

RIDOC Happenings

Volume IV, Issue 13

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

September 10, 2010

*"The farther
behind I leave
the past,
the closer I am
to forging
my own
character."*

Isabelle Eberhardt,
Swiss-Algerian
explorer, writer
(1877-1904)

Note of sadness:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of John Lee (47) of Coventry, a former C.O. at Maximum Security who served with the Department from 2000 to 2008 and died on Monday at home. Calling hours will be at the Carpenter-Jenks Funeral Home in West Warwick, this evening, **Friday, September 10th**, beginning at 5 p.m., with a funeral service at 7 p.m.

Listings or photos for the e-calendar *RIDOC Happenings*, the quarterly newsletter *RIDOC Review*, or changes or updates to the Department's Intranet site or external website (www.doc.ri.gov) should be submitted to Tracey E. Zeckhausen, Chief of Information & Public Relations
Tel: 401 462 2609
Fax: 401 462 2630
traceyzeckhausen@doc.ri.gov

COSAR Members Acknowledged for Rescue

Members of the Correctional Officer Search and Rescue Team, led by co-leaders Michael LaPlume and Stephen Aceto, were recognized last week by the three local TV stations for their heroism and bravery in relation to the search for a 7-year-old missing boy in Woonsocket. COSAR members wound up being the ones to find the boy safe and unharmed. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers involved in this noble endeavour. OSSAR - Ocean State Search and Rescue, led by C.O. Lt. Michael Reis, also played a role in the search and should be commended.

SECA Returns

Within the next several weeks, you can expect to hear more about this year's State Employees Charitable Appeal Campaign. Once again, Pauline Marcussen has agreed to serve as our chair. We are fortunate that Pauline is willing to take on this project year after year with assistance from representatives in the various buildings. The RIDOC has won awards for amount pledged and participation each of the last five years, despite the challenging economic times.

The Rhode Island Rally for Recovery - September 11th

September marks the 21st Annual *National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month*. Check out The Rhode Island Rally for Recovery tomorrow, **Saturday, September 11th**, at Roger Williams Memorial National Park in Providence. Spectrum will have a table at which a booklet of poetry, drawings, and reflections from inmates who have completed the program will be displayed. There will be live music, food, guest speakers, a recovery quilt, giveaways, face painting, a children's craft table, a reptile show, a rock wall, a Humvee display, the National Guard Band, and a Waterfire Procession & Dedication candle lighting. For information, please contact **RICARES at 521-5759**.

Mike Rhilinger named CO Steward

Congratulations to Michael Rhilinger, Correctional Officer, on being selected as Steward in Maximum Security, where he has served as C.O. for the past three years.

Class 78 Graduation at RIC

The formal graduation for Class 78 will take place on **Friday, September 24th**, at **Rhode Island College's Sapinsley Hall, at 2 p.m.** Inspection by the Director begins at 1:45 so all guests are asked to arrive by that time.



NEADS News

On **Sunday, October 10th**, NEADS Communications Officer John Moon has been invited to speak about the NEADS Prison Pup Partnership and other aspects of NEADS work at the 10 a.m. worship service at the First Baptist Church of Littleton, Mass. **Mosby**, a RIDOC-trained service dog for ministry, is part of the pastoral team at the church. Mosby was also featured on an episode of **60 Minutes**.

There will also be a blessing of the pets following the service for those who care to bring their pets. Please also make note of the date of the fall NEADS graduation - November 21st. Further details will be forthcoming.

Fund Raiser to Support Families of Slain Florida Police Officers

Probation & Parole Supervisor Micheline Lombardi was asked by Providence Police Officer Matraccia to share the following information with RIDOC staff: "Two Tampa Police Officers, David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, were recently killed in cold blood at a traffic stop. They were both 31 years old. Officer Curtis had four young children and Officer Kocab left behind a wife who was nine months pregnant. Due to complications, Mrs. Kocab gave birth to a stillborn infant one week after burying her husband. The Tampa P.D. is reaching out to law enforcement officers in all 50 states to gather recipes for a **9-1-1 Cookbook** as a fund raiser to earn money for these two families. Please submit a recipe or several. One hundred percent of the profits will be distributed between the two families. The address for recipes is tpdrecipes@aol.com. No submissions from Rhode Island have been received to date, and they really want this to have representation from all 50 states. Thanks in advance for your help. The deadline for submissions in **September 15th**. Please provide your name and agency name when submitting recipes."

National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) To Hold Fund Raising Walk

On **Saturday, October 2nd**, a fund raising walk will be held by NAMI. Gather at the Roger Williams Park Carousel at 9 a.m. Walk begins at 10 a.m. and is 3.2 miles. There is no registration fee. All funds collected will support NAMI's programs here in Rhode Island. Registration forms are available from Tracey Zeckhausen at ext. 22609.

PHOTO GALLERY

OC TRAINING FOR CLASS 78



Visit [projo.com](http://www.projo.com) or click this link - <http://www.projo.com/video/index.html?bctid=605792232001> to see a video story on Class 78's OC training last week.

MAGGIE VISITS



Kathy Kelly recently brought her new puppy, Maggie, to work for a brief visit. She is seen here with Director Wall.

ISC HAS NEW SIGNAGE



Lettering was recently added to the front entrance of the Intake Service Center reflecting its new name, the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center.