Hopes and dreams for Rosedale

A look back at 2006 brings thoughts of our successes, but also of losses. Last year, a number of our long-time residents and members passed away. These were individuals who helped to enrich our community with their lives. It has made me more aware of the brevity and fragility of life. I feel the need to spend more time enjoying friends and family and creating memories. If we are lucky, we can even leave a legacy of our own.

RDA was successful in continuing to meet our financial challenges without going into debt thanks to many gracious donors and volunteers. We served 23 families with our Food-as-a-Program – more than ever before. We completed 35 projects through our Minor Home Repair and Clean-up program to assist low-income and elderly homeowners. Calls for service or information averaged 350 to 400 per month. Families and youth continued to receive individual services through RDA on-site programs and school services supported by RDA.

Volunteer brochure wins Phily Award

RDA garnered a first place design award from the Council on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Community Network in Kansas City, Mo. on Dec. 8, 2006. The first place "Philly Award" was for RDA's volunteer brochure produced by a Rosedale design firm, Lizardbrand Inc. Kelly Jardar, RDA's former Volunteer Coordinator, also played a critical role in producing the brochure. Out of 141 entrants, first and second place awards were only given in seven categories. RDA's winning entry was in the "Informational Brochures" category for non-profit organizations with less than $1 million annual budget.

"The volunteer brochure reflects our commitment to provide a quality experience for our volunteers, as they work to address community needs in Rosedale," said Wendy Wilson, RDA's Executive Director. "There are lots of opportunities to get involved with RDA and the Rosedale community. Volunteers and locations are always welcome. If interested, call (913) 677-5097."

"This award means more to me than any I've won in the past because the design goal was to help people in our neighborhood," said Elizabeth Johnston, president of Lizardbrand Inc. "I hope that this exposure within the non-profit community will benefit RDA in the future."

In addition to the volunteer brochure, Johnston also designed the logo branding for RDA, created signage and other publications, and produces their monthly newsletter.
Senior citizen utility tax rebate expanded
To come once again for the popular Senior Citizen Utility Tax Rebate Program. The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount they pay for utilities during 2006. And for 2007, Mayor Joe Reardon and the Unified Government Commission have expanded the program, meaning more senior citizens will be eligible and rebates will be larger.

The utility rebate program runs January 2, 2007 through March 30, 2007. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2006, live in the city of Kansas City, Kan., and their total income must not exceed $25,000. The maximum refund is $300.00.

Applications will be taken at the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th St., Room 321, Kansas City, Kansas, in the Unified Government Clerk’s Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2006, proof of income, Social Security statements, interest statements, and Social Security number. Persons applying from the utility companies will be accepted.

Please call the Unified Government Clerk’s Office at 735-5200 if you have any questions.

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ROSEDALE HISTORY QUIZ

Last month’s photograph & question:

Question: Who is this man and what is his distinction in early Rosedale history?

The answer will be provided next month.

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Membership application

Annual business dues: $100 Individual household dues: $15

Name of business or name of household:
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