

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Life isn't
about
waiting for the
storm to pass.
It's about
learning to dance
in the rain."*

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Welcome Spring Semester Interns

The following students are assisting RIDOC managers with various projects during the spring semester. Please make them feel welcome: **Margaret Montgomery Santos**, a senior at Rhode Island College, is assisting Tracey Zeckhausen with various p.r. tasks. She previously worked with Planning & Research updating accomplishments of the Women's Reentry Grant and other projects; **Kyle McCabe**, a junior at Roger Williams University studying Criminal Justice, is assisting the Home Confinement Unit with in-house interviews three mornings a week; **Philip Beglin**, a senior at Roger Williams University, is assisting Senior Legal Counsel Kathy Kelly in rewriting the Sentence Calculation Manual and other projects, on Wednesdays and Fridays; Rhode Island College graduate Social Work student **Kristen Bourque** is helping Susan Heffner in the Education Unit with transition planning, vocational counseling, and the development of job skills; Deputy Warden Cindy Drake and Professional Services Coordinator Teresa Foley have six interns working on Rehabilitative Services projects. They are: **Dorcas Annoh**, Rhode Island College; **Jill MacCormack**, Rhode Island College; **Paul Werth**, Roger Williams; **Melissa Campos**, Rhode Island College; **Barbara Belhumour**, Salve Regina; and **Heather McFeat**, Rhode Island College.

Thank You from Jessica Leander

Jessica Leander, daughter of C.O. Manny Leander of Intake, thanks RIDOC employees for their generous donations to her Capstone project on animal cruelty. She writes, "You've made my project easier with all of the donations for animals in need. I've collected over 1,000 pounds of supplies for local areas." Jessica delivered supplies to three area shelters. She thanks her dad for coordinating RIDOC donations for her.

Promotion Congrats and Deputy Warden Reassignments

Please make note of the following changes to Deputy Warden assignments effective April 4th.: Matt Kettle - Minimum Security; Michelle Auger - Maximum Security; newly appointed Deputy Warden Nelson Lefebvre - High Security. All other Deputy Wardens remain in their previously assigned facilities. Several employees have received promotions recently. In addition to those whose photos are included at right and those mentioned in the last edition, please congratulate Gary Moe, Anthony Grassini and Raymond Morissette, promoted to Lieutenant, and Larry Falkowksi, promoted to Security Specialist.

Spring NEADS Graduation Features Six RIDOC Trained Pups!

The NEADS Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans spring graduation took place on **March 7th** and featured six RIDOC-trained pups, four from the John J. Moran Medium Security Facility and two from the Donald Price Facility. **Nelly**, a halter dog named in honor of now Deputy Warden Nelson Lefebvre, was trained at Moran and is paired with Carson Wehlage. **Daisy** is a social dog trained at Moran and paired with David Carco, Jr. **Weaver** is a service dog trained at Price and paired with Craig Morris. **Winnie** is a service dog trained at Moran and paired with Bonny Louison; **Gayle** is a hearing dog trained at Moran and paired with Dennis Perham, and finally **Grace** is a therapy dog trained at Price and paired with Beth Lewis.



Carson and Nelly



Daisy and David



Craig and Weaver



Winnie and Bonny



Gayle and Dennis



Grace and Beth

Still Time for Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Cookie Orders

Support the *Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Program* and satisfy your hankering for GS cookies. You can either fill out the order form that was sent to all email users and return it to TeLisa Richardson, Parenting Coordinator (Fax to 20765 or drop off to her office in Dix) or drop by the Visiting Room of the Dix facility (enter from rear door) on **Tuesday or Thursday, April 20th or 22nd**, to purchase cookies. Order forms must be submitted by the 19th. Girls in the Troop will staff the booth.

Hold the Dates

On **Thursday, April 22nd, at 9:30 a.m.**, there will be an invitation-only dedication ceremony for the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center. On **Thursday, June 3rd, from 9 a.m. - noon** Spring Media Day will take place and will include a demonstration of the new Iris Scan technology.

Benefit for C.O. John Lee

A benefit dinner to assist C.O. John Lee and his family in their fight against cancer, will take place on **Friday, April 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Lodge, 42 Noosneck Hill Road in West Greenwich. Contact Chris Sparadeo at 21233.

PHOTO GALLERY

SPRING INTERNS



Kyle McCabe, Philip Beglin, and Margaret Santos are among those doing internships at the RIDOC during the spring semester.

PROMOTION CONGRATS



Newly promoted Special Investigator Nuno Figueiredo



Newly promoted Lieutenant Stephen Aceto poses with his wife, Gina, and daughter, Jamie.



Newly promoted Records & ID Captain Kathy Lyons with her partner, Sandy Genest, and Director Wall.



Newly promoted Deputy Warden Nelson Lefebvre poses with his wife, Anne, his son, Daniel, "Nelly," the NEADS pup named in his honor, her human partner, Carson, and Carson's mom, Jan, at the spring NEADS graduation last month.