Hello all!

As I write this, meteorologists are predicting the biggest snowstorm we have seen in a few years. It is supposed to hit sometime tomorrow afternoon or evening, and we may have a foot of snow by the next day. People are preparing – making sure the car and the snow blower have fuel, making sure there is milk, eggs, bread, and other necessary groceries in the house, candles to light in case of power outages, salt for the sidewalks, and food for the pets. My list of necessities is likely different from yours. But bottom line – we are getting ready! If and when the storm hits, we are prepared to meet it head on.

For the past eighteen months, the ARC board of trustees has been preparing - not for a snow storm, but preparing for something many of us fear far more than snow – CHANGE. We are now at a place to begin to face the change head on. I hope that you will join us as we explore new avenues of communication, form new membership guidelines, and discover a new face in ARC, the associates of Rochester College. Note our new logo at the top of this newsletter and on our Facebook page. It is part of our new image!

Please read the WHOLE newsletter! It is full of information and opportunities! I look forward to receiving names of those who would be great additions to our board of trustees. I hope to see you at our Spring Fashion Show and luncheon on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd. Tanna Evans, our student intern, is planning this event – come out and support her! I hope many of you will have Tea for RC on February 14th. You can even use our new online system for sending us your tea contribution! Then there is chapel on February 15th featuring ARC, and the list goes on and on!

Even without meetings and fall festivals and Gift-A-Ramas and Silverdomes and inventories, there are many ways to be involved with ARC and with Rochester College. Please continue to play a part in this vital organization.

Blessings,
Lynne Stewart

Our Associate Scholarship recipients at the President’s Circle of Honor Reception in October, 2010. Laura Johnson, Melissa Clayton, Ava Wegner and Steven Lee.

Letter of thanks to the Associates.
Thank you so much for your generous donations and fundraising for Rochester College. In today’s economy, it is even more crucial to have financial aid. I wouldn’t be able to afford to go to this wonderful institution if it weren’t for your generosity. Thank you again.
Melissa A. Clayton

Letters of thanks were received from each of our recipients.
STAY AT HOME TEA
We hope that you will take a moment to remember Rochester College on February 14, 2011. Share memories of times past with a friend and help to create a secure future for students in the years to come by contributing to our Annual Associates Tea by mailing a check to our treasurer, Ginny May, at 1334 Pembroke Lane, Oxford, MI 48371. Use the tear off slip in the newsletter or donate using our on-line link. www.rc.edu/pages/development

Memorial Gifts
When you want to honor a friend or a loved one with a memorial gift we hope that you will think of the Associates and send your gift to our endowed scholarship fund by mailing our treasurer Ginny May, 1334 Pembroke Lane, Oxford, MI 48371 or donate on-line by connecting to our link. www.rc.edu/pages/development

Upcoming College Events
Winter Play – Driving Miss Daisy
February 17-20, 2011
Contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 for ticket information

Celebration
March 24-26, 2011
Contact Stephanie Corp at scorp2@rc.edu

Spring Play – Death of a Salesman
April 14-17, 2011
Contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 for ticket information

Partnership Dinner
Sunday, May 1, 2011
Contact Cathy Ries at 248-218-2021 for information and tickets

Please send your “Stay at Home Tea” donation to Ginny May 1334 Pembroke Ln. Oxford, MI 48371

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**Empties4Cash Ink Cartridge Program Change**

Beginning immediately, the way we send in computer inkjet cartridges for cash and recycling has changed. We now will be collecting them and sending them in larger quantities for cash back and/or recycling. Please continue to save and collect used inkjet cartridges. Please contact Lynne Stewart at lestewart@rc.edu or at 248-218-2092 if you would like a shipping label and instructions for sending them in yourself. A minimum of 15 cartridges must be sent at a time – more is preferable. I have labels and receptacle boxes if you would like. If you would prefer, please just save them and get them to Lynne on campus. We will make sure they are sent in when we have a full box. This is not a huge money-maker, but every little bit helps. It is also good for our environment. Call Lynne if you have any questions.

**Online Contributions Now Possible for ARC**

In an effort to make contributing to ARC easier for some, we now have the ability to make contributions online with a credit card through the Rochester College development office. We can contribute dues (due in June), honor gifts, memorial gifts, general gifts for scholarships, and “Tea for RC.” Just go to www.rc.edu/pages/development. Click on the DONATE NOW button. Once there, complete the registration information and donation information. Under Designation, there is a dropdown box. Click on the appropriate ARC choice. Please add comments as appropriate for memorial and honor gifts. It is that easy! We hope many will take advantage of this very easy way to contribute to ARC, and ultimately, to Rochester College.

**ARC Fashion Show**

It’s that time of year again! ARC will be hosting its annual spring fashion show on April 3, 2011 in RC’s RAC Theatre from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Dress Barn of Rochester Hills will provide the fashions.

We are revamping the fashion show slightly and are excited to see how it turns out. We have moved it to a Sunday afternoon in order to make it more convenient for all of you. Bring your friends and family after church and enjoy a nice luncheon followed by the fashion show.

We are also trying to revamp the silent auction. Rather than baskets this year, we are asking for people to donate items and people will be able to bid on the items. We hope that this will be more exciting for everyone.

Ticket prices will be $20.00 for adults and $10.00 for students and children. Please respond for tickets by March 28, 2011.

We are asking that if you have any items to donate, would like to purchase tickets, or need more information, please contact Tanna Evans via email at tevans2@rc.edu or by phone at 330 565 0459. You may also contact any ARC board member.

Tanna Evans, Chairperson

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For tickets please mail to Tanna 10 Evans 800 W. Avon Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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We Need Trustees!

It is the time of year when, traditionally, we accept nominations for new trustees. Trustees serve two year terms and are re-elected in the odd-numbered years. Because we are now having only one general meeting on campus, the nomination and voting process for new trustees will all be done through the newsletter.

As has been done in the past, current trustees have all been asked if they are willing to serve an additional two-year term. The following trustees have agreed to serve, if favorably voted upon, until May 2013:

- Pat Harrison
- Linda Jones
- Ginny May
- Carol Passage
- Pat Pleasant

If appointed by Dr. Shelly, Lynne Stewart will continue to serve as the college appointed trustee.

We have three vacant trustee positions to fill. The term of office would begin June 2011 and continue through May 2013. You current board of trustees is asking the general membership to nominate people you feel could effectively help the board of trustees transition to the age of electronic and social media. If you, yourself, are willing to serve, please contact Lynne Stewart at lestewart@rc.edu or by phone at 248-218-2092. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact them first to make sure they are willing to serve, and then submit their name(s) to Lynne.

Please submit all nominations as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2011. PLEASE consider this wonderful way to serve ARC and Rochester College. You will not regret your decision.

Trustees Stepping Down

We would like to thank the following women who have faithfully served on the ARC Board of Trustees for all or part of the current term (June 2009 – May 2011):

- Amy Vanz
- Norma Morris
- Barbara O’Rourke
- Ann Luchsinger

Your wisdom, creativity, and faithful service have been so valuable to the organization. Thank you for so selflessly serving ARC.

ARC Featured in Chapel
February 15th

On Tuesday, February 15, 2011, ARC will be featured in chapel. All associates are invited to attend. Chapel is at 11:10 am. Lynne Stewart will present a little information to the students about ARC, followed by praise and worship, a student favorite, led by Beth Bowers. After chapel, ARC will serve cookies to the students. If you would like to bake cookies, please get them to Lynne Stewart on campus by Monday afternoon. If a trustee asks you to bake cookies, please say yes! Our students LOVE cookies and this is one small way we can show our students that we are happy they are at Rochester College!