

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### BRACING AGAINST H1N1

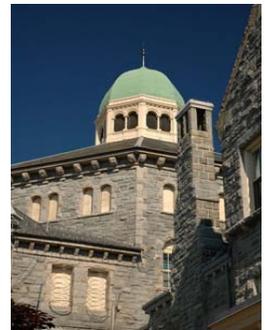


Tonya Dana, Supervisor of Medical Records, and Deborah Davis, Public Health Education Specialist, check in attendees at the on-site H1N1 clinic earlier in the month.



Pat Threats, Principal Public Health Promotion Specialist, prepares to receive her H1N1 vaccine from a Roger Williams Medical Center staff member.

### OLD MAX



A photo essay of Old Max appears in the February 2010 edition of Rhode Island Monthly magazine.

### A COURAGEOUS PAIR



A cover story about John Gorman's courageous battle against cancer (seen with wife, Jo-Ann) appears in the premiere issue of Common Ground.

### Note of Appreciation

Mary Louise Joseph, Information Aide, would like to thank anyone who donated to her sick bank while she was out for extensive shoulder surgery. She returned to work, with restrictions, earlier this month.

### Save Your Holiday Cards

Don't throw away your old holiday cards just yet! Carrie Sandstrom in the MIS Unit, located on the lower level of the Intake Service Center, is collecting used or old holiday cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, an organization for abused, abandoned, and neglected kids. The children earn money by removing the fronts of the donated cards and making new ones sold in packets of 10. Please send your holiday cards to Carrie by **February 14th**. She can be reached at ext. 23910.

### H1N1 Clinic

317 staff members were vaccinated at the RIDOC and Roger Williams Medical Center on-site H1N1 Clinic on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010**. Many thanks to all from Healthcare Services who helped with this joint effort.

### Hepatitis B Clinic and NEO

The next monthly Hep B Clinic will take place on **Monday, February 8th, from noon - 1 p.m.** at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Please bring your United Healthcare card. There is no cost for the two-part series. The February NEO will take place **Tuesday - Wednesday, February 23rd - 24th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Mentors, interns, and volunteers need only attend from 8:30 a.m. - noon on the **23rd**. Supervisors must register attendees by calling the Training Academy at ext. 22613.

### Notes of Sadness

After the last edition of *Happenings* was issued, a request came in to the Public Information Office to include a fall death that had not been previously reported. Our sympathies go out to Parole Aide Roberta Carley and her brother, Warehouse Worker Edward Carley, whose brother, Robert T. Carley, died on October 19th of last year, due to complications from heart surgery. He left a wife of 27 years, Andrea, two children, two sisters, and four brothers. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to SIU's Linda Rose upon the death of her mother, Theresa, on December 28th.

### Annual Employee Awards Ceremony to Take Place February 12th

The annual employee career awards ceremony will be held on **Friday, February 12th, at 9 a.m., in the Regan Auditorium**. Please plan to join us as we recognize colleagues for their outstanding service in 2009. A detailed list including all winners will be issued to e-mail users shortly.

### In the News

Some longtime employees may remember **Peggy Porter-Quinlan**, secretary to former Warden Ron Brule. Peggy and her daughter, Mary Quinlan-Finnigan, were featured recently in the *Warwick Beacon* for having launch a new "Dress for Success" program. The program provides women referred by different agencies including the DOC, Dorcas Place, and Crossroads, with business attire when preparing for an interview. Intake Service Center **C.O. John Gorman** and his wife, Jo-Ann, are featured in the premiere issue of *Common Ground*. The cover story chronicles John's courageous battle against brain cancer and the formation of Team Gorman by his colleagues. **Maggie Picot**, Administrator of Community Confinement, has been interviewed with her "Little Sister" by ABC 6 for an upcoming spot on the Big Sisters of RI program. Maximum Security's **Dr. Robert Achindiba** will be the subject of a documentary film about the followers of the Ananda Church of Self-Realization and "Being Happy All the Time." Footage was recently taken of him entering Max. Lastly, there is a photo essay on "Old Max" in the February 2010 edition of *Rhode Island Monthly*.

### Cranston P&P Office Provides In-Service Training to Cranston PD

On several dates this winter, staff from Community Corrections will provide in-service training to the entire force of the Cranston Police Department. Topics to be covered include home confinement, electronic monitoring parole, straight parole, probation, and the new Mapper program. Facilitated by Probation & Parole Supervisor Jean Embrey, the training comes at the invitation of the Cranston PD and is the first step in an emerging partnership that will follow the model in several other cities and towns around the state.

*"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."*

Ralph W. Stockman  
Pastor/Writer 1889-1970

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