

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*“Character is developed one positive action at a time. Therefore, nothing is actually trivial in our lives. Someone who grows from each minor life event will eventually reach high levels of character perfection.”*

Rabbi Zelig Pliskin,  
author, lecturer

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## Condolences to Paul Kennedy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief of Recruitment and Training Paul Kennedy and family on the death of his mother, Ruth, this week.

## Major Exercise Cancelled

The Major Exercise scheduled for **June 9th** has been cancelled.

## Lee Fund Raiser a Success

Chris Sparadeo, an organizer of the fund raiser for C.O. John Lee, writes, “We were able to raise \$3,800 through ticket sales and raffles, and it was very nice to see every facility in the department represented, including some staff who have moved on to other endeavors. Officer Lee and his family couldn't be more appreciative of the effort friends and peers have made on their behalf.”

## National Correctional Officers' Week 2010

The RIBCO executive board invites its members, their families, and co-workers to the following activities in observance of National Correctional Officers' Week:

**Monday, May 3rd, 6-7:30 a.m.** - RIBCO and DOC representatives will serve breakfast in all facilities.

**4 - 6 p.m.** - RIBCO and DOC representatives will serve dinner in all facilities.

**Tuesday, May 4th, 1 p.m.** - RIBCO Memorial Ceremony in memory of C.O.'s who have been killed in the line of duty, Admin-A, Howard Ave. Facilities will be locked down; all invited;

**Wednesday, May 5th, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** - RIBCO Cookout at Garvey Field. Facilities will be locked down. Everyone is invited.

**Thursday, May 6th - 5 - 6:30 p.m.** - Family Night. Families will be given an overview of the RIDOC and its functions at the Training Academy.

**6:45 p.m.** - Tours of all facilities for staff and families. Facilities will be locked down.

**Friday, May 7th** - *Dress Down Day* for all shifts. Make a \$5 donation to *Team Gorman* at roll call.

**Saturday, May 8th, 6:30 p.m.** - Retirement and Awards Ceremony honoring 2009 RIBCO retirees and 2010 C.O.'s and Supervisors of the Year. West Valley Inn. Tickets available at the RIBCO office for \$20. Call ext. 21394 for information.

## Congratulations to Disa Johnson

Data Control Clerk Disa Johnson recently received certificates of recognition from the Rhode Island House and Senate for her work and dedication as past president of the Rebeccas, a national service organization.

## Dress for Success Program to Hold Fund Raiser

A fund raiser for *Dress for Success Rhode Island* will take place on **Thursday, June 10th, from 6 - 10 p.m.** Tickets for the silent auction and raffle are \$55 per person. The event will feature music by Tijuana Bibles and will take place at Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown. RSVP by **June 1st** to Melissa Finnegan or Peggy Porter at **339-3143** or email [rhodeisland@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:rhodeisland@dressforsuccess.org). *Dress for Success* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose goal is to help disadvantaged women in Rhode Island get and keep jobs. Peggy Porter-Quinlan, a former RIDOC employee, and her daughter, Melissa Quinlan-Finnegan are the co-founders of the Rhode Island affiliate. Parole Coordinator Kim Avedesian and Assistant Director Roberta Richman both serve on its newly formed board. The organization hopes to open its boutique at 403 Charles Street in June or July. They work with agencies such as Crossroads, Dorcas Place, and the RIDOC to provide a week's worth of professional clothing to clients when they get a job and a membership in the professional women's group. As members, clients get a lifetime of education, networking, and mentoring. *Dress for Success Worldwide* has serviced 500,000 disadvantaged women since its inception in 1997.

## Crime Free Day May 1st

Probation Officers from the Urban League office will participate in a block party organized by a MetSchool Senior this **Saturday, May 1st, from noon - 5 p.m.** Admission to *Crime Free Day* is free and will include guest speakers, activities, live demonstrations, refreshments, and music. It will be held at The Met School, 325 Public Street, Providence.

## NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans Celebration May 1st

The NEADS Program is hosting a special graduation for service dog *Grace* and her human partner, Beth Lewis, at Rhode Island College on **Saturday, May 1st, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Clarke Science Building**. This free event is designed to introduce more people in Rhode Island to the transformative work the NEADS Program does for people with disabilities. *Grace* was trained at Price and Moran. Call Dale Calverley at (401) 397-6167 or email her at [dalecalverley@gmail.com](mailto:dalecalverley@gmail.com).

## PHOTO GALLERY

### MANAGERS' MEETING FEATURES RECIDIVISM STUDY



Director Wall introduces Greg McCarthy and Erin Boyar from Planning & Research to RIDOC managers. The two presented findings from their three-year recidivism study at the recent Managers' Meeting. A summary is posted on the website.

### GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS



Professional Services Coordinator Ken Findlay poses with members of the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars troop which recently sold cookies to RIDOC employees out of the basement of Dix.

### CLINICIAN RICHARD BAILEY



Richard Bailey, founder and president of Bailey Associates Counseling & Training, is the new clinician serving the RIDOC's Stress Team. He has two offices on Hartford Ave. in Johnston and can be accessed through any member of the Stress Team. The team is listed on the Intranet.