premiere on Facebook Live on Saturday, June 6. This virtual parade will feature shoe box floats from community members, a celebration of marching bands, and other Rose Festival parade

favorites. Just like the early Rose Festival parades that used Portlanders' own roses to decorate the floats, participants are invited to use materials from home to build shoe box parade floats and submit photos to be included in the live stream.

Watch the *Grand Petite Parade* on Facebook Live, 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, at the Portland Rose Festival page. Follow the Rose Festival at [@pdxrosefestival](https://www.facebook.com/pdxrosefestival) and on the [Rose Festival Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/RoseFestival) to get updates and notifications.

You might see a few entries from Rosarians. John Jackson created a stop motion parade with the help of his nieces and nephews. It even has a miniature Royal Rosarian traveling float with a Rosarian doffing his hat.

Roses for Hope Virtual Celebration

The Rose Garden Contest committee under the guidance of Garden Contest Chair Barb Brennan has put together a *Roses for Hope Virtual Celebration*. Join Prime Minister Kimberly, Queen Mya, rose experts and dignitaries for an informative and fun evening at 6:30 pm

on Tuesday, June 16.

Bring a rose to celebrate *Roses for Hope*, learn some rose history and hear from experts about growing roses. The following are topics you can enjoy:

- o Rose City, Roses and Rosarians (Kimberly Bown)
- o What's new in the International Test Rose Garden (Rachel Burlington)
- o How do you get your garden ready to be judged for the RGC? (Harry Landers)
- o Rose Growing Tips/Lessons Learned in growing a rose garden (Phil Edmunds & Gretchen Humphrey)
- o The Rose Society and a sampling of Rose Rhetoric (Emily Hastings)



For more information contact Royal Gardener Michelle Veentjer at 971-222-5797 or Chair Barb Brennan at 503-351-7708. Click the link below to register and get the Zoom link to attend the celebration.

[Click here to register for and get the Zoom link for the virtual Roses for Hope Celebration](#)

Rosarian Rotogravure



Although it was a little short of her birthday, Rosarians, Rose Festival and Rose Society dignitaries surprised Prime Minister Kimberly with a parade past her home on May 8.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions only a few could participate, otherwise it might have been a sizable parade. Here Duke Rick Saturn salutes Prime Minister Kimberly.



A surprised and overwhelmed Prime Minister shows off the bottle of wine presented to her by a parade participant.

A poem wishing Prime Minister Kimberly a Happy Birthday.





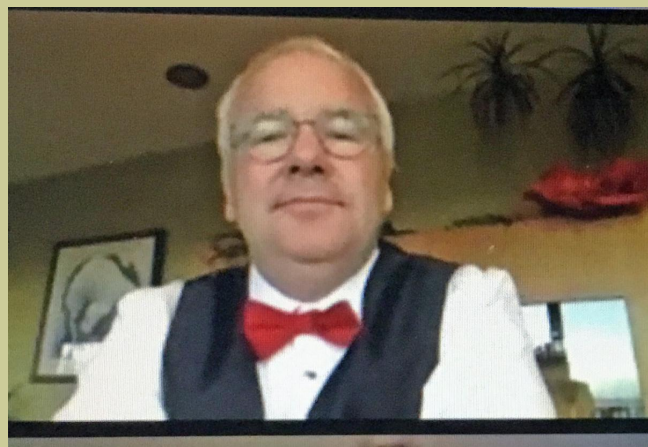
donated the new chassis for the traveling float. Here Dame Roz Vancil receives a bouquet from Prime Minister Kimberly.

A genuine Benson Bubbler decorates the traveling float.



Rosarians mixed their own and have turned out via Zoom for the Saturday Virtual Social Hour which will continue on Saturdays at 5:30 pm through June.

New Council position? Royal Rosarian Bartender. Unofficial Happy Hour drink, the 'Cosmonic' by bartender John: 1 part citrus vodka, 1 part cranberry juice, top off with tonic.





Floral Parade June 6.

Duke Bob Strader kept the Court princesses on their toes with questions during the Virtual Membership Meeting.



Announcements

For the good of the organization

Virtual Social Hour Continues

We are going to continue our "Virtual Social Hour" through May and into the summer. Please join us every Saturday evening at 5:30pm, via computer or by phone. You will enjoy seeing and laughing along with some of your favorite fellow Rosarians.

See Royal Chaplain Michael Mills email *Royal Chaplain Communique* for the Zoom link.

2020 Hospitality at Home Goodie Bags To Go On Sale

There is no Rose Festival in June which, of course, means the Royal Rosarians' activities that are a part of the Rose Festival are also cancelled. The highlight of the festival for Rosarians is Hospitality Weekend where we can celebrate and have fun along with guests locally and from festivals throughout the Northwest.

Not to be deterred the Hospitality Committee has come up with Hospitality Goodie Bags for Rosarians to celebrate in place. The limited edition bags will be filled with goodies too numerous to name, but well worth it to get one.

The bags will go on sale Monday June 1 at 12:01 am. There are only 100 bags so get your order in early. Look under 'Upcoming Events' on the Royal Rosarian home page to make your purchase or click the link below. You will not be able to place an order until 12:01.

[Click here to go to the Royal Rosarian Home Page](#)

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The election will be on June 1. See the voting article above for information. There will be a virtual membership meeting on June 11.

Rosarian Council Meetings - Council Meetings for the 2019-20 Rosarian year will be held on July 20, August 17, and September 21 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel. Council meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - The meetings for 2019-20 will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 22, August 26 and September 23 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree.



(*) Events that have been changed to date

Kiwanis Breakfast - June 3, **Cancelled**

Grand Petite Shoebox (Virtual) - June 6, Portland

Rose Garden Celebration (Virtual) - June 16, Zoom

Dairy Days Rose Planting & Parade - June 20, Tillamook

****Starlight Parade*** - Portland (**postponed - TBD**)

****Hosting by Starlight*** - Portland (**postponed - TBD**)

***New Member Reception - July 7 (new date),** Doubletree Lloyd Center, Portland

***New Member Knighting Ceremony & Banquet - July 11 (new date),** Doubletree Lloyd Center, Portland

***Fiesta San Antonio - November 7-15 (new dates),** San Antonio. Texas

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



“If you don’t vote, you lose the right to complain.”

- George Carlin

(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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