

RIDOC Happenings

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

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"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens."

Khalil Gibran

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Mark Your Calendars for Annual Awards Ceremony

Please hold the date of **Thursday, March 1st, 2012, at 10 a.m.** when the annual Departmental Awards Ceremony will take place in the **Regan Auditorium of the Eleanor Slater Hospital** here on the Pastore Complex. Emails are beginning to go out seeking nominations for the various awards. Please nominate those you feel are most deserving.



Memorial Bench Donated

Four inmates in Paul Carty's Metalsmithing class recently donated their class project - a memorial bench in honor of past Kingston Improvement Association President Paul Reynolds - to the KIA. The bench is situated in the gardens at the historic Fayerweather House. According to Susan Axelrod, President of the association, "Paul was a very special man and a tireless advocate, working toward

the historic preservation and beautification of Kingston Village."

Upcoming NEO Session and Hep B Clinic

A New Employee Orientation will be held **Monday -Tuesday, December 12th-13th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy**, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Mentors, volunteers, and interns need only attend from **8:30 a.m. - noon on Monday**. Pre-register at ext. 22697. There is also a Hep B Clinic from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on **Monday, December 12th**.

Facility Staff Ensure that Moves go Smoothly

Inmates from the Dix Facility, who had been temporarily housed in the old Gloria McDonald Building, moved to the newly renovated Bernadette Building on **Wednesday, November 30th**. Kudos to all of the staff involved in the renovations and the move. Things went off without a hitch. The Dix Building now consists entirely of office space. The Donald Price Facility officially closed on **Saturday, November 12th**, and all Price staff and inmates have been relocated. Both of these moves were very involved and complicated and couldn't have been pulled off without our dedicated staff.

C.O. Moniz Identifies Bank Robber

Congratulations to C.O. Clifford Moniz who recently identified a bank robber based on a still photo provided by Cranston Police Detective Sgt. Michael Gates. Officer Moniz works 3-11 p.m. at the Intake Service Center. Based on Officer Moniz's ID of the former ACI inmate, U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha announced the arrest of James Snoke for robbing a branch office of Bank of America and allegedly threatening employees of the bank with a device he claimed was a bomb.

Kent County Probation and Parole Office Celebrates Its Partners

On **November 23rd**, the staff of the Kent County Adult Probation & Parole Office thanked and honored its partners from the Courts, area police departments, and community agencies by inviting them to a pre-Thanksgiving reception featuring delicious food made by the P&P staff. Over 80 people attended.

Fall 2011 Media Day Focuses on Reentry

Several local reporters attended Fall Media Day on **November 17th**. Probation and Parole Supervisors brought representatives of their Reentry Councils to discuss the important work they are doing. Then the media guests were invited to attend a Probation & Parole forum for soon-to-be-released inmates at the Moran Facility. At right, Director Wall speaks to the assembled group in the Moran Conference Room.



Raising Money for Gloria Gemma

Harley Gizzarrelli, Senior Word Processing Typist in the Cranston Adult Probation & Parole Office wanted to do something to support the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation. She proposed asking P&P staff to pay \$2 to dress down each Friday in October and had a great response. In early November, she and Donna Broccoli presented the over \$500 check to Carol Donnelly, who works in the Foundation's Pawtucket Office.

Reentry Summit a Success

Over 300 people attended the Reentry Summit held at the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick on **November 29th**. Governor Lincoln Chafee was present to sign an Executive Order on Prisoner Reentry. There were numerous guest speakers and workshops all focused on the topic of providing services behind the walls and in the community to help lower the recidivism rate.

Diverting Youth from the Adult Correctional System

The Ocean State Network for Children and Families is cosponsoring a training for providers of services to at-risk youth with the Psychological Centers/URI Counseling Center Professional Training Program on **Thursday, December 15th, from 1-4:15 p.m.** The RIDOC's Medical Program Director Dr. Fred Vohr and Mental Health Supervisor Michele Branch will speak. The event is free. Call **490-8900** for information.

PHOTO GALLERY

WARDEN DWYER PRESENTED WITH PLAQUE



Capt. Michael Moore presents Warden Carole Dwyer with a plaque for her 11 years of dedicated service to the Women's Facilities on behalf of facility staff. She is now the Warden at Intake.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE



Minimum Security inmates carry trash bags full of their personal belongings to the newly renovated Bernadette Building as Lt. Joe Avila holds the door.

STRATEGIZING ON REENTRY



Governor Lincoln Chafee reads his new Executive Order on Prisoner Reentry to over 300 attendees of the Reentry Summit, funded by the R.I. Foundation.

COSAR'S HOLIDAY SPIRIT



Dressed in their COSAR uniforms, a few dozen C.O.'s volunteered their time to unload cartons of toys donated by Hasbro for Blackstone Valley Community Action Program's annual toy drive. They worked at the Woodlawn Community Center in Pawtucket.