



# Rosewood Taxpayers' Association

## Winter 2001

### Message from the President

The Executive Board and myself all hope you enjoyed a happy festive season. We would like to extend a welcome to our new **Councillor Bas Balkissoon**.

At this same time we say goodbye to our former **Councillor Doug Mahood**. We thank him for all his work on the Association's behalf and wish him well in his new career. We look forward to working with Councillor Balkissoon on new projects.

Once again we would remind dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash and to **PLEASE** clean up after them. Pets are wonderful but allowing them to foul the neighbourhood is very irresponsible.

We regretfully say goodbye to **Haster Lau**, our past secretary. Thank you for all your help, and welcome to **Amanda Huang** our new secretary.

Your Association is 11 years old. We have achieved a great deal over the past eleven years. Our first general meeting was very well attended and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings. We always need volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours per month (sometimes not even that), you will be joining a team of wonderful people. You won't regret it! Please call me anytime—as they say, the phone lines are open.

As we have done in previous years, we again donated \$500.00 to the **Alexmuir Junior Public School** and the **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Elementary School**. Some things have had to be cut back with the province's reduced funding. Every little bit helps them do extra things for our children, and we are always happy to do what we can.

To each and everyone of you, a happy New Year 2001, and Kung Hee Fatt Choy!

Sincerely,

Valerie Plunkett, President  
416 291-4047

### Profile on the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association (RTA)

#### Snapshot

Close to 800 households in Rosewood are members. The RTA is one of the largest community associations in all of Toronto. And probably one of the most active, too. If you've never been, try coming out to one of our meetings. See the schedule in this newsletter.

**JOIN THE RTA.** See the form overleaf. Annual membership is only \$5 per household. Tenants renting a basement apartment or sharing a home in the neighbourhood are most welcome to join.

#### Neighbourhood Cleanup in the Spring

We not only help to keep the community cleaner for everyone, but help neighbours meet each other. Knowing each other makes our community more interesting and safer, for seniors, adults, teenagers, and children.

#### Neighbourhood Beautification

Few neighbourhoods have an entrance as nice looking as ours. Take notice as you enter Alexmuir Boulevard from Finch Ave. This "gateway" enhances our community, and, should the need arise to relocate, makes the community more attractive to potential buyers.

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Signs handcrafted by John Skears

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### Representing the Community's Interests

When there is a proposed residential or commercial development in the vicinity of Rosewood, the Association is usually informed before the proposal is even made public. And if not informed, our executive, through political contacts and with their ears to the ground, find out! In years past, the RTA has been instrumental in blocking construction of a 24-hour donut shop/convenience store at the Shell Station at Brimley and Finch as well as a nursing home at South Shields and Midland Ave. We did not see these developments as adding anything to the community.

### Community Events

Make use of those advertising magnets—stick this schedule to your fridge door.

We hope to see you at the following events which are always informative and enjoyable. It is a great way to meet new people and to keep yourself informed.

#### Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

General Meeting, Alexmuir Jr. Public School:  
Meet your new councillor and discuss community concerns.

#### Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Start of the regular sessions of the Chit Chat Club, Alexmuir Junior Public School library. The club aims to help our Chinese seniors meet and socialize while learning English.

#### Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

General Meeting, Alexmuir Jr. Public School:  
Topic: Spring Gardening

#### Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.–12.00 noon

**Spring Clean-Up.** Meet in the parking lot of Alexmuir Junior Public. Bring your neighbour and enjoy some refreshments.

### Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Membership Application

Name		
Address		
Postal Code		Tel:

Cut out and drop off or mail, with a cheque for \$5 membership fee:

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association  
c/o Brimley Pharmacy  
127 Montezuma Trail  
Scarborough, ON M1V 1K5



Valerie Plunkett, President (centre), presenting donations to Lothar Maier, Principal, Alexmuir Junior Public School (left) and Paul Mayer, Principal St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Elementary School (right)

L-R: Emma Hizek, Gloria Altmann, Jane Morrison, Lothar Maier, Valerie Plunkett, Paul Mayer, Horace Atkinson, Joseph Hizek. Jane organized the successful membership drive that made these donations possible.