



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - January 2, 2019

Happy New Year!

RSD Building Bridges e-Newsletter (BBN): a digest of news and information for families and friends of [Rochester School for the Deaf](#), about our school and the Deaf community.

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IMPORTANT LINKS, DATES, AND INFORMATION:

- [January 2019 Lunch Menus](#)

- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) has posted the School Year 2018-2019 Letter to Parents, Application form, a new policy regarding Meal Charges & Prohibition Against Meal Shaming and the current RSD Wellness Policy. [Click here](#) to review this information.

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [63 Fun Questions to Get Your Kid Talking](#)

- **FAMILY MEMBERS - LAST DAY TO SIGN UP! Signs for All (SFA) Winter 2019 [printable registration](#) form for RSD Family Members is still available. Deadline to register and pay in full is today - January 2, 2019. RSD Family Members may [click here](#) to download and print the registration form. Online registration for SFA community member classes is closed. ASL I classes are full. ASL II classes have a few spaces available. Call Lauren at 585-544-1240 ext. 0 asap.**

- **NEW!** [Deaf Health Talks: Fitness](#), Thursday, January 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., [CDR/RCIL, 497 State St, Rochester](#). Deaf, certified personal trainer Janna Luksha will present about nutrition and exercise and lead a

20-30 minute low-impact exercise. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Free at attend, free parking and healthy snacks provided.

- **NEW!** [ROC THAT! ASL Improv - Open Stage - Anniversary Special](#), Friday, January 11, 2019, [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave.](#), Rochester. Age: 18+, [ticketed event with 80 ticket limit](#). Special guest: ASL Comedian Brett Shaffer! Happy Hour: 5-7 p.m. Show time: 7-9 p.m. Free hors d'oeuvres provided.

- **NEW!** [10th anniversary of Def Meets Deaf Poetry Jam](#) at Lovin Cup, [300 Park Point Drive](#), Rochester. Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Deaf, hard of hearing and hearing poets/performers. ASL and spoken English interpreted. Free and open to the public.

- **NEW!** [NTID Performing Arts presents "Leaves of the Poetry Tree"](#) February 21-14, [Robert F. Panara Theater, LBJ Hall, RIT Campus](#). \$5 Students/Seniors (60+); \$10 Faculty/Staff/RIT Alumni; \$12 General Public. [Tickets available at RIT University Arenas](#). Using inspiration found in children's stories and poetry books, this family-friendly dance production addresses issues and challenges that we all face, such as bullying, fear, death, racial differences, gender identity, dreams, and equality. The production combines music, American Sign Language, and poetry with dance to express these themes.

- **NEW!** [Rochester Deaf Rotary Breakfast Benefit for Deaf Refugee Advocacy](#), Saturday, March 2, 2019, Lake Avenue Baptist Church, [72 Ambrose St.](#), Rochester, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. \$9/person; under age 8, free.

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ONGOING

- **[Wine Tour to support NAMI](#)** - National Alliance on Mental Health, Saturday, January 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$100/person and limited to 20 people. Travel in a Limo Bus to 5 wineries and 1 brewery for tastings; lunch included. E-mail: info@mcdhub.org to reserve your spot and make a payment.

- **[The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House](#)** in Rochester will be offering ASL Tours on Sundays starting at 1:00 p.m., January 20; February 24; and, March 31, 2019. ASL Tours are included with the price of museum & house admission. Reservations for ASL Tours must be made in advance and by 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the scheduled ASL Tour. E-mail: programs@susanb.org or call 585.235.6124 ext 1 to make an ASL Tour reservation. If an ASL Tour is canceled a 48-hour notice will be provided to those holding an ASL Tour reservation.

- **[Deaf Health Care Open Forum](#)**, Wednesday, January 23, 2019, **[Panara Theater, LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID Campus](#)**, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This open forum is for Deaf people to get up-to-date information on health care and to discuss ways to develop better relationships between Deaf people and hospitals, clinics, and medical professionals.

- **[MCDHub Events](#)**: Youth Performance Training, January 26--27; Pre-Super Bowl Party, Saturday, February 2. [Click here](#) for event locations and tickets.

- [Deafit & Healthy Life Style with Shari Lynn Moore](#), Friday, February 1, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. [RIT/NTID - SDC 1300-1310](#); \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Click the link for tickets and more information.

- **Save the Dates**: February 8-10, 2019, for the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Girls Division II Varsity Basketball Tournament at RSD! More information coming soon.

- [Cromania!](#) Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., [Lyric Theater, 440 East Ave., Rochester](#). Cromania is Crom Saunders' one-man show featuring skits that incorporate pop culture, impersonations, improvisation, American Sign Language, puns, and physical feats into one big laugh fest. Crom came up with the idea for this show based on his love of books, theater, and movies. He draws a lot from contemporary film and theatre, but also pays homage to the classics like Shakespeare and classic horror movies. \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors. [Click here](#) for show information and tickets.

- **Save the Dates**: June 20-23, 2019 - [Reach Out! Supporting Deaf Refugees Conference, LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID Campus](#). This shared gathering hopes to develop an accurate understanding of the realities and needs of Deaf refugees, as well as vulnerable Deaf migrants nationally and globally.

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- **RSD OPPORTUNITY!** The RSD Custodial Department is in need of part-time sub as needed custodians to clean our buildings. Daytime hours 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Evening hours 2:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Contact Mike Kaiser, RSD Facilities Director: 585-336-5829 (V); 585-286-2847 (VP); E-Mail: mkaiser@rsdeaf.org. Thank you.

- **ECC ASL Storytime Videos** playlist on the RSD YouTube Channel has added several brand new stories recently complete with color illustrations, ASL narration, classifiers, vocabulary, and ASL chants! **24 ASL Storytime Videos** to learn from and enjoy! [Check them out today!](#)

- Your RSD Wildcats Athletics Department has now posted the Winter 2018-2019 athletic season schedules & rosters for [Girls Varsity](#), [Boys Varsity](#), and [Middle School](#) Basketball games. All games are also posted to the [RSD Web site events calendar](#) and can be exported in iCalendar/Outlook format.

- [City of Rochester Break Week Discovery Programs](#) - Explore and play during school break weeks. Ages: 6-13. Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$100 city residents; \$145 non-city residents per week. Where? Genesee Valley Park Field House.

- National Center of Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) [Deaf2 Informational Video Library](#) - Current video topics in ASL include Sexually Transmitted Infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Safe Sex Practices.

- [iGive.com](https://www.give.com) is donating \$3 for each new person supporting Rochester School for the Deaf through [iGive](https://www.give.com). No purchase necessary. Supporters shop at over 1,900 great stores. An average of 3 percent is donated to RSD via [iGive](https://www.give.com), and when you shop often that adds up quickly. The \$3 donation to RSD offer ends November 30. Thanks!

- If you give to the **United Way of Greater Rochester** consider directing your gift to support students at Rochester School for the Deaf. The Designation Number for RSD is **1162**. Thank you for your generous and thoughtful support.

- **[TOPS in Education!](#)** Shop at TOPS Friendly Markets and support RSD. Simply [register](#) your TOPS Bonus Plus card or key tag, select Rochester School for the Deaf as your school to support, and TOPS will contribute up to 5% of your TOPS brand items purchased to RSD. The more you buy, the more TOPS supports RSD.

- [Introducing eScrip.com](#) where over \$400 million is given back to schools and nonprofits like Rochester School for the Deaf. [Sign up securely today](#), get the app and start shopping. As you shop locally or online or dine out you make a difference when you choose to support Rochester School for the Deaf. [Watch this quick video](#) to learn more.

- Shopping on Amazon Smile can also be a bonus to RSD, and we have made it easy. [Just click here](#) to go to the "Shopping Supports RSD" page and shop through Amazon Smile or eScrip. You get what you want easily and conveniently and RSD gains additional funds to enhance and enrich educational programs for our students.

- [The American Society of Deaf Children \(ASDC\)](#) is constantly seeking diverse families with Deaf and hard of hearing children and young adults who are empowered to embrace full access to language-rich ASL and English environments. Individual and family memberships to ASDC are free and include: The Endeavor news magazine, information about conferences for families, free Described and Captioned Media Program membership, website and social media channels with links and resources, monthly e-mail blast for members, and more. RSD families who are not yet members of the ASDC can [click here for a free, membership](#). RSD member families of ASDC can also use this form to extend your free membership yearly. Please join or renew today!

- To honor the life and volunteer service to RSD of the late Gilman Perkins, great-grandson of RSD's founders, Gilman and Caroline Perkins, Gil's children have established [The Gilman Perkins Fund for RSD Student Needs](#). This fund is intended to help RSD students overcome financial obstacles that may impede them from achieving academic, social or career success. [Click here](#) to learn more about The Gilman Perkins Fund and how you and others can contribute to it towards the success of all RSD students. Thank you.

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