Dear Membership...

I am reaching for my sweaters and pulling out the soup recipes; November is here! The biggest decision to be made this month is always “What will I be bringing to Thanksgiving dinner?”

Please make sure you get your reservation in on time for this month’s luncheon. You won’t want to miss the School of Film and Animation’s program!

Just as a reminder, we ask that you make a phone call to Sally Reich if you miss the luncheon response deadline. Also, please remember to drop your nametag off at the reception desk when you leave the luncheon!

I would love to see more new faces at our programs so please feel free to bring a friend to our meetings and support our efforts with RIT. See you at the luncheon!

Warmly,

Cindy Cooper

Call for Treasurer

The Women’s Council is in urgent need of a Treasurer to replace Doreen Haller who will be leaving that position, effective January 1.

Doreen would be willing to meet with you and go over the duties and responsibilities. Kathleen Lowe will remain as Assistant Treasurer. Please contact Joanne Zelazny at 381-2106, or Jo Anne Smith at 381-1868. Thank you for considering this board position.

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 actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.
NOVEMBER MEETING - WOMEN OF SOFA (SCHOOL OF FILM AND ANIMATION)

Who can forget *Pig*? The documentary film screened last year about miniature pet pigs that grow up to be 600-pound hogs?

After students screened their films for WCRIT in 2016, there came an immediate request from the membership to repeat this program in 2017.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see how successful future women filmmakers are and how well RIT prepares them for careers in directing, cinematography, editing, and all the other processes involved in a whole genre of new venues that fall under “animation and filmmaking.”

This year the High Falls Film Festival celebrating Women in Film is November 2-6 and one screening is devoted to RIT SOFA women. These screenings fulfill the 50 people or more screening requirements for the students. Be sure to invite a friend so that WCRIT can help these young women.

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP - DAVID SCHNUCKEL

David Schnuckel has been at RIT for the last seven years and has been involved with the WCRIT Glass Pumpkin Sale for the last three years. The inside look at the behind-the-scenes work that goes into this phenomenal event is very interesting. Because the purpose for the artists is to bring guest innovators in glass to lecture at RIT, every student in the glass program participates in the one week pumpkin making frenzy. Classes haven’t started yet and some of the students may not have been working in glass over the summer so the week is a nice transition before the reality of classes begins. But it is August and the furnaces make it even hotter – a lot of good bonding goes on as 1000 pieces are produced. There is a pumpkin boss (a student about to graduate) and a pumpkin underboss who will become boss the next year. This week is about production glass making and so it is beneficial beyond the gems made for the sale. Did you know that the red color has gold in it? So, a package about the half the size of an individual-serving potato chip bag costs $60. The current trend in glass-blowing is clear glass so the pumpkin production is a lesson in color.

The first Pumpkin Patch sale was held at Liberty Hill and sold about 160 pieces. The Red Barn had a wonderful ambiance, but has been outgrown as the popularity of the sale has increased over the years. Since credit card sales are now offered, RIT student purchases have skyrocketed. So many students stated they were buying the pumpkin for their moms!

Did you know that there are many high schools around the country with glass-making curricula? David travels to recruit students for RIT by evaluating the students’ portfolios. RIT is the most expensive program in the country, if not the world. SUNY Alfred now has free tuition so the recruitment challenge is daunting as the practicality of finances come into play. WCRIT is working on establishing a scholarship in partnership with CIAS School of American Crafts to help. RIT graduates are employed in a diverse array of industries including the Corning Museum of Glass’s cruise ship program. Glass-blowing is one of the activities offered while sailing the sea and an RIT graduate is at the helm so to speak!

David was dynamic, informative and a real joy as his enthusiasm was apparent. WCRIT’s only fundraiser benefits go far beyond the scholarships distributed – our pumpkin sale partnership with CIAS is a true asset to both organizations!

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Meghan Castagno
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Rochester, NY 14604
mdcastagno@gmail.com / 207-607-3169

Meghan is a newlywed (Oct. 13, 2017!) and is a Neuro Science Technical Associate at the U of R. She is a Friends of Strong volunteer, was on the RIT Student Advisory Board for the College of Liberal Arts and the Center for Women and Gender as well as the RIT Psychology Student Society. She is currently a Science Mentor and in the Women’s Equality, Liberation and Defense and Rochester NOW.

TIME FOR TEA AT THE CHATTERBOX

The holidays will be here soon and it is time for us to pick out our best bonnet and white gloves (not required, but suggested) for the Holiday Tea, December 6, at the Chatterbox.

Our founders would be so pleased, looking down from above, to see us in our “proper” Tea attire.

Ask a friend(s) to join you for a fun afternoon as we begin the holiday season. A flyer and reservation form is attached.
RIT EMERGING PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Last year Cindy Cooper was on the planning committee for establishing the first Emerging Professionals Institute Program to be offered through the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement. She was also a member of the student participation selection committee for the first program and served as one of the judges for the two-day event. This initial program was such a success that RIT is going to offer a series of different topics.

Cindy has been asked again to participate in the newest program. It is named Emerging Professionals Series: How to Present Yourself with Confidence. The program will be offered in either late February or early March 2018.

There will be a number of presentations that will cover topics from workplace etiquette to dressing appropriately. The students will also be participating in mock job interviews. We are asking any Women's Council members that have had interviewing experience to please step forward! Here is a perfect way that some of our members can offer their expertise.

If anyone would like to hear more information on this opportunity, please come see Cindy or text, email, or call her. Please help these students prepare to hit the pavement running by lending them your expertise and sharing your guidance!

WOMEN'S COUNCIL 2017 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:
KEENA MIKAILA TOLENTINO

Major: Accounting
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

My favorite thing about RIT: The openness and receptiveness of the students, faculty, and staff about new and different ideas. We’re always striving for more diversity, innovation, and all kinds of ways to surprise people with our brilliant ideas.

My proudest academic achievement: Being able to graduate from RIT one year early with 150 credits to sit for the CPA Exam.

Activities I participate in outside of class: Orientation Leader, Peer Advisor, Student Ambassador for the Office of Career and Co-op Services, serving as officers for Newman Catholic Community and Global Business Group, Next Generation of Accountants, working as a part-time employee for the Computer Engineering Dept. and the Dining Services office.

Community service and volunteer activities I am involved with: Packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, being a part of Junior Achievement. Internship/Co-op/Study abroad experiences: Tax internship with Perkins and Co.

My career goal after graduation: Working for a small accounting firm or non-profit organization and receiving my CPA License by early 2018.

Thank you for your support: I am a very lucky student to have been granted this generous scholarship and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and the impact you have made on my undergraduate career.

Financials has always been a struggle for me throughout my time here in RIT and your support and contribution have helped me re-shift my focus on academics and my career goals, rather than always worrying about how I will be able to pay off my tuition bill. Words cannot express how much this scholarship has made a difference in my time here.

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE

The Gene Polisseni Arena was the host to another successful year of the annual Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale! The pumpkin pickers started arriving hours before the sale opened to get their pick of the 2017 patch. The students in the School of American Crafts created an amazing batch of glass pumpkins that just sparkled; each carefully crafted stem showed off its own personality. We were fortunate to have the students mingle with the customers to share stories of their glass craft and how they made this year’s batch of pumpkins.

The sales grossed over 36K that will support the Visiting Artist Program for the glass students, the Women's Council scholarship efforts and our Bridging the Gap fund.

This sale would not be a success without all those pumpkin pickers who come every year to adopt a new glass pumpkin! A thank you goes out to Robin Cass/Interim Dean of CIAS, David Schnuckel/Adjunct Professor and of course all those gifted students. I can’t forget the 25 volunteers who pitch in to work the sale and the RIT staff… Also a special thanks to Doreen Haller/WC Treasurer who tirelessly handles all the finances and credit card processing. I’m glad we have a year to recover!

See you all again next fall when the next batch of pumpkins arrive!

Marianne Goff 2017 Glass Pumpkin Patch Chair
ENJOY SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR 2017 GLASS PUMPKIN SALE!
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Dues are $35. If you are interested in joining, contact: Audry Liao, P.O. Box 307, Brockport, NY 14420 (259-0138), newyorkweather84@gmail.com.

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 Marisa Psaila, Executive Director of the Fund for RIT, at mxpdar@rit.edu or 585.475.4932.

VISION

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

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