

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### ADULT EDUCATORS



Academic Teachers Dr. Albert Alba and Ms. Mary Snead co-presented at the Rhode Island Adult Education Conference last week.

### INFORMATION SHARING



About 25 professionals from partner state and community agencies gathered for a meeting last week to discuss a grant opportunity that will allow the agencies to share information that will help returning offenders to succeed in their home communities.

### PUPPY RAISERS GATHER



Deputy Warden Nelson Lefebvre, surrounded by assistance dogs in training, was recognized at a gathering of NEADS Weekend Puppy Raisers for his devotion to the program and his recent promotion.

### INSPECTOR CATLOW



Director Wall recently announced the promotion of former SIU Investigator Robert Catlow to Inspector with the Office of Inspections - a role he had been filling in a temporary capacity for several months. Bob's office is located in the Admin area of the John J. Moran Facility.



### Congratulations, Graduates

Four RIDOC employees graduated on Saturday, May 22nd. **Billie-Jo Gallagher**, Senior Word Processing Typist, Ins/Ops, received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Johnson & Wales University. **Diana Andreozzi**, Executive Assistant, Women's Facilities, received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Rhode Island College. **Karen Zambarano**, Human Resource Analyst, and **Matthew Kettle**, Deputy Warden, Minimum Security, each received a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Rhode Island.

Congrats to all! If anyone else has recently received a degree, please let me know.

### Congratulations to RIBCO Honorees

Congratulations to the following employees who were recognized by RIBCO at its annual retirement and awards ceremony on May 8th:

**Supervisor of the Year** - C.O. Lieutenant Robert Sayles, High Security

**Correctional Officer Hospital of the Year** - Gail Staton, Intake

**Correctional Officer Steward of the Year** - Robert Massa, Minimum Security

**Correctional Officer of the Year**

**High Security Center** - Steven Johansen (in memoriam)

**Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center** - Thomas Donnelly

**Maximum Security** - Ronald Meleo

**Donald Price Medium Security Facility** - David Petronelli

**John J. Moran Medium Security Facility** - Ronald Hagenburg

**Minimum Security** - Jorge Navedo

**Women's Facilities** - Francisco Morrobel

Twenty-seven retirees were also honored. The guest speaker for the evening was United States Marshal and former Correctional Officer **Steven O'Donnell**.

### RIDOC Employees Participate in R.I. Adult Education Conference

**Dr. Albert Alba** and **Ms. Mary Snead**, Academic Teachers, co-presented at the Rhode Island Adult Education Conference at Rhode Island College on May 26th. Their presentation was titled *The Point Behind Percents and Benchmark Fractions*. Also in attendance were **Lee Allison**, **Anne Kernick**, **Susan Heffner**, **Judy Lang-Chiarella**, and **Ralph Orleck** of the Education Unit. Ralph writes of the presentation, "They put a lot of work into it, and having sat through it, I can say with confidence that any adult educator who participated in this session came away with additional tools they can apply in the classroom. They did a great job."

### Kudos to Probation & Parole Officer Jerry Silva

When Probation & Parole Officer **Jerry Silva** heard from one of his probationers that the police were looking for him, Jerry invited him in to discuss the matter and let the police know he was coming. As a result, a dangerous sex offender was arrested. His role is mentioned in a recent *Providence Journal* article. The link is [http://www.projo.com/news/content/sex\\_offender\\_26\\_05-26-10\\_G6IKLBJ\\_v20.373fa9f.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/sex_offender_26_05-26-10_G6IKLBJ_v20.373fa9f.html)

### And Still We Rise!

*And Still We Rise* is a collaborative theater project dedicated to healing, public awareness, and social change through empowering the voices of formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones. It will be performed on **Saturday, June 5th, at the Cathedral of St. John (Episcopal) Synod Hall, 275 North Main St., Providence**. There will be time for networking, socializing, and refreshments from 2 - 3 p.m. and a performance with talkback with the cast from 3 - 5 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Call the Rev. Joyce Penfield, Episcopal Chaplain at **709-3697** for details.

### Dress for Success Rhode Island Fund Raiser

On **Thursday, June 10th**, support the *Dress for Success Rhode Island* program by attending its spring dinner dance/fundraiser at **Quidnessett Country Club in N. Kingstown**. \$55 includes a raffle and silent auction and music by Tijuana Bibles. Ken Bell of ABC6 News will be the special guest. The mission of *Dress for Success Rhode Island* is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. The RIDOC's own **Kim Avedesian** and former employee and cofounder **Peggy Quinlan** are on the organization's board. Assistant Director **Roberta Richman** is on its advisory board.

"Courage is

the discovery

that you may

not win,

and trying

when you know

you can lose."

Tom Krause,  
motivational teacher,  
speaker, and coach

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