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Dear District Director and District CR Chair:

Master Rosarians to date: 2004 – 159; 2005 -148; 2006- 71; 2007 – 63; 2008-36, 2009-27, 2010-44 and 2011 produced 30 Master Rosarians. Master Rosarians are acknowledged at district or local events. Please continue to acknowledge the efforts of our MRs; my thanks to those districts who have made the effort.

Some districts may not have fully understood the MR program. I am sure that many CRs will qualify. Keep in mind that MR is a designation, not an award. All CRs with 10 years or more experience should be considered. We now begin the process of selecting MRs for **2012. The deadlines for this year's program conform to approved Master Rosarian program dates as noted in the current CR Manual. Please observe the deadlines noted.**

The accompanying nomination form describes the designation and the criteria for achieving it. It needs to be completed for every nominee. We wish to begin to solicit nominations based on the process and deadlines below. This will enable the districts to announce their Master Rosarians in time for the fall/winter district meetings.

When and how should you proceed?

- 1. Now...**Establish a district review committee consisting of the District Director, District CR Chair, and a minimum of one other person. (You may elect to use the same committee that you established for the previous years' selections.) The District Director and the District CR Chair should agree on the composition of the committee. The District CR Chair will serve as the chairman of the committee. The committee will review all nominations.*
- 2. Now...**Each District CR Chair will forward the nomination form to all local society presidents and each CR in their district. The nomination form will also be posted on the ARS web site.
- 3. May 1 – July 1...**Nominations for Master Rosarian will be submitted for consideration to the district review committee.
- 4. July 1 – August 1 (district committee completes its review)...**The district review committee will select those nominees that are qualified. There is no specific limit within a district. If there are questions about a nominee, the committee should request additional information from the person making the nomination.
- 5. August 2 – August 10 (Email/mail paper copies to ARS HQ)...**After the district committee has made its recommendations, submit the documentation for **ALL** nominees to Carol Spiers (carol@ars-hq.org) at ARS-HQ. Recommendations must be sent to Headquarters; do NOT send direct to anyone else; nominations must be received no later than August 10. ARS-HQ will forward all nominations to the National CR Chair.
- 6. August 11 – August 31...** The national CR committee will complete its review and make the final decisions. (In the vast majority of cases, I expect that the decisions of the district will be ratified.)

7. **Appx. September 1...**National CR Committee Chair will send ARS HQ names of approved Master Rosarians for **2011**.
8. **CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRS FOR SIGNATURE & PRESENTATION PURPOSES. INVOICES WILL BE SENT TO DISTRICT DIRECTORS FOR PAYMENT (CERTIFICATES \$10); PLEASE ADVISE ARS-HQ IF DISTRICT IS PURCHASING PINS.**
9. Districts should acknowledge the new MRs at an appropriate district meeting in the fall or winter. If there is no appropriate meeting, the announcements can be made at the local society level.
10. The names of all Master Rosarians will be published on the ARS website to promote information about this designation and the CR program.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Master Rosarian designation, I am available to assist you. Please email me your questions at meg21@stny.rr.com.

Regards,
Mary Peterson, Chair
Consulting Rosarian Committee

**If a District CR list sorted by appointment year is needed, please contact Carol Spiers (carol@ars-hq.org) for this list. You are encouraged to submit your nominations via email attachment if possible.*