



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

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - April 12, 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:**

- [April 2017 Lunch Menus](#)

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) monthly meeting, Monday, May 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall [Learning Resource Center \(LRC\)](#). The agenda 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](mailto:mikekane83@gmail.com).

- **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 volunteer?

Contact: [RSD5K@RSDeaf.org](mailto:RSD5K@RSDeaf.org)

- **Please note:** Building Bridges e-News Digest (BBN) will not be sent April 17-21.

- April 14th and 17th, Spring Holiday: RSD will be closed. April 17-21; Spring Recess; No classes for students. Classes resume on Monday, April 24th.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! [RSD Parent-Staff Association Spirit Wear T-Shirt](#):** Don't miss out on an opportunity to get this brand new PSA Spirit Wear T-Shirt designed by RSD High School student Maria Gonzales. \$12 each. [Click here](#) to get the pre-order form. **Orders and payment are due to the main office, Monday, April 24th.** T-shirts will be distributed around mid-May. Proceeds support RSD Teacher Appreciation Week and PSA Summer Camp Scholarships for students. Thank you.

- **NEW! ["Race with Grace" RSD PSA Family Ice Skating Party](#),** Thursday, April 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Bill Gray's Iceplex, [2700 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road](#), near MCC. \$4/person, includes skate rental. NO RSVP; Pay at the door.

- **NEW! [RSD River Ramble 2017](#),** Saturday, June 3rd: [Secure online registration](#) is now open. [Click here](#) to print a registration form. Go to: [EveryDayHero.com](http://EveryDayHero.com) to start building your team of supporters.

- **NEW! [Deaf Health Talks presents Prostate Health](#)** with Dr. Kevin Tsai of UR Medicine Urology Dept. Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m., RRCD, [1564 Lyell Ave. Rochester](#). All are Welcome.

- **NEW! This week's Healthy Nibble: [Part 1 - The Experience of Parenting a Teen](#)**

- **NEW! Rochester Deaf Mothers Club (RDMC) Family Event** - Sat. April 29th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. RDMC is hosting a **free Fire Prevention Tour** at Penfield Fire Station. Tour consist of touring the different types of trucks and equipment. Spraying water off one of the trucks. (weather permitting) Perform a small magic show covering fire prevention topics. Station Address is [1838 Penfield Road \(station #1\)](#). Please confirm your spot on RDMC's Fire Prevention Facebook event so we know how many are going. [Click here to RSVP](#).

- **NEW! RDMC's KODA & Deaf Camp is back!** Register your campers, ages 5 to 10 years old, for the week of Aug. 21st to 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to Deaf, hard of hearing and KODA kids. Camp will be held at Wadhams Lodge, Powder Mills Park, Pittsford, NY. Deposit \$50 and pay rest by July 15th. Fees are \$185 for first kid, \$165 for sibling. Registration link and camp details: <https://goo.gl/forms/xfGPUk1gbWHnZesy1>

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## **ONGOING**

- **Support RSD Travel Abroad Program (TAP)** 2018 Trip (yes, next year) to Italy with beautiful hanging plant and flower baskets. Just in time for Spring and Mother's Day. [Click here](#) to check out the colorful selections available. Order by item number. Just \$20 each! Order several today to support RSD TAP 2018 students going to Italy. Contact at RSD: Jessica Meissner - E-mail: [jmeissner@rsdeaf.org](mailto:jmeissner@rsdeaf.org); 585-336-5870; 585-286-2805 (VP). All orders / payments are due by April 28th. Plants and flowers will be in for Mother's Day. Pick up your orders at RSD on delivery day. Don't wait - order today! RSD TAP students to Italy 2018 thank you! *Grazie mille! Ciao!*

- **Pre-Order your copy (or copies) of the 2017 Wildcat Yearbook.** [Click here](#) to download and print the pre-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

- **Varsity Wildcats 2017 Track and Field** team roster and schedule of meets is now available. [Click here](#) to get the information. The first meet for RSD runners, jumpers and throwers is today, Wednesday, April 12th at [Aquinas High School](#), which is just over the Genesee River from RSD. Let's support our student-athletes with a huge Wildcats fan turnout.
- **[TYKEs: Theatre Young Kids Enjoy](#)** at the JCC Hart Theater, [1200 Edgewood Ave, Rochester](#), presents the following **stage shows with ASL interpretation**: "The Great DuBois" - Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for show details and secure online ticket sales.
- **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.
- **[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.
- **[DeafBlind Awareness Walk](#)**, Sunday, April 30th at [Marketplace Mall](#), Center Court (West Entrance). \$10/person; 8:30 a.m. registration; 9-10:30 a.m. walk. Light refreshments and bottled water will be provided.
- The **Edmund Lyon Lectureship Series** welcomes RIT/NTID alumna Sasha Lakshmi Ponappa presenting **["Finding Social Justice a Meaningful Home in Academia"](#)** 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 1st, in the [CSD-Student Development Center](#). RSD is an annual co-sponsor of this series.
- **[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.

- [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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- RSD **YouTube** Channel: <http://goo.gl/zmj0JP>

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