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RIT Puts on the Ritz at Henry's

Silk palm trees, golden cherubs, and immense ice sculptures will make an opulent return to the Golden Era as Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) hosts "Puttin' on the Ritz."

The fundraising dinner will be held at Henry's restaurant on Feb. 13, in honor of the 95th anniversary of the School of Food, Hotel, and Tourism Management. Students will re-create the art nouveau aura of 1982 at the black tie, seven-course dinner for school supporters.

Robert Hurlbut, president of Vari-Care, Inc., a national health-care corporation, is honorary chairman of the

event. He succeeds Richard Abati, vicepresident of Sky Chefs, Inc., a major airline food-service corporation based in Dallas, Tex.

Among the guests attending are John Heebner, president of Buffalo China, Inc., and Charles Hetterich, president, Widmer Wine Cellars, Inc. Buffalo China donated commemorative plates for each of the 75 guests who will attend the dinner.

Drew Montecuollo, instructor in the school, is faculty chairman, and juniors Michael Hardy and William Di Neno are student coordinators for the event.

"The students will re-create the era of Cesar Ritz, who brought elegance and luxury to the industry while Henry Lomb was starting food education at the Institute," said Hurlbut.

The dinner will support the school Hospitality Education Fund, used for special opportunities and equipment needs. For reservations, contact Henry's at RIT.