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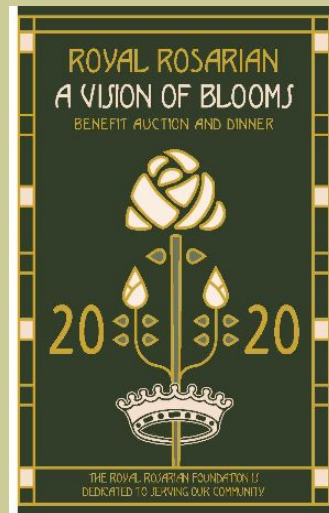
Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

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.

Royal Rosarian Foundation Benefit & Auction

Although registration for the "Vision of Blooms" Benefit Auction and Dinner Fundraiser is closed this is a reminder that it is this coming Saturday and time to press your white uniform(no capes) and dust off your checkbook or credit card. The festivities at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center begin at 5:30 p.m.

New this year is a Dessert Dash featuring wonderful desserts by talented Rosarians and some of the best dessert chefs in the Metro area. There will also be a wine tasting by Plum Hill Vineyards, a local winery featuring quality hand crafted wines in limited quantities.



There are over 125 silent auction items and 14 unique live auction treasures. Among them is an International Getaway stay at a WorldMark Resort in Africa, South America, Europe or the South Pacific with air included, a Broadway (NYC) Show Package, a Karastan Oriental rug, U of O vs UW game in the Athletic Director's suite are just four among the great travel, experience and other items up for bid.

Although there are treasures to be had at the auction, the true reward is the knowledge that you have contributed to the good the Foundation does. The proceeds from the auction support children at risk, music and arts education and community spirit. Specific youth programs supported are the field trip program, Christmas for Kids, Community Transitional School, Ethos Music Center, Blueprint Ensemble, and the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy.

Community spirit is an important part of what the Royal Rosarians are about. Supplementing what we do as Rosarians, the Foundation supplies a float in the Grand Floral Parade, the traveling float for local and out-of-town parades,

sponsor the rose garden contest and host the Queens' Garden Party.

Royal Rosarian Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 5

The upcoming Membership Meeting celebrates our Dukes and Duchesses and will be an opportunity to join them and the Royal Rosarian Council to discuss the organization's health and future challenges.

The festival season is fast approaching and the meeting will have information and hospitality packets for the 2020 Northwest Festivals. The Royal Rosarians will be participating in the nine festivals of the Northwest Festivals Hosting Group including our own Portland Rose Festival. The first festival is the Wenatchee Cherry Blossom Festival in May and winding up in September with the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival in Leavenworth, Washington.

Social time begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. And again, there will be happy hour prices at the bar in the meeting room during the entire meeting. There will also be an opportunity to taste and order the Prime Minister's select wine.

The attire is green jacket uniform with black pants and shoes. Women may wear black skirts. If you are attending the meeting but choose not to register online, if you are not dining or if you have any dietary restrictions please contact Duke Adam Baker at ab33842@gmail.com or (503)477-0685 to sign up.



Membership meetings are the best place to learn about upcoming events.

[Click here to register for the Membership Meeting](#)

Arleta School First Grade Parade

Friday, March 6

Anxious for the parade season to begin? You can get a shot of parade adrenalin with the Arleta School First Grade Parade on March 6. Although you will not have to call on all that working out you have been doing during the winter to get in shape for the parade season, you can soak up the excitement

of a real parade. As Lord High Sheriff Amy Arasmith puts it "you get to see the drama of an entire parade in 20 minutes."

Each year Arleta first graders do a unit study on family, traditions, and symbolism. At the end of the unit each student creates a shoebox parade float representing their family then the first-grade parades through the school lead by the Arleta Band. The entire school and many family members come to cheer. The Royal Rosarians have had the honor of marshaling this parade for the last four years.



After the parade, enjoy fellowship and a treat at Pieper Cafe, 6504 SE Foster Road.

All the drama of a parade in 20 minutes. Like herding cats.

Where: Arleta School, 5109 SE 66th AV, Portland 97206

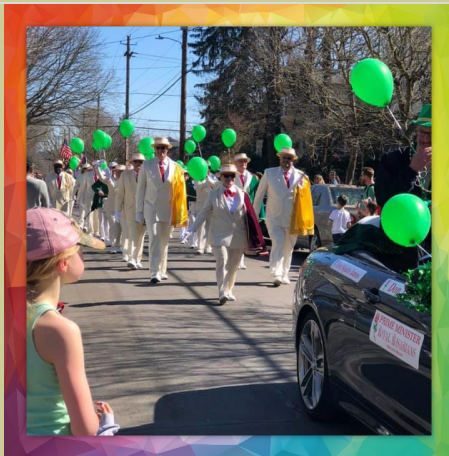
When: Parade steps off at 8:30; Rosarians please arrive by 8:15, assemble in front of the main office

Attire: Parade whites, hats, gloves. Capes

Parking: Parking will be on street. The entire parade will only take about 20 minutes.

[Click here to register for the Arleta Parade](#)

NE Portland St. Paddy's Day Parade



Sunday, March 15

Please join fellow Rosarians on Sunday, March 15 to march in the 31st annual NE Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade. The 1.2 mile parade begins at 1:00pm at Beverly Cleary School/Fernwood Campus. This is the second time the Royal Rosarians will be participating in this fun, no rules parade.

Please register via the below link so we know how many green balloons to bring.

When: Sunday, March 15.

Where: Beverly Cleary School/Fernwood Campus, 1915 NE 33rd Ave.,

Portland.

Time: 1:00 p.m. step-off. Rosarians meet at 12:30 p.m.

Uniform: Parade Whites, hats, gloves, capes (women wear pants).

There will be a post-parade no-host gathering at Columbia River Brewing Co. (1728 NE 40th, Portland, OR 97212)

[Click here to register for the St. Paddy's Day Parade](#)

Fiesta San Antonio

April 19-25

In about seven weeks 70 Rosarians and guests will head to San Antonio, Texas to take part in Fiesta San Antonio. There were only a few openings left to join the group as of the last Membership Meeting so if you are interested contact Duke Rob Hungerford.

Fiesta San Antonio is a celebration of San Jacinto Day. It honors the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. This historic commemoration began as a single parade in 1891 and has evolved into one of the nation's premier festivals, celebrating San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures.



Royal Rosarians at the Alamo for a ceremonial wreath laying in 2016.

The Royal Rosarians will be staying at the Drury Plaza Hotel on the Riverwalk. Located in the heart of San Antonio it is within walking distance of the parades and activities. The Drury is famous for its free breakfast buffet and afternoon hosted hospitality. Bring your swimsuit for the roof top pools.

Some of the events included in the schedule are the Pilgrimage to the Alamo, Texas Cavaliers River Parade, Coronation of the Queen of the Order of the Alamo (spectacular), a Rose Planting ceremony, our Honorary Knighting Ceremony, dinner cruise on the river, Battle of the Flowers Parade, BBQ lunch,

and Rosarians marching in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

For more information or to sign-up contact Duke Rob Hungerford at 503-659-5422 or r.hungerford@comcast.net.

Pruning Time

Presidents Day is considered the date for pruning roses in the Portland area. With that in mind Prime Minister Kimberly donned her Master Gardener gloves and passed some tips for prepping our roses so they can get a fresh start. If they aren't pruned, they just begin growing where they left off last fall. The rose bush cannot produce roses in any quality or quantity when it must support that volume of foliage.



The principles are:

1. Prune the bush down to 12"-18"
2. Leave as many canes (or stems) as possible, removing any damaged, parallel, or crossing.
3. Prune out anything smaller than a pencil in diameter.
4. For a shrub or landscape rose, just cut it back in size and shape.
5. For a climber, see the Master Gardener.
6. Lay some mulch over the topsoil and await the spring growth.

The Portland Rose Society has a 2-page explanation of spring pruning that's excellent. Visit their website via the link below to find it.

[Link to Rose Society Spring Pruning Guide](#)

Rosarian Rotogravure

Sue Simpson, Michelle Veentjer and Kimberly Bown at Big Al's for "Bowling for Dollars" a fund-raiser for Dornbecher Children's Hospital.





Prime Minister Kimberly puts the First Spouse, Stephen, to work at the February Membership Meeting.

The hard working wine committee, but somebody has to do it.



Media Escorts at the Newsmakers of 2019 Awards Banquet. (L to R) Ruth Takahashi, Holly Fowler, Roz Vancil, Mary Getty, Margie Schroeder and Jan Tolman.

The traveling float is starting to take shape. Help is needed, so keep an eye out for work party announcements in the Tuesday Report.



Announcements

For the good of the organization

Final Call for Prime Minister's Limited Edition Select Wine

There are just a few cases of the Prime Minister's Limited Edition wine left. If you are interested in a case or just a few bottles hurry and get your order in to Lord High Chamberlain John Jackson at 503-349-9427 or email: jacksonj1@comcast.net. The price is \$22.20 per bottle. Compare that to the per bottle price of \$35 at the winery.

The wine is a delicious, fruity Tempranillo blend produced by acclaimed Abacela Vineyard & Winery in Roseburg. The Tempranillo is their flagship wine that continues the tradition of quality and excellence through careful selection of the finest barrels. Rich Blackberry, violets, mocha, spice box and well-defined tannins unfold in velvety layers through the lengthy finish. If you've never tried Tempranillo before, you may find it has a similar taste profile to both Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon.

VIP Airport Greeting

There will be a VIP greeting for the youth representatives of the Sapporo City High School from Portland's sister city, Sapporo, Japan.

When: Monday March 9, 10:10 a.m. (Delta flight arrives at 10:34 a.m.)

Where: Portland International Airport, International Arrivals area (lower level)

Attire: White uniforms, capes, hats & gloves

Parade Bus

There will be a bus for those going to the Tillamook Dairy Days, the Battle Ground/Olympia Capital Lakefair Parades, and the Seattle SeaFair. The Seattle Seafair will be an overnight trip. Proceeds of the raffles at the Membership Meetings offset the cost of the buses.

Royal Rosarian Foundation Clothes Closet

Do you have uniform items that you no longer need or fit the way they used to and you wish to get rid of them? Or do you need or want an extra uniform or are missing an item of the Rosarian uniform? The Royal Rosarian Foundation operates the Clothes Closet for just for those needs. Contact Dame Kathie Bagley if you are looking for uniform items or wish to donate Rosarian uniform items. The Closet also takes non-uniform items. Kathie can be contacted at kathie@kathiebagley.com or 503-544-4448.

Please Register for Events

If you will be attending an event please register ahead of time on the Rosarian website. Many events need a head count for planning purposes, especially when food and transportation is involved. It is helpful for some of the parades such as the St. Paddy's Day Parade on March 15. We will be carrying green balloons and need to know how many balloons to get.

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for the 2019-2020 Rosarian year will be on March 5 (Dukes & Duchesses), April 9, May 7, May 21 (Rose Festival Court, Secretary of State

Speeches), June 11 (Elections). All meetings will be at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center



Rosarian Council Meetings - Council Meetings for the 2019-20 Rosarian year will be held on March 23, April 13, May 18, 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 March 25, April 29, May 27, July 22, August 26 and September 23 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree.

Rosarian Foundation Auction - February 29, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, Portland

Arleta School Parade - March 6, Portland

Sapporo City HS Greeting - March 9, PDX International Airport

St. Paddy's Day Parade - March 15, NE Neighborhood, Portland

Spring Wine Tasting Purely Social - March 29, Carolyn & Peter Saba's Home, Tualatin

Blessing of the Festival - April 4, All Saints Parish Church, Portland

New Member Reception - April 14, TBA

New Member Knighting Ceremony & Banquet - April 18, TBA

Fiesta San Antonio - April 19-25, San Antonio. Texas

82nd Avenue of the Roses Parade - April 25, Portland

Cinco de Mayo Naturalization Ceremony - May 1, Portland

Apple Blossom Festival - May 1-3, Wenatchee, WA

St. John's Parade - May 9, St. Johns

Lilac Festival - May 15-17, Spokane, WA

Rose Festival Opening Ceremony - May 22, Portland

Hyack Festival - May 22-24, New Westminster, B.C.

Powell Valley Rose Plantings - May 30, The Village Retirement Center, Gresham

Starlight Parade - May 30, Portland

Hosting by Starlight - May 30, Portland

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 fool says what he knows; the wise man knows what he says"

– Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Pshiskha (18th-19th century)

(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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