



CLUB CHAT

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Later Alligator!

As we wrap up the 2012-2013 academic year the Club Center Staff wants to send a **HUGE** thank you to all of the amazing clubs & organizations! There have been a lot of exciting changes this year (good-bye Club Connections!) and growth within the club community. The Club Review Board has met weekly for the past year to review intent to form applications and club recognition forms for new clubs and organizations. We're wrapping up the year with **13 amazing new clubs**, including;

- SAE Clean Snowmobile Team
- The Handlettering Club
- Rubik's' Cube Club
- Photo Society
- Ukulele Club
- Pre Dental Club
- Colleges Against Cancer
- Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers
- Deaf Auto Club
- Women's Club Volleyball
- Recover Rochester
- College Libertarians
- USA Martial Arts Aikido Club

If you're here in the fall, make sure to stop by the Club Fair during Orientation week and keep an eye out for these new members to our family!



Meet the 2013 Club Award Winners
(Announced at Club Bash)



Prepare for Change!
Organize your leadership
transition in your club!



Have completed your
Link profile?

What's
Next?

Stay tuned for
upcoming events!



Colleges Against Cancer
Club Members Selling T-Shirts!



SAE Clean Snowmobile Team
preparing for their competition
in Michigan!



Recover Rochester President
Wai Hon Chan taking inventory
of food that will be donated!

Meet the 2013 Club Award Winners!



Engineers of a Sustainable World



**Best Liberal Arts/Performing Club:
Improv**



**Best Dance Club:
Latin Rhythm Dance Club**



**Best Cultural Club:
Organization for the Alliance of
Students from the Indian Subcontinent**



**Best Overall Club:
Rescue Shelter**



**Best Special Interest Club:
Hooks and Needles**



**Best Non- Competitive Sports Club:
Women's Rugby**



**Most Fiscally Responsible Club:
Cosplay Troupe**



**Best Competitive Sports Club:
Cycling**



**Best Advisor:
Jessica Hooper, Equestrian Club**



**Best New Club:
Colleges Against Cancer**

DID YOU KNOW!?!

Some important facts you need to know for summer!

A cricket's chirp frequency fluctuates with temperature.

The average American eats around 5 1/2 gallons of ice cream a year. July is national ice cream month!

The Popsicle was invented by accident by an 11-year-old boy named Frank Epperson in 1905.

Watermelon is actually a vegetable, not a fruit!

Mosquitoes have been around for 30 million years.

*How To: Transition Your Leadership***Prepare information for the incoming e-board:**

- Invite the incoming executive board members to attend a meeting led by the exiting executive members- this will help new e-board members to understand the roles and responsibilities of their respective leadership positions
- Organize files (paper & electronic) to ensure proper documentation
 - Create transition binders
 - Each incoming officer should be provided with an organized binder
 - Give your predecessor a tour of the binder- don't just pass it off!

Schedule Transition Meetings:

- Ideally, the outgoing President/Vice President should meet one-on-one with the incoming President/Vice President and include the advisor.
 - Topics of discussion:
 - Calendar
 - Goals for next year
 - Past, current, and future issues
 - Financial status of club/organization
 - Expectations of roles
- Hold a joint meeting for the outgoing and incoming executive board. Think of this as an adjustment period!
 - Suggestions for agenda:
 - Introductions
 - Review of constitution
 - Review the goals and accomplishments of current year
 - Handle unfinished or pressing business
 - Break into one-on-one meetings for each position
- If time permits, hold a transitions retreat with the incoming executive board. As part of your retreat include team builders to foster good working relationships. Team Builders will allow you to learn a great amount about your organization and is a stepping stone to building a strong team.
 - Outcomes of holding a retreat:
 - Increase and foster open and honest communications
 - Builds positive social relationships
 - Develop trust and mutual support
 - Builds respect...appreciation of differences
 - Builds pride for your group
 - Use the uniqueness of members to accomplish goals



Moving forward the Club Center will be saying good-bye to Club Connections, and hello to theLink@RIT! In order to be considered for club recognition you will need to complete your Link profile. The Link will be used for a variety of other important things such as registering for the Club Fair during Orientation! It only takes a few minutes to update and it will provide amazing opportunities to recruit new members, connect current members, and show case your organization to the RIT campus!

If you haven't completed your Link profile, follow these simple steps:

- Log-in to thelink.rit.edu with your RIT email and password.
- Once logged in, click on "edit profile" and complete the following:
- Now click "Organizations" and search for your organization in the directory.
- Click "Edit Profile" to personalize your organization's profile.
- Complete the following essentials: Add your photo & Add social media links

If you have any questions feel free to contact linkhelp@rit.edu or clubs@rit.edu! In order to register for the Orientation Fall Club Fair 2013 you MUST be an active organization in The Link! Once you are an active organization you can register by visiting: <https://thelink.rit.edu/admin/Form/22001/131057/projectbuilderpage/page>

Mark Your Calendars!

Need help organizing your club's information to ensure a successful transition of leadership?



Join the Club Center Staff for a
**Leadership Transition
Binder Building Party**

Monday, April 29
Club Center 12 - 3PM

Food and Beverages
will be served!

Center
for Campus **life**

Club Budget Process Information Meeting!
Club Center staff will be available to answer any questions. Don't forget club budget proposals are due May 6th via email to clubs@rit.edu!

Date: April 25th
Time: 5-7pm
Where: Campus Center 2650

Later Alligator!

You are invited to

A FAREWELL PARTY

for

We're saying goodbye to Club Connections, and best wishes to our graduating club members!
Stop by for food & fun!

Friday, May 3rd | 12-3pm | Club Center

