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***Roselawn Community
Council meetings are
held on the 2nd
Thursday of each
month at 7:30 p.m. in
the library of Our
Mother of Sorrows
School.***

A word from the President...

As you read this newsletter you will want to update your calendar with a few important upcoming events. Before that, though, please note a few accomplishments since the 1st Quarter RCC Newsletter was published.

Both Roselawn Condon and Our Mother of Sorrows schools benefited from the combined efforts of UC and Xavier students and alumni, and our neighbors: The Cross-Town Help-Out on February 2nd focused on painting in both schools, with materials donated by HomeDepot and Glidden.

We have initiated the process of establishing a Community Court in Roselawn. We are one of five neighborhoods invited to participate in this pilot program. Its objective is to reduce juvenile offenses by strengthening the relationship between the community, law enforcement and the Juvenile Court system.

The Great American Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2002. This annual nationwide demonstration of civic pride sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful locally, focuses on raising community awareness of litter, through massive neighborhood participation.

RCC elections will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. Several Trustee and Officer positions will become available in this election. Anyone desiring information about the responsibilities associated with these positions should contact the a trustee at the April General Membership meeting or call 821-8918. Any member of the RCC is eligible to serve in these capacities.

The 1000 Hands Playground at Roselawn Park will be built the week of May 15-19. This project represents the combined efforts of corporate sponsors, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and many volunteers from our neighborhood and from outside our neighborhood. For more information, or to find your special niche in this project, call 821-8918. Wayne Lurix, CRC Project Coordinator will appear at our April 11, 2002, General Membership Meeting to answer your questions about 1000 Hands at Roselawn Park.

Thank you for all you do to make Roselawn a good place to call home.

Nancy Sunnenberg

1000 Hands Playground Project Update by Wayne Lurix, Cincinnati Recreation Commission Project Coordinator

Roselawn residents, take note. **The 1000 Hands “Freedom Playground”** is just around the corner. An all-volunteer labor force will build Cincinnati’s largest playground in **Roselawn Park from May 15-19**. What began six months ago when this community of 7,000 was chosen as the recipient of the dream playground, has grown into an effort that will need 2,500 volunteers to build it.

To honor America as a result of the 9/11 tragedy, the theme of this year’s 1000 Hands Project is Freedom. The students at Roselawn Condon and Our Mother of Sorrows helped the architect design the 14,500 sq.-ft structure by providing him with ideas about freedom. Included in the design is a two-dimensional replica of the Statue of Liberty, an American eagle stretching across the entrance to the playground, and a Freedom Maze with paintings by local artists depicting famous American people and symbols. Of course there will be many swings, slides, climbers and other surprises that the children wanted. All of it spells fun!

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is again spearheading the project and is partnering with Life Success Seminars and the community of Roselawn. Of course the project’s success depends upon the willingness of Roselawn residents to step forward to help. The planning committee is busy working on details to make your volunteer experience a pleasant and rewarding one. The Hospitality Committee is working on coordinating three meals a day. We are lining up sponsors for materials, tools and food and are knocking on doors to raise the funds needed to meet the budget.

There are three shifts (8-12, 12:30-5, 5:30 –9) per day beginning on Wednesday May 15 and ending on Sunday May 19 with a grand opening ceremony at 6:00 PM. It’s easy to volunteer. **Just call the 1000 Hands Hotline at 352-4611 or register on line at 1000hands.org**. Help for a few hours, a day or all five days. Someone from the committee will contact you.

Information You Can Use

Birdlovers and Recyclers — **Wild Birds Unlimited** will recycle your one gallon milk jugs when selling various birdfeed. To hear more about how to contribute your empty containers (labels removed, please) contact Nancy or Jim at 891-2199 for details.

Open Gym is held on Friday evenings at Roselawn Condon school from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. If you have an interested youth in grades 4-12, contact Jamie or Shelley Davis at 351-1636.

Knobhole/Softball update from the RCC Youth Committee — We still need coaches and players! Plans are for one boys’ “B” team (age 12-13) and two girls’ “Fastpitch softball” teams (ages 10-12 , 13-14). Contact Tampala or Larry Black, 821-2783 to sign up!

Gardening Opportunities are out there! If you are interested in joining in the fun as other community gardening areas near your home or business are spruced up for Spring (Summit at Reading Road, Eastlawn Garden at the entrance to Roselawn Park, the Wishing Well and street planters along Reading Road), please call Mary Donaldson at 821-9682, leave your name and phone number, or email mDonaldson@fuse.net. On Saturday, March 16, a group of dedicated gardeners spent a few hours in the morning raking, pruning and cleaning the planting beds and sidewalks at the Arches. Many hands made light work and much was accomplished! Thanks to Reggie Boggs, Mary Donaldson, Susan Glas, Debbie Mackey and Nancy Sunnenberg for your time and energy.

The History of Roselawn by Gary Moffett, part 2

Who are Wachendorf and Wiethe? The Guys who built Roselawn!

The neighborhood of Roselawn was developed largely by a developer named Robert Wachendorf (1896—1965), a Bond Hill dairy produce salesman, who began dealing in real estate from the basement of his home in 1927. Wachendorf's first development was in the Carolina and Franklin Avenue areas of Bond Hill.

By the late 1930's, Wachendorf had begun subdividing tracts that he called Roselawn to the north of Bond Hill, land occupied at the time by dairies, orchards and a country club. Wachendorf worked with a number of builders to create hundreds of attractive, single family houses and small apartment buildings that were reasonably priced for middle-income homebuyers and renters. By the time space for further residential development ran out in the 1950's, the neighborhood had more than 10,000 residents.

Besides residential construction, developers including Wachendorf and theater owner Louis A. Wiethe initiated commercial projects in Roselawn. They created business districts that were examples of a new trend in the 1940's: retail developments that followed automobile traffic routes rather than streetcar lines. In 1947, Wachendorf built a string of stores and offices on Section Road near Reading.

Two years later, Wiethe opened the Valley Shop-In, a retail center with a large movie theater, a supermarket, and smaller shops on the west side on Reading Road at the site of the old Besuden Nursery. The Valley Shop-In was considered one of the best shopping spots in town, with its fine variety of stores and spacious parking. By the end of the 1940's, Roselawn had become a bustling residential and business area. The next installment in this series will focus on a former local landmark, the Roselawn Tavern.

Last quarter's trivia question: "What was the name of the country club that existed in Roselawn, and in what year did it come into existence?" Answer: Hill Crest AND Cresthills. The country club opened in 1917 as Hill Crest Country Club. The club changed its name to Cresthills Country Club in 1941. The club moved to Amberley Village in the late 1960's, and the Hillcrest Shopping complex occupies the site today.

This quarter's trivia question involves Louis A. Wiethe, the developer of the Valley Shop-In. Mr. Wiethe owned a number of theaters in the Cincinnati area. The one he built in the Valley Shop-In was regarded as the finest movie theater in town. Prior to building this theater, Mr. Wiethe owned another movie theater in Roselawn. What were the names of these two theaters? If you know the answer, please call me at 731-4559 or email me at eldidore@aol.com.

“Serve your neighbor, serve your nation.”
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful!

Great American Clean-Up
Saturday, April 27
9:30 to Noon

The Great American Cleanup is coming up. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27**. The 2002 Great America Cleanup will again have a Roselawn contingent out picking up litter and garbage, making our neighborhood a better place in which to live and work. Come join us!

We will start at **9:30 a.m.** at the Roselawn Branch of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library in the Valley Shopping Center, and the effort will last until Noon. Please bring gloves, wear thick soled shoes, bright colored clothing (long pants are a good idea) and be ready to make a difference in your community. Together, let's keep Cincinnati beautiful! Questions? Call Gary Moffett at 731-4559.

Community Notes - Up & Coming

Those of us who prepare the RCC newsletter are interested in hearing from you, the reader. If you have ideas for newsletter stories, or would like to have specific information provided, please let us know. You may leave a message for Mary Donaldson at 821-9682, or email mdonaldson@fuse.net.

Thank you!

Sonya Kirkland & Mary Donaldson

PRIDE Team to attend national conference

At least twelve Roselawn students will be attending the national **PRIDE** Conference to be held in Cincinnati, April 10 -13. Participants will attend seminars, workshops and social gatherings with peers from across the nation and learn ways to practice anti-drug, anti-violence and anti-alcohol lifestyles. Staff of the RCC Youth Program will attend as well.

Health Awareness Fair

Roselawn Lutheran Church, 1608 Summit Road, is sponsoring a Health Awareness Fair on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in partnership with the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. You will receive information about healthy lifestyles for you and your family. Blood pressure and diabetes screenings, as well as cooking demonstrations will be offered. The Roselawn **PRIDE** Team will make a brief appearance. All area residents are invited. Questions? Contact the church office at 821-5730.

On the Same Page Book Discussion

Perhaps you have already heard that "**A Lesson Before Dying**," by **Ernest J. Gaines** is the *On The Same Page* reading selection for Cincinnati. Two book discussions are planned at the Roselawn branch of the Public Library. Dates are: Thursday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. Librarian Debbie Kiner will gladly answer your questions about attending if you call her at 369-6045. If you would like detailed information about *On the Same Page Cincinnati*, you may access it online at www.cincinnati.com.

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