

# RIDOC Happenings

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Upcoming & Recent Events & News of Interest to the RIDOC Community

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*"Your mind is  
like a parachute  
-- it functions  
only when open."*

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## New Director of Nursing Announced

Medical Program Director Michael Fine has announced the promotion of Gordon Bouchard to General Director of Nursing Services. In his announcement, Dr. Fine wrote, "Mr. Bouchard is known to all of us for his ability, boundless energy, professionalism, and enthusiasm."

## Volunteers Sought for Major Exercise

The Exercise Design Team is seeking volunteers for a Major Exercise scheduled for **June 9th**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Billie-Jo Gallagher at ext. 25347

## Revised Probation & Parole Forms on the Intranet

Probation & Parole's standardized letters have been revised - thanks to the work of the P&P Automated Case Management System Development Team - and have been updated on the Intranet in the Forms section. The new versions all have a revised date of April 2010 in the footer. Probation & Parole's standardized forms are also in the revision process and will be completed and posted in the near future.

## Spring Semester Interns Helping Behavioral Health

The following students are assisting the RIDOC's Behavioral Health Unit this semester: **Melinda Hill**, URI; **Tracy Riley**, Providence College; **Erin Sutherland**, Roger Williams University; **Daniel Burk**, Roger Williams University; **Kim Farrelly**, Salve Regina; and **Christina Molinski**, Salve Regina. Anyone looking for a summer intern should contact John Antonelli at **ext. 22537** or [john.antonelli@doc.ri.gov](mailto:john.antonelli@doc.ri.gov).

## Give Blood!

On **Friday, April 16th**, between **10 a.m.** and **4 p.m.**, you can drop by the Regan Auditorium to donate blood. Please take the time to help save lives.

## Travisono Dedication

On **Thursday, April 22nd**, at **9:30 a.m.**, the formal dedication ceremony for the Anthony P. Travisono Intake Service Center will take place. Several former long-term employees and local leaders will be in attendance. Media presence is expected. All related expenses have been donated.

## Girl Scout Cookie Reminder

Support the *Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Program* and satisfy your hankering for GS cookies. Drop by the Visiting Room of the Dix facility (enter from rear door) on **Tuesday or Thursday, April 20th or 22nd**, to purchase cookies. Girls in the troop will staff the booth.



## Health Services Grand Rounds

Medical Programs Director Dr. Michael Fine invites all Rehab Services employees to Grand Rounds in the Admin-A Large Conference Room on **Thursday, April 22**, from **noon - 1 p.m.** Dr. Curt Beckwith will provide an overview of HIV testing and prevention in the correctional setting.

## The RIDOC and Recent Flooding

If you are wondering what impact the recent flooding had on our Department, here is a brief summary of actions taken in conjunction with other agencies to address issues that arose: electrical manholes throughout the complex flooded. Facilities and Maintenance pumped out the water so power would not be lost; Facilities & Maintenance also addressed flooding in the lower levels of several DOC buildings so equipment would not be damaged; a number of pumps were installed to prevent basement/lower level flooding in the facilities; sewer lines were cleaned to prevent backups; water usage was cut significantly in response to problems at Cranston's Waste Water Treatment Plant by suspending laundry and showers for a day. Please also note that the home page of the RIDOC's website now includes a message from the Governor and a link to the state's flood response website, <http://www.floodrecoveryri.gov>. This is the central location for flood-related information and can be helpful to any employees who sustained losses due to flooding. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

## Benefit for Jayden Pine

A fund raiser for Jayden Pine, whose mother, Kayla, was tragically killed at the age of 21 in an automobile crash, will take place at the Warwick FOP Hall on **Thursday, June 10th**, at **7 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner and a comedy show. Some of the area's top comics will be appearing. Ronald Meleo, CO at Max, is Jayden's step-grandfather.

## News from Former Associate Director Richard Frechette

Among the recent retirees who have subscribed to *Happenings* is former Associate Director for Financial Resources Richard Frechette. Richard wrote recently about the active life he and his wife are enjoying as "Snow Birds" in Fort Myers, Fla. Richard is doing a lot of biking and is part of a group that has dubbed themselves *Sorry Old Spokes*.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### PROMOTION CONGRATS



*Newly promoted General Director of Nursing Services Gordon Bouchard*

### THE EMR IN USE



*J.R. Perez is a "super user" of the Department's new Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software. The EMR has transformed the way the Health Care Services staff does its work, eliminating the need for paper charts and ensuring greater privacy and quality of care for inmates. Members of the EMR Project Team were honored at the annual Departmental Awards Ceremony for their role in bringing the RIDOC into the 21st Century with this exciting new technology. Rhode Island is now a model for many states nationwide.*

### A NEW NAME FOR INTAKE



*The Department's largest facility will be renamed the Anthony P. Travisono Intake Service Center on Thursday, April 22nd. Mr. Travisono, who served as the Department's first director and had a lengthy and impressive career in corrections, is pictured above. His portrait will hang in the lobby of Intake.*