

## CHAIR CHAT

Hello Friends of Roselawn

The board of directors has been very busy since we sent out our 2013 Year End report to you and I want, on behalf of your board directors, to let you know of a few news items. The first thing I must do, is send out a very appreciative thank-you to those who have made donations to the Friends of Roselawn Centre. Your kindnesses are a tremendous help!

The Friends of Roselawn is now a Not for Profit (NFP) corporation. The original name of Friends of Roselawn has been slightly altered in order to file our Not for Profit application, so our corporate name is now Friends of Roselawn Centre (FORC). No cutlery jokes please!

FORC is now registered with the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Your board is in the final stages of establishing a Strategic Plan and we will proceed this spring with grant applications to support The Roselawn Centre of the Arts in a numbers of ways, from improving the art centre to refurbishment of the historic mansion. More on that later when we have specific projects and timelines established. A large thank-you should also go out to both the staff at The Roselawn Centre and the Municipality of Port Colborne for their willingness to work as partners with us on these projects. With that in mind you will receive notices of events coming up at Roselawn Centre. Some of these events will be of a pleasurable social nature and some will be a call for volunteers at times too. Roll up those sleeves! Exciting things are abreast!

Your Board of Directors have developed a set of By-laws, which is required, and an electronic copy is available by contacting our hard working secretary, Arlene Lessard at: [arlessard2225@gmail.com](mailto:arlessard2225@gmail.com) The current Board of Directors includes: Nancy Misener (chair); Arlene Lessard (secretary, events); Pat Bowman (treasurer, donations/fund raising, garden restorations); Sian Thomas (research); Kevin Rawlings (grants); Jeff Ballin (e-communications); Carole Black-Brisley (historian, events); Pam Koudijs; Judith Boroniec; Harry Hakim (municipal rep). If you are a member and want to assist in a specific area contact the board member who is heading up the committee, in parenthesis. These folks are a hard working board. Thank you to all of them!

Contact FORC – [friendsofroselawn@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofroselawn@gmail.com)

Website: [www.friendsofroselawn.com](http://www.friendsofroselawn.com) (in its fledgling stage).

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** FORC is starting a membership drive. Please join!! The annual fee is \$15 entitling members in good standing to: receive minutes from any general members meetings; agendas in advance of meetings; an invitation to and voting rights at the AGM; the ability to put forth your name for election onto the board when vacancies arise; a membership list; a social; and any other rights of general members as expressed in the by-laws. The membership funds will go toward the expenses incurred by running the corporation, and getting us closer to attaining our goals. Please find below a FORC Membership form. These can be mailed or dropped off to the Friends of Roselawn Centre at 296 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, Att: Nancy Misener with your membership fees enclosed. (Cheques payable to Friends of Roselawn). Please submit by April 30,2014.

Thanks and see you soon,

Nancy (Misener)

FRIENDS OF ROSELAWN CENTRE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of memberships desired:

\$15 adult \_\_\_\_\_ \$8 senior 65+ \_\_\_\_\_

\$3 Youth \_\_\_\_\_ (memberships will run Apr 1<sup>st</sup> to Mar 31<sup>st</sup> annually)

Would you like to volunteer? What area would you like to help?

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_