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CLUB CHAT

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Welcome Bill St. Jean to the Club Center!

We are excited to share the news that Bill St. Jean has accepted the position of Associate Director for Campus Programs with the Center for Campus Life. As many of you may know Bill has served RIT's Center for Residence Life in a variety of capacities for many years, culminating with his current position as an Assistant Director for a large and diverse residential area. He is renowned for his work ethic, care and concern for students, and support in the guidance and direction of any team who has been fortunate enough to have been under his leadership.

We are confident that the foundation of skills he has both honed and polished in his career to this point, combined with his excitement for this new opportunity will contribute to the Campus Life team and the students we serve impeccably moving forward and into the future. Bill has firsthand experience working with clubs & organizations as an advisor which will be a great benefit to the Club Center! Feel free to stop in and welcome him this quarter!

A special thank you to club members who engaged in participation in the search and interview process!



Clubs Got Talent ReCap



Spotlight on Women Focused
Clubs & Organizations



Taking a Look at Budgets



Fundraising Ideas!

Are You Ready to Get Linked?!



Spotlight On ... **RIT WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Women in Business (WIB) is a student organization focused on networking and professional growth through community service, educational workshops and social activities. Together, members work to gain communication skills, analytical abilities, technical literacy, multitasking talent, interpersonal abilities, leadership skills, problem-solving skills and teamwork. Each member is a strong student leader with specific responsibilities to the club. As a Saunders school of business organization, **WIB has three goals throughout the academic school year:**

1. Personal and Professional growth of all the members
2. Teach women how to be successful through networking
3. Build female confidence and ability



Want to learn more?!

Check out our Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RIT-Women-in-Business>

Email: wib.notifications@gmail.com



Those Tokens Can Add Up to Big Bucks!

To account for Financial Transactions that occur through your Club budget account, for every financial transaction that is completed correctly, on time, etc. you will receive one token in your Club Mailbox. Once you reach ten tokens your club automatically receives \$20 into their club budget account. Take advantage of this service - the program is unlimited!



USELESS MARCH FACTS

Curiosity of wearefunkfresh.co.uk

31st March - The Eiffel Tower in Paris was officially opened in 1889



30th March - 1853
Vincent van Gogh was born.



17th March - St Patrick's Day



How To:

Create a Club Budget

Every year, clubs that are not Tier 0 or Tier 1 clubs may apply for a budget. The budgets are due **Monday, May 6th at 4:30pm** and are noted on the Club Important Dates list at the beginning of the year. To apply for a budget, a budget request form needs to be filled out at <http://campuslife.rit.edu/main/clubs/resources> but can only be done once a year when the form is updated in the March prior to the due date. The application process closes in April and budgets are no longer able to be submitted. If your club missed the budget request period the club will need to wait until the following year to request funds; **funds are not automatically given or awarded from year to year but need to be requested.**

As well, clubs that are Tier 1 clubs looking to move to a higher tier to request a budget need to be in existence for at least a year, show substantial growth, have run transactions through their Club Budget account, and be able to show the need for funding for events/equipment/etc. Every year, Budget Request Seminars are also held to help students understand how to complete the Budget Request process. Individual appointments during this time of year can also be made at the Club Center.

Club Budget To-Do List:

- ✓ Acquaint yourself with the Club Center Financial Staff
- ✓ Ask questions ahead of time!
- ✓ Attend a Budget Request Seminar. There are two seminars:
April 2 | 5-7pm | Campus Center 2650
April 25 | 5-7pm | Campus Center 2650
- ✓ Remember to submit your budget proposal by May 6th to clubs@rit.edu

2013 Clubs Got Talent Recap!

Clubs Got Talent was a huge success! There was some fierce competition amongst the 13 clubs that performed and a surprise performance by the Club Center Staff! At the end of the night **Latin Rhyme Dance Club** took home first place and a check for \$500. They performed a salsa and salsa rueda and hope to use the winnings to sponsor awesome dance parties on campus with a professional Latin dance instructor. The final performance of the night, **OASIS**, was a close second taking home a check for \$300 after performing a fight scene from a Bollywood movie. **Swing Dance Club's** performance of a routine choreographed to "Black Coffee" by the Careless Lovers took home third place with a check of \$100. Thank you for everyone who came out to support all of the very talented clubs!



20 Fundraising Ideas

Jellybean count: Fill a jar with jellybeans and have people pay to guess how many there are in the jar.

Dress-down day: Charge faculty and administrators who wants to participate. Make certain that you ask permission of Human Resources, first.

Bag groceries: Ask a local grocery store if you can bag people's groceries for donations. Be certain to put up a sign saying what the money supports.

Raffles: Sell tickets and keep ticket stubs. On the date of the draw, have someone close his or her eyes and pick a ticket stub from all the ones that were sold. Do this publicly. The winner receives a prize.

Auction: Have individuals, groups and businesses donate goods and services. Be creative in what you can auction off and make certain that the goods and services are sold at reasonable prices.

Carnival day: Host a mini carnival, with games, prizes and popcorn, in a local park or your own backyard. Charge admission and/or a small fee to play games.

Spelling bee, Trivial Pursuit, Poker, Checkers, Scrabble, Twister: Have participants and spectators pay to participate and the winner receives a prize.

Pitch-a-thon: Rent a radar gun and measure how fast people can throw a baseball or kick a soccer ball. Charge per try, give a prize to the fastest individual.

Bingo: Host a bingo night at a local hall, place of worship, or school.

Plant Trees: Ask a nursery for seedling donations and then get people to sponsor a tree.

Day of Community Service: Gather together a group of friends, and contact organizations you can volunteer with. Have people sponsor you to do community service for 24 hours.

Coupon Sale: Have coupon books donated by local businesses, and then sell them to students and adults. You can also contact Sheetz.

Balloon Pop: Before filling a balloon with air or helium, put a note inside with the name of a prize. People buy balloons and pop them in the hope of getting the prize.

Car Wash: With a group of friends, set up a car wash in the parking lot of your school, church, or public area. (Be sure to ask for permission and make sure that people are careful of moving cars).

Hug-a-gram: Advertise a hug for a dollar. Have people buy a hug for a friend. After a member of your group gives the hug to the designated person, give them a small card with a message from the person who sent the hug.

Dog Show: Invite faculty and staff to show off their dogs in a show. Make it a competition that people pay to enter, and offer a prize for the best groomed dog, most- and least-obedient dog, and so on.

Talent Auction: Auction off the talents of people. For instance, great singers offer to sing at a wedding, party, or special event.

Kilometers of Coins: Gather donations of coins (pennies, dimes, or quarters) and lay them side-by-side until they stretch out to be a kilometer long. Alternatively, surround your gym, library, or parking lot with the coins.

Garage Sale: Have club members bring unwanted items to sell!

Club Chat Write-In

*Have something exciting going on? Want to be featured as the Spotlight Club?
Perspective on life as an RIT Club? Any clubs inspiration you might have, even artwork!
Send information to clubs@rit.edu*