



**"Education is all a matter of building bridges."**

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - April 11, 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:**

- Monday, April 23 - Spring Conference Day. No school for students.
- [April 2018 Lunch Menus](#)
- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) is an informative collection of new Web pages on the RSD Web site designed to guide our families and their students towards a tasty, well-balanced, and nutritional lunch each school day in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. [Click here](#) to access lunch menus, free and reduced-priced lunch information, unpaid meal charge policy, My School Bucks login, and the RSD Wellness Policy.

- **[RSD Employment Opportunities](#)**

- **[RSD Parent-Staff Association](#)** (PSA) monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall - Classroom 204. The next PSA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8th. The agenda will be shared soon. Meetings are also streamed on the **[RSD PSA Facebook page](#)**.

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**WHAT'S NEW?**

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: **[A LIFE IS WORTH A LOTTA PAIRS OF SOCKS](#)**

- **NEW!** **[The Edmund Lyon Memorial Lectureship Series presents: Michelle Koplitz](#)**: "How Human Rights Can Influence Positive Change in Public Health," Monday, April 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **[RIT/NTID LBJ Hall CSD Student Development Center Rooms 1300/1310](#)**. Free admission. All are welcome.

- **NEW!** **[Tedx University of Rochester](#)**, Sunday, April 22, will feature Claudia Gordon - the first Deaf, black woman lawyer to work in the White House, disability rights activist Rebecca Cokley, and ten more amazing minds from science and technology to health and social activism. All sessions are fully accessible and expected to sell out. Tickets: **<http://tedxuniversityofrochester.com/>**

- **NEW!** The RSD Jr. NAD Chapter invites one and all to **["The Future of Deaf People" with Marvin Miller](#)**, Thursday, April 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **[RSD Auditorium, 1545 St. Paul Street, Rochester](#)**. \$5 admission will benefit the National Jr. NAD Conference hosted by RSD in 2019.

- **NEW! [The City of Rochester Needs YOU!](#)** City and suburban residents in Rochester's Deaf / ASL community are invited to [watch this video](#) about the City of Rochester's Comprehensive Plan 2034, when the City celebrates its 200th anniversary, and how you can participate in future community planning and projects.

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## ONGOING

- **[RSD Wildcats Varsity Track & Field](#)** is back for its 2018 season! Go to the Varsity Track & Field [Web page](#) for girls and boys rosters, coaching staff, and meet schedule with school location links and dismissal times. **GO WILDCATS!**

- **[2nd Annual Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp](#)** at RSD, June 25-27; 9 am to 3 pm; \$105 Early Bird Special ends April 23rd. \$135 thereafter. The camp is for ages 10-16; Deaf, hard of hearing and CODA welcome. [Follow Palmer YDBC on Facebook](#).  
Contact: [PalmerYDBC@gmail.com](mailto:PalmerYDBC@gmail.com).

- RDMC - **Family Movie Night**, Friday, April 13 starting at 6:00 p.m. \$7/adults; \$4/child; \$20/family of 4; children under 2, free. Pizza, popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. BYO pillows and blankets to be comfy. [Carmen Clark Lodge, 777 Westfall Rd., Rochester](#).

- **Cut the Cord: Watching TV without Cable** with John Dunleavy, Thursday, April 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave.](#)

[Rochester](#). All are welcome. For more information contact: [RRCDSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RRCDSecretary@gmail.com).

- **[The Wonderful World of Oz!](#)** NTID Performing Arts presents L. Frank Baum's classic tale of adventure and discovery in beautiful ASL and spoken English, April 19-21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 22 at 2 p.m.; April 27 & 28 at 7:30 p.m. and in June and July for the NTID 50th Anniversary Celebration as fundraising performances for NTID Performing Arts facilities upgrades, including the Patrick A. Graybill Green Room. Tickets at the door, if available, or in advance from [RIT Tickets](#).

- Dyer Arts Center in [LBJ Hall at RIT/NTID](#) proudly presents: **["Beyond Form: Non-Objective Art by Deaf Artists"](#)** now on exhibition through April 21, 2018. Curatorial talk by Brenda Schertz April 20 at 4 p.m. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Back by Popular Demand - [ASL Storytime](#)** - Saturdays: 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.

- **[MCingo Night, Saturday, April 21](#)** at [Moose Lodge, 5373 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta](#) (near RIT Inn). Social hour starts at 6 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp at RSD scholarships. \$15 at the door. Raffles, prizes, and of course Fun!

- **CPR/AED and First Aid Training Lessons - Sessions will be conducted in both ASL and voice.** Open to everyone in need of getting their certification. Rochester Deaf Mothers Club (RDMC) is partnering with the Red Cross to offer First Aid/CPR/AED training sessions. Dates: Tues.

April 24th and Thurs. April 26th, 2018. Location: [Irondequoit Public Library, 1290 Titus Ave, Rochester, NY 14617](#). You must attend both sessions. Classes will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Open to all deaf/hoh/hearing teenagers (must be entering 9th grade in fall of 2018) and young adults/adults. Fee for both classes is \$28. E-mail: [rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com](mailto:rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com) to book your spots!

- **Deaf Health Talk: Your Period Stopped! What's Next?** Menopause and Bone Health with Dr. Carolyn Stern, Thursday, April 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [RRCDC, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester](#). All are welcome. For more information contact: [RRCDSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RRCDSecretary@gmail.com).

- [Discovering Deaf Worlds is hosting DDW's 8th Annual Rochester Benefit](#) on Friday, April 27th, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in The Wintergarden by Monroe's, [1 Bausch and Lomb Place](#), downtown Rochester. We would love to have you join us! Funds raised support our programs providing capacity building and organizational training to Deaf people in developing countries. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

- **Save the Date!** Saturday, April 28, 2018 - [IMAGINE RIT!](#)

- [RSD Alumni Spring Time Brunch](#), Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., RSD Forrester Hall Dining Room, [1545 St. Paul Street, Rochester](#). \$20 Adults; \$15 (55+) Seniors; \$5 Children under 12. RSVP by April 28. Use [RSDAA1904@gmail.com](mailto:RSDAA1904@gmail.com) for questions. Payable to: RSDAA, Box 92716, Rochester, NY 14692. [Click here](#) and scroll down to get the flyer.

- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018.** [Online registration is now open.](#)

- **[2nd Annual Deaf Day at Darien Lake](#)**, Saturday, July 14 - \$40 admission includes all-day park admission; Free Parking Voucher; Lunch meal; and private pavilion picnic area. Children age 2 and under - free admission and lunch meal. Ticket sales open March 1. Last day to get tickets is June 30 - No refunds - No exceptions.  
Tickets: <http://www.buffalodeafevents.com/shop>

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

- Save the date for **RDMC's 2018 KODA & Deaf Camp** - August 13 thru August 17. More details soon.

- **[ASL Storytime Videos](#)** - Teaching staff in the RSD ECC are hard at work to develop an ongoing collection of children's stories in ASL. Two stories are now available and more will be soon. ASL Storytime Videos will be archived on the [RSD Web site](#) and on this [playlist on the RSD YouTube Channel](#). Enjoy!

- **RSD Middle Electronics Recycling Program**: 7th and 8th-grade students have partnered with "Imagine It" to collect and properly recycle old and unused electronic components, devices, ink and toner cartridges, batteries, cords and chargers, gaming devices - you name it! RSD will get paid to collect and recycle these and all other items. Proceeds will be used to support students' special activities and/or to buy educational materials. Families are asking to bring their items for recycling to the main office with a permission note that it's okay to have these items recycled. For more information about this program, please [click here](#) to get the letter and recycling chart that students created. Thank you.

- **Two opportunities to participate in research projects**: Linzie Fuechtmann, is researching psycho-social management of prelingual deafness. Her team wants to see how deaf people manage to live in a predominantly hearing world. They are looking to hear stories, opinions, and information from people who have become deaf before the age of 3 - and need your help! This research study will pay \$80 for the first two-hour interview, and then \$150 for a follow up meeting a year from now - it's a great opportunity to make a little extra cash and be a participant in this pioneering study! Here is the link to the screening: [https://rit.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eEXBegI7xbSGRqI](https://rit.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEXBegI7xbSGRqI) Feel free to share this with your friends, neighbors, and family. **They are especially looking for more participants who are over the age of 40.** Contact Linzie at [linziekay@gmail.com](mailto:linziekay@gmail.com), or VP: 585-213-2022.

- Bethany Horn from RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Center of Cognition and Language and her team are looking to identify patterns in the disparities of health literacy between the three groups: people who are deaf, hearing, or hard of hearing/has a hearing loss. This

research is the fundamental first step in bridging these disparities while creating equal access to health information for all members of society. They are looking for people to participate in this study. Appointments take approximately 2 hours and it pays \$40.00 for their time. Additional information about this research project can be found by visiting: <http://www.healthinfolab.com/>

- **15% off all Sonic Alert** products for all RSD Wildcats friends & fans Use code: RSDWildcats18 when you order from the Sonic Alert Catalog <https://goo.gl/T3xpcq> Stay safe & Live better with quality & reliable Sonic Alert altering & hearing products. This offer applies to all 4201 Schools.

- 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.

- **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.

- **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.

- [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!

- 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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