



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - March 16, 2017](#)

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:

- [March 2017 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) monthly meeting, Monday, April 3, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall [Learning Resource Center \(LRC\)](#). The agenda for the April 3rd meeting will be announced shortly. All RSD parents and staff are welcome and encouraged to join the monthly PSA meetings. Any questions, email: mikekane83@gmail.com.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Healthy Nibble: Parenting Tip - [Plan for Success!](#)

- **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** [9th Annual RSD River Ramble 5K Run/Walk](#), Saturday, June 3rd. Save the date! Gather your team to fund raise for RSD. Registration will be open soon. Want to vounteer? Contact: RSD5K@RSDeaf.org

- **NEW!** [Jr. Deaf Rochester Film Festival](#), Thursday, March 23rd from 7 to 10 p.m. RSD auditorium, 1545 St. Paul Street; \$5 non-participating students and family members; \$10 general audience. [Click here](#) to get the list of student-made films to be screened. Please attend and support these young filmmakers.

- **NEW!** [Deaf Health Talks - About Opioids](#); Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m., Rochester View Apartments, 4365 W. Henrietta Rd.

- **NEW!** [Deaf Access to Justice Forum](#), Thursday, March 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester.

- **NEW!** Rochester Deaf Mother's Club March event at [Small Fry Art Studio](#), 50 Public Market, 2nd floor; Sunday, March 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. Kids will explore various painting techniques: spin art, scrape painting, marble painting, mono painting and splatter painting. Ages 6-12. \$20/child; additional siblings get \$3 off. Limited seating. RSVP: rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com.

- **NEW!** [Monroe Community College ASL Club](#) fundraising event at Chipotle's, 640 Jefferson Rd., Rochester. [Bring this flyer](#) in between 5 and 9 p.m., show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier that you are supporting the MCC ASL Club and Chipotle will donate 50% or your receipt to the club. Thank you.

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ONGOING/UPCOMING!

- [Deaf Rochester Film Festival](#), March 22 - 25, 2017. Festival details and online ticket purchasing on the [DRFF Web site](#).
- **Still Time to Enroll! [Signs for All Spring 2017 Session](#)** registration is now open. [Click here](#) for information about RSD students' immediate family member classes. Registration and Payment (for Class and Book) deadline: March 28th.
- [Middle School Volleyball](#) roster and schedule of matches with times and locations are posted to the team [Web page](#).
- 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.
- **GREAT NEWS FOR RSD! RSD to Host 8th Annual Summit** of the National American Sign Language & English Bilingual Consortium for Early Childhood Education (NASLECE) April 6-8, 2017. Up to 150 attendees are expected from the United States and Canada. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Now Enrolling!** The National Center for Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) at the University of Rochester is now enrolling participants for [Deaf Weight Wise 2.0](#), a clinical trial that will focus on healthy lifestyle behaviors. To join, participants must be age 21-40, deaf and use ASL, have a body mass index (BMI) between 25 and 45. Health program sessions start in March – contact us today to schedule an appointment! DeafWeightWise@urmc.rochester.edu or call us, (585) 206-7474 VP. To learn more about Deaf Weight Wise, [check out our Web site](#).
- **RIT/NTID Dyer Arts Center** proudly presents the world premier of ["Ann Silver: Deaf Way, Her Way - A Retrospective"](#) on

display now through April 22nd, 2017, [LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID campus](#) in Henrietta.

- [**Dunn Rite Optical is coming to Rochester!**](#) Meet Deaf licensed optician Robert Dunn, Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester](#).

- [**NTID Performing Arts presents "Fairy Tale Courtroom"**](#) March 30 - April 1 at 7:30 p.m. and April 2 at 2:00 p.m. 1510 Lab Theater, [LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID campus](#) in Henrietta. Free admission, however seating is very limited. No reservations.

- [**Duds for Love Bugs 2017 Spring/Summer Sale!**](#) March 31 - April 2 at RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Rd. This is Rochester's Premier Children's Consignment Event. [Register Today!](#) Clean out your closets & make some extra CA\$H!

- **REMINDER!** [**Discovering Deaf Worlds 7th Annual Rochester, NY, Benefit**](#), Friday, April 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. New location: Wintergarden by Monroe's, 1 Bausch and Lomb Place, downtown Rochester. \$50/person until March 31st, then \$60/person. [Click here for tickets](#).

- [**ASL and Deaf Pride Parade**](#), April 15th, 2017, in Washington, DC. Celebrate 200 years of American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and Deaf Pride in America. Marchers will assemble in front of [Gallaudet University](#) and parade to the [Lincoln Memorial](#). For more information go to [Audism Free America](#) on Facebook.

- [**TYKEs: Theatre Young Kids Enjoy**](#) at the JCC Hart Theater, [1200 Edgewood Ave, Rochester](#), presents the following **stage shows with ASL interpretation**: "Goodnight Moon" - Sunday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m.; and, "The Great DuBois" - Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for show details and secure online ticket sales.

- **MCingo April 22nd Event**. Save the date. Fundraising for the DeafBlind Retreat. 6:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, [5375 W. Henrietta Road](#). \$15 admission.

- **Rochester Deaf Festival** - Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Genesee Valley Park](#). Free & open to the public. Exhibits - food vendors - entertainment - children's activities.

- **FYI! Veronica Bajric**, who holds college degrees Deaf Education and ASL/English Interpreting, is seeking ASL/English interpreting opportunities on a volunteer basis. She endeavors to keep her skills sharp as she works towards national RID certification. Veronica can be available to facilitate communication for any RSD families who may be seeking non-critical ASL/English interpreting services. To contact her, e-mail; VeronicaBajric@gmail.com.

- **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!

- **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.

- **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.

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

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