



Fall 2004

# Newsletter

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**RCC meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. in the library of Our Mother of Sorrows School. There is no meeting in August.**

## *A few thoughts from the President ---*

It would be inexcusable to begin any other way than to thank former president Paul Probst for his great leadership. Paul has done a wonderful job to make this transition smooth, giving me a clear path to follow. Thanks also to our former Trustees who continue to work hard to keep Roselawn above standards, while our current Trustees stay on top of current issues facing our community and lending their devoted support.

In the role of RCC’s president, I recognize that we cannot accomplish all of our goals without the vital support of our community. For this reason I am urging all residents to step out of what they may consider their “comfort zone” and attend the next Roselawn Council meeting on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at Our Mother of Sorrows located at 7243 Eastlawn Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Trustees will be sharing a plan that was put together using some of your ideas for a *Safe, Walkable and Viable Community*. Your participation is necessary in order for the plan to be successful. Your presence at the meeting will show that you care and also set an example for those who might need a little more persuasion. We have a variety of exciting events under development in Roselawn. Why just read the Enquirer about the positive things that are happening in Roselawn when you can be a part of it!

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday.  
Michael R. Watson

Please turn your porch lights on in the evening and keep them on until daylight. The days will shorten very soon as Daylight Savings Time ends October 31. Lights on around your home deter crime and school children need the light to see their way to early morning buses.

The RCC Phone number is 821-8918.  
[www.Roselawn.org](http://www.Roselawn.org)



**Mark your calendar now for the Great American Cleanup! Saturday, October 23, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.** We can make a big difference in our community if everyone will turn out for just two hours. **See page 3 for details.** Please help - and tell others!



## What's New in Roselawn?

**A is for Ahimsa – Art About Nonviolence – Opening Reception September 11, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Roselawn Center Building, 7390 Reading Road (formerly Showcase Furniture)**  
**Exhibition continues September 12 – 25, 2004, M-F, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 – 8:00, Sunday 10:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The RCC is hosting its first-ever art exhibition in September. Each starting with a blank canvas, 25 regional artists representing a broad spectrum of cultural diversity, age, background, and ethnicity have been commissioned to produce paintings addressing the theme of *ahimsa*, a Sanskrit word embodying the concept of respect for all living things. They will be joined by seven additional artists working in ceramics, stone, steel and enamel. A complete list of artists is available on our website, [www.Roselawn.org](http://www.Roselawn.org).

The gallery site, at the corner of Reading and Section Roads, has undergone an extreme makeover as many stalwart volunteers have seized the opportunity to make this exhibition happen. The mission is to stimulate conversation about how we create the society we live in by examining Ahimsa – Nonviolence through the eyes of the artists. Refreshments at the opening will be provided at no charge by The Coffee Emporium Espresso Cart. Our own young ladies in the Roselawn PRIDE group are serving as hostesses for the reception.

Along with the exhibition, we are premiering a special video presentation of an interview with Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth about the role of nonviolence in the American Civil Rights Movement. Reverend Shuttlesworth, a living legend known nationally and internationally, was interviewed in August by Dr. Habtu Ghebre-Ab, of UC/Clermont, and a Roselawn resident.

The RCC is pleased to acknowledge the City of Cincinnati, Invest in Neighborhoods, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Media Bridges, Inc., and Paran Management for their support of the *A is for Ahimsa – Art About Nonviolence* exhibition.

We would like to extend a special thanks to **State Farm Insurance** for a \$500 contribution to the RCC. State Farm has a program to benefit non-profit organizations that its employees support. This gift recognizes **Reggie Boggs**, Co-Chair of our Law and Safety Committee, and State Farm Agent for his volunteer contributions to the RCC. Thank you, Reggie!

Here are the city phone numbers to call if you wish to report litter, trash or overgrown grass and weeds:  
 24-Hour Customer Service Hotline.....591-6000  
 Occupied Property..... 352-2908  
 Vacant residential building.....352-3275  
 Vacant lot.....564-1750  
 Vacant Commercial Property..352-3267/352-2908  
 Abandoned Vehicles.....352-3576

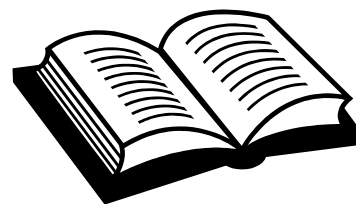
**Volunteers are needed to work at the Ahimsa Gallery. Please volunteer now and join in the excitement as we re-imagine Roselawn!**

Gallery duties are very light and include greeting and acknowledging guests, answering questions and having a good time! Everyone will work as part of a team – no one will work alone, or open or close the exhibit space. Please call if you can commit to a 2-4 hour shift. **Contact Tricia Davis by phone at 761-5329 or email [tadavis@zoomtown](mailto:tadavis@zoomtown) to sign up.**

Do you have exciting news or an item of interest you would like to share with the Roselawn community? Contact Mary Donaldson, newsletter editor, via email at [mdonaldson@fuse.net](mailto:mdonaldson@fuse.net), or by phone at 821-9682.

## Roselawn Library- Valley Shopping Center

September 9	“Falling Angels” by Tracy Chevalier, Fiction	10:30 am
September 13	Images of Love in Black and White, Photography	5:30 – 7:00 pm
September 20	Decorate Picture Frames with Theresa	5:00 pm
October 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen Photography Contest (see Library For details.)	Noon
October 14	“Life of Pi” by Yann Martel, Fiction	10:30 am
October 28	Halloween Party – all Ages	4:00 pm
November 16	Make Your Own Jewelry, Ages 12-18	4:00 pm
November 18	Thanksgiving Crafts, Ages 6-12	4:00 pm



**Phone: 369-6045**

## ***A is for Ahimsa Project Programs.....Continued!***

### ***Stories Old Upon the Land***

**Neeake – “He Who Talks As He Flies” – Shawnee Story Teller – Truth Teller.**

**Sunday, October 10, 2004  
Roselawn Park – Picnic Shelter  
3:00 p.m. Open and free to all.**

Neeake (Nay-ay-kay) is a caretaker of the Shawnee stories and legends. We will take a step back in time to 1780 and hear the stories of the Ohio Shawnee told with joy, humor and deep conviction. Neeake invites people of all ages and cultures to discover the delights and wisdom of being human in a world of balance and interconnection.

Put on a sweatshirt, gather up the family and come sip warm cider as we enjoy the stories of the Southwind People.

This program is presented by the Ahimsa Project of the RCC. It is made possible by the Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

\*Rain Venue – Roselawn Lutheran Church, 1608 Summit Road.

### ***Jazz Performance by Ms. Jaz – Sheila Marshall and Friends***

**Sunday, September 19, 2004  
Ahimsa Art Gallery, 7390 Reading Road  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Open and free to all**

Sheila Marshall is a Cincinnati based vocalist and writer known for her Jazz, Motown, and R&B style. She has performed on stages in the Cincinnati, Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg areas with jazz keyboardist Kevin Wilder, Tampa's jazz vocalist Theo Valentine, and jazz great Gumbi Ortiz, percussionist for guitar great Al Di Meola.

Ms. Jaz has performed background vocals live in concert for Phil Perry, Windham Hill's hot vocalist at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center and opened for Regina Belle at the 1999 Applause Magazine Image Maker Awards Gala. She has been featured locally with Cincinnati's own "JAMSET" a group comprised of session and touring musicians who have played and opened for such acts as Roy Ayers, Jean Carne, Ronnie Laws, Regina Belle, and most recently Bobby Bluebland.

## ***Updates From the Council Committees***

**Beautification:** Several volunteers have done the chore of weed pulling at the Rosecliff intersection, making things considerably better looking there. Special mention should be made of Gary Moffett and Bob Ingberg. Gary did an outstanding job of pulling the weeds from the Rite-Aid property planting mounds which had been overwhelmed before flower seeds could be planted. Thanks to his efforts, and those of Dan Joyner in planting cannas, there is color in the empty lot. Bob Ingberg performed a breath-taking transformation on the Arches. Ed Moser, our Beautification chair would like to note that our last community council meeting produced only one volunteer to help with beautification chores. Outside of the considerable help coming from a few of the Council Trustees, there must be more individuals who care about our community's appearance. Is there anyone reading this newsletter who would be willing to help tend flower beds and/or pick up trash while walking? Please call Ed at 615-3638 and as only Ed can say, "make a little flower happy."

**Litter:** **Great American Clean up – Saturday, October 23, 10:00 - Noon.** It's time for the annual Roselawn clean up and **many volunteers are needed.** Please mark your calendar NOW and plan to help. We will be meeting at the Roselawn Library at 10:00 a.m. and fan out in teams to pick up litter and trash at our neighborhood's biggest "eyesores." All you need is comfortable clothes and study shoes. Gloves, bags and trash pics will be available. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in our community deposited their litter and trash in the bins and receptacles provided in our business district and on residential streets? Let's all join together in this effort, show our respect for one another, and our shared pride in Roselawn.

**Education:** From Leonard Kirschner, representative to the LSDMC at the Roselawn Condon and Shroder Paideia. (LSDMC is a committee that enables parents, community representatives, teachers and non-teacher employees to plan for better education for school children. For instance, if there is a principal vacancy it is the LSDMC that will name a new principal subject to approval by the Board of Education and administrators. Shroder Paideia's new principal is Ms. Yenetta Harper, a dynamic lady with energy and ideas to lead the school into a top 7-12 grade position. Roselawn Condon has shown gradual upgrading and improvement in proficiency scores and will put extra effort into upgrading the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to college prep. As reported at the last RCC meeting the Board of Education has determined to close Losantiville School. It has not been determined where these students will attend school in the 2005-2006 school year. One rumor has students from Golf Manor and Roselawn, east of Reading Rd. going to Roselawn Condon. This issue will be discussed at the LSDMC meetings at Roselawn Condon this fall. As of now the Roselawn Condon LSDMC has not heard how many children will come, how this will affect class sizes, and whether or not Roselawn Condon will be assigned extra teaching staff. **Be sure to come to the community council meeting to hear the latest report on what is happening at Roselawn Condon.**



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**TAI CHI – Roselawn Park\***  
**Sundays, September 5 thru November 28, 2004**  
**Rain or Shine**  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m. A program for people of all ages**  
**Free and open to all**



Tai Chi originates in the Eastern martial arts as a defensive discipline.  
It is recognized as a facilitator of health, balance and flexibility.

- ❖ 12 week introductory session
- ❖ All skill levels are welcome
- ❖ Wear loose clothing, flat-soled, flexible shoes
- ❖ Open to the Public at No Charge
- ❖ No Class Sunday, November 7, 2004
- ❖ Funded by the **Cincinnati Recreation Commission** and a **2004 Neighbor Network Merit Grant** on behalf of the ***A is for Ahimsa - Nonviolence Project***.

Roselawn Park is located on Seymour Avenue (at Rhode Island Avenue), one block west of Langdon Farm Road and one block east of Reading Road. The class will meet at the shelter house near the 1000 Hands Playground.