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News beat

Ex-NTID teacher will be honored

The Rochester Deaf Rotary chapter will present its first Community Service Award next Monday to Robert F. Panara of Henrietta.

Panara, 83, was the first deaf faculty member at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf when it formed in 1967. A teacher for more than 44 years, Panara taught English and helped establish a theater at NTID, which bears his name.

The award will be presented at a dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Ave., Henrietta. The dinner is open to the public and will be sign and voice interpreted. Speakers include NTID head Alan Hurwitz, PEN International Project Director Jim DeCaro, and faculty member and noted actor Patrick Graybill.

Tickets are \$35 and available through Wednesday at P.O. Box 18078, Rochester, NY 14618.