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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.



NE Portland St. Paddy's Day Parade



Sunday, March 17

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. This is the first time the Royal Rosarians will be participating in this fun, no rules parade. For further information click the link below.

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.

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

[Click here for more information on the St. Paddy's Day Parade](#)

Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony

Saturday, March 30

The Eye Dotting Ceremony marks the start of the dragon boat racing season in Portland. Hundreds of Portlanders look forward to this day and the hours of hard work and joy of dragon boat racing that lay ahead. To dot the eyes is a Chinese tradition that means to give the boats life, or awaken the sleeping dragons. See the rest of the story in the article below.



The Royal Rosarians have been asked by the Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association to participate once again in this event. We will form an honor guard for the blessing of the fleet where dignitaries will speak and then join the processional down to the docks where the eyes will be painted on the dragons.

Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: Riverplace Marina Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way, Portland

Attire: Parade Whites, hats, gloves, capes

For further information and to register for the ceremony, click the link below to the Rosarian Calendar. Duke Rob Hungerford is the Rosarian chair and contact for the Eye Dotting Ceremony.

Photo above is from the 2018 Eye Dotting Ceremony.

[click here to register for the Eye Dotting Ceremony](#)

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 each present their Newsmaker of the Year, 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 seating. 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 Caroll 971-227-3716 or Mom4Ben@hotmail.com.

The 2018 recipients are pictured above.

[Click here to register for the Newsmakers Award Banquet](#)

Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade

Saturday, April 6

Although the Royal Rosarians will not be participating in the Daffodil Festival hospitality weekend we are entered in the Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade, one of four festival parades in Pierce County that day.

Join Prime Minister Don Thatcher, Squire James and the Royal Rosarian traveling float to travel north for the first out-of-town parade this season on Saturday, April 6. Rosarians should plan to arrive by 12:15

and the Parade begins at 12:45 pm in Puyallup. The float will be on 7th Avenue SW between 7th Street SW and 13th Street SW in Puyallup for assembly.

A bus has been located for transportation to Puyallup if a minimum of 25 people will sign-up to ride. The cost would be \$35 per person. The bus would leave at 9:00 am for the 2.5 hour drive to Puyallup and return about 7:00 pm. There will be a stop on the way home to eat. Lord Chief Justice John Danielson sent out a notice about the parade. The notice provides a link to register or decline for the parade. It is important to register if you are interested in taking the bus to meet the minimum needed. You can link to the Rosarian website registration by clicking the below link.

The uniform is parade dress whites. If you are a new Rosarian and have not purchased your White Uniform, your green jacket with black trousers is perfect. A Drummer, Drill Master, Banner and Flag Carriers are needed. Contact Lord Chief Justice John Danielson (johnmdanielson@gmail.com or 503-381-2480).



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

Blessing of the Festival

Saturday, April 13



Each year the Royal Rosarians host the Blessing of the Festival to mark the beginning of the Rose Festival season. The April 13 event will introduce the newly selected Rose Court princesses and honor those members of the Royal Rosarians, Rose Festival Foundation, Rose Society and Blueback Submarine Council who have passed away the previous year.

The Blessing will be held at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church, 5760 NE Cleveland Avenue in North Portland. Rosarians are requested to arrive at 11:30 am to be briefed, practice and help with final preparations. The blessing begins at 1:00 pm. The uniform is whites with hats, gloves and capes. Women wear day skirts. If you don't have your whites, green jackets with black trousers is acceptable. The honor guard requires whites. The contact is Royal Chaplain Ron Fisher (ron.j.fisher@gmail.com or 503-591-9182)

Please register for the Blessing of the Festival on the Rosarian website calendar or click the link below.

Shown above are Rosarians with the 2018 Court at the 2018 Blessing of the Festival at the Mosaic Church in Portland.

[Click here to register for the Blessing of the Festival](#)

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. 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.



**ROYAL
ROSARIAN
NEW MEMBER
KNIGHTING
CEREMONY**

**Save the Date
April 20, 2019**

**Sheraton Hotel
Invitation to Follow**

The Royal Rosarian Class of 2019 will be formally 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 cost is \$68 per person. You can register by the link below or on the Rosarian website calendar.

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, is social and has 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.

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

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 to 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 "Appalarian 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](#)

Dotting the Dragon's Eyes

Chinese Lore

It is generally believed that the tradition of "eye-dotting" originated from two Chinese stories concerning printing pictures. During the Eastern Jin Dynasty [314-420 A.D.], a painter named Gu Kai Zhi was famous for painting portraits. However, he had a strange habit of leaving the eyeballs out for several years after the rest of the painting was finished. When he was asked why, he said, "The most life-like strokes of a subtle portrait come from the eyes." He was actually implying that even a single stroke should not be done casually.



A little later, a painter called Zhang Seng You was asked to paint a mural for the An Le Monastery in Nanjing during the Southern Dynasty [420-589 A.D.], when he had

finished it was noticed that all the dragons on the wall paintings lacked pupils in their eyes. When the Abbot invited him to add the pupils, Zhang said, "It must not be done, otherwise they will fly away from the wall into the sky."

The Abbot was not convinced. Eventually the dragons with eyeballs painted on them emerged and flew away, while those without stayed on the wall - (This is the origin of the Chinese proverb "Draw the dragons, dot the eyes".)

In fact, when we dot the eyes, we are dotting out the essence. When extended to literature, we may say that the most vivid words are "the stroke that dots the eyes."

When the eyes are dotted for dragon boats, lions or masks, the meaning is the same: We draw the eyes, we give them life! We are conveying our personal feelings!

In the above photo 2017-18 Prime Minister Adam Baker awakens the dragon at the 2018 Eye Dotting Ceremony.

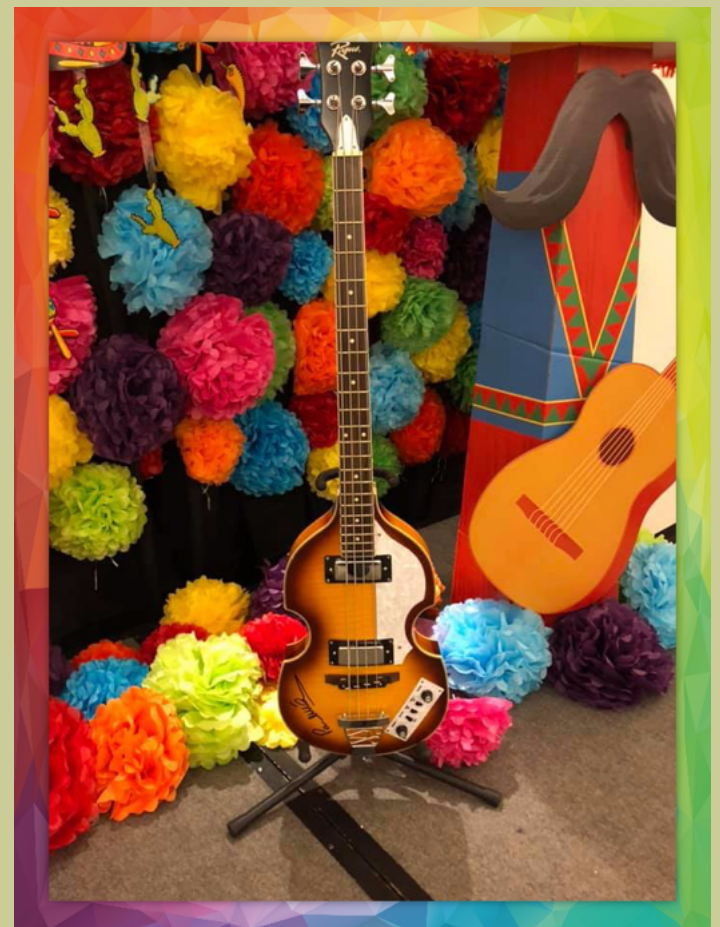
(The above information comes from a newsletter of Hong Kong's Stanley Dragon Boat Association.)

Rosarian Rotogravure



The Fiesta of Flowers auction was a colorful event thanks to the many hands preparing the decorations for the Royal Rosarian Foundation fundraiser.

The results were colorful and fun.





The Royal Rosarian Dukes and Duchesses were celebrated at the March 7 Membership Meeting. Sixteen Dukes and Duchesses were on hand to be honored by the 125 attendees.

Having a good time constructing the 2019 Royal Rosarian traveling float.



Duke Peter Glazer checks in with former First Lady Pam Baker at the Rosarian Spring Wine Tasting at Dame Carolyn Saba's beautiful home on March 10.

All about roses

Editor's note: As Royal Rosarians, the rose is the core of our traditions and lore. In keeping with the theme of the rose there will be occasional to regular pieces about the rose, "Rose Buds", appearing in the Update. The first few issues will look at the rose in history. Others will be trivia about the rose, stories of a particular species or variety of rose, care of roses, etc. Maybe a guest columnist.



THE ROSE IN MYTHOLOGY AND EARLY HISTORY

Roses are one of the most popular flowers around the world. Over the centuries they have been a symbol of love, but they also sometimes served as symbols in parts of royal coats of arms. The first evidence of blossoming roses comes from a period 40-35 million years ago. The oldest known fossil was discovered in Colorado. Fossils have also been found in Norway, Germany, Balkans, Alaska, Mexico, and some other locations. Written sources started to mention them a few thousand years ago, but it is known that roses were cherished in Ancient Egypt - rose petals have been discovered in many tombs and paintings of roses were even discovered in the tomb of the pharaoh Thutmose IV, who was a ruler of the 18th dynasty.

In ancient times, roses appeared in myths and were appreciated by rulers and used during great celebrations and parties. They had a special place in Greek mythology. According to ancient legend, roses were created by Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love. They grew from her tears and the blood of her lover - Adonis. Cleopatra, probably inspired by the mythical origins of roses, used their petals during public appearances. She wanted to be remembered as a goddess who smelled like roses. Cleopatra was believed to have covered the floor of her palace room with roses before Mark Antony visited her, although the painting of the meeting of Antony and Cleopatra by Lawrence Alma-Tadema shows roses on the trellis above her.

In the times of Alexander the Great, roses were already very popular in Europe and Asia, but sources say that the Macedonian king increased their popularity in Egypt. In 1888, English archaeologist Sir William Flinders Petrie discovered a rose garland used as a funeral wreath during the 2nd century AD in Upper Egypt.

The legend about Aphrodite was adopted by the Romans, who used to call the goddess of love Venus. Romans made this flower a symbol of beauty and love. It was an attribute of Cupid as well. In Roman mythology, the son of Venus (Cupid) was stung by a bee when he was shooting arrows into a garden full of roses. When Venus was walking in the garden, she pricked her foot on a thorn left by her son. It turned the roses red. During the domination of the Roman Empire, roses were also a symbol of vanity. Roman Emperors used to dump tons of rose petals on the guests of their dinners and orgies.

Apart from this, the newly married couples in Ancient Rome liked to be crowned with roses, which received the name *Rosa gallica*, which is a well-known rose even today. *Rosa gallica* is currently also called the French Rose, but it has been known since the 12th century BC, and it came to Europe from Persia. The descendant of this rose is the *Rosa damascena*.

Roses were mentioned in Confucian, Buddhist, and early Christian religious texts as

well. Circa 500 BC, Confucius wrote about roses which grew in the Imperial Gardens. He also mentioned that the library of the Chinese emperor contained a few hundred books about roses. During the reign of the Han dynasty (about 207 BC - 220 AD), gardeners cultivated roses which were popular all over the country, including in agricultural lands.

The painting above is 'The Meeting of Antony and Cleopatra', by Lawrence Alma-Tadema, 1884

Announcements

For the Good of the Organization

Traveling Float Work Party

The first out-of-town parade is just a few weeks away and the traveling float needs some finishing work. Painters, carpenters and helping hands are needed Saturday, March 16. Coffee and great donuts will be provided to provide energy. If necessary, there may be a work party on Sunday, March 17.

When: Saturday, March 16. 10 am - 2 pm.

Where: My Binding Warehouse, 5500 NE Moore Court, Hillsboro

Spring Wine Pickup

Wine purchased at the Spring Wine Tasting will be available for pickup on Saturday, March 23 at the home of Melissa Snowberger (Kathy Fastenau's daughter), 20236 SW 93rd Ave, Tualatin.

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 Dame Kathie Bagley for information.

Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for the 2018-2019 Rosarian year will be held on April 11, 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.

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

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

Spring Wine Pickup - March 23, Tualatin



New Member Orientation - March 26, Lord High Sheriff Craig Dirksen's home

Dragon Boat Eye Dotting Ceremony - March 30, River Place Marina Hotel, Portland

Newsmakers - April 3, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

Puyallup 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

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - May 3-5, Wenatchee, WA

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, Hotel DeLuxe, Portland

Starlight Parade - June 1, Portland

Kiwanis Breakfast - June 5, Benson Hotel, Portland

Rose Festival Children's Parade, - June 5, Hollywood District, Portland

Hospitality Room opens - June 6, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Honorary Knighting - June 7, Portland

Queens' Garden Party - June 7, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Hospitality Fun Night - June 7, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Queen's Coronation - June 8, Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, Portland

Grand Floral Parade - June 8, Portland

Grand Floral Ball - June 8, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Hospitality Farewell Breakfast - June 9, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Queen's Plaque Laying - June 9, Washington Park International Rose Test Garden, 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.

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

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"If you think a small thing is of no importance try going to sleep with a mosquito in your ear."

- Cliff Dochterman, Past President of Rotary International

(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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