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Newsmakers of the Year Dinner to be March 10

The Newsmakers of the Year Dinner begins at 6 PM, Wednesday March 10, 2004 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center. As before, parking in the garage will be free.

Jim Francesconi, Portland City Councilman, will be the Master of Ceremonies and our eight media presenters are lining

up their stories for an exciting and moving night.

This is one of the only events we do that is not directly connected to the Rose Festival and it has become a real "signature" winter event in Portland. It really raises our flag as a caring and positive organization.

Dress is whites or business attire, your choice.

Tickets for a delicious prime rib dinner and a memorable night of live presentations are just \$45 per person; please contact Betty Allen at (503) 408-5735 for reservations.

Tickets will also be available at the March 4th meeting.

Art Scevola, Chairman



The Royal Rosarian Newsmakers Dinner and Awards Ceremony last year honored Bill Porter shown above speaking with presenter Steve Dunn of Channel 2 News.

New Member Knighting Coming April 3rd

On Saturday, April 3rd, you will have the opportunity to attend one of the most prestigious Rosarian events held by this organization.

The New Member Knighting Ceremony will be conducted at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, April 3rd. Each Royal Rosarian will be receiving an invitation by mail.

Please plan on attending. Support your organization and the Rosarians' newest members, the Class of 2004.

Music will be by "TOO MUCH", a wonderful band for your listening and dancing pleasure. A really great menu has been planned, and as you know, the fellowship can't be beat anywhere. You can't ask for a better evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Shipley, New Member Knighting Ceremony Chairman

March Membership Meeting to Honor Dukes of the Realm

Our next Royal Rosarian meeting, "Dukes Night Out", will be held Thursday, March 4 at NW Natural Gas (located at 220 N. W. Second Ave., Portland). The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. for our social hour and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

We will be served both steak and salmon along with whipped potatoes and a vegetable. Wine will also be served at the tables.

The cost for the meal is \$27.00. Dress for the evening is green jackets over black skirts or pants.

Parking is available under the building at your expense, and parking tickets will not be validated.

Fire regulations limit the number of attendees so reservations are **required**. To RSVP: 1) contact your Royal Communicator now or 2) call Dwight Terry at (503) 690-2984 or 3) make your reservation by email to meetingsrsvp@royalrosarian.org

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Dukes of the Realm

1963.....Ellsworth D. Purdy
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1971.....Richard A. Atiyeh
1975.....Frank M. Tunno
1976.....Len W. Hufford
1979.....James W. Nielson
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1983.....Worth W. Caldwell, Jr.
1986.....Thomas A. Drake
1987.....Cebert S. Bryan
1988.....Victor R. Greb
1989.....Jeff J. Metzker
1990.....Antonio (Tony) Pasion
1991.....Larry M. Cervarich
1992.....Scott C. Stuhl
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1994.....Edwin Honeycutt
1996.....James P. Henderson
1997.....Paul A. Casebeer
1999.....Dr. Donald L. Henderson
2000.....Dr. Richard B. Clifton
2001.....Tedd F. Chillless
2002.....Richard W. Blizzard

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Linda and I are busy with the various committees involved in planning for the many events which are scheduled this year. I am impressed with how professionally each committee handles their various duties. We want to thank each of you for the effort you have displayed so far and the time and effort you willingly expend to make this year successful.

I again want to encourage each of you to attend the New Member Knighting on April 3, 2004. The council is practicing their knighting parts and the ceremony should be meaningful and exciting.

Linda and I had the honor to represent you at the Tournament of Roses celebration in Pasadena, California during the New Year's weekend. This is a wonderful chance to get to know leaders from the Rose Festival Association and the Rose Society. I can assure you that our relationship with these two sister organizations is at a very high level of respect and cooperation. We attended the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl as well as many other sights involved in the celebration. I was impressed with the size and organization involved in such a major event.

The Newsmakers celebration is scheduled for March 10 at the Double Tree- Lloyd Center. The committee is doing a fantastic job of organization. We will have eight newsmakers this year and I expect one of the largest audiences to attend the event.

The wine committee has announced that they will have a special wine, which will carry the Royal Rosarian label. This wine is a premium red and will have a limited supply. The wine committee has already sold most of the available supply so if you would like a real keepsake wine



John A. Hisatomi

Prime Minister

which would make a wonderful gift as well as a reasonable priced premium drinking wine, please contact the committee and reserve a case.

Many of you have not attended an out-of-town event for a number of years. Linda and I would like to share a weekend with you this year. We have three weekends at which we are planning to really have a great turnout. Details are on Page three of the Reminder. Please join us for Hyack, Marysville and Leavenworth.

Hospitality weekend committees are in full swing. Please mark your calendar for the second weekend in June for a fabulous time. The Friday night event will be casual and the Saturday night event will be black tie. Penny Bakefelt is the hospitality chair.

It is a real honor to be Prime Minister of the Royal Rosarians. I am enjoying representing you and look forward to the special events which we are planning. Please join me and get involved.

John Hisatomi, Prime Minister



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Out - of - Town Visitations

Hyack Festival - New Westminster, B.C.

May 28, 29 & 30, 2004

Marysville Strawberry Festival

June 18, 19 & 20, 2004

Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival

September 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2004

Mark Your Calendars Now

Don't look now but Spring is just around the corner and with it comes, you guessed it, out-of-town visitations. Visitations are to festivals held in the Pacific Northwest which Rosarians attend to have a great time together while promoting the City of Portland and the Rose Festival.

This year our focus is on three festivals. It is the goal of our Prime Minister to have each one of us attend one or more of these events.

The Hyack Festival held May 28-30 is in New Westminster, B.C. Highlights here include a parade that is all downhill, firing of the anvil, a cruise on the Vancouver Harbor and a casino right next door. Gary Cornell will chair this event.

A new visitation this year is the Strawberry Festival in Marysville, WA on June 18-20. Here we enjoy an evening pa-

rade (flat), golf, a new casino and wineries are close by. The parade is televised so let's have a large contingent of Rosarians. Shirley Deck is the chair. Third, we have the Autumn Leaf Festival at Leavenworth, WA on September 23-26. Here we enjoy a short, flat parade. Shopping is always good in this German community as well as the golf tourney and great Bavarian atmosphere. Shannon Fyre and Stan Steudler head up this event.

If this is not enough, remember we have two "day" parades. Tillamook's Dairy Festival is held June 25-27 with Al Prihar chairing; and the Astoria Regatta is August 13-15 with John Creegan as chair. So here is your chance. Get out your calendars and save these dates now. We look forward to seeing all of you at these outings.

Denny Baker, Council

"Roses under a Tuscan Sun"

Plan to join Tom and Carol Wright for the 2004 Prime Minister Trip to Northern Italy. This journey departs Portland on October 4, returning October 15.

Featuring a non-stop Lufthansa flight to Europe with overnights in only four hotels, you are sure to be energized for all the sights and sounds of Italy. Visit the resort town of Stresa on Lake Maggiore and enjoy a guided tour of the three beautiful Borromeo Islands. Travel through Milan to Florence with a day trip to the

Tuscan Countryside. Have dinner in an Italian Villa. Travel through the historical town of Ravenna and then on to represent Portland as a Royal Rosarian in our newest sister city, Bologna. Of course, a trip to Italy would not be complete without a visit to the romantic city of Venice.

This trip is sure to be fun and space is limited. Deposits are now being accepted. For more information call Penny Bakefelt, Chairman, at (503) 641-3117.

ROSARIAN CALENDAR

March 4:

Membership Meeting "Dukes Night"

NW Natural - 4th Floor
N.W. 2nd and Davis
Social at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Greens, black slacks/skirts
Reservations required:
E-mail meetingsvp@royal
rosarian.com or call Dwight
Terry at (503) 690-2984

March 10:

Newsmakers of the Year

DoubleTree-Lloyd Center
1000 N.E. Multnomah
Social at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
Whites or Business Attire
Contact Betty Allen -
(503) 408-5735

April 3:

New Member Knighting for all Rosarians & Spouses

Sheraton - Airport Hotel
8235 N.E. Airport Way
Social at 5:30 p.m.
Knighting at 6:30 p.m.
Black tie / Formals
Reservations required:
Contact David Shipley -
(503) 282-3434

April 8:

Membership Meeting Spouses Night

Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 S.W. Salmon
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Greens, white slacks/skirts
Contact Dwight Terry -
(503) 690-2984

Wine Sales - 2004 Hospitality Wine Offering

As is the tradition, wines will again be offered to the membership at special prices to support the Hospitality events. Tasting will be available at the March and April Membership Meetings.

Order forms will be on the tables and available.

The special offering will be the same as in the past. That is: three bottles free with a one case purchase, eight bottles free with a two case order and the "Best Buy" is 15 bottles free with a three case purchase.

Get your friends, relatives and colleagues together and make up your order.

The committee has selected quality wines at attractive prices for you to choose from.

Peter Maring and Committee

Royal Rosarian Label New This Year

A premium red wine will be offered with a Royal Rosarian label for your Rose Festival use. This will be a limited quantity, one time offering.

This is the first of what will become an annual Royal Rosarian Tradition.

The committee received such a positive response it nearly sold out at the February Membership Meeting.

There will be a single tasting and ordering at the March 4th Membership Meeting. Bring your checks and assure yourself of not being disappointed.

Purchase in full cases only at \$240 per case. Delivery is scheduled in April or early May.

Rose Garden Contest Seeks Entrants

Spring rains and summer's sun are almost here. Rose growers and enthusiasts start preparing for the 67th Rose Garden Contest sponsored by the Royal Rosarians.

Preliminary judging will take place on Sunday June 6th; final judging will take place on Monday, June 7th.

The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 24th at the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden in Washington Park

beginning at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented for the four top places in each of the many categories.

The Rose Garden Contest is an officially sanctioned event by the Portland Rose Festival Association.

In the next few days Rosarians will be receiving a mailing asking for their continued financial support of this event.

For more information call Chairman John Creegan at (503) 293-5002 or email to CREEGAN293@msn.com.

Rosarian Speakers Bureau

The **Speakers Bureau** Chairman is looking for more speaking assignments for this Committee. If you know of an organization that would like to be informed on the activities and duties of the Royal Rosarians contact Sir Knight Mike Harper at (503) 675-9380.

Meet one of our new Royal Rosarians

This Royal Rosarian is a financial analyst for the Providence Health System, resides in SE Portland with her husband and two children, and describes her job as negotiating and analyzing payor contracts.

Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, playing roller hockey and quality family time.

She attended Marylhurst University and is active on the steering committee of

the Portland Christian Center.

One thing not everyone knows about her is that she spent five years in the Merchant Marines working in the deck and engine departments.

She likes all sports. She enjoys attending wine and culinary events.

Her husband is James 'Skip' Merkel and this Royal Rosarian is Dame Jennifer Merkle.

Rosarian Uniform Sales

At each and every Membership Meeting there will be **Uniform Accessories** available for purchase. It is asked that if there are special sizes or particular items of need, you contact the chairman of Uniform Sales, Sir Knight Patrick Wong, prior to the meeting date so he can have this item available for you. Contact Patrick at (503) 645-4435 - home or (503) 887-9575 - work.

Dwight Terry, Council

Royal Rosarian Council Debates 2004 Float

The following was taken from the Royal Rosarian Council Meeting minutes regarding the possibilities of a Royal Rosarian float for the 2004 Grand Floral Parade featuring the Newsmakers.

"The Prime Minister indicated that the cost would be approximately \$15,000 to \$30,000 for a modest float, so half a sponsorship of such would be \$7,500 to \$15,000.

There was open discussion with most in attendance raising points generally reflected as follows:

A float would generate greater publicity for the Royal Rosarians and would enhance our image as well as potentially help in member recruiting

For the Newsmakers riding on the float concept, it would provide additional value to the award recipients. There was a concern as to whether such would create a future expectation by the media and award recipients for future floats.

Cost and the organization's ability to pay for the float if additional funding/contributions were unsuccessful. There is approximately \$60,000 of cash reserves (exclusive of Verizon stock value), so Council was of the opinion that there were adequate reserves to address that concern. However, it was noted that without long term budgeting and funding sources the Royal Rosarians could not afford to have a float in the Grand Floral Parade every year.

Various additional funding activities to cover the float cost were discussed, including the Special wine sale effort, pos-

sible net revenue from Newsmakers (although it was noted that past years' net revenue not as likely to be repeated this year due to additional program costs), potential net revenue from the Hospitality Weekend silent auction (but it was noted by Sue Klobertanz that most of the anticipated revenue from the auction was already committed to make up short fall from packet pricing).

A general membership appeal for contributions should be made to raise funds for float cost.

Duke Rich Blizzard cautioned that we needed to be careful with outside sponsorship and any adverse affect it could have on programs the Royal Rosarians have created, specifically Newsmakers. General consensus was that if appropriate financing and funding could be arranged, the Royal Rosarians should have a float in the 2004 Grand Floral Parade, with a general concept of celebrating or recognizing the Newsmakers. The Prime Minister asked for someone on Council to volunteer to spearhead the float project. Sir Knight Harvey Collier volunteered.

Prince Regent Woody then made the following motion:

'To have a Royal Rosarian Float in the 2004 Grand Floral Parade and to fund it however necessary but not to expend more than \$10,000.00 of Royal Rosarian funds to do so.'

The motion passed.
Respectfully submitted,
Dennis P. Brookshire, Secretary of State"

CHEER and OUTREACH

by Sir Knight Walt Collins

01/27/04 - Former Sir Knight Lee Schmidt
Died at age 83. A private memorial service was held 1/30/04. He was a Rosarian from 1972-1974.

02/01/04 - Sir Knight Ray Hanson
His father, George Hanson, died of liver cancer at Beaver, OR. Service will be held March 5 at Willamette Cemetery. Our condolences on his loss.

Card sent.

11/27/03 - Lady Claudia Watson
Her father died at age 100 in Portland. Service was held 2/11/04. His name was Andrew E. Yunker.

Card sent.

02/05/04 - Sir Knight Harry Dereiko
Spent three weeks in Providence Hospital for colonoscopy. He is now at Crestview Nursing Home, Room 12, 6530 S.W. 30th Avenue, Portland 97201.

Flowers sent.

02/23/04 - Sir Knight Jack Cervetto
Died at home after having a heart attack and breathing problems. He had previously spent 21 days at S.W. Washington Medical Center. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, 02/28/04 at Holy Redeemer Church, N. Vancouver Ave. and Portland Blvd. in Portland. He joined the Royal Rosarians in 1970 and was knighted under the rose 'Tropicana'. His sponsor was Sir Knight Jerry Miller.

Special Meeting Called to Review Women's White Uniform

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS – a special meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Caldwell's Colonial Chapel, N.E. 14th and Burnside, to hold an open forum discussion on the women's white uniform specifications.

The charge for the Strategic Planning Committee is to: *Evaluate the present women's white uniform specifications to ensure their attire is consistent for all events yet still compatible with the traditional men's white uniform. Research to include all aspects of the uniform, protocol and the possibility of adding a female dress maker/tailor to the Rosarian suppliers list. Items to consider: One skirt or two (long or short), Placket shirt, Floppy tie, Protocol, and Female tailor.*

All members are encouraged to attend and give their input. A facilitator will monitor the discussion and be sure everyone present is given an opportunity to speak. No voting will take place at this meeting. The Strategic Planning sub-committee will evaluate the findings and bring the results before the Strategic Planning Committee who will, in turn, make a recommendation to the Royal Rosarian Council for action.

Any questions can be directed to Strategic Planning Committee Liaison Wayne Bingham (503) 646-7899.

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Denny Baker, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Washington Park Knighting - Fred Cooper
Knighting Liaison - John Creegan
Queen's Garden Party - Paul Raab

Harvey Collier, Lord High Chamberlain

Grand Floral Parade - Don Cummins
Local Parades - Pat Kahler/Mike Harper
Starlight Parade - Tom Marentette
Band/Float Marshals - Bruce DeFord
PA Towers - TBA

**(Contact these Committee Chairs
to join any of these committees)**

Mark Reaksecker, Lord High Steward

Junior Parade - Tom Marantette
Rose Festival Kids - TBA
Navy League Liaison - Mike McCartney
Speakers Bureau - Michael Harper
Roster - Rob Hungerford

Dwight Terry, Counselor

Newsmakers - Art Scevola
Royal Communicators - Randy Arthur
Uniform Sales - Patrick Wong

Pierre Pham, Royal Chaplain

Blessing of the Festival - Karl Newsome
Cheer & Outreach - Walt Collins
Peninsula Park - Lydia Lundberg

Ray Hanson, Royal Gardener

Rose Distribution - Harry Landers
Rose Garden Contest - TBA
Rose Garden Maintenance - Harry Landers
Picnic - Mark Smith

Randy Gore, Royal Scribe

Drill Masters/Drum Corps - Rob
Hungerford and Dave Ott
Golf - TBA
Pin & Ticket Sales - Doug Jost