

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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## FAREWELL DOCS



A joint retirement celebration was held last week for Dr. Robert Achindiba and Dr. Fred Friedman, Clinical Director Psychologist. Pictured above are Director Wall and Dr. Fine at that event; Dr. Achindiba chatting with a colleague, and Dr. Friedman in his signature bow tie.

## WELCOMING GUESTS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION



Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Commissioner Deborah Gist and a contingent of her colleagues visited several classrooms in the Moran Facility last week at the Commissioner's request. She is pictured here speaking to inmates as Director Wall, Andrea Castaneda, Chief of Accelerating School Performance, RIDE, and Assistant Director Roberta Richman look on. Commissioner Gist was the keynote speaker at the Moran Facility Recognition Ceremony last June.

## Congratulations to Dutras

Congratulations to Amanda Dutra, Executive Assistant in the Director's Office, and her husband, Michael, on the birth of Isaiah George on Friday, December 17th.



## SECA News

Congratulations to the RIDOC's own Deborah Fontes, a nurse in the Women's Facilities, who won last week's prize pack to Trinity Rep. As of last week, the campaign had collected 413 pledge cards, exceeding its goal of 400 that week! There is still a way to go before reaching the overall goal of \$670,000.

## Terminology and the New Women's Facilities

Per Director Wall, the new women's institutions (Bernadette and the former Reintegration Center) will be known as the Women's Facilities. The secure institution will continue to be called the Gloria McDonald Building and Minimum/Work Release building will be known as Bernadette. The use of the term Women's Division is outmoded and creates the confusing impression that our facilities for female offenders are a section of the agency independent of Ins/Ops. This clarification should dispel the misunderstanding.

## Personnel News: Three Hired and One Promoted



Caitlin O'Connor

**Caitlin O'Connor** is the new Principal Research Technician in Planning and Research, taking the place of Greg McCarthy. A graduate of Stonehill College, Caitlin has been with Kelley Research Associates for the past four years, working on a state-funded grant for the City of Brockton with an emphasis on preventing and suppressing gang-related behavior using the COMPSTAT model. **Olga Shirzadi** is the new Implementation Aide in Facilities and Maintenance, and Dr. Fine's new Executive Assistant is **Maggie Paquette**. **C.O. Stephen Munroe** has been promoted to Security Specialist in Minimum and the Women's Facilities, a position he previously held as a 3-day-rule.

## Preregister Now for Health Fair and Earn up to \$200 Co-Share Credit

Call **1-877-239-3557** to preregister for the **January 26th** Health Fair to be held in the **Arnold Conference Center** from **6 - 9 a.m.** and **2 - 7 p.m.** No walk-ins will be accepted. Don't miss this opportunity to earn up to \$200 in co-share credit. Please bring your United Healthcare Member ID to the fair.

## Concern for Officer Chartier

Our thoughts and prayers go out to C.O. Ernie Chartier who works the 7-3 shift at Medium Moran. Ernie suffered serious injuries in a vehicle rollover last week. He was airlifted from the scene on Rte. 95 and has been transferred to a facility in Boston for further care. Lt. Jankowski of Medium Moran has been designated by the family as the point of contact.

## Parenting Program Holds Holiday Wrapping Sessions

TèLisa Richardson, Parenting Coordinator (right), has been visiting the various facilities to help offenders who have children with gift wrapping. Gifts for offenders' children were donated by the **Holidays Not Forgotten** program, coordinated by volunteer Courtney Henderson. The gifts were given to children on Saturday, December 18th, at holiday parties in the various facilities.



## Officer Michael Maddalena Involved in Clean-up

Minimum Security C.O. Mike Maddalena is a board member of the Pawtuxet River Authority and in that capacity arranged for Minimum Security work crews to participate in November clean-ups of Belmont Park and Perkins Ave. areas. The crews removed debris left in the wake of the flooding last March. Many dignitaries including Mayors Fung and Avedesian were in attendance. A video is available for viewing on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oc2YUpYNiOQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oc2YUpYNiOQ).

## Team Gorman Website Updated

The Team Gorman website has been updated thanks to the hard work of C.O. Christopher Braddock. Visit it at [www.teamgorman.org](http://www.teamgorman.org).



## Anthony Feole Commended

Director Wall presented Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance Anthony Feole with a letter of commendation for his hard work in relation to the opening of the new women's facilities and the ongoing renovations to the Dix and Bernadette Buildings. The letter was presented at the December 16th Managers' Meeting.



"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn."

Gloria Steinem,  
American feminist,  
journalist

Wishing all  
RIDOC Employees  
Safe and Happy  
Holidays.

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