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## Royal Rosarians and Marquis Companies Crown 97 Year-Old, Fannie Hicks the 2010 Rose Queen

*Rose Queen Tea Event Attracts More Than 400 Guests at Oregon Golf Club*

**PORTLAND, Ore. – April 30, 2010** – Ninety-seven year-old, skilled nursing resident at Marquis Care at Shasta, Calif., Fannie Hicks, graciously accepted her crown and royal robe Wednesday, April 21 as she was named the 2010 Rose Queen in Portland. Marquis Companies provides skilled nursing, long-term care and assisted living services to residents throughout its 26 facilities in Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho and Nevada.



**Fannie Hicks receives her crown and is named the 2010 Rose Queen**

Marquis' Rose Queen Tea event celebrates the lives of senior ladies who currently make their home in a Marquis facility. Twenty-eight remarkable senior ladies from various Marquis facilities were recognized for their wit, wisdom and lives well lived.

The Royal Rosarians chose Fannie Hicks because of her perseverance and humorous attitude. Nobody can top Fannie when it comes to telling stories about country living. Born in Columbia, Tennessee in 1913, Fannie and her four siblings worked on the farm raising cows, pigs, and chickens. Each day she walked a mile-and-a-half on a country road to attend a one-room schoolhouse with a wood stove. When it was cold her mother made her wear heavy bloomers to keep her legs warm. She tucked them under her dress when she got to school so they wouldn't show. During high school, Fannie rode her horse to school, played basketball and had a boyfriend who was a "handsome, blonde football player." Her fondest childhood memory was going to a neighbor's house when radios were first invented, gathering around it, and listening to the "Grand Ole Opry."

Fannie married her husband, Milton Hicks, in 1936 in the middle of the depression after falling for him on a blind date. The wedding was especially memorable because Milton had to travel 80 miles in his best man's car to get to the wedding. The two men were so excited, they forgot to buy gas and ran out before they got to the church. Everyone, including Fannie, waited for an hour, until the two men arrived. Fannie and her husband went on to be married for 73 years until he passed in 2009. Fannie has three children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Hosted by Marquis president, Phil Fogg Jr., and V.P. of Marketing, Charles Bloom, each Rose Queen was escorted on stage by a friend or family member to have their life story told to the audience of 400. After Fannie was named the Rose Queen by the Royal Rosarians, she was proudly crowned by the 2010 Miss Teen Oregon International, Bronwyn Gibson, and draped in a red velvet robe. Fannie has slept with her robe ever since returning home from the event that she isn't soon to forget.

**About Marquis Companies**

Marquis Companies provide skilled nursing, long-term care, assisted living and memory care throughout its 26 facilities in Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho and Nevada. Marquis' sister company, Consonus, provides pharmacy, rehabilitation, staffing and consulting to the long term care community. Both family-owned companies share the mission to promote the vitality within everyone each company serves and its employees – and created its Vital Life Foundation to fulfill that mission. For more information, visit [www.marquiscompanies.com](http://www.marquiscompanies.com).

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