



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - January 10, 2018

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 2018 Lunch Menus](#)

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- **NEW Day - Time - Location!** [RSD Parent-Staff](#)

[Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings are going back to first Monday of the month. The two exceptions are for January and April 2018. **NEXT**

MEETING: Monday, February 5, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall - Learning Resource Center (LRC). The agenda includes a presentation on Characteristics of Successful High School Students Who Are Ready for Career or College, by RIT/NTID Student Life Team Director Tim Albert. This meeting will also be live streamed on the [RSD PSA Facebook page](#).

- **RSD Athletics**: Be sure to stay up-to-date with your Wildcats. **Click here** for links to Middle School, Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity Basketball schedules and game locations.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** **This week's Nibble:** [Supporting School Success](#).

- **NEW!** The RSD school year 2017-2018 Academic Calendar is now linked to the school's [Web site home page](#). Look for the tab in the right sidebar under the lunch menu, newsletter sign up and athletics tabs.

- **NEW! Back by Popular Demand - [ASL Storytime](#)** - Saturdays: Feb. 10; March 24; April 21; May 5; & June 2. 10:30 a.m. Irondequoit Public Library, [1290 Titus Avenue](#). Recommended for children ages 1 to 5. **Click here** to get the flyer and save the dates.

- **NEW!** Coming to [Robert F. Panara Theater in LBJ Hall at RIT/NTID](#) **"Agency"** by Deaf Playwright Raymond Luczak; Directed by Luane Davis Haggerty; featuring Deaf professional actors like Monique Holt, Michelle Banks, Troy Chapman and others. March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m.; March 4 at 2:00 p.m. "Agency" is a humorous look inside an all-Deaf advertising agency and explores issues that involve diversity, audism, and working together. **Click here** for more information and access to tickets. Group rates available. Contact Joseph Fox jwfnpa@rit.edu to reserve seats now!

- **NEW!** Save the Date! Saturday, April 28, 2018 - **IMAGINE RIT!**

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ONGOING

- A night of **ASL Improv - ROC THAT!** with Host Doug Baker, Friday, January 12: Happy Hour: 5-7 p.m.; Show: 7-9 p.m. **RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave. Rochester.** Age 18+; no voice interpretation provided. Tickets limited to only 80 individuals. \$12/person.

Tickets: <https://RocThat.ticketspice.com/jan2018>

- Rochester Deaf Festival presents **"Hedy & Heidi: The Lost Sister Movie"** Friday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. **RIT Ingle Auditorium.** \$12/person online only at: <https://goo.gl/E3jMPC>

- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018.** **Online registration is now open.** Early bird rates apply through January 31, 2018.

- **MCDHub's 4th Annual Pre-Superbowl Event**, Saturday, February 3; Door opens at 3:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. catered dinner; 7:00 p.m. Game starts. **Moose Lodge, 5375 W. Henrietta Road.** \$20 **online** by Jan. 25; \$25 at the door; \$5 extra if not wearing visible NFL apparel. **Purchase tickets online** for dinner. Over 75 raffle / door prizes.

- **TechGirlz and TechBoys summer camps at RIT/NTID** for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the fall of 2018. The camp will be held July 21 - July 26, 2018. Room, board, and other program expenses are included in the \$700 program fee. Register online

today at www.rit.edu/NTID/TechGirly or www.rit.edu/NTID/TechBoyz. All registration materials must be in by May 15, 2018. For questions, email TechGirly@ntid.rit.edu or TechBoyz@ntid.rit.edu, or call 585-475-7695 (voice), 585-286-4555 (videophone) or text/FaceTime at 585-448-9651.

- [**540WMain Community Learning Academy**](#) has made a commitment to providing sign language interpreters for every class and event throughout 2018. [Click here](#) to learn more about 540WMain's art, education, and wellness classes and events for children and adults.

- **Support RSD just by shopping locally and online** - [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 thru 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 - Double Win! **When you #StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Rochester School for the Deaf. Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0761231> and support RSD every time you shop. Thank you.

- **If you give to 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.

- **[MCDHub Community Family Interpreting Fund](#)** - Funds raised at MCDHub events support this special fund for families with Deaf and hard of hearing members seeking ASL interpreting services. **[Click here](#)** to access the request form and interpreting guidelines.

- **[Dyer Arts Center at RIT/NTID Featured Events and Exhibitions](#)**

- **[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, web site 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.

- **[Sign 1 News](#)**, a free service powered by CNN, provides daily national and international news summaries in American Sign Language on your computer or smart device. **[Click here](#)** to check out Sign 1 News.

- **[The Silent Network](#)**, a former cable TV service that provided original programming in American Sign Language, is reissuing several series of programs online. After a 7-day free trial, unlimited access to Silent Network programs is just \$5 a month. **[Click here](#)** to start your free trial subscription.

- 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.

- [**Deaf Rochy**](#) - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community!

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- RSD **YouTube** Channel: [**http://goo.gl/zmj0JP**](http://goo.gl/zmj0JP)

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