



# College Crossings

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FEAST – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Phone System Changes

### ATTENTION:

No *Crossings* publications  
12/24, 12/31 & 1/7 due to the  
semester break.



## Meeting Minutes

Click below:

[http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/  
meeting\\_minutes.html](http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html)



## Thank You!

Thank you for attending the Annual Holiday Reception. The UCR Administrative Leadership deserves special recognition for the wonderful treats they brought to this year's event! Also, thank you to those that participated in the 10th annual Teddy Bear Drive. Our goal each year is 100, and as of Friday morning we had collected 103! This brings our total giving to the Olmsted County Sheriff's Department over the past 10 years to over 1,004! The bears will continue to be collected in the Office of the President (SS202) through Thursday, December 20!

-- Judy Kingsbury

## Holiday Art Sale

Please come by the Ceramics Studio (AH200) on Tuesday, December 18th, between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM to find unique works from our own Art Department. This year, in addition to the beautiful handcrafted items from the Ceramicists, you will also find artworks from Photography and Painting. All works are generously donated by students and faculty from the Art Department to support the Art Club and its events and programming for the college and community. This event is supported by Student Life.

~ Simon Huelsbeck, Art Instructor

## Horticulture Sale/Workshop

There are two more shopping days to pick up your holiday decorations/gifts from the RCTC Horticulture sale! As follows is what is still available: Poinsettias (6 colors available) *the white ones are looking exceptionally bright!* - 4.5" pot with 1 stem/pot for \$6.00 - 7" pot with 3 stems/pot for \$14.00; Boxwood trees \$20.00 - limited quantities left; Kissing balls \$10.00 - limited quantities left. Sale hours this week are: Monday, December 17 and Wednesday December 19 from 2-4:00pm. Also, the flower workshop "Decorate Your Life" or "Create a Great Gift" will be held on Wednesday, December 19 from 5:30-7:30pm in HH113 at a cost of \$40. Contact Robin at x6112 to register.

**One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this:  
To rise above the little things. ~John Burroughs**

Weekly Funny

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



A tree that only days earlier was standing perfectly upright on its own.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for attending our annual holiday party / basket challenge fund raiser. Sixteen departments and 13 individuals donated baskets and we raised \$1,807 for the SSSP Iris Fried Scholarship fund. We appreciated the generosity and enjoyed the creativity of the various donations. Congratulations to the Science Department and Anne Benson; their baskets won the highest bid for a department and individual basket. We also appreciated the monetary and food contributions that helped to offset the cost of sponsoring this event

The International Student Club would like to thank the faculty and staff for their support in our UNICEF fund drive. We collected from UNICEF boxes at the food service cashier registers, and Taste of Nations. At Taste of Nations we had 12 countries represented. This included lefsa, sorry we declined on the Lutefisk idea! However we raised over \$285 for UNICEF and we appreciate your support but probably not as much as the recipients. THANK YOU!

Crossings Classifieds

**Community Event:** Prom Dress Sale and Fashion Show, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ Community Celebration Church, 27401 County Road 34, Kasson MN 55944 (off of Hwy 14 between Byron and Kasson) - from 5pm to 8 pm, fashion show at 5:30. Dresses from K-M and surrounding communities will also be on display. If you have dresses would like to sell or have questions please contact Kathy Mork-Lewis at 634-6037.

Food Drive

Taher is teaming up with Student Life in sponsoring a food drive now until December 20th. Bring can goods and get a free 12oz cup of coffee or a piece of hand fruit. On December 20th we'll have a "Give Food to Get Food" buffet (see the attachment to this week's Crossings for more information). Bring can goods to lunch and get a free lunch. Sponsored by your food service and your Student Life. Help us feed those in need!

~ Gary Peterson

Commencement Planning for Keynote

Even though the winter holidays aren't even here yet, spring is just around the corner and that means it will soon be time for commencement. Individuals are being sought to help with the planning and coordination of the May 15th graduation ceremony. If you'd like to be a part of the Commencement Planning Committee, your time would be greatly appreciated. Non-faculty members interested in serving should contact Roxy Roadway at [roxy.roadway@roch.edu](mailto:roxy.roadway@roch.edu). Faculty members interested in serving should submit their names through Gregg Wright.



The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to plan for a keynote and the planning committee is always interested in the possibility of having a former student or motivational speaker give an engaging keynote address. If you have any suggestions, please forward your information to Stan Cram ([stan.cram@roch.edu](mailto:stan.cram@roch.edu)).

Also, if you don't have time for another committee but have suggestions for improving the ceremony, please send your ideas to [roxy.roadway@roch.edu](mailto:roxy.roadway@roch.edu). Your thoughts and comments are welcome!

Duplicating Schedule for Winter Break 2007

Saturday, December 22	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 25	CLOSED
Saturday, December 29	CLOSED
Tuesday, January 1	CLOSED
Saturday, January 5	CLOSED
Saturday, January 12	CLOSED

OPERATING HOURS DURING BREAK

Monday, December 24 through Friday, January 11  
8:00am – 4:00pm

RESUME REGULAR HOURS

Monday January 14	
Monday through Thursday	7:30am – 6:30pm
Friday	7:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday	8:00am – 11:00am

# Supalla Scribblings



Wow, how the weeks have flown by. It's hard to believe it's time to put a wrap on fall semester! I bet that you, too, can feel the anxious electricity in the air as the end of the term approaches. Traffic on the second floor of Student Services has increased significantly. Students are scrambling to be first in line for the early-morning Goddard Library opening, procrastination has left students looking for a last-minute appointment to conduct an interview, there aren't enough hallway plugs to recharge laptops that are working overtime to crank out reports, and I'm losing the fight to resist the temptation to graze every one of the holiday potluck and reception invitations. Since I'll be off campus next week recharging my own batteries with an ice fishing trip to Lake of the Woods, let me take this opportunity to wish you the merriest of holidays. My wish for you is fun with family and friends, rest and relaxation, and a safe and healthy new year.

## RCTC students, staff and programs continue to be recognized as some of the best of the best...

- Ayan Adan, RCTC Student Senate President and President of the NAACP Rochester Branch Youth Council, was recognized at last week's Freedom Fund Banquet with the William E. McGee Youth in Action Award. This award celebrates the outstanding work of one young community leader who demonstrates the values and ideas of the national organization and the Rochester Branch NAACP. Congratulations, Ayan!
- Kudos continue to pour in for Marilyn Treder and her RCTC math colleagues who helped make the American Mathematical Association for Two-Year Colleges national conference in Minneapolis a great success. Keven Dockter, Minnesota AMATYC Events Coordinator, wrote that "Marilyn's work and connections allowed MinnMATYC to be a generous host for the national conference." Thanks to all RCTC volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make the conference one of the best ever.
- Congratulations to Michelle Pyfferoen and her Business and Workforce Education team who garnered yet another Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Grant. RCTC was one of ten MnSCU institutions to receive grants. Funds forwarded to the system in this most recent round of grants amounted to \$2,073,842, or 98.2 percent of the total partnership funds awarded. Nice job, Michelle and colleagues!
- RCTC received double recognition in the latest Minnesota State Colleges & Universities magazine. The magazine highlighted the Building Utilities Mechanic students and faculty who volunteered to assist flood recovery efforts in southeastern Minnesota. RCTC participants helped people whose homes were damaged by flooding and, where possible, repairing flooded equipment such as furnaces, water heaters, freezers, and dehumidifiers. The only cost to the flood victims was the price of parts; labor was donated. Without a doubt, these flood victims appreciated the efforts. As I did my annual Salvation Army bell ringing stint at Shopko South last night, a number of donations and "thank yous" came from Rushford residents very grateful for the help received. Thanks, guys!
- RCTC's Julie Rodakowski was also showcased in the MnSCU magazine as one of the system's first Excellence in Teaching award winners. Reviewers noted that Julie formed the Rochester Area Council of Teachers of English to improve cooperation among high school and college teachers. Also noted, was how she brought an international perspective to the college's curriculum by teaching in the global learning program at Oxford, studying in Tanzania and India, and leading the college to consider offering Arabic and Chinese language courses.
- Three RCTC faculty members were featured in the November/December issue of Rochester Women magazine. Jean Marconett and Darlene Voeltz were spotlighted in a story about four ambitious ambassadors who traveled to Tanzania and Mexico to provide health assistance to poverty-stricken communities. Lillyam Arroyave and her students were recognized for last year's service learning trip to San Lucas Mission, Guatemala. In addition, Naomi Wenthe, daughter of Lori Halverson-Wenthe, was spotlighted for the humanitarian projects she's spearheaded on her two RCTC-sponsored field studies to Cambodia. Naomi returns for visit #3 later this month. Kudos to all who have shared their time, talents, and treasures to help those less fortunate. What can you do to help?



With the season for feasts, parties and potlucks upon us, I thought you might be interested in knowing that Minnesota ranks 28<sup>th</sup> in obesity rankings for the U.S. and District of Columbia. Based on data from 2004-2006, Mississippi residents rank #1 and Colorado residents are the least obese. *Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Thought for the holidays from British Prime Minister Henry Addington (1757-1844)...  
*In youth, the absence of pleasure is pain. In old age, the absence of pain is pleasure.*

I hope this holiday season finds you enjoying the pleasures of your youth.  
Until next year...stay safe.



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