



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - January 23, 2019

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](#)

- Friday, February 8, 2019, IEP Writing Day; No school for students.

- 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.

- February 18, 2019: Presidents' Day; RSD will be closed. February 18-22, 2019: Presidents' Week Recess; No school for students.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [The 2019 Flu Season: Everything You Need to Know](#)

- **NEW!** [American Society for Deaf Children \(ASDC\) ASL Learning Opportunity Weekend near Erie, PA, February 9-10, 2019](#). This unique event includes several workshops, small class and one-on-one attention that will focus on Deaf culture, ASL and much more. The event offers more than seven hours of ASL class instruction. \$200/person with [scholarships available](#); does not include overnight accommodations. Supervised childcare provided by university students who have cleared background checks.

- **NEW!** [Rochester's Rich History Series presents "19th Century Rochester Deaf History"](#) a presentation by Dr. Mary Beth Kitzel, Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County, 115 South Ave., Rochester. Free to attend. This talk will explore Rochester's earliest deaf social history and explores the earliest community and the multiple synergistic forces that culminated in the creation of the Rochester School for the Deaf.

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ONGOING

- RSD Jr. NAD Chapter will produce an ASL music video to compete in [FUND DUEL](#) against other Schools/Programs for the Deaf

all to benefit Jr. NAD and the Jr. NAD National Conference that RSD will be hosting on-campus in November 2019. Even before the

contest starts February 7, donations are gratefully accepted. [Click here](#) for further details.

- **NEW!** [Dyer Arts Center](#) presents: Visual Communications Studies Department Show and "Rise Up: Silent Margins" by Ashley Hannan; Now - February 23, 2019; [LBJ Hall, RIT Campus](#).

- [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.

- **[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.

- **[MCDHub Events:](#)** Youth Performance Training, January 26--27; SOLD OUT > 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.

- [DeafHangOut](#) for Deaf and hearing people to mingle is back every 3rd Tuesday at [UNO in Henrietta](#). Deaf Trivia Nights: February 19; March 19.

- [NTID Performing Arts presents "Leaves of the Poetry Tree"](#) February 21-24, [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.

- [The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House](#) in Rochester will be offering ASL Tours on Sundays starting at 1:00 p.m., 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.

- **UPDATE!** - [Cromania!](#) (Rated: PG) Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., [Lyric Theater, 440 East Ave., Rochester](#). Cromania is Crom Saunders' one-man show from Chicago 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 theater, but also pays homage to the classics like

Shakespeare and classic horror movies. \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors. Use Promo Code: **RSD2OFF** to receive \$2 all admission levels. [Click here](#) for show information and tickets.

- [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.

- **Save the Date:** Sunday, April 28, 2019 for [Deaf Culture Day](#) with your Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team. 1:05 p.m. vs. Pawtucket. RSD is a co-sponsor of this special day.

- **Save the Date:** [Rochester Deaf Festival](#) (RDF), **Saturday, June 15, 2019.**

- **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. **All Non-Tournament Games are free and Open to the Public!**

- 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](#) is donating \$3 for each new person supporting Rochester School for the Deaf through [iGive](#). No purchase necessary. Supporters shop at over 1,900 great stores. An average of 3 percent is donated to RSD via [iGive](#), 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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