

RIDOC Happenings

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

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“When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”

Harriett Beacher Stowe
writer (1811-1896)

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Final SECA Reminder

Please remember those in need this holiday season. SECA Pledge Cards are due no later than this Friday, December 10th. Pauline Marcussen will come and pick yours up if you give her a call at ext. 23880.

Tour the New Women's Facility

Any RIDOC employee who would like to tour the new Women's Facility (the former Reintegration Center next to the Bernadette Building) before the inmates move in is invited to drop by the facility between **11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8th**. Come see what a great job Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance Anthony Feole and others have done to transform this male facility into a prison for females. The building is scheduled to open soon.

Upcoming NEOs and Hep B Clinics

The next New Employee Orientation will be held **Monday - Tuesday, December 13th-14th, at the Training Academy**, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Supervisors must register their new employees. Mentors, Volunteers, and Interns need only attend the **Monday, December 13th, session from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. The last Hep B Clinic of the year will take place on **Monday, December 20th, from noon - 1 p.m.** It too will be held at the Training Academy. Call Terry Couture at ext. 22697 if you have questions.

Submit Nominations for Employee Recognition Ceremony

Please mark your calendars for the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony which will be held on **Friday, February 4th, 2011, at 9 a.m.** in the Arnold Conference Center's Regan Auditorium. Solicitations have gone out for nominations for various awards. Anyone can nominate a colleague for recognition of outstanding service during 2010. If you have worked with someone you feel should be recognized, please fill out the appropriate nomination form.

Promotions

Congratulations to newly promoted C.O. Captains Rui Diniz and Jack Vicino. Both are 19-year veterans of the RIDOC and have been permanently promoted to the rank of Captain effective Sunday, December 12th. Captain Vicino will be assigned to the John J. Moran Medium Security Facility and Captain Diniz to Minimum Security. In addition, Captain Kenneth Ahearn became a three-day-rule Deputy Warden at Minimum effective Sunday, December 5th.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Human Resources Administrator Paul Mancini and his wife, Toni, who were married on October 23.

Become a Mentor

Lt. Gervais of Minimum Security shares the following on behalf of his wife, Robin Gervais, a Family Engagement Specialist with Cranston Public Schools. Take advantage of the opportunity to give back to the community by making a difference in a child's life. As part of **Project Gemini**, you can serve as a mentor for a child who would benefit from consistent interaction with a supportive, caring adult. Mentors meet one-on-one with their mentees once a week for one hour on school property. For more information, call Robin at 270-8078.

Support the Wounded Warrior Project

The National Guard Association of RI is endeavoring to raise money for the **Wounded Warrior Project** this holiday season. All proceeds raised in conjunction with the annual Army-Air Hockey game on December 12th will go toward that goal. To date \$12,000 has been raised; the goal is to raise \$20,000. The hockey game will take place **Sunday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. at the Northern RI Sports Center**, 1186 Eddie Dowling Highway, North Smithfield. You can make a \$10 admission donation or send a donation to NGARI, 645 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920, ATTN: **Wounded Warrior** Fundraiser.

Trading Spaces



Two left shots: inmates work on renovations to the old Probation & Parole space on the first floor of Bernadette. Two right shots: the new reception area and the hallway for Probation & Parole now on the 3rd floor of the Dix Building.

PHOTO GALLERY



Tours of the new Women's Facility will be offered to employees on Wednesday, December 8th, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

STRIKING OUT DRUNK DRIVING



Director Wall, flanked by partners in law enforcement, speaks to participants in the MADD-RI bowling fund raiser held last month. He and his son, Ash, and Chief Inspector Aaron Aldrich and his wife, Ellie, formed a team.

WELCOME LEANN



Leeann Lankford, who has been volunteering in the Central Office, is now filling in for Amanda Dutra, Executive Assistant in the Director's Office, while Amanda is out on maternity leave.

NEW DIGS FOR MANY ON COMPLEX



The entrance to the Cranston Probation & Parole Office is now this door in the back of the Dix Building. Cranston offices are now located on the third floor of Dix, and Bernadette is being renovated to eventually hold female Minimum Security and Work Release inmates.