Rosedale Business of the Month
Thompson's Frame & Gallery
Address: 520 County Line Rd., Kansas City, Kan. 66110. Phone: 913-236-8515. Hours of operation: Mon-Sat, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Website www.thompsonframegallery.com

The business, which currently has four employees, opened its Rosedale location on County Line Rd. last October. It replaced the Faith Village Thrift Store, which formerly occupied the same building.

Thompson's chose the location because of its proximity to the 47th St. and Mission Rd. intersection. Thompson's was selected for its location between the cities of Kansas City, Kan., Westwood, and Roeland Park, the entire 47th St. and Mission Rd. area is poised for re-development in coming years. Thompson's was attracted to the market potential of the area.

The company looks forward to working with the Rosedale community. Sullivan indicated that Thompson's is willing to donate art or framing services to businesses in the Rosedale community. Sullivan would like to see Thompson's become a "destination store" for Kansas City's framing and art needs.

The 12,000 square feet of inventory provides customers with a variety of frames to choose from, both ready-made and custom-made. Check out their store on County Line Rd. near the 47th and Mission Rd.

According to General Manager Danny Sullivan, Thompson's also has the lowest prices in the area for custom framing services. Remarkably, the company offers a 24-hour turnaround on most custom framing orders. Custom mouldings are always 50% off, custom oil paintings are always 50% off, and decorative mirrors are always 50% off. In addition, local artists, businesses, designers, and photographers can take advantage of a 10% discount on any of Thompson's products and services.

While Thompson's is locally owned, there are "partner" locations in various parts of the United States, including the Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga., regions. This is the first store in the Kansas City area. Sullivan would like to see Thompson's become a "destination store" for Kansas City's framing and art needs.

The Rosedale Development Association Newsletter
February 2007

Rosedale Middle School students get a boost from community tutors

In response to a call from Principal Connie Horner, a committed group of volunteers from the community will be tutoring students at Rosedale Middle School (RMS) during the next two months. Collectively, student test scores at RMS are improving. However, the school continues to face challenges in ensuring success for every student. 83% of the student population receives free or reduced-price meals and a third of students are not proficient in speaking English. These and other factors contribute to the difficulty of making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) each year.

Principal Horner, who is in her first year at RMS, came to the school's Site Council and asked for assistance. The Site Council consists of people in the Rosedale community who want to support RMS in educating children and helping families. Members include local pastors, business people, police officers, non-profit professionals, KU students, and more.

"We have students who need just a little extra help in getting them to where they need to be," said Horner. To address the need, Site Council members and other volunteers (approximately 20 in number) are spending one hour a week, for 8 weeks tutoring at RMS. Volunteers work with one or two students at a time on targeted math and reading skills. Even RMS teachers are volunteering to spend additional time with students, tutoring them in areas of special need.

Together, the community and school are making a difference in the lives of students who attend RMS. If you would like to join in this significant initiative and become a tutor, please contact Donna Divine, of the KU Rosedale Community Project: (913) 677-2561.

Say hello to our new community police officers

The Kansas City Kansas Police Department has recently announced new assignments in the Community Policing Department. The Rosedale area has two new officers: Officer Kevin Terry and Officer Carlos Rodriguez. They are available to assist residents and businesses with preventing crime and taking a proactive, problem-solving approach to community problems.

Officer Terry's assignment is to KCPD district #335 (north of 43rd, south of 48th St. and Expressway, north of Kansas River). His office number is (913) 573-8728. His pager number is (913) 403-3786.

Officer Rodriguez's assignment is in KCPD district #332 (south of 43rd, north of County Line Rd., west of State Line Rd.). His office number is (913) 573-8704. His pager number is (913) 403-3778.

While Rosedale is excited to welcome new officers to the area, we are also sad to part ways with Officer Jason "JJ" Wild and Officer Rick Lattrell, both of whom ably served our community during the past year. We wish them well in their new assignments with the police department.

Officer Kevin Terry (left) and Officer Carlos Rodriguez are Rosedale's two new community police officers. They are here to help our community prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems. If you notice an ongoing crime issue in your area of Rosedale, feel free to give one of them a call.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Help for Grandparents

As a result of the Grandparents as Caregivers Act, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in Kansas may be eligible to receive $200 per month for each child they are raising, up to a maximum of $600 per month. The goal of this program is to provide relief to grandparents engaged in the difficult task of raising their grandchildren.

The program is open to grandparents 50 years of age or older, with income that does not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level. To qualify, grandparents must have legal custody of their grandchildren.

There is a limited pool of money for this program, so interested persons must act quickly. To inquire, contact the local Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office. (913) 279-2000. SRS

Free tax preparation for older adults

The Landen Center on Aging (located on the northeast corner of 36th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd.) is offering free tax preparation to anyone 50 years of age or older, every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., starting Feb. 14 through April 11. Services will include help with new tele-filer tax returns, guidelines for Kansas and Missouri income tax, and relevant tax information for older adults. The tax preparation is by appointment only. To set up an appointment or for more information, visit: www.ks medicare.org or call Hallie Kates-Calloway (913) 588-0004. SRS

Summer job opportunities with the Rosedale Freedom School

The first-ever Rosedale Freedom School will be held at Rainbow Memorial Church (1444 Southwest Blvd.) this summer. The following is a list of job opportunities with the Freedom School for persons in the community:

For 19-30-year-olds

Student/Aide Interns (11 positions)

Gain valuable teaching experience. Make a difference in the lives of children.

Must be available May 21-July 27, 2001

$4,000 stipend + free training

For anyone (non-age specific)

Culinary Staff (2 positions)

Design menu for six weeks.
Cook food to supplement USDA 500.
Free meal program.

Must be available June 11-July 27, 2001

$11/hour, 6 hours/day

If interested, contact Joel Koeng: (816) 510-8544.

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Last month's photograph & question:

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

Answer: D.R. Mathies, the first Mayor of Rosedale. Mathies was elected in 1877. Speaking of elections, remember to vote in this month's primary and next month's general election.

Winner: No one answered the question correctly.

This month's photograph & question:

Question: What was the name of this building? Hint: February is Black History Month. The photo has something to do with black history.

Bonus Question: What is this building's current use?

The answer will be provided next month.

Upcoming Events

February 21
Rosedale Leadership Council meeting.
1403 Southwest Blvd. 8:30-10:00 a.m.
February 27
Primary Election Day. Vote!
March 13
Family Game Night. 1444 Southwest Blvd. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Membership application

Annual business dues: $100.00
Annual household dues: $15

Name of business or issue of household
Address
City
State
ZIP code
Contact person
Dayphone
Evening phone
Fax
E-mail address

Please mail application, along with check made payable to: Rosedale Development Association
1403 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, Kan. 66103

Rosedale Obituary

Irving Malachosh, 85, died on Jan. 4, 2007. Prior to his retirement several years ago, Malachosh and his son, Louis, co-owned Sol's Glass Company, a full-service commercial glass company based in Rosedale. Louis continues to own the business, which is located directly behind the RDA office. Irving was born in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1922. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, before settling in the Kansas City area in 1953.

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Body Blox Gym
Address: 1153 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, Phone: (913) 218-9330.

While most of Body Blox’s business is personal training, the gym also offers one group Pilates class. Pilates emphasizes the balanced development of the body through core strength, flexibility, and awareness. Body Blox’s Pilates class is taught by a certified instructor, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Body Blox, which opened in its current Rosedale location last July, features a newly remodeled building and an extensive line of cardio- and strength-building equipment. The gym has dressing rooms and a place to shower, as well. Since the gym is based on personal training by appointment only, it is never crowded. There is no need to wait in line or fight to use a particular exercise machine.

In addition to Endicott, Body Blox employs one other personal trainer, Lisa Chinn. Both Chinn and Endicott possess nationally recognized certifications in their fields and are committed to providing each customer with a positive, rewarding experience. To set up an appointment, call Justin Endicott: (913) 218-9330.

An unidentified client works to strengthen her abdominal muscles, while Body Blox owner and personal trainer Justin Endicott spots her and provides encouragement.

By offering personalized, private one-on-one training, Endicott says he is trying to offer better service than other gyms. His ultimate goal is “to change the exercise and building industry and how it works.”

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“Fiesta at the Firestation” to raise support for Rosedale Freedom School

On Saturday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), the owners of the old Rosedale Firestation #10 will host “Fiesta at the Firestation,” a special-event fundraiser for the Rainbow Meronnette CDFP Freedom School.

The Freedom School is an intensive, 6-week summer educational enrichment program for urban children and youth. Rosedale’s Freedom School (to be held at Rainbow Meronnette Church, in partnership with RDA and other Rosedale organizations) will serve 100 children in grades K-6. The vast majority of the children will be Rosedale residents, but the program is open to those from other areas as well. The program will operate June 18-July 27, 2007.

“Fiesta at the Firestation” will be a fun and festive event, celebrating the first year of the Freedom School’s presence in Rosedale and bringing people together to support it. The event will be held 5:00-8:00 p.m. on May 5. There will be a brief program at 6:30 p.m.

For a $25 per person ticket, attendees will be able to tour the old fire station, which has been converted into an absolutely stunning luxury home by the owners, Rick Bunggardener and Don Fields. The residence has been featured in Kansas City Homes and Gardens magazine and will be featured in an upcoming documentary on HGTV.

Guests will also be treated to fabulous Latin-American-themed food, drinks, some of which will be provided by Rosedale-area businesses. There are plans to have a Mariachi band, as well, and there will be a silent auction of gift baskets and specialty items provided by Rosedale-area artists and businesses.

You do not want to miss this evening of fantastic entertainment for a good cause. There are several ways you can make “Fiesta at the Firestation” a success: (1) buy a ticket (or two or three!) and attend on May 5; (2) donate an item for the silent auction; and/or (3) assist in planning and preparation for the event. To purchase tickets, to donate an item, or for more information, call: (913) 677-5097 or (913) 236-8830.

“Fiesta at the Firestation” will be a great opportunity to support a worthwhile program that will impact Rosedale children and families. This is the first Freedom School to be located in Rosedale, although there are hundreds of Freedom Schools across the country. In fact, there are 18 in the Kansas City metropolitan area alone.

The program is unique because of its key components, which include: promoting the joy of reading and improving literacy skills; fostering cultural awareness and appreciation for diversity; building a sense of pride and ownership in the community; required parental involvement; multicultural mentoring; leadership development; and community service projects.

The Freedom School model is built on the legacy of the famous 1960s-era Freedom Schools, which focused on voter registration and education among impoverished African-Americans in the South. While the modern-day Freedom Schools come out of the African-American tradition, there has been an effort to expand the reach of the program to other communities. This is one of the reasons Rosedale was selected as a host site — its high level of racial and ethnic diversity.

Remember to vote!

Election Date: Kansas City, Kan.
General Election: April 3, 2007
For more information, visit www.votekc.org/election.
Programs for older adults at Rosedale Congregational Church

Rosedale Congregational Church, located at 4326 Loyd St., is offering two exciting programs for older adults in our community: the “Fun with Singing” choral group and the “Young at Heart” monthly luncheon.

The “Fun with Singing” choir is co-sponsored by the church and the Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kan., a not-for-profit organization. The choral group, which has been meeting since the fall of 2006, is directed by Sheila Moore, an experienced conductor and music educator. The conductor is Betty Hoffman, pianist at Rosedale Congregational Church. Rehearsals are held every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the church. The choir performed during the holiday season last December at the Landmark Center on Aging (6th and Rainbow Blvd.) and at the Shepherd’s Center’s “Adventures in Learning” program. The group is currently preparing a springtime repertoire, and will perform at the upcoming Rosedale Ministerial Alliance Holy Week worship service at Holy Name Church on April 3 (see article below). The “Fun with Singing” choir is looking for new members. The group is not only open to seniors; it is open to anyone. The only requirement to join is a love of singing.

The other program for older adults at the church is the “Young at Heart” monthly luncheon, which is co-sponsored by the Rosedale Community Project. Every second Monday of the month, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., seniors come together to enjoy a nutritious lunch, conversation, singing, games, crafts, and an educational program. Programs have included such topics as “The Pan of Aging,” “Resources for Older Adults in Wyandotte County,” “Personal Safety,” and “Spiritual Exeptions of Aging.” Recently, doctors from KU Medical Center have served as guest speakers and presented information on various health issues. “Young at Heart” sessions will be held on the following Mondays (always the 2nd Monday of the month):

- April 9
- May 14
- June 11

For more information, contact the church office (913) 236-6337.

Volunteer projects needed

Each spring and summer, RDA is approached by numerous volunteer groups – both within the community and from elsewhere – wanting to get involved in volunteer projects in Rosedale. RDA seeks to find meaningful work for these enthusiastic volunteers. Typical projects in the past have included minor home repairs for low-income families, women and men veterans, and elderly homeowners, painting homes and other buildings, cleaning vacant lots, and other neighborhood beautification efforts.

RDA is always looking for projects that our volunteers can help with or take on. If you know of potential volunteer projects for this spring and/or summer, please contact the RDA office: (913) 677-5097.

In addition to gaining valuable service from the volunteers – with real benefit to Rosedale – these projects provide an excellent opportunity to teach others about our community, its history and demographics, and its strengths and challenges. It is not just a service experience for the volunteers; it is an educational experience. Please help support this important work by identifying potential volunteer projects and notifying our office. Thank you.

Rosedale Spring/Summer Events

MARCH
- March 27 RDA Board meeting, 1401 Southwest Blvd., 5:30-9 p.m.

APRIL
- April 3 General Election Day; Vote!
- April 7 Easter Egg Hunt: Whitmore Park, 1400 block of Southwest Blvd.; 10:30 a.m.
- April 11 KUMC Street Fair; NE corner of 39th and Rainbow Blvd.; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- April 21 Membership application

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Answer: The building was formerly the Chippewa School, built in 1910 and named after the first rain killed in the "Boston Massacre" before the Revolutionary War. The building was a free black mill. Prior to segregation, the Chippewa School was the only school in Rosedale that would accept African-American children. The building is currently being used by Bienne Electric Wholesale.

Winner: Master Sgt. Mike Hughes of the KCK Police Department and a Rosedale resident.

This month’s photograph & question:

Question: What was the name of this health institution?

The answer will be provided next month.

Upcoming Events

22nd Annual Whitmore Park Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7
10:30 a.m.
1400 block of S.W. Blvd.

Sponsored by: Sharing Community in Rosedale
Rosedale Optimist Club

2007 KUMC Street Fair

Saturday, April 21, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Parking lot at NE corner of 39th and Rainbow Blvd.
Music, Games, Rides, Prizes!
Free Health Screenings!

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Membership application

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

Name of business or name of household
Address
City State ZIP code
Contact person
Day phone Evening phone
Fax
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Please mail application, along with check made payable to Rosedale Development Association, 1403 S. Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66101