

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Truth is
the only
safe ground
to stand on."*

Elizabeth Cady
Stanton,

women's rights activist
(1815-1902)

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Congratulations to New Lieutenants

Acting Assistant Director of Institutions and Operations David McCauley has announced that Joshua Macomber, William Devine, and Nicholas Violante have all been promoted to the rank of C.O. Lieutenant, effective Sunday, January 16th. Lt. Macomber will be assigned to High Security, Lt. Devine to Price, and Lt. Violante to Intake. ADIO McCauley writes, "These staff members have demonstrated their ability to serve in this capacity and I am confident they will continue to be an asset to the Department." A badge pinning ceremony was held for them last Friday as well as for newly promoted Captain Anthony Grassini, recently assigned to the Donald Price Facility, and newly named Deputy Warden Robert Clancy, serving at the Moran Facility.



Far left: Deputy Warden Robert Clancy poses with Director Wall, Acting Warden Matt Kettle, and ADIO David McCauley. Left: New Lieutenants Macomber, Devine, and Violante pose with Director Wall and ADIO McCauley. Above: Lt. Devine poses with his wife, Melissa, and their three boys. Below: Captain Grassini poses with Acting Warden Matt Kettle and Acting ADIO David McCauley.

PHOTO GALLERY



Blood Drive

Many thanks to all who donated blood at last Friday's Blood Drive on the Pastore Complex. You took the time to, "Give someone a chance for another tomorrow."

Probation and Parole Donates Clothes and Coats to Women in Pawtucket Area

The Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation's *Project RENEW* provides services for women in need of HIV prevention, case management and referrals. Project RENEW was recently seeking donations of coats and clothing to pass along to its clients. The Probation and Parole Unit donated four carloads of clothing and coats to this worthy cause.

Wondering What to do With Those Old Cell Phones?

Employees who have a personal cell phone they no longer need or whose work here has included confiscating cell phones should note that these phones can be donated to the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Coalition makes them available to women receiving its services. If you have cell phones to donate, you can contact Shelley Cortese, ext. 21619, or drop them off with Susan Lamkins in the Director's Office.

Big Sisters of Rhode Island Seeks Mentors

Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BSRI) is looking for volunteers ready to change the life of a child! BSRI is now serving both BOYS and GIRLS throughout Rhode Island and needs our help. Mentoring a child takes as little as ONE HOUR per week but makes an enormous impact in that child's life. Mentors can help with school work, play ball, teach kids a craft, or just sit and talk -- it is simply helping the child feel important and loved. RIDOC employees will not be paired with the child of an incarcerated parent. If you are interested, please contact Big Sisters of Rhode Island at mentoring@BigSistersRI.org or call 921-2434.

Congratulations to the Lavery Family on the Arrival of Julia

Training Instructor John Lavery and his wife, Sandra, recently welcomed Julia Claire Lavery to the family. She was born on January 3rd and weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19.5" long. She is healthy and "cute as a button."

NEO and Quarterly NEO Tour

The quarterly NEO tour will take place on **Friday, the 20th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Supervisors are encouraged to register their new employees, volunteers and interns for the next NEO **February 14-15, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** (volunteers, mentors, and interns need only attend from **8:30 a.m. - noon on the 14th**). NEO's are held at the Training Academy, on the 2nd floor of the Pinel Building on Wilma Schesler Lane.

Welcome Amanda Duncan

Amanda Duncan, a Senior at Rhode Island College, is interning with Tracey Zeckhausen, Chief of Information and Public Relations, during the spring semester. Please make her feel welcome. Any other units with interns can feel free to contact Tracey via e-mail or at ext. 22609 for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Hold the Date for the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony

The Annual Employee Awards Ceremony will be held on **Friday, February 4th, at 9 a.m.** in the Regan Auditorium. Details will be forthcoming.



Additional photos from the ceremony are available upon request.

WELCOMING JULIA



WELCOME AMANDA



Amanda Duncan, P.R. Intern