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Electronic Newsletter of the Royal Rosarians



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.

Message From The Prime Minister

THERE IS SOMETHING INFINITELY
HEALING IN THE REPEATED REFRAINS
OF NATURE — THE ASSURANCE
THAT DAWN COMES AFTER NIGHT,
AND SPRING AFTER WINTER.

— RACHEL CARSON



Rosarians, Family, and Friends,

I certainly hope this finds you safe and well, both physically and mentally! We are all to be congratulated for doing our part during this pandemic to flatten the curve and keep the demands on our medical providers and first responders somewhat manageable. Keep it up!

I thought you'd like some news about the Rosarian business that continues, albeit in a different manner from our traditional methods. The Council has had two virtual meetings since early March and in addition to addressing typical program work, we have approved six excellent new members via a SurveyMonkey secret ballot. That brings to eight our new member Class of 2020. The New Member Knighting is currently scheduled for July and we're

moving ahead in the planning of that grand ceremony within the restrictions that may likely exist. Visit the member area of our website to review meeting minutes posted under Club Documents.

Other Rosarian business includes our elections process that is underway. I've heard from many of you asking after a "do-over" of sorts for this year's Prime Minister and Council. I really have appreciated your heartwarming sentiment and support. However, since 1912, the Royal Rosarians have faced a few years of extreme situations and yet have moved ahead in our leadership selections. Despite the disruptions and cancellations caused by the pandemic, the Prime Minister term of office and election process will go on in the traditional manner. More details are included in this Royal Update edition.

Although our April and first May Membership Meetings were cancelled, we are planning some type of gathering on May 21st. You will be notified of the game plan in the next few weeks. The June 11th Membership Meeting that features our elections is still on the calendar, although its offering may also be in a non-traditional manner given any current restrictions.

And how about the 2020 Rose Festival?! Planning is underway for a late summer offering of events and hospitality to match whatever Rose Festival program is approved by the Mayor and City Council. Currently the preferred dates are September 4th through 13th. Stay tuned for how this all comes together. You can visit the Rose Festival website via the link below for the latest information.

Meanwhile, the Royal Court has been active online with storybook readings and other offerings, and yours truly has a video posted with poetry readings honoring April's National Poetry Month. We are also working with the Rose Festival Foundation to participate in a "Porch Parade" on the last weekend of May (when Starlight Parade was originally scheduled). Royal Rosarians will be asked to drive the Porch Parade route and cheer on participants.

Additionally, the 2020 Rose Garden Contest has morphed into a community celebration. Past garden winners are being asked to allow a showcasing of their street-side gardens and these would be included on the Porch Parade route! Again, stay tuned for more details as these plans come together.

Here's to the expanded Cheer & Outreach Committee and their offerings for our care and enjoyment! I hope you are enjoying the weekly Chaplain's Corner emails and hope you'll join in on one of the virtual socials weekly on Saturday's at 5:30 pm.

Masks have been made by talented seamstresses and delivered to doorsteps. Rosarian Angels have sent flower bouquets here and there. And thanks to donations from the wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, we delivered hundreds of tulips to Meals on Wheels People to include in their meal deliveries. Blooms bring joy!



Prime Minister Kimberly turned her attention from roses to tulips to pick up tulips for Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Many creative ideas are in the planning process since we can't sit idle when it comes to promoting the best interests of Portland and the Rose Festival. I hope you'll be able to join us in these future activities but for now, stay safe and stay healthy!

Kimberly Bown
Prime Minister

Council Elections

by Rick Saturn, Rob Hungerford and Peter Glazer, Executive Secretaries

As we find ourselves in very curious and uncertain times, we all probably have some questions about the upcoming Royal Rosarians elections that will take place June 11 (scheduled for the June 11 membership meeting).

First, be assured that the elections will take place on June 11. As of this date, the June 11 meeting is still on the calendar. On the chance that the meeting might not take place (because maybe a large gathering is not yet appropriate), procedures are being developed that will ensure the integrity, security and transparency of our June 11 elections. The Royal Rosarian Edict assumes "in-person" voting (and expressly forbids proxy voting), and if alternate procedures become necessary you can be assured that that requirement will be met with a paper ballot, ballot security, and the high level of integrity in the ballot counting process that Royal Rosarian elections have long had.

The Council has passed several necessary motions to smooth the nomination process with procedures to let the membership know who the candidates for the 2020-21 Council are, and for Secretary of State. Names of those presently running for Council are set forth elsewhere in this issue. There are two candidates for Secretary of State: John Danielson and Mike Ware.

The Edict provides that all candidates be introduced at the April Membership meeting. Since the April meeting was cancelled, the slate of candidates will be published in the Tuesday Report twice in April and in the Royal Update at least once in April, and in all issues of both publications until May 21 (date of the second scheduled May meeting).

The Edict also provides that nominations from the floor may be made at either the first or second membership meetings in May. Because the first May

meeting has been cancelled and the second May meeting may be cancelled the Council approved an alternate process for receiving nominations "from the floor". This shall be satisfied by soliciting additional nominations in the Tuesday Report and Royal Update. Then nominations may be made by e-mailing or calling both Royal Regent Don Thacker and the Prime Minister with the name of a nominee, on or before May 21, 2020. The membership shall be notified in writing (via Tuesday Report and/or Royal Update) by June 1, 2020 of the names of candidates who were "nominated from the floor" and have accepted and are qualified to run.

The Royal Rosarians have remained strong since 1912. We survived two world wars, several national health crises, and some severe economic disruptions. We will, together, emerge from these uncertain times as strong as ever.

Candidates for Council

There are nine elected Council positions who wear green capes, and three appointed Council positions who wear the red capes. One of the nine elected Council is the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State automatically succeeds to the office of Lord High Chancellor the next year and then to Prime Minister the year after that.

As stated in the preceding article elections will be held on June 11. To date there are ten candidates. Two of which are running for Secretary of State. Nominations for the elected council will remain open until May 21. If you have a nomination call or email both Royal Regent Don Thacker and Prime Minister Kimberly Bown.

The following are the current candidates for elected Council (not listed in any particular order):

- Mike Ware
- Ron Fisher
- Amy Arasmith
- Ilse Kindler
- John Danielson
- Katherine Johnson
- John Jackson
- Michael Mills
- Suzanne Day
- Michelle Veentjer
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SECRETARY OF STATE

- John Danielson
- Mike Ware



Royal Rosarian Weekly Happy Hour



Although we are not able to get together in person, the Chaplain's Communique Committee has instituted a weekly "Virtual Happy Hour" to keep in touch and share what's going on.

We have upgraded to a Zoom Premiere account and meet on Saturdays at 5:30 pm. Keep an eye out for an email from Royal Chaplain Michael Mills with join-the-meeting information. So mix yourself a quarantini, maskarita, distance daquiri or whatever your favorite beverage is and join your fellow Rosarians for a little fun and fellowship

on Saturdays.

Fiesta San Antonio

November 8-15, 2020

Fiesta San Antonio has been rescheduled to November, and the Royal Rosarians will have a delegation attending this wonderful Texas celebration.



VIVA Fiesta!

Our delegation of Royal Rosarians, friends, and family is hoping you will join them for the 2020 Fiesta! They will be staying in the same great place (Drury Hotel with wonderful access to the river and most all things Fiesta), same celebration and events, same great hospitality by our San Antonio friends! Sign up now by completing the registration portion of the trip flyer currently posted on our website's home page under Upcoming Events. Our final date to confirm our trip is September 1, 2020. Should you have any questions, get in touch with Duke Rob

Roses in Your Garden

Springtime won't be denied! We sure hope you can spend some time in the garden and feel revived by the fresh air and warm sun. As your roses start showing new growth, it's time to offer them some fertilizer. Reference OR State University's Rose Care Guidelines for the best approach. The award-winning Portland Rose Society's fertilizer is still available for purchase! Call 503-246-3087 to order and arrange a pick-up time.



Perhaps it's time to add some roses to your garden? Follow the planting guidelines offered in the OSU Rose Care Guidelines. The link below will take you to the OSU Rose Care Guidelines. But what roses do you select? The Portland Rose Society provides an annual Portland Area Rose Finder that lists hundreds of rose varieties available at the greater Portland area nurseries. Most nurseries are open for online or phone orders, with car side pickup available. Click the link below to access the Portland Area Rose Finder.

During these difficult and uncertain times, may nature provide some comfort and healing.

Rosarian Rotogravure



This is how we might look for a parade during the pandemic, although social distancing is being ignored. The photo was taken in Leavenworth when the air was polluted by a forest fire.

Rosarians out on a beautiful spring day delivering tulips for Meals on Wheels.



Meals on Wheels volunteer unpacks tulips from the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm.



Who is that masked Rosarian? Why it's David Rich delivering tulips to the West Vancouver Food Pantry.



The traveling float is nearing the final stages. A real bed of roses!

Back before social distancing we had membership meetings - just so you don't forget!



And we marched in parades - just so you don't forget?

And we even kept in step to our great drummers - just so you don't forget!



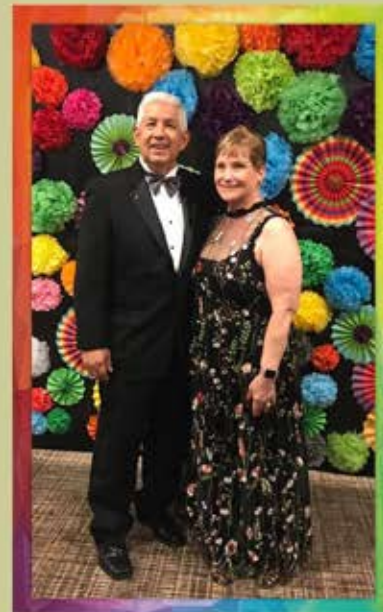
We did Honorary Knightings - just so you don't forget!

We Crowned a Queen - just so you don't forget!



There were Fun Nights - just so you don't forget!

And the glamorous Grand Floral Ball - just so you don't forget!



*And just so you don't forget -
Teddy (Whitehurst) reminds us to
be safe when we go out.*



Announcements

For the good of the organization

Rosarian Cheer and Outreach

The Coronavirus sweeping through the world and our local area, has left us feeling vulnerable and definitely isolated. We want you to know you are not alone should you need support in any area of concern. Our Rosarian family is willing to help if you need assistance.

Royal Chaplain Michael Mills has expanded the Cheer and Outreach Committee in order to increase connection among Rosarians and to help meet needs of

Rosarians and others in our community. Currently the Cheer and Outreach Committee consists of; Michael Mills, Korrie Hoeckendorf, Pam Baker, Shirley Deck, Dwight Terry, Gayle Whitehurst and Tom Hofman. If any Rosarians are available to assist with tasks as they develop, please let Michael know (503-522-1269 or mpmills18@gmail.com).

Let us know your concerns or needs and we will help in any way we are able. Contact the Cheer and Outreach Committee if you have a request, suggestion or question. Protect yourself and stay healthy.

Calendar Changes

COVID-19 is dramatically impacting the Rosarian calendar. Nearly every event over the next couple of months has been, or will be affected. Even Germany's Oktoberfest has been cancelled. The calendar below has been updated as of April 24. Scheduled events are cancelled, rescheduled or on hold. The May 21 membership meeting remains on the calendar and may be held in a virtual format.

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for the 2019-2020 Rosarian year will be on 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 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 May 27, July 22, August 26 and September 23 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree.

(*) Events that have been changed to date

~~*82nd Avenue of the Roses Parade~~ - April 25, Portland (Cancelled)

~~*Apple Blossom Festival~~ - May 1-3, Wenatchee, WA (Cancelled)

~~*St. John's Parade~~ - May 9, St. Johns (Cancelled)

~~*Lilac Festival~~ - May 15-17, Spokane, WA (Rosarians not attending)

~~*Rose Festival Opening Ceremony~~ - May 22, Portland (postponed - TBD)

~~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 (postponed - TBD)

~~*Hosting by Starlight~~ - May 30, 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



“A crisis gives us the opportunity to practice our creativity, for it makes us think outside the box.”

— Abhijit Naskar

(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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