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Community Spotlight

Holiday shopping is a chance to build community

by *Samantha Burton-Bosket*

Amidst the holiday hustle, Rosedalians are making lists, checking them twice, and searching local shops for something nice. Whether the loved ones on their lists prefer tasty food or colorful arts, home projects or community sports, no one needs to leave the neighborhood to find treasures with spice. See below for a sample of the flavorful gifts Rosedale businesses are offering this holiday season.

New this year, Three Bees Pottery and Coffee Shop (925 Southwest Blvd.) has an assortment of great gifts for the holiday season. Choose from blown glass tumblers, ceramic planters, framed Needham watercolor portraits, and gift certificates for fresh tamales or Tuesday night Lotería (Mexican Bingo). Where else can \$10 buy a drink, dessert, Spanish lesson, and a chance to win handcrafted pottery?

Across the street, Strasser True Value Hardware (910 Southwest Blvd.) is a neighborhood staple that opens

doors to home improvement dreams. From simple decorations to winter snow removal, this is the spot for loved ones who enjoy hands-on projects.

Walk north a few blocks to another landmark, Rosedale Bar B Que (600 Southwest Blvd.), for a taste of local history. Founded in 1934, the family owned restaurant offers everything from ribs to spicy corn nuggets, jalapeño poppers, and fried green tomatoes. Then leave the bustling boulevard behind and climb southeast to Show Me Antiques & Consignment (4500 State Line Rd.). Hidden here are tiny treasures that give gifts a more personal flare. From costume jewelry to paintings, figurines, and other gems, this shop is the perfect choice for creative ones wanting to dare.

Finally, for those with a small budget and/or big heart, opportunities abound for giving back. Neighbors may donate to RDA in honor of a loved one or commit to



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Show Me Antiques & Consignment is the perfect choice for creative ones with lots of flare.

volunteer as a youth sports coach, healthy kids advocate, community garden leader, or cleanup captain. Whatever the list, consult this guide for a chance to transform holiday

shopping into a community building adventure.

To learn more, contact Erin Stryka at 913-677-5097 or erin@rosedale.org.

Feed-a-Family delivers “a little extra” holiday cheer

Alissa Workman

For days leading up to Thanksgiving, Rosedale Development Association buzzed with activity as individuals came by with donations to fill Feed-a-Family baskets. Members of Rosedale churches dropped off coats, turkeys, and canned goods to support neighbors in need. Many Rosedale businesses brought in boxes upon boxes of food they and their customers had collected throughout the fall. Police officers from the National Latino Peace Officers Association stopped in to give funds they had spent all year collecting. And dedicated volunteers counted, sorted, and assembled cans, coats, turkeys, fruit baskets, and more. Then, on November 21, 40 Rosedale elders and families received baskets overflowing with tur-

keys; fresh produce; kitchen staples like beans, rice, flour, and oil; household necessities; and winter weather gear for their children.

This is RDA's Feed-a-Family program. “Each year I'm nervous we won't have enough to give the families,” says Program Director Je T'aime Taylor, who has coordinated the program at RDA for four years. “And each year I'm again reminded of the great generosity of the Rosedale community. Individuals, businesses, churches, schools, and area organizations all come together to make sure neighbors' needs are met during the Thanksgiving season.”

The program would not be possible without the generous support of ordinary Rosedalians who give time, food, money, and winter gear

to deliver a little extra holiday cheer to fellow Rosedalians in need each Thanksgiving. “This is by far my favorite time of year,” says Dave Haun, who annually donates 80 pounds of potatoes and onions to the program. “I love being able to support the Rosedale community through this program.”

Though the Feed-a-Family program is over for 2018, donors and volunteers can still support RDA's year-round work to build a thriving community at rosedale.org/donate.

To learn more, contact Je T'aime Taylor at 913-677-5097 or jetaime@rosedale.org.



Give “40 for 40” on December 18

by *Kimberly Hunter*

On Tuesday, December 18, community members are invited to the Vox Theatre to celebrate RDA's 40th anniversary as a nonprofit in Rosedale. The event will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m., where guests will join RDA board and staff in enjoying light food and drinks, share stories and accomplishments from RDA's collaborative community work over the last 40 years, and discuss visions for Rosedale's future.

Unofficially organized as the Rosedale Community Council in 1945 as a grass-

roots, community-centered organization addressing issues such as neighborhood blight, business development, crime, zoning, and flood control, RDA received official nonprofit status in 1978. Today, RDA remains committed to work with residents, businesses, and institutions to develop a thriving Rosedale community through advocacy, programs, leadership development, and community service.

Guests are asked to RSVP by Friday, December 14. *(Continued next page)*



JE T'AIME TAYLOR

AmeriCorps Kansas members Nicole and Samanthe check the coat list twice while sorting donations.

“40 for 40” continued
14. There is no charge to attend the celebration, though guests are encouraged to “give 40 for 40” to support RDA’s work in Rosedale for the next 40 years. Forty may look like a \$40 donation, 40 hours of volunteering, or meeting 40 new neighbors.

Creativity and connection are encouraged, as they have been vital to RDA’s work since the beginning and will carry it into the future.

📍 To RSVP or learn more, contact Alissa Workman at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.

RDA closes 2018 with two more awards

by Kimberly Hunter

On Tuesday, November 13, RDA’s community work was recognized at two local awards ceremonies. The first, organized by Healthy Happy Holy KC, took place in the morning and honored RDA Healthy Kids Program Director, Je T’aime Taylor, with a Bold Champion award. Healthy, Happy, Holy is an initiative to address social determinants of health in Kansas City. It gathers faith-based leaders from across the KC Metro area to build partnerships, increase knowledge about healthy lifestyles, and improve health outcomes. To learn more, visit hhhkc.org. In her role at RDA, Je T’aime coordinates several community programs and events while managing a dynamic AmeriCorps Kansas service team. Together they assist with minor home repair, community gardens, cooking classes, walking clubs, Summer Youth Employment, and other activities that impact

neighbors’ health.

Later that day, RDA also received a gold Philly Award from Nonprofit Connect for a website redesign project. For over 40 years, Nonprofit Connect has linked local nonprofits to education, resources, and networking so organizations can more effectively achieve their missions. Each year, their nonprofit members are invited to submit entries to an expert panel of judges. Winners are awarded in fifteen categories and honored at a Philanthropy “Philly” Awards ceremony in November. This year RDA won gold with the help of their summer intern Tuong Nguyen, a high school sophomore at the Ewing Marion Kauffman School. RDA is thankful for the many partners who make their community work possible.

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MIRANDA COFFEY

Youth compete during a basketball game at Joe E. Amayo-Argentine Community Center.

Fall soccer ends as winter basketball begins

by Rob Gibson

“Time sure flies when you’re having fun” aptly describes the 2018 fall youth soccer season, which concluded November 3. Overall, the season was a huge success! Thanks to two volunteer coaches, Mike Bryant (8-10 age group) and Garrett Seelinger (5-7), RDA was again able to field two teams. Gratitude is also due Our Savior Lutheran for their sponsorship, which provided players with jerseys. All youth participants had an opportunity to compete in all six games played. Most importantly, each player had fun!

Though soccer season has now closed, Rosedale kids will soon have another chance to experience team sports. Youth basketball regis-

tration for the 2019 winter season opened October 15 and closes December 21. The \$15 registration fee may be paid by cash, check, or money order and can be completed in person at the Wyandotte County Parks and Recreation Main Office (5033 State Ave.). Alternatively, registration forms and payment (no cash) can be mailed to 3488 West Drive Kansas City, KS 66120 (Attn: Youth Sports). For more questions or more information, please call 913-573-8330 or visit wycokck.org/parks. Here’s to another great season of youth sports with RDA!

📍 To learn more or sign up, contact Rob Gibson at 913-677-5097 or rob@rosedale.org.

Give back in 2019 and join the A-team!

by Je T’aime Taylor

Join RDA’s 2019 AmeriCorps Kansas team! “A-team” members serve the Rosedale community in many creative capacities. Among other activities, they administer youth sports programs, teach cooking classes, support community gardens, and assist with neighborhood cleanups as well as after school activities. Quarter-time A-team members serve approximately 15

hours a week from February 1 to August 31. In exchange for their service, members may gain new skills, build lasting relationships, and receive professional development, a bi-weekly living stipend, and an end-of-term educational scholarship.

📍 To apply, contact Je T’aime Taylor at 913-677-5097 or jetaime@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar

(assembled by Kimberly Hunter)

ONE-TIME EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 18
RDA’s 40th Anniversary Party
6:30-8:30 p.m., Vox Theatre, 1405 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, January 15
RISE Volunteer Orientation
6-8 p.m., 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK

RECURRING EVENTS:

Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Fisher Park Walking Club
Call for meet-up location

Every other Monday
Mobile Library
10-11 a.m.
1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Every other Tuesday
Mobile Library
2:30-4:30 p.m.
2314 W 39th Ave., KCK

First Mondays (no January meeting)
Hilltop Neighborhood meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Second Tuesdays
Frank Rushton Neighborhood meeting
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK

Second Wednesdays
Shawnee Road Neighborhood meeting
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Third Wednesdays
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

📍 To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.

Rosedale Development Association

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Running down Memory Lane with Camila and Theresa

by Nicole Fitzgerald

“Do you want to see my medal?” asks Theresa Ryes-Cummings, RDA board member. Wide-eyed, fourth grader Camila Orellana-Solis reaches out to grab hold of Theresa’s 100K ultra marathon medal. Though generations apart, both women are from Wyandotte County and both also recently won medals for races they ran. Camila Orellana, a nine year old student at Frank Rushton Elementary placed first in her age group at the Overrun 5K race for Ovarian cancer. Likewise, Theresa Ryes-Cummings placed second out of all women participants in a 100K ultra marathon. So last month I walked down Memory Lane with these two neighborhood leaders and recorded their conversation about their accomplishments and why they enjoy running.

“What do you love about running?” Theresa asks Camila. Smiling up at Theresa, Camila answers, “It’s good for exercise, for my heart, for fun, and I like running with family.” Nodding, Theresa says, “I agree it’s great for exercise. I love to run in the woods out in nature. I just run for hours and hours in the woods and I feel like I become part of nature.” Jumping in, I ask Camila, “How did you feel when you found out you won first place in your age group?” She



NICOLE FITZGERALD

Friends Camila and Theresa share intergenerational sole support.

ponders the question; then with a huge grin, responds, “I felt proud of myself!” Turning to Theresa, I ask how she felt when she realized she’d won second. “I was so surprised to learn I won second out of all the women!” she shared.

Leaning over the table, Theresa pulls out two gifts she has for Camila. One is a multipurpose scarf, the other a pair of high quality running toe socks. “These socks may be a little big for you right now, but save them. You can use them in high school when you run cross country.” I ask them one last question.

“What’s your personal mantra or running phrase that gives you motivation?” Both smile to themselves, then look at me ready to share the words that fuel their feet. “Mine is light legs, strong run,” says Theresa. “Be confident, never give up, be fearless, girl power!” Camila tells me. Theresa and Camila give each other a big hug. Before parting ways, each encourages the other to continue the lifelong journey and joy of running.

📍 To share a memory, contact Kimberly Hunter at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.

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NONPROFIT CONNECT



Kauffman Scholar Tuong Nguyen wins Nonprofit Connect’s gold Philly Award for his redesign of RDA’s website.