



Royal Rosarians

Royal Update

Special San Antonio Trip
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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

This special update from the Royal Rosarians is produced by Duke Peter Glazer with help from Honorary Dame Suzanne Sullivan and Sir Knight Tom Marantette. Dukes Peter Glazer, Bob Strader, Rob Hungerford, Rick Saturn and Dwight Terry are co-chairs of the 2024 Royal Rosarian trip to San Antonio Fiesta.

Join 2024 Prime Minister Mike Ware for Fiesta



The Royal Rosarians will travel again next April (the 7th time since 1995) to San Antonio Fiesta with our 2024 Prime Minister, Mike Ware and First Lady Colleen. You are invited to join us.

Previous Rosarian trips were led by Prime Ministers Vic Nudelman, Rich Blizzard, Peter Glazer, Rob Hungerford,

Rick Saturn and Dwight Terry. If you've been to Fiesta with the Royal Rosarians, you know how great this trip will be. If you haven't been, come and enjoy favorite Fiesta events as well as Rosarian Hospitality.

The following photos highlight just some of the events and fun you can enjoy April 21-28, 2024 in San Antonio.

Image above: The Riverwalk is San Antonio's magnificent hub of restaurants, shops and people-watching venues.

River Parade

Maybe the Most Unusual Parade You'll Ever See

The River Parade, viewed from the famous San Antonio Riverwalk, is the first of three parades we'll enjoy and one that is unique to Fiesta.

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. The Battle of San Jacinto is where the Texas army defeated the invading Mexican Army after the loss at the Alamo.



A Pilgrimage to the Alamo



Since 2008 Rosarians have participated in the solemn walk known as the Pilgrimage to The Alamo. We're hoping to participate again in 2024.

These images depict Rosarians about to present our wreath (left photo, 2022; right photo, 2008).

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

750,000 People Line the Parade Route!

A favorite event of Fiesta is the nighttime Flambeau Parade. We'll march behind our banner and a horse-drawn carriage carrying 2024 Prime Minister Mike Ware and First Lady Colleen.

750,000 spectators will line the route and you'll love the excitement as they welcome us to San Antonio. Rosarians: this just might be the best out-of-town parade in which you've ever marched. Spouses and non-Rosarians will have ticketed seating to watch the Flambeau Parade.



Same Great Hotel

The Drury Plaza on the Riverwalk



We'll be staying at the Drury Plaza Hotel on the Riverwalk, where we've stayed since 2012. You will like its very convenient location.

The Drury is part of a regional chain of hotels known for their hospitality. You'll enjoy Rosarian hospitality every day with hot hors d'oeuvres and a selection

of your favorite beverages, part of the hotel's hospitality it calls its daily "kickback."

For a look at the Drury Plaza on the Riverwalk, [click here](#). If you like the sound of the Drury's daily "kickback," count on enjoying it.

Here is a shot of our hotel showing the river and Riverwalk.

Included with your hotel room is a free hot breakfast each morning (breakfast items including scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and hot pancakes). In the evening, the Drury's "Kickback" has hot hors d'oeuvres (the rotating menu includes hot

dots, chicken strips, chili, baked potatoes, meatballs and more) and cold beverages (wine, beer, mixed drinks and soft drinks are served everyday). The Drury's 5:30 Kickback is a snack for some, a full meal for others, and free for hotel guests!

Act soon to reserve your hotel room. The Royal Rosarians have a smaller room block than usual this year due to hotel policies so we encourage you to sign up soon! We have 20 rooms in our block. We should be able to get more but that's not a certainty.



Reservations can be made by going to www.druryhotels.com, then enter Group number of 10074814. Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 (refer to the Group number above).

We're Planting a Rose in Old San Antonio

You Won't Want to Miss It



We will conduct our Royal Rosarian Rose Planting Ceremony in honor of our Fiesta friends.

A photo of the Rose Planting in 2008, which was at The Alamo.



Enjoy the history of The Alamo by joining your fellow Rosarians for Prime Minister Mike Ware's April 2024 trip to San Antonio Fiesta (Travel dates: Sunday, April 21 to Sunday, April 28)

Pageantry - Queen's Coronation and Royal Rosarian Knighting

Magnificent Gowns, a Ceremony Like You've Never seen

We will be attending the Coronation of the Queen and presentation of her Court (a princess and 24 duchesses). This is a major social event in the city. Known for its pageantry, gowns alone can run \$100,000 or more. And if one queen isn't enough, other festival organizations also have their royalty including Miss Fiesta, a Queen of Soul, and some



30 additional queens. There will also be honored male and female representatives from each of the several major military installations located in the San Antonio area.

Hosted Luncheon and Honorary Knighting Ceremony

We will again host a luncheon at the historic Menger Hotel where guests will enjoy our abbreviated Honorary Knighting Ceremony. We will honor several San Antonio dignitaries. This year the Knighting Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday due to the hotel's availability. Your admission is included in your packet price.



This 2022 photo depicts the Honorary Knighting Ceremony at the luncheon hosted by the Royal Rosarians for San Antonio dignitaries at the historic Menger Hotel

A Royal Welcome for Rosarians

"San Antonio Loves Royal Rosarians" read this banner along the Riverwalk in 2016.



Hosted Breakfast at Mi Tierra

Our very generous friend, Fernando Reyes, will again host us for breakfast with other dignitaries at the famous restaurant, Mi Tierra. In 2022 we met and dined with San Antonio royalty, representatives of our Armed Forces, and others.



Top photo: a colorful room filled with dignitaries enjoying breakfast hosted by our friend, Fernando Reyes.

Bottom photo: Fernando Reyes with some of his Rosarian friends in front of a colorful mural of San Antonio dignitaries.

Ready to Sign Up Now?

MAKE YOUR TRIP COMMITMENT NOW BY PURCHASING THE ROYAL ROSARIAN PACKET

This an affordable Rosarian trip. The price for your packet is \$650 per person, just slightly more than 2022. The five Dukes in charge (Strader, Glazer, Hungerford, Saturn and Terry) are working hard to provide you a good value and a lot of fun, carrying on the tradition of our mentors, Duke of the Realm Victor Greb, and Sir Knights Bill Nelson and Bruce Aschim.

Your \$650 packet includes tickets to the River Parade, Coronation, Battle of Flowers Parade, Flambeau Parade (if you are not in the parade), Fernando Reyes' breakfast at Mi Tierra, the

Rosarian luncheon and Knighting Ceremony, dinner on a barge cruising the river, and a planned dinner on Friday at Texas de Brazil. Make your own hotel reservations and transportation arrangements.

Please note that the \$650 per person packet cost must be considered non-refundable. This is due to hotel policies that impose certain risks on us, new this year. You may wish to purchase trip insurance on your own.

To reserve your spot now, click the link to the Royal Rosarian website

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=bfd62e95-c8ff-411b-98a3-dc3359318df2> or call Rick Saturn at 503-519-0004 or email Rick at RASaturn@msn.com



Rosarians will enjoy dinner on a barge cruising the river on Thursday.

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