Thanks! In the DDT article, there’s a weird sentence about halfway through—“after his 10 year old son broke his arm and learned that disc golf. It was one of the few safe things he could do.” I think you need to get rid of the period and “it” to make that one sentence.

**Disc de Triomphe sponsors continue support after cancelled event**

By Alissa Workman

Time and again the Rosedale community shows up in a big way to support RDA’s work to build healthy and thriving neighborhoods. This was again true in late August when RDA had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Rosedale Disc de Triomphe tournament due to concerns about the rapidly spreading delta variant in our area. With this news sponsors rallied to support RDA’s work in Rosedale, which continues to shift priorities. Over the last 20 months, the availability of such funds have been instrumental in allowing RDA to quickly act as the pandemic continues to shift priorities.

For a full list of 2021 sponsors and prize donors, visit rosedale.org/ddt/golf.

Rozarks trails illuminated for Halloween

By Sarah Waggoner

Mark your calendars! Rosedale Development Association invites you to walk along our first Haunted Halloween trail in the Rozarks October 30, from 4-8 p.m. This walk will be a family friendly event, meaning there will be nothing too scary or frightening. Community partners will also be present along with a pumpkin give-away thanks to our friends at After the Harvest.

The idea for a Halloween trail walk came after the resounding success of our Rozarks Luminary trail walk last holiday season. We had several participants request that we hold more events in the Rozarks trails, as they are one of Rosedale’s most beloved resources. Given that the woods always look a little spooky in the autumn as the leaves fall, we figured that a Halloween-themed trail walk would be a fun event for all of Rosedale to enjoy.

This event will take place at Mount Marty Park, which in addition to being an entry point for the Rozarks trails, is also the home of the Rosedale Memorial Arch. The sun will be setting around 6:30 p.m. on October 30, but we ask that you bring a flashlight or lantern as it is always darker in the woods.

We highly encourage you to come to this event in your Halloween costume, but remember to wear comfortable walking shoes for the hilly trails!

All social distancing guidelines will be followed during this event and we ask that you wear masks when you are within six feet of people outside of your household. We are also still looking for volunteers to help us set up before and tear down after the event. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For more information about the Haunted Halloween trail or to volunteer for the event, email Program Director Samantha Burton-Basket at samantha@rosedale.org or call RDA at 913-677-5297.

**Rosedale Future Professionals returns**

By Victor Michimani

As the fall season begins, RDA is launching our Rozarks Future Professional (RFP) cohorts for youth in grades 5-8. RFP is a program that focuses on financial literacy for middle school students and builds a strong foundation to start their financial journeys. RFP teaches youth how to budget, the difference between debit and credit, and how to plan for their financial futures. Youth will also learn necessary professional development skills such as how to write a resume and interview for their first job. And the most exciting part: students in the program will also receive $10 for each session that they attend.

Students who participate in the program will also receive eligibility to participate in Rosedale’s Summer Youth Employment or School Year Employment once they turn 14. With this, RDA is using our programs to build off one another to give Rosedale youth all the tools they need to achieve financial success.

This fall season RDA will host five cohorts with each lasting one week and consisting of four sessions, hosted at Rosedale Middle School. New cohorts will start on the following Mondays: October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, and November 1. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, so visit rosedale.org/rozdale-future-professionals to apply today!

For additional information or interest in signing up for a cohort contact Victor Michimani at victor@rosedale.org or (913) 283-5495.
Rock Steady Boxing offers hope for those with Parkinson’s in Wyandotte

By Samisa Curry

Parkinson’s Disease affects 200,000 people a year in the US, and is common in people over 60 years old. It is characterized by movement problems such as tremors, shuffling gait, poor balance, and slowness of movement. There are also non-motor symptoms like depression, speech and sleep problems, cognitive challenges and more. It is progressive, degenerative, and incurable. Yet, there is hope. Exercise, particularly boxing, is proven to reduce the severity of symptoms, slow the progression of the disease, and improve quality of life.

If you have Parkinson’s disease you should know — you are not alone. You can fight to prove a better life. Rock Steady Boxing in Wyandotte Co., located at The Police Athletic League of KCK (PAL) at 800 N. Ann St., is waiting for you to start your fight. In 2015, Rock Steady came to Overland Park, KS. Today, we have built a strong and resilient community with over 250 participants in our program. We offer over 40 classes a week in our dedicated Parkinson’s Exercise Center. We have seen, firsthand, the dramatic improvement exercise makes, and we want to help the residents of The Dotte to be empowered and to create strong advocates for your own health. We cannot do it without you. Please join us for an open house Friday October 29 from 3-5 p.m. at The PAL. Refreshments will be provided and we can’t wait to see you there!

For more information on Rock Steady, reach out to Samisa or anyone at the Parkinson’s Exercise and Wellness Center at 913-276-4665.

Junior Achievement opens doors to the community

By Sarah Wagonner

In June, RDA was selected as an AARP 2021 Community Challenge grantee to make improvements to the Koch Community Room to ensure safety during programs, events, meetings, and other gatherings. This includes replacing the outdated flooring, installing a barrier-free threshold, replacing the outdated flooring, installing new windows, and adding some new furnishings.

The AARP Community Challenge is a grant program to make tangible improvements to community centers that jump-start long-term change. It is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. To learn more, visit aarp.org/livable.

AARP grant improves 1401

By Alissa Workman

If you’ve visited the Northwood Shopping Center in the past year, you’ve noticed that the Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City (JA) has taken possession in the large south-facing space, occupying the largest storefront in the center. We had the opportunity to tour their gorgeous new building and learn about all the incredible programming they will be offering to Kansas City youth.

JA first and foremost offers educational programs to youth focusing on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. These curricula are available to all, and in fact RDA uses them in youth programs. Their new building is designed to work hand-in-hand with these curriculums, as a space to explore learning and innovation in person. In fact, one of the first spaces we visited was the Innovation Center, which is a workspace for youth fully loaded with new technology and designed for thinking and brainstorming.

The entire building is intentionally designed for youth, and contains features such as a wall of TVs where youth projects and individual spots are showcased, a KC-specific Hall of Fame, and a very photographic multicolored entrance with a “instagram wall”.

The main attraction is the JA Biztown, in which groups of youth can come and spend a day working in a fictional city, with each student taking on a working role in the city. Biztown features storefronts of actual business in Kansas City, who have donated to JA. The whole setup is very impressive and inviting, and important for actual business in Kansas City.

JA is officially opening their doors this month, and are welcoming any groups to participate in, so reach out today to connect.

For more information on Junior Achievement programs or curricula, visit their website at greaterkansascityja.org.

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Rosedale Middle School
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4 p.m.
Rosedale Middle School
November 7

Rosedale Future Professionals
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Rosedale Middle School
November 14

To learn more about upcoming events and community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call 913-677-3987.

New team reopens Three Bees Pottery and Coffee Shop

By Enni Shyka

“It’s a family and friends business,” Richard Clifton explained, sitting down at one of the familiar tables at Three Bees. Beloved coffee shop and source of talavera style pottery for the last three years, Three Bees is continuing under new ownership: Richard, his mother Kitty Jackson, brother Daniel Reynolds, and friend Drew Thorson.

Drew Thorson, who lives a block from Three Bees, reached out to Richard when he saw the sign out front, “Coffee Shop for Sale, $10,000.” Nick Medrano, the founder of Three Bees, was ready to focus on his own pottery and scoping business and was looking for the right person to take on the coffee shop. Drew, a software engineer, wanted to make sure Three Bees stayed in the neighborhood and saw an opportunity. Richard, a tech entrepreneur and landlord, thought the business looked good on paper and was looking for a different kind of work — “one where I’m not behind a computer for eight hours a day,” he explained. Richard used to butcher at The Local Pig a couple of times a week and missed working with the public from behind a counter. Kitty had worked in a coffee shop previously and would bring the financial savvy. The team officially took over on August 24.

Three Bees’ name will stay the same, as well as the pottery; in fact, the team is planning a trip to Mexico in October to replenish their stock in time for the holidays. The popular tamales, which had been off the menu for a few months, will be returning along with the salsa. The team plans to gradually expand the menu, starting with some seasonal drinks like atole and Mexican hot chocolate for the winter. The coffee will come from Blip Roasters, and “fun fact,” Richard says, “Blip changes it’s source quarterly, and this next quarter the coffee comes from Mexico, just like the pottery.”

Three Bees new hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Head on over to 925 Southwest Blvd. to meet the new team running Three Bees!