

NEWS BULLETIN

We have some exciting events coming up and want to keep all of our Friends informed. Also, a brief description of what we've been up to in the last few months follows:

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

- 1) Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 10 AM to 1 PM in the Conservatory, we are having a "sparkle" day. This is to polish silver and get acquainted with one another again. The silver is in need of polishing and we don't all know one another; let's combine the two and have fun. Please let us know, info@friendsofrockwood.org, or call 762-2075, if you are able to attend.
- 2) Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 8:45 AM to 1:00 PM the Delaware Greenways is having a grounds clean-up. The focus areas will be the trails and garden beds immediately around the museum and carriage house. We'll be weeding, cutting vines, trimming bushes, lopping low growing branches, mulching, etc. The county will have personnel, water, gloves and machinery on site, but if you have any tools that would be helpful, please bring them along. We are combining forces with Widener Hikers, Delaware Greenways, NCC Special Services and Delaware State Parks. Come meet some new people.
- 3) We're in need of experienced flower arrangers.
- 4) We need to form a committee to help change the kitchen exhibits seasonally.
- 5) We need to form a committee to help remove the Christmas decorations after January 2, 2011. A firm date will be determined later.
- 6) We need to expand our membership and desperately need help in figuring out a plan. Once again, your help is needed to bring in new, enthusiastic members to keep The Friends of Rockwood

alive. We have some ideas, but need people to help implement them.

- 7) We need to form a committee to plan the Christmas party this year. The same people have been doing it for so long and they need a break.....not to mention new ideas.

HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our DVD "Rockwood Memories 1895-1999", which was previewed in 2009 at the Holiday Open House, has sold out and is in its second printing. We've added a picture of Rockwood on the DVD and it is for sale in the Butler's Pantry. Monies from the sale will go to the Conservatory Fund. **Great gift idea!**

The Board reviewed our membership categories and voted to increase the donations amount to be in line with similar Friends organizations in the area. This has been the first increase in many years.

We have donated our past records to the University of Delaware Library to preserve and safe guard our history. The donation consisted of 30 boxes of records from the start of The Friends of Rockwood until 2005. We plan to add to this archival history periodically over the future years. These records will be archived with the donated County documents for easy research on Rockwood Museum.

New Castle County made an arrangement with Sonia Sloan of Sloan Fund Raising and Management Counsel, to meet with the Friends' grant writing committee to learn how to effectively search and apply for grants to help restore the Conservatory. A meeting was held on August 12 and Sonia provided us a wealth of information on how to move through this process. The grant committee consists of Joe Dell'Olio, June Zappa and Donna Fox, all board members, and Philip Nord, Director of Rockwood.

In summary, don't forget to keep us up-to-date with any new information, i.e., new e-mail address, new ideas, new members, etc., and we'll do the same. Also, keep checking the webpage for upcoming events offered by the Friends and the County, and, finally, let us know if you're available to help with the events we've listed. The phone is always checked for incoming messages - 302-762-2075. We simply cannot do it without everyone's help.

Thank you,

Friends of Rockwood Board