

RIDOC Happenings

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

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PHOTO GALLERY

AUTHOR OF *ROCK BOTTOM* SPEAKS TO MAX INMATES



Texas native and Coventry, R.I., resident Michael Cooley spoke to inmates in Dr. Mari Diaz's Changing Lives Through Literature class at Max on Thursday about his life story. Now the CEO of a large corporation, Cooley was abused as a child and fell into crime but found the courage to turn his life around. His book, *Rock Bottom*, was published last month. His visit was covered by the Providence Journal and the Kent County Times.

NEADS CLIENTS VISITS



Four NEADS clients visited the Moran Facility on April 7th in order to meet and thank the inmate handlers who trained their pups. Above, reporter and cameraman John Guice filmed the visit and Channel 6 aired his story on it that night. A link to the story is available on the website under Media and Community Relations. Scroll down to Recent Media Coverage and then to the subheading for the NEADS Program.

Ralph Orleck First on Scene at Neighborhood Fire

Special Education Director/Principal Ralph Orleck had just returned from bowling and was moving his wife's car one night last week when he heard his neighbor screaming and saw her in the yard with a child in her arms. He went over to see if he could help and soon saw a man run from the house engulfed in flames. Ralph quickly and repeatedly told him to drop and roll to put out the flames, possibly saving his life. Ralph was subsequently interviewed by Channel 10 and the *Providence Journal* about his role as first responder.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Director Wall attended the annual recognition ceremony held at the Rhode Island Superior Court in Providence on Wednesday in honor of *National Crime Victims' Rights Week*. Organized by the Attorney General's Office and coordinated by the Rhode Island Crime Victim Service Providers Steering Committee, the ceremony honored Day One volunteer Melissa Cline and Ocean State Poets, a community outreach group of volunteer poets who share poetry and promote poetry reading and writing.

Spring Recognition Ceremonies and New Info on Website

The Education Unit has announced the dates and times for the annual spring recognition ceremonies. The ceremonies recognize inmates who have completed an educational or vocational training program during the past academic year. The schedule is as follows:

Minimum Security - Tuesday, June 7th at 1 p.m.

Women's GM Facility - Monday, June 13th at 8:30 a.m.

New Women's Facility - Monday, June 13th, at 1 p.m.

Donald Price Facility - Tuesday, June 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Maximum Security - Tuesday, June 14th at 1 p.m.

Moran Facility - Wednesday, June 15th at 8:30 a.m. - ESL, ABE, Vocational, and Arts

Moran Facility - Thursday, June 16th at 8:30 a.m. - GED and CCRI

Please also note that there is now a link on the Educational Services web page directing visitors to information on how to donate books to the inmate libraries. Go to Rehabilitative Services/ Educational Services/Library Services.

EOAC Meeting on Monday

The Department's Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee will present a two-part training on *Valuing Differences - An Experiential Approach to Appreciating Diversity*, on **Monday, April 18, from 2 - 4 p.m.** and on **Monday, May 23rd from 2 - 4 p.m.** Please respond to Linda Milner at **ext. 25112** if you are interested in attending the first part of the program on April 18th.

Dress for Success Fundraiser

Dress for Success Rhode Island will host *A Night in Style* at the Providence Biltmore on April 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will include a fashion show (featuring spring fashions from Ann Taylor) and silent auction in honor of disadvantaged women throughout the state. Danielle North, host of Channel 12's *The Rhode Show*, will emcee. All proceeds will support *Dress for Success Rhode Island*, a non-profit organization launched in 2010 to help equip disadvantaged women with suits and self-sufficiency. For tickets, visit www.dressforsuccessri.org or call Kim Avedesian at **ext. 23926**.

Hold the Date for next Longevity Awards Ceremony

The H.R. Office will hold its next Longevity Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, May 26th, at 9 a.m.** Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to recognize staff who have reached major milestones in their career with the RIDOC.

Recruitment for Class 79 in the Works

A kickoff press event will be held to mark the beginning of recruitment for C.O. Class 79 on **Wednesday, June 1st, at 10 a.m.** at the netWORKri Office at 1 Reservoir Ave. in Providence. The committee is hard at work planning advertising and marketing materials for the recruitment period. Information for applicants will be available online on **Tuesday, May 31st**. If you know of anyone who is looking for work and would make a good Correctional Officer, please share the news!



HAPPY SPRING!



Recruitment Team members Jane Ryan, Paul Gutowski, Terry Couture and Lisa Santagata check out the space at the Providence netWORKri office in anticipation of a June 1st kickoff event there.

*"Kind words
can be short
and easy
to speak,
but their
echoes are
truly endless."*

Mother Teresa,
Catholic nun and
founder of
Missionaries of
Charity in Calcutta,
India (1910-1997)

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