



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - January 30, 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](#)

- **NEW!** [February 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 4-8, 2019: [RSD Spirit Week](#). Winter athletics Pep Rally, Thursday, Feb. 7 at 2:15 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall Main Gym.

- [February 8-10, 2019](#), for the [Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association \(ESDAA\) Girls Division II Varsity Basketball Tournament at RSD!](#)

- 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?

- **Reminder!** The deadline is February 4, 2019, to sign up for [Deaf Ski Day](#) at Song Mt., in Tully, NY. [Click here](#) for registration form and payment information. Deaf Ski Day is Sunday, Feb. 10.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Parents & Teachers: 6 Ways to Inspire the Teen Brain](#)

- **NEW!** [Chinese New Year](#), February 9, 2019, presented by Deaf Events Among Friends DEAF Circle, 1-3 p.m. at [RIT/NTID, LBJ Hall Room 2590](#). Come and celebrate the Year of Pig! Families will learn some Chinese traditions and what the Year of the Pig means. Kid activities and light refreshments will be provided. This event will be interpreted. Please RSVP to rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com by Thursday, Feb 7.

- **NEW!** [Deaf Health Talk: Love Your Healthy Hearts](#) - How can what I eat keep me healthy? What is heart disease? Dr. Shazia Siddiqi will be presenting with Dr. Jason Rotoli. Thursday, Feb. 14 (**Valentine's Day**), 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at [CDR/RCIL, 497 State Street, Rochester](#). Free parking & admission & Chocolate! will be provided. Single roses for sale!

- **NEW!** [Rochester Deaf Festival \(RDF\) Dough Rai\\$er](#), Monday, February 18, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at [UNO Pizzeria & Grill, 1000 Hylan Drive, Henrietta](#). RDF will get 20 percent of your food & drink check. Thank you for supporting RDF 2019.

- **NEW!** Save the date: Saturday, Feb. 23 from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [Dyer Arts Center](#), [RIT/NTID LBJ Hall](#), Henrietta; [Painting Party with Ashley Hannan](#); \$20/person. Tickets go on sale Feb. 1.

- **NEW!** Deaf Catholic Retreat (Conducted in ASL), Saturday, March 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., [St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry, 120 French Road, Pittsford](#). Guest presenter: Rev. Paul Zirimenya, Pastor, St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf, San Francisco. Sponsored by: Diocese of Rochester, Office of Cultural Ministries; contact: Carmen.Rollinson@dor.org; 585-328-3228, ext. 1318.

- **NEW!** [RSD Alumni Association \(RSDAA\) Breakfast, General Meeting & Election of New Board Officers](#), Saturday, March 9: Breakfast - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$20/person; RSVP by March 4; No sales at the door & no refunds. General meeting & elections: 1-3 p.m. RSD Auditorium. [Click here](#) to get the event flyer with RSVP form.

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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 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.

- [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](#).

- [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.

- [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.

- [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.

- [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.

- **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!](#)

- 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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