

RIDOC Happenings

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

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“The accomplice to the crime of corruption is frequently our own indifference.”

Bess Myerson,
Politician, First Jewish
Miss America

Don't forget your Girl Scout cookie orders for Troop #1506 - Girl Scouts Beyond Bars. Fax your orders to Marylouise Joseph at ext. 20924.

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
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Congratulations to Honorees

Congratulations to all those who were honored during the annual RIDOC Employee Awards Ceremony on **Friday, February 4th**. Photos will be available soon and press releases will go out for those who choose to have one sent to their hometown paper. A special edition of the quarterly *RIDOC Review* will also go out featuring the winners.

Last Chance for Co-Share Credit

Don't forget to complete the Tobacco-Free Form or the Tobacco Cessation Co-Share Credit and Nicotine Replacement Therapy Reimbursement form by **March 1, 2011**, and earn a \$100 co-share credit.

Susan M. Hunter Scholarships Available to Children of Full-time Employees

Children of any RIDOC employee who meet the criteria are welcome to apply for a Susan M. Hunter Scholarship. Two RIDOC employees' children have received one in the past, including last year. The Association of State Correctional Administrators encourages parents to visit <http://collaboration.asca.net/projects/20/pages/149> for information such as eligibility requirements and registration forms.

Contacting New Women's

The physical address for the new Women's facility will be 20 Fleming Road, Cranston, RI 02920. The mailing address will remain P.O. Box 8312. Directions to the new building are available from Tracey Zeckhausen.

P.O. Joe Gaspar Receives Award

Congratulations to Probation & Parole Officer Joseph Gaspar upon recently receiving a "Community Partner of the Year Award" from Riverwood Health Services. The award is given in recognition of someone who goes *above and beyond* working with the agency's mental health clients. According to Joe's supervisor, Kevin Mulcahy, Joe's collaboration with Riverwood brings him to the Riverwood office in Warren on Tuesday mornings, where he meets with the client/probationer and the caseworker to address pertinent issues and needs. This lets the client/probationer know that Joe and the caseworker are in regular contact and working together on probation conditions and mental health needs.



Brenda Brady-Vargas



Michelle Lyn Branch



Debby Marisi



Sarah Leveille

New Faces

Please welcome **Brenda Brady-Vargas**, the new Senior Reconciliation Clerk in the Business Operations Office. Brenda has been working at the Health Department in the Medical Examiner's Office and has ten years of state service. **Michelle Lyn Branch** has assumed the day to day operation of the Mental Health staff as Supervising Clinical Psychologist. She comes from Gateway Health Care, where she served as Supervisor of Emergency Services for nine years. **Debby Marisi** is the new Assistant Administrator, Financial Management, in the Financial Resources Unit. A Johnson & Wales graduate, Debby has been with the state for six years, working at the Health Department and more recently as a Federal Grants Coordinator at the Rhode Island Department of Education. Finally **Sarah Leveille**, the new Executive Assistant in the Office of Rehabilitative Services, is located just outside of Assistant Director Richman's door. She held the position as a temp with Coworx for over a year and has now been hired permanently. She is a Gibbs College Graduate.

EEOAC to Meet

The RIDOC's Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee has invited the Employee Assistance Program to present *Creating and Promoting a Respectful Work Environment* on **February 21st, from 2 - 4 p.m.** in the Admin-A's 2nd floor conference room. This training is designed to enable participants to identify, promote and practice healthy ways of interacting and relating with co-workers at all levels of the organization. If you are interested in attending, please call Linda Milner, EOAC Advisor, at ext. 25112.

Hold the Date for NECCD Conference in Newport

The 72nd Annual Training Institute for The New England Council on Crime and Delinquency will be held **October 2nd - 5th, 2011** at the Hilton Mystic (CT) at the Aquarium. Visit www.neccd.org for more details.

PHOTO GALLERY

EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Daniel Gaspar and Jay Pieroviti received Distinguished Service Awards for their heroic efforts at a crash scene.



Director Wall stands with Jo Ann Gorman, widow of C.O. of the Year John Gorman, and other members of John's family.



Judi Tassel, Clinical Social Worker at the Moran facility accepts the John J. Moran Award.

JOE GASPAR HONORED



Joe Gaspar receives an award from Riverwood Health Services.

BRAVO, FRANKIE



Anthony Lucca and K-9 Frankie played a critical role in a recent drug arrest in Fall River. Frankie's reaction to a suspicious package left little doubt about its contents. A federal search warrant was obtained and a kilo of cocaine was found inside.