



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

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - September 4, 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:**

- [September 2019 Lunch Menus](#), plus School Year 2019-2020 School Lunch Services letter, policies, application, and online payment information

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD School 2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** [Wildcat Athletics](#) start Monday September 9 with Varsity Volleyball and Soccer. Middle School Soccer starts Tuesday September 17. Put on your RSD orange and blue and get out there and support your Wildcats at home and on the road. **GO WILDCATS!**
- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: One more Back to School Article: [What One Mom Has Learned to Make Transitions Easier.](#)
- **NEW!** [Rochester Fringe Festival & Dangerous Signs](#) Present Signed Shorts: A Collection of One Acts by Justin Rielly - Friday, September 20 at 5:15 p.m. Little Theater, 240 East Avenue, Rochester. Free admission/tickets are not required. Seating will be available until the theater is full.
- **NEW!** [The Cinema Theater, 957 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester,](#) screens two movies with open captions Wednesdays starting at 7:00 p.m. Please note

that not all movies provide open captions, so please bookmark the Cinema Theater Web site: <http://cinemarochester.com/open-captions/> to check if movies with open captions are showing on Wednesdays. Pay one admission and see two movies with open captions.

- **NEW!** [8th Annual Deaf-Mute Banquet](#), Saturday, November 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. RIT University Gallery, 2700 in the James Booth Hall. \$35/person. The banquet celebrates the 307th birthday of Abbe de l'Epee - the Father of Deaf Education.

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## ONGOING

- **Last chance to Register** for the [Signs for All Fall 2019](#) ASL Classes (Family Levels 1 and 2; Community Levels 2, 3 and 4). All classes will be from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm on our campus. There has been a change of evening for some of the levels. If you have signed up for Community ASL 1 or are registering for Family Class (Levels 1 and 2), they will be held on Tuesday evenings. If you are signing up for Community ASL 2, 3, and 4 Classes, they will be on Thursday evenings. As of now, Community ASL 1 Class is full. The cost for Community members is \$115 and the required text book would be \$40. [You can register and pay on line at: www.rsdeaf.org/sfa](#)

- [We The Deaf People](#), Rochester, NY Chapter, Town Hall Meeting; Thursday, September 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road](#). Progress report and feedback gathering on how to improve services to the Deaf community.
  
- [Deaf Women of Rochester \(DWR\)](#) Annual Kick-Off, Friday, September 6 at [Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Road, Brighton](#). RSVP by Sept. 2. DWR Fall Getaway to [Camp Mark 7](#), Sept. 20-22. Registration & payment deadline Sept. 6. [Click here](#) for details on these two events.
  
- Temple Sinai, [363 Penfield Road, Rochester, NY](#), ASL interpreted Get S'More Shabbat & Back to School Service, Friday, September 6 starting at 6:00 p.m. Outdoor service after which members and guests will enjoy a cook-out picnic and s'mores. Non-member guests are free but are asked to please register at the link: <https://www.tsinai.org/form/gss-registration1.html>
  
- [ASL Storytime at the Irondequoit Public Library](#) - Saturdays: Sept. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2; Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Recommended for children ages 1-5. Voice interpreted for those learning ASL.
  
- [Deaf Health Talks: Hatha Yoga with RSD alumnae Dorthy Wilkins](#) - Certified Yoga Instructor; Thursday, September 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Free to attend. Please bring a mat, towel or blanket and water. [CDR/RCIL 97 State St, Rochester](#).
  
- [Rochester Fringe Festival & JPosh Productions Presents: #DEAFTALENT](#), Saturday, Sept. 14 at Noon; Sunday, Sept. 15 at Noon

and 6:00 p.m. at [Lyric Theatre, 440 East Avenue, Rochester](#). Adults: \$7; Students: \$5; Kids (12 & under) \$3. Net proceeds will benefit RSD Performing Arts programs.

- [MCingo & Community Appreciation Picnic](#), Saturday, September 14, [Moose Lodge 5375 W. Henrietta Road](#), near RIT Inn & Conference Center. Picnic starts at 5:00 p.m. for the first 100 [advance sale ticket purchasers](#). No food will be sold on-site for walk-ins. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. \$15/person advance sale picnic (100 limit) \$15/person game-only at the door.

- [RSD Alumni Association \(RSDAA\) 115th Anniversary](#), Saturday & Sunday, September 28-29. Banquet Saturday 4-10 p.m. at Rick's Prime Rib House in Gates & Breakfast Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at RSD. [Click here](#) for details. RSVP & payment deadline: September 1, 2019. **Please note:** The correct address for banquet and breakfast RSVP and payment by check/money order is: RSDAA 115th, P.O. Box 92176, Rochester, NY 14692-2176.

- [RSDAA 115th Weekend](#): Friday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. for the Alumni Soccer Game on the athletic field; 7:00 p.m. Alumni gathering at [Rochester Beer Park, 375 Averill Ave., Rochester](#). Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11:00 a.m. Alumni Volleyball Game in the Westervelt Hall Gym. We need volunteers - scorekeepers, line judges, general supervision. Please contact: [RSDHC2019@gmail.com](mailto:RSDHC2019@gmail.com). Thanks!

- [The Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mount Hope Avenue Rochester](#), are offering an ASL interpreted tour on **September 29**. This tour is on Sunday at 2 pm with the addition of several sites that are

important to Rochester's rich Deaf history/heritage. \$10/person; tours are free to SNAP recipients, and to children under age 16 when accompanied by a paying adult. The tour is approximately 90 mins. and will include walking on and across paved roads, sidewalks, gravel trails, steps, and grassy areas.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Thursday, October 24, 2019 - The 27th Anniversary RSD Adventures in Education welcomes National Geographic Adventurer of the Year [Shannon Galpin](#) "Pedaling a Revolution: Adventure & Activism in Afghanistan" Shannon Galpin is a global women's rights activist, author, artist, explorer, and advocate for sexual assault survivors. Get on-board now before this special event sells out - [Online registration is now open!](#)

- **LOOKING AHEAD!** Rochester's Memorial Art Gallery (MAG) proudly presents: [De'Via: The Manifesto Comes of Age](#), November 7, 2019 - February 16, 2020, in the Lockhart Gallery. Featured will be work by the genre's precursors, founders, and artists whose work, while they may not specifically identify with De'VIA, reflect the movement's enduring influence.

- **NEW!** [MAG Creative Workshop Art Classes in ASL!](#) To celebrate the De'VIA exhibition, the Workshop will introduce three new courses designed for deaf and hard of hearing kids and adults. [Look for the blue boxes on pages 4, 5 & 6.](#) Anyone can sign up, but hurry as seats are limited! One of the teachers is RSD parent Ben Leyer.

- [Dance Connection Rochester](#), [1038 Winton Road North](#), is offering Jazz & Ballet dance classes in ASL for 6-8 year-old children.

Contact: [denise@danceconnectionrochester.com](mailto:denise@danceconnectionrochester.com); 585-654-7654.

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- **DID YOU KNOW?** The Jr. NAD Chapter of RSD is proudly hosting the [27th Biennial National Association of the Deaf Jr. NAD National Conference](#), Wednesday, November 6 to Sunday, November 10. This special conference, which is not open to the public, will provide delegates and advisers many opportunities to hone their leadership skills, to network with others from all over the United States, and bring back tips, tools and ideas to their home chapters in order to continue the ideals of Jr NAD: Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship. The participants will have a great opportunity to meet with many Deaf leaders who are excellent role models for Deaf Youth.

- [Gallaudet University ASL Connect](#) provides free ASL learning videos organized by topic. New videos, such as Outdoor Activity signs, are posted to the top of the collection. These short videos are an excellent refresher for advanced signers and a great introduction to new ASL students. [Check them out today](#) and practice with your family and friends.

- Did you know that residents of New York State with disabilities can gain free or discounted access and admission to state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation? [Click here](#) to receive details on how to apply for a New York State Access Pass. Proof of citizenship may include a valid NYS Drivers License or [New York State Non-Driver Photo ID](#). For applicants under age 21 or for parents of children under age 16, a Statement of Identity by [Parent/Guardian \(pdf\) \(MV-45\)](#), birth certificate and Social Security Card. Apply for a New York State Non-Driver Photo ID at any NYS Department of Motor Vehicle office.

- [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! **26 ASL Storytime Videos** to learn from and enjoy! [Check them out today!](#)

- [The Wayne C. Mnich Leadership Scholarship Fund](#) honors the individual whose charismatic nature as a dedicated teacher, loyal colleague, and genuine friend to all, touched nearly everyone in the RSD family during his time as our long-term substitute High School Science Teacher. Your gifts to this fund will help support RSD 10th & 11th-grade students who want to attend the NAD Youth Leadership Summer Camp. [Click here](#) to learn more about this special fund and how you can contribute to it. Thank you.

- [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



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- [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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