



**"Education is all a matter of building bridges."**  
- Ralph Ellison, American Author

## **[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - August 9, 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:**

- [August 2017 Lunch Menu](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#) **Two new open positions are posted**
- **NEW!** [RSD Annual Kick-Off Picnic!](#) Please join us on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, in Forrester Hall Dining Room from 4:30pm - 6:00pm to kick-off our new school year! For more information, [click here](#). Please contact Isaiah Tyler at (585) 286 – 2808 VP or [ityler@rsdeaf.org](mailto:ityler@rsdeaf.org). to

RSVP. **Families of Residential Program (Dorm) students:** 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. before the picnic is your time to help your student(s) to settle into their room, meet new roommates and residential program staff.

- **RSD Summer School** for pre-K F.I.R.S.T. to 8th Grade and High School Summer Work Experience Program will run school days Monday through Friday through Friday, August 18th.

- **Fall 2017 Signs for All** RSD family and community member printable registration forms are now available to download and print from the [Signs for All Web page](#). Online registration

is now open.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Healthy Nibble: [Unpopular Kids and Self-Esteem](#)

- **Update!** [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings will change to the first Tuesday of the month starting October 3rd; two exceptions are for January and April 2018; meeting location to be announced shortly. [Click here](#) to save the dates.

- **NEW!** [NCDHR 2nd Ice Cream Social](#), Monday, August 14th, Helen Wood Hall, [265 Crittenden Blvd., Rochester](#). Meet Janna Luksha, NASM certified personal trainer 5-6 p.m. for a special workout session. Ice cream and games 6-8 p.m.

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## ONGOING

- **Still available!** **The 2017 Wildcat Yearbook.** [Click here](#) to download and print the order form. Also on the form you can donate a yearbook to a

specific RSD student(s). Questions: Contact [Chris Bradley](#) in the Student Life Office or VP: 585-286-2804

- **Bristol Valley Theater new features Open Captioned performances**, Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Aug. 13: Elijah; Aug. 27: Silent Sky. [151 S. Main Street, Naples, NY](#). 585-374-6318. Buy tickets at [www.bvtnaples.org](http://www.bvtnaples.org).

- **[Deaf Blind Retreat Picnic](#)**, Sunday, August 13th starting at 2:00 p.m. at [Martin Road Park, 1344 Martin Road, Henrietta, NY](#). \$20 admission includes food, drinks, door prize entry and fun. Pay at the door. Proceeds to benefit the Rochester Community Deaf Blind Group.

- **RDMC Annual Family Picnic**, Friday, August 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., [Powder Mills Park Wadhams Lodge, 154 Park Road, Pittsford, NY](#). Rain or Shine. RSVP by Aug. 17th. Contact: [rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com](mailto:rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com) for more information.

- **[Palmer Youth Development Basketball Day Camp](#)**, August 30 - Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. RSD Gym, 1545 St. Paul Street. Basketball day camp is open to girls and boys age 9 to 15. \$50 for all three days or \$20/day. Participants need to bring their own lunches, snacks and water bottle. Contact Camp Director Anthony Palmer: [PalmerYDBC@gmail.com](mailto:PalmerYDBC@gmail.com).

- **MEET THE AUTHOR!** Writers & Books and RIT/NTID present "An Evening with Harry Lang," author of **["Fighting in the Shadows - Untold Stories of Deaf People in the Civil War"](#)** Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the [Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue](#), in Rochester. [\\$5 purchase online](#).

- **[MCDHub.org](http://MCDHub.org)** upcoming events: Friday, Sept. 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. John Smith - Deaf Comedian from England - and his comedy show for adults. [RIT Ingle Auditorium, Henrietta campus](#). [MCDHub.org](http://MCDHub.org) Red Wings Baseball Game and Buffet-style gathering. Sunday, August 13th, starting at 1:00 p.m. Go to: [MCDHub.org](http://MCDHub.org) for information and tickets.

- **Interpreted Tours:** [Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester](#), are offering ASL-interpreted tours: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. - Sept. 30th and Oct. 14. Deaf and hard of hearing tour patrons must call 585-461-3494 in advance to request an interpreter. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of all Mt. Hope Cemetery guided tours.

- The [66th Annual WNY RSD Alumni Rally](#) is Sunday, October 1, at [Terry Hills Banquet in Batavia, NY](#). [Click here](#) for more information. The deadline to participate and pay is September 26th.

- **Update!** The [Dyer Arts Center at RIT/NTID](#) is closed through September 1st. E-mail [Tabitha Jacques](#) to arrange for a private tour of the art centers' private collection.

- [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.

- **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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