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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading this issue of 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.



March Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 7

This late blooming winter will one day be over and Royal Rosarians will be once again heavily involved in parades, rose plantings, knightings, greetings, hosting, and more. Membership meetings are an excellent way of keeping up with coming events and signing up to help put them on. The next membership meeting is March 7 at the DoubleTree Portland Hotel in the Lloyd Center. This is an important meeting especially if you are marking your calendar for the festival season. This meeting we will be celebrating the Dukes and Duchesses so come and give them your support.

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm and dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Register online by linking below or contact Dame Jannette Day (jday409@outlook.com or 503-806-4491).

Date: Thursday, March 7

Time: Social Hour - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm



Where: DoubleTree Portland Hotel, Lloyd Center.
Attire: Green Jackets with Black Trousers

Above, Dames Si Barron and Diane Olson get in a promotion at the February Membership Meeting for the upcoming Newsmakers Dinner on April 3.

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

Free Wine Tasting

Sunday, March 10

The Royal Rosarian Foundation is hosting a free wine tasting on Sunday, March 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Tualatin. They will have some bubbles, some rosé, some white and plenty of red to hopefully suit everyone's palette. They will also have food to facilitate tasting. There is no charge for the event, only what you might buy.


There will be 30 wines for tasting offered at five tasting stations and experts from the wine industry will be there to answer all of your questions. You may order in any combination, as long as your total order is divisible by six. This number was picked because it is easier for packaging.

It's at the home of Dame Carolyn and Squire Peter Saba, 6205 SW Meridian Way, Tualatin. Please remember this is a time for education about wine, a time to pick our Hospitality wines, and a time for fellowship and fun. Please come to buy and to enjoy yourself.

RSVP by the link below or to Dame Kathy Fastenau 503-329-0907 or email her at safeaunt@gmail.com

[click here to RSVP for the wine tasting](#)

FREE ROYAL ROSARIAN WINE EVENT



MARCH 10, 2019
1:00-4:00

CAROLYN SABA HOME
6205 SW MERIDIAN WAY
TUALATIN, OR

Come and taste over 30 wines from
from Oregon, Washington, and
around the world.

Please mark your calendars for the
FIRST Rosarian Wine Fest! This will
be your only opportunity to purchase
spring wine for 2019. Wine available
for purchase in full and half case, mix
& match. There will be food to
facilitate tasting and a special raffle
for you and your guests. Invite your
friends and family. RSVP to
Clubrunner or Kathy Fastenau
503-329-0907 or
safeaunt@gmail.com
Support Hospitality

NE Portland St. Paddy's Day Parade

Sunday, March 7

Please join PM Don Thacker and First Squire James on Sunday, March 17 to march in the 30th annual NE Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade. The 1.2 mile parade begins at 1:00pm at Beverly Cleary School/Fernwood Campus 1915 NE 33rd Ave. This is the first time the Royal Rosarians will be participating in this fun, no rules parade.



When: Sunday, March 17.

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

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

Uniform: Parade Whites, hats, gloves, capes.

[Click here to link to the St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

Newsmakers Award Banquet

Wednesday, April 3

A traditional and heartwarming event of the Royal Rosarians is the annual Newsmakers Award Banquet. At Newsmakers of the Year prominent local media honor citizens from the Greater Portland area who have performed exceptional acts of heroism or benevolent service without regard for personal safety, public recognition or commercial gain.



Local TV and newspaper newsrooms select Newsmaker Honorees. They are awarded a Royal Rosarian bronze medallion and a framed certificate by the Prime Minister.

The goal is to honor heroes and heroines in our community, to celebrate journalistic excellence as expressed through the reporting of events that have a positive influence upon the way we live, and to inspire the audience with a sense of pride in a greater community.

K103-FM morning radio personalities John Erickson and Bruce Murdock are the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening as TV news anchors and other media representatives will present their Newsmaker, and his or her newsworthy story.

The price is \$50 for individual tickets. Corporate table sponsorships are available and include seats for eight attendees and program recognition and priority placement. The cost for Corporate Table sponsorship is \$550.

You can register by clicking the link below or on the Rosarian website. Address questions to Dame Si Barron 503-998-6482 or TSC Lion@gmail.com or Dame Terry Carol 971-227-3716 or Mom4Ben@hotmail.com.

The 2018 recipients are pictured above.

New Member Knighting



Saturday, April 20

The Royal Rosarians are known and respected worldwide as the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland. That recognition is a result of the amazing amount of time, effort and dedication by our membership. To maintain these efforts, we must continue to bring in new members. Not only to replace those Rosarians we lose each year, but for their ideas, energy and standing in the community.

The Royal Rosarian Class of 2019 will be formerly knighted at the New Member Knighting on Saturday, April 20 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. The black-tie event is full of tradition and is always a moving ceremony and evening. Click the link below for more information and to register.

The membership committee is still taking applications for membership. If you know of someone in your circle of friends, acquaintances or coworkers who would make a good Rosarian invite them to learn more.

That would be someone with a strong bond with Portland, involved in civic or philanthropic endeavors, are social and have the time and financial wherewithal to be a member. If someone comes to mind contact Lord High Sheriff Craig Dirksen (503-310-3659 or craigdirksen@hotmail.com) with their name and contact information.

Royal Gardner Barb Brennan and Lord High Steward Pat Maberry present roses to the newly knighted members of the Class of 2018 at last year's knighting ceremony in the photo above.

[Click here to register for the New Member Knighting](#)

Desert or Cactus Rose

Cactus or Rose?

Pereskia grandifolia, commonly called rose cactus or pereskia is featured on the knighting flyer. The cactus rose is botanically classified as a cactus, but takes the form of an evergreen to deciduous shrub or small tree with a rounded crown typically maturing to 6-16' tall. It often develops a brown trunk (to 8" diameter). It is native to tropical areas of eastern Brazil but is cultivated in many places elsewhere for its attractive rose-like flowers. This plant is often used as a medicinal or ornamental plant. In addition the leaves are edible and may be added to salads or cooked. Black to brown spines (to 2" long) in groups of 1-6 rise from areolas in the



leaf axils. Pink to purplish-pink flowers (2" diameter) centered by yellow stamens bloom in few-flowered terminal clusters in summer. Flowers are followed by fleshy, pear-shaped fruits (2-4" long) that mature yellow, red or green.

Winter hardy to USDA Zones 10-11 where this cactus is best grown in moist (summer) organically rich, well-drained soils in full sun to light shade. Tolerates dry soil conditions well but may drop leaves. Keep soils drier during winter dormancy. Appreciates some afternoon shade in hot summer climates. Leaves are deciduous when temperatures dip below 50 degrees F. Plants will usually survive winter if temperatures do not dip below 25 degrees F. Propagate from cuttings planted in light, porous soil. Cuttings may root in water.

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival



Wenatchee, WA May 3-5

Sir Knight Morris Westlund has issued the challenge that only the first 100 Rosarians who register for the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival will be able participate. This popular festival is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year so it will be a special one-time gala. Our Rosarian in the know warns that hotel rooms are filling up fast, so you need to call and book your room now.

The hospitality packet is \$300 for a couple and \$175 for a single. The packet covers access to the hospitality suite, the Queen's Ball on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, seating for the parade if not marching and the "100th Jubilee Derby" Saturday night. The registration deadline is April 5. The Hospitality packet is available from Sir Knight Morris or from the Appalarian web site through the link below. Registration is not yet available on the Rosarian Calendar. If you have sent in your hospitality registration to the host Appalarians please email Morris (MorrisWestlund@gmail.com or 503) 781-1981 (cell & text)) and let him know.

The host hotel is the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and has a festival special room rate of \$119 per night. Ask for the "Applarian Block" when booking. Hotel reservations are not included in festival packets so hotel reservations must be made separately.

[Click here for the Apple Blossom Festival Hospitality Package](#)

Prime Minister's Trip

October 5-15, 2019

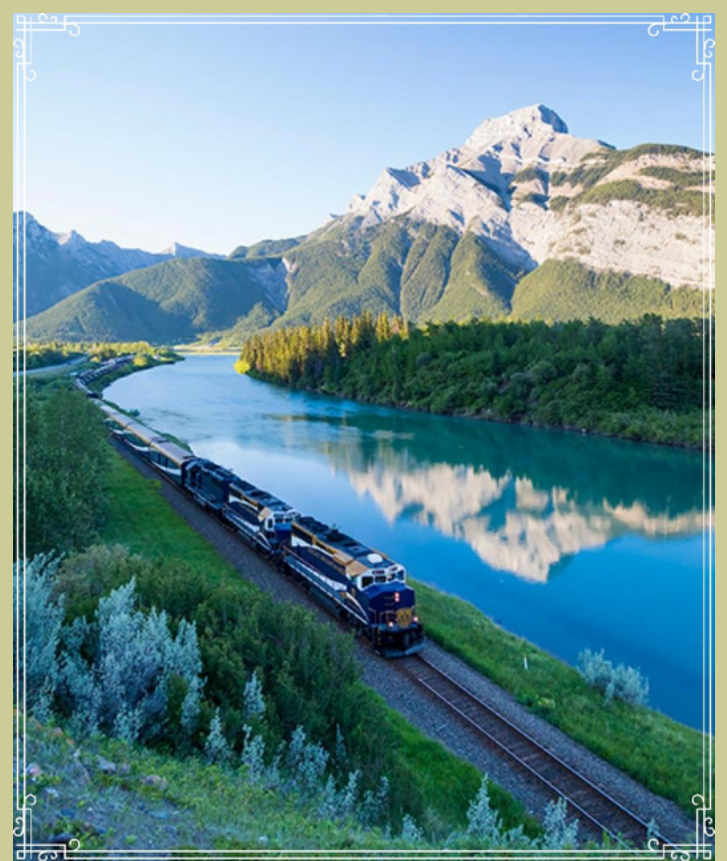
Even if you missed the Prime Minister's Trip Information Meeting there are still a few spots open for this first class trip.

The annual Prime Minister's Trip is one of the ways we spread information and goodwill about Portland. For over 30 years Prime Ministers have led Rosarians on trips around the world to places in the Americas, Europe, China, Russia and the South Pacific, planting roses and telling the world about our beautiful city. Next October, incoming Prime Minister Kimberly Bown leads Rosarians to neighbors in

the North, Alberta and British Columbia. This will be a great trip, traveling through some of the most scenic vistas of the world.

This will be a first class experience of Kananaskis, Banff, Lake Louise, Kamloops, Vancouver and Victoria. Stay at the world-famous Banff Springs Hotel, trek onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier on an ice explorer bus, ride through the Rockies with Gold Leaf service on the incredible Rocky Mountaineer train. Travel by ferry to finish the trip at the historic Empress Hotel in Victoria with a visit to Butchart Gardens and a traditional Canadian Thanksgiving feast.

For more information contact trip chair Sir Knight Jeff McRitchie (jeff@mybinding.com or 503-250-4823).



Rosarian Rotogravure



Rosarians and guests enjoy a sumptuous spread at the New and Potential Member Winter Reception in January at Atiyeh Bros.

Prime Minister Don Thacker presented Sir Knight Richard Gessford with his certificate as a Life Member at the February Membership Meeting.



A number of Life Members turned out to be honored at the February Membership Meeting.

Prime Minister Don, Queen of Rosaria Kiara Johnson and the delegation from Portland are welcomed to Portland's Sister City, Kaohsiung, Taiwan for the Lantern Festival in early February.



The traveling float work parties continue at My Binding Warehouse in Hillsboro. Painters, carpenters, and helping hands are welcome and needed. Information can be found in the Tuesday Report and in the Rosarian Calendar.

Mystery Rosarian

Guess Who

This Rosarian is a 5th generation Portlander whose only time away from Oregon was a three-year stint in Alaska in a town with no traffic lights.

Notable life events include being a two-time state dance team champion and being named to the all-state dance team; skydiving; and marching in parades in the US, China, and Mexico.

A graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in Home Ec, this Rosarian enjoys quilting and raising a pretty awesome teenager.



Answer in Calendar

Announcements

For the Good of the Organization

Royal Rosarian Greeting

Sapporo High School:

When: Monday, March 11. 10:30 am

Where: Sheraton Airport Hotel

Attire: Whites, capes, hats, gloves (dayskirts for dames preferred, pants acceptable)

Arleta School First Grade Parade

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 three years.

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

When: Friday, March 1. 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.

Notes: Parking will be on street. The entire parade will only take about 20 minutes. Contact Royal Scribe Amy Arasmith (amyarasmith@gmail.com or 503-312-8381) for information. Register through the calendar on the Royal Rosarian website.

Clothes Closet

The Rosarian Foundation Clothes Closet has a number of uniforms, uniform pieces and patches for uniforms available for sale. They are slightly used, but serviceable. Contact Duke Rob Hungerford for information.

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for the 2018-2019 Rosarian year will be held on March 7, April 11 (Dukes & Duchesses), May 2 & 23 (Court & SOS, Spouses) and June 13 (elections). All meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

Rosarian Council Meetings - The Council Meetings for the 2018-19 Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 pm on March 18, April 15, May 20, August 19, and September 16 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Will be held at 6:00 pm on March 27, April 24, May 22, July 24, August 21 and September 25 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

Aleta School First Grade Parade - March 1, Aleta School, Portland

Fiesta of Flowers Auction - March 2, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

Membership Meeting - March 7, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

Northeast Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade - March 17, Fernwood/Cleary School, Portland

Knighting Practice - March 20, Zeller Chapel of Roses, Portland



New Member Orientation - March 26, TBA

Newsmakers - April 3, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

Daffodil Festival Parade - April 6, Puyallup, WA

Blessing of the Festival - April 13, Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Portland

New Member Reception April 16, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

New Member Knighting - April 20, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

82nd Avenue Parade - April 27, Eastport Plaza, Portland

Rip City Race for the Roses - April 28, Portland

St. Johns' Parade - May 11, St. Johns

Lilac Festival - May 17-19, Spokane, WA.

Hyack Festival - May 24-26, New Westminster, B.C.

Powell Valley Rose Planting - June 1, Powell Valley Assisted Living, Gresham

Hosting by Starlight - June 1, TBA

Starlight Parade - June 1, Portland

Prime Minister's Ball - September 14, Sentinel Hotel, Portland

Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website. Click the link below.

[Answer to the Mystery Rosarian: Royal Scribe Amy Arasmith](#)

[Click here to view the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"In the book of life, the answers are not in the back of the book.."

- Charlie Brown

(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 Peter thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)

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