Dear Membership...

Spring is finally here and April is my favorite month of the year. Maybe because it’s my birthday month or maybe it's because the trees are blooming and the snow has finally melted away.

April is also the month of our Scholarship Award Luncheon program. The Women’s Council is all about student scholarships and boy do we have a lineup of deserving students for you to meet this year!! Please make sure you put your reservation in early for this month’s luncheon. RIT President Munson and Nancy have graciously offered to host us at their home again this year at Liberty Hill.

Keep an eye out for the Women’s Council Membership Survey. Nita Genova is putting the final touches on it now. Your board members all hope that you will take the time to answer the questions. We want to make sure your interactions with the Women’s Council are great experiences!

April and May is when we historically start our membership drive. Please be aware that you will see a slight increase in the yearly membership dues. The board has voted to increase the dues by $10. We have been doing our best to keep up with the rising costs of printing; the cost of speaker gifts, room rental, postage and supplies over these many years and have found that we no longer can cover these expenses with our current membership dues of $35. Our new yearly membership dues will be $45.

Please make a plan to bring a friend to our next meeting this April and support our efforts with RIT. And remember, be the difference you would like to see in the world.

Let the gardening begin!!

Warmly,

Cindy Cooper

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.
The Women of Hot Wheelz Sizzled in March! Last year the weather didn’t cooperate and the Hot Wheelz presentation had to be canceled. This year, coincidently on the first day of spring, everything couldn’t have been more perfect and what an impressive presentation they gave. Accompanied by faculty advisor, Dr. Kathleen Lamkin-Kennard, Sam Poppelman, Project Manager, Kaylie Glynn and Tiffani Bragg, Assistant Project Managers, and Chief Electrical Engineer, Katie Ward, (all seniors) were bursting with energy as they walked into the room looking dynamic in their Hot Wheelz logoed uniforms.

Started in 2011, the club has not shied away from identifying themselves as a women’s group using women’s names such as Rosie (for Rosie the riveter) and using hot pink for their color. The name is, of course, referring to the miniature cars targeted at boys. See the timeline picture (above) of the club’s evolution and awards.

Hot Wheelz is a club so no academic credits are earned for the participation, but the dedication and rewards of being part of such an all-encompassing endeavor exceeds credits with hands-on experiences. Working up to 40 hours per week in addition to their academics, is not uncommon—such is the passion for the project of designing a working vehicle for competition. Seventy women currently are members of Hot Wheelz across all RIT colleges and majors, including the ones you would expect as well as some you wouldn’t such as psychology, packaging science, advertising photography, business exploration, and marketing. Both Tiffani and Katie realized that their respective majors of psychology and computer science were not the exact career they desired for their future. While they will graduate within their majors, they will find ways to incorporate other interests now into their job search.

Working on a hybrid formula car for the first time, the club has a budget of $80,000, $35,000 will be used to build this year’s car. Corporate sponsors and student organized Go-Fund Me appeals round out the amount needed. In fact, at the end of day, the club was going to test drive their vehicle in the RIT parking lot because next week, they head out for the event. The car is still in skeleton stage as the body is the last thing to be completed.

It will be interesting to see how they place in this year’s competition. One WCRIT member stated, “I didn’t think I would be that interested in this topic, but they were great!”

Next month’s meeting is at Liberty Hill hosted by Dave and Nancy Munson and where our scholarships will be awarded—truly one of the most anticipated meetings of our program.

The May meeting, Dr. Keith Jenkins will be conducting a candid conversation on Issues of Race in America. Already creating a buzz by our members, it is sure to be well-attended. Be sure to make your reservation for this informative discussion.
RIT AMBULANCE INVITATION

If you are an alumni of the RIT Ambulance you are officially invited to the RIT Ambulance 51st Annual Banquet!

Current members and alumni are invited to come together for a fun night of food and drink on Saturday, April 13th! Members, both current and former, are encouraged to bring a guest along to enjoy the night’s festivities.

The event will feature a full dinner, so please come hungry! In addition to the dinner, they will be handing out awards to some of the current members and conducting the transition ceremony between Executive Boards.

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019  
Place: RIT University Gallery  
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Cost: $25 per person  
Note: Free for active RIT Ambulance members

TIME TO RENEW!

It’s time to renew your membership with the Women’s Council of RIT

At the April luncheon we will be placing our membership paperwork on the tables. Please make sure you take one home with you and an extra one for a friend!! Or you can take advantage of the ease at which you can renew your membership by paying your dues that day. Either way you choose, we are happy to have you on board with the Women’s Council of RIT.

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If you are interested in joining, contact: Sandy Whitmore, Membership Chair, by email for the membership form at swwpro@rit.edu

Dues help support the Council Notes, 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 mxpadar@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.

2018-2019 Meeting Calendar

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Introducing an exciting new “Smooth Jazz” quartet with holiday music selections

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