

Council Notes



FOUNDED IN 1955 TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS LIFE FOR RIT WOMEN

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Dear Membership...

First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered and who supported our 7th annual Glass Pumpkin Event. We went well over our Sales from previous years, thanks to the dedication of our Board of Directors, volunteers, membership and the community!! Special thanks to Bette Rogers, who led the event to such a success. Also, thanks to our new member Sally Reich and Eric Loyd (Bitnetix Incorporated). By offering us the opportunity to use credit cards the Women's Council achieved greater sales.

Our speaker for the next membership meeting is a wonderful friend and co-worker, Jerry Argetsinger, associate Professor at NTID. Jerry is an accomplished author, teaches courses in the performing Arts, advises the student actors, as well as directs theatrical productions. He most recently had an article in the Democrat and Chronicle about how his father "worked" for Al Capone. He has many fantastic stories to share about his long career with NTID and outside interests. I am sure you will enjoy his presentation as much as I have enjoyed his conversations.

We have come a long way since 1955...

sometimes we need to reflect on those times to see where we are and where we want to go... It is the membership that gives us our strength and the students give us our reason... we should ask ourselves, "What other opportunities do we have to enable us to give our women students the future to become our leaders?"

Women are the nurturers, the gardeners of life... We take the role to help prepare our students to succeed and become leaders themselves. We had role models, a teacher perhaps, or others in different positions that motivated us to become who we are or to work towards who we wanted to be. Now it is our turn to give back... Let us strive to help our women students to become and fulfill their true potential. As always, I leave you with an open invitation to all women to join and become a member of the RIT Women's Council. I wish you all the best, and thank you for being a part of our student's future.



J. Jane Doctor

MISSION: The Women's Council has an impressive history of supporting RIT since 1955. Through its programs, the members of the Women's Council will learn about RIT and be ambassadors for RIT in the larger community. The Women's Council will raise funds to provide scholarships to RIT's women students. The Women's Council will actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.

NOVEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, November 16th, 2011
OAK HILL COUNTRY CLUB
Presentation by: Jerry Argetsinger
Theater Initiatives in NTID

NOVEMBER 16, 2011 EVENT: JERRY ARGETSINGER



Dr. Jerry Argetsinger, Associate Professor of Dramatic Literature at NTID, will tell the whole story of stage productions at RIT done completely by deaf and hearing impaired students.

He is a nationally recognized director of outdoor drama and, in addition, he is a well-known playwright. The plays he directs at NTID are very

well received and his recent American Sign Language production of Lobby Hero played to standing-room-only crowds.

He has had twenty scripts published and/or produced, including Equality of Rights: the First Women's Rights Convention presented at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY.

We are fortunate to have this unique talent on our very own campus. Please join us November 16th at Oak Hill Country Club.

Gail Gucker

CINDEE GRAY

At our October meeting held at Oak Hill Country Club, Cindee Grey gave a presentation on the recent RIT/ RGH alliance and the tremendous potential benefits both the institutions and the community at large would derive from this partnership.

Her talk was very informative and focused on the past history of their shared collaborative research projects, and it elaborated on the newly created Institute of Health Sciences and Technology. This would act as an umbrella organization which would oversee a host of training programs geared towards improving health care and filling a void left due to the shortage of doctors and nurses. Various research projects would also come under this umbrella.

Cindy concluded by saying that some very exciting possibilities were opening up in the future with this alliance.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch and cookies afterwards. As always Barb Elliott provided decorative touches with twigs and branches of Bittersweet strewn around the tables, which highlighted the fall theme. Thank you Barb!

Anita Dixit

PUMPKIN SALE UPDATE

I am very happy to report that we have topped ourselves again! Our total sales from the Pumpkin Patch are just over \$28,000! I am grateful to everyone who took part in this event. First, I want to thank the faculty of the Glass Program, Michael Rogers and Robin Cass, and all the students of the Glass Program who worked so hard to make all of this year's beautiful items. I especially want to thank Brendan Miller, the graduate student in Glass who was the Pumpkin Master this year. He was a big help to me getting the pumpkins made on schedule, well packed, and delivered to the barn on Saturday, and delivered to the SAU on Wednesday. We all appreciated the very fine work we saw this year.

The sale in the barn was busy! Thanks to the wonderful weather and lots of repeat customers, we had a spectacular day. Thanks to Tom Connelly and the folks at Interactive Adventures for making the Red Barn available

to us again this year. Another reason for the increased sales is undoubtedly the credit card payment option we offered this year thanks to Eric Loyd and new member Sally Reich. Many people took advantage of that option so you can be sure that we will be looking into offering it again next year.

And a great big hug and thanks to all of our volunteers. We couldn't have this sale without all of you, and your friends and spouses who help set up the morning of the sale, work as cashiers, help with clean up after the sale, and (last but not least) shop at the sale! It is fun working together with all of you and I look forward to doing it for years to come.

Bette Rogers

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES — WHO'S NEW!

Mrs. Nancy S. Stones (Nic)
70 Lake Road
Webster, NY 14580 (May 1 - Oct. 31)

2625 Estrella Ct. Unit 1502
Naples, Florida 34109 (Nov. 1 - Apr. 30)
(585) 781-0041 (c)
NancyStones@aol.com

Nancy attended RIT and is graduate of the College of Business. She spent 30 years with Eastman Kodak Company in the healthcare business.

Nancy and her husband spend time in Naples, Florida and the Isle of Jersey (in the Channel Islands, off the coast of France). They travel extensively for personal holidays and for her husband's business.

Since Nancy has been away from the campus for a number of years, she is impressed with its growth. She would like to become more involved in the university and create a closer link. Note: Please add Nancy's contact information in your 2011-2012 directory.

Rosie Sepos

MARGARET'S HOUSE

The fall term at Margaret's House is well underway. Eighty eight children are enrolled, it is truly an international group, with nationalities ranging from China, Saudia Arabia, Korea, and the Dominion Republic. Professors and students enroll their young children in the child care program.

Cameras hve been donated for use in each classroom. Teachers take precious pictures in the course of their daily routine. What a delight to see so many happy faces in the entry of the building.

Recently, Dr. Drestler paid a visit to Margaret's House. He went to various classrooms to read to the children.

As always, volunteers are welcome. Roberta DiNoto, program director, mentioned that the children love music. If you play an instrument and/or sing, please consider sharing your talent with them.



"The Great Bedtime Story" Pajama Drive is on from

November 1 thru 23. Please bring your donation to our November RIT Council meeting and they will be delivered to Margaret's House.

The guidelines are: Brand-new pajamas in all sizes from newborn to adult. Pajamas should be a complete set—a top and bottom or an appropriate nightgown. Pajamas for all seasons, but especially for the winter months. They must have a fire-retardant tag on them. The pajamas are donated with a book to Shelters, Foster Care Homes, Group Homes or Orphanages.

Remember to bring your Campbell and General Mills education boxtops to our meetings.

Kathleen Lowe

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Women's Council of RIT will once again be hosting a fashion show. Please save the date.

DATE: April 27, 2012

LOCATION: Locust Hill Country Club

FASHIONS BY: Ruby Rd Clothing Co



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you have an article for the Women's Council of RIT newsletter, please submit it by the Friday after our Wednesday monthly meeting.

There will be no December newsletter, however you will receive a flyer for the December Holiday Tea. The January newsletter submission date will be December 16th. Because there is no February meeting or newsletter, submissions for the March newsletter will be expected by February 17th. Thank you!



Debbie DiBacco

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Dues are \$35. If you are interested in joining, contact Rosie Sepos, 72 Misty Pine Road, Fairport, NY 14450, (223-5247) or Jo Anne Smith, 38 Shelwood Drive, Rochester, NY 14618, (385-1868).

Dues help support the Council Notes and operating expenses, Margaret's House, the Outstanding Female Senior Student Award, and the RIT Ambulance Corps.

Additional gifts are tax deductible and may be directed to the Women's Council Endowed Scholarship of RIT or you may direct your gift where it is most needed to support the Women's Council of RIT. If you wish to send a gift to the Endowed Scholarship, please contact Heather Engel, Assistant VP, Development & Alumni Relations, 585-475-2627.

VISION

The Women's Council will support the mission of RIT by supporting the success of RIT women students, faculty, and staff.

2011-2012 Meeting Calendar

September 21st, 2011

ALBERT PALEY

Panara Theatre
in the Lyndon B. Johnson Bldg.

Creation & Installation
of the "Sentinel"

October 8th, 2011

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE

RIT's Red Barn

October 19, 2011

CINDEE GRAY

Oak Hill Country Club

RIT Health Initiatives &
Partnership with RGH

November 16, 2011

JERRY ARGETSINGER

Oak Hill Country Club

Theater Initiatives in NTID

December 14, 2011

HOLIDAY TEA

Chatterbox Club

Holiday Music by the
RIT A Capella Singers

January 18, 2012

MARGARET REEK

Oak Hill Country Club

Travels to Kenya &
the Art of Quilting

March 21, 2012

KAREN TRUEHART &
DR. REBECCA JOHNSON

Oak Hill Country Club

Restorative Justice

April 18, 2012

HANS WITT
RIT Master Gardner

Garden Tour - RIT

Gardening without
Pesticides

May 16, 2012

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Oak Hill Country Club

Topic will be the
President's Choice