

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*“Cheers to a
new year
and another
chance
for us
to get it
right.”*

Oprah Winfrey

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Bake Sale to Support Officer Digaetano

A bake sale to help defray medical costs of Correctional Officer Lois Digaetano, who has been undergoing treatment for an ongoing medical situation, will be held in the Visiting Room of the Dix Building on **Friday, January 7th, beginning at 7 a.m.** and continuing until all baked goods have been sold. Please stop by to make a donation or buy something to support a colleague during a challenging time. In addition to baked goods, Officer Lepage's popular meatball, sausage, and pepper sandwich will be available with a soda for only \$5.

Update on Officer Chartier

C.O. Ernie Chartier, who was severely injured in a serious car accident last month, has been moved to Spaulding Rehab. Cards can be sent to him at: **Ernie Chartier, c/o Spaulding Rehab, Room 920 West, 125 Nashua Street, Boston, MA 02114.** He can have visitors M-F after 4 p.m. and on weekends after 11 a.m. According to Lt. Jankowski, who has been designated as the point of contact on Officer Chartier's condition, his spirits are good but there has been little change in his condition. Officer Jankowski is at ext. 23604.

Don't Miss Opportunity to Earn up to \$200 Co-Share Credit

Who among us couldn't use an extra \$200 in our paycheck? Call **1-877-239-3557** to preregister for the **January 26th Health Fair** to be held in the **Arnold Conference Center** from **6-9 a.m.** and **2-7 p.m.** and you could earn up to \$200 co-share credit. No walk-ins will be accepted. Please bring your United Healthcare Member ID to the fair.

Upcoming Orientations for New Employees, Volunteers, and Interns

Supervisors should be in the touch with the Training Academy to preregister any new interns, volunteers, or staff members for the next New Employee Orientation. Permanent and contract employees should attend Tuesday-Wednesday, January 18th - 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy, located on the 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Mentors, volunteers and interns only need to attend on Tuesday, January 18th, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. The quarterly NEO tour will be held on Thursday, January 20th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The tour is open to any new employees, contractors, mentors, volunteers, or interns who have not yet attended one. Please call ext. 22697 to register.

Don't Throw Out Your Cards!

Carrie Sandstrom of MIS is once again collecting used cards (holiday, birthday, and thank you) for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, an organization for abused, abandoned and neglected children. The children earn money by removing the fronts of the donated cards to make new ones sold in packets of 10. Please send your used/old holiday cards to Carrie in the MIS Unit by **February 12th.** St. Jude's can not accept Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting cards.

Reminder from MIS

The MIS Unit would like to remind employees that when calling the Help Desk during business hours (M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) they must use phone number **574-9709.** The after hours support line is to be used for after hours emergencies, like reporting INFACETS is down, EMR isn't working, time tracking issues, or similar major computer-related problems.



RIDOC Donates Bench to South Kingstown

As the culmination of Paul Carty's Metal Smithing class, inmate students design and fabricate a project of their choice to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

Three students recently completed a decorative bench which was installed by the South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Department last November on Rte. 108 in Wakefield. It is located across from Rhody Joe's Restaurant at the entrance to the bike path, which continues to the Kingston Railroad Station in West Kingstown.



Notify Personnel of Changes of Address!

It is the responsibility of all RIDOC employees under the DOC's Code of Ethics and Conduct to immediately notify the Office of Human Resources of any change in address and/or telephone number. As W-2's will soon be distributed, it is also imperative that your vital personnel information be accurate. The H.R. Office can be reached M-F at ext. 23250.

PHOTO GALLERY

DIRECTOR WALL ON WNRI



Director Wall was a guest on WNRI radio on December 22nd. He spoke about the Department's mission and reentry efforts with talk show host Chris Bouley.

EMPLOYEES DONATE FOOD



Associate Director of Food Services John Rogers and Chris Capp of MIS load up Assistant Director Ellen Evans Alexander's van with 764 pounds of food donated by employees during the annual Assistant Directors' holiday gathering on December 20th.

WELCOMING OLGA SHIRZADI



Olga Shirzadi of Providence is the new Implementation Aide in Facilities & Maintenance.

STEPHEN MUNROE AND ROBERT CLANCY PROMOTED



Stephen Munroe is the new Security Specialist for Minimum Security and the Women's Facilities. Robert Clancy is the RIDOC's newest Deputy Warden, working in that capacity at the John J. Moran Medium Security Facility.