

RIDOC Happenings

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

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"The pursuit of perfection often impedes improvement."

George Will

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New Rewards for Wellness Program is Here!

The first of a series of 2011-2012 Rewards for Wellness activities, the *Smart Choices* tutorial, is now available. Eligible state employees can earn a \$50 co-share credit on October 14, 2011, by reading the online *Smart Choices* tutorial and then completing the questionnaire by **September 15, 2011**. *Smart Choices* will provide valuable information to help employees make wise health-related choices and will provide information on the benefits of practicing a healthy life-style. To start the *Smart Choices* tutorial, have your United Healthcare card available and go to <http://www.uhctogether.com/risc/index.html>.

Stress Unit Recruitment

Are you interested in being considered as a Peer Support Team volunteer? If you are willing to help others while maintaining strict confidentiality, to be "on-call" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and to attend meetings and trainings on your own time, please call the Office of Human Resources at 462-5123 to request an application form by **July 22, 2011**. **CURRENT MEMBERS NEED TO REAPPLY**. All Department employees are being asked to submit the names of at least five (5) staff members who they feel would make strong Peer Support Team members. Based upon the responses, nominees will be screened. Those staff members who are selected will be contacted regarding their interest in participation. Nomination forms have been distributed via email to all staff and can be obtained through supervisors or the H.R. Office.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game! DOC RIBCO Honor Guard at Fenway Park

The DOC RIBCO Honor Guard was on the field at Fenway Park to present the colors for the national anthem on May 31. This is the second time that the Honor Guard has presented the colors at Fenway. The first time was in 2009. Presenting the colors were John Bray, Allan Staton, Glenn McCartney, Rachel Kowalski, Randy Denton, and Michael Calabro. The Honor Guard will be at McCoy Stadium on **July 15** for *RIBCO Night*.

First Probation & Parole Partnership Recognition Ceremony

Last Tuesday, June 28, Probation & Parole held the first Partnership Recognition Ceremony at the Kent County Courthouse. The standing-room only event was attended by recipients, their colleagues and families, and by many of our partners in law enforcement and community service agencies. Governor Chafee brought greetings, along with Director Wall, U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha, Superintendent of the State Police Steve O'Donnell, Judge Jeanne LaFazia, Roberta Richman, and Richard DeFino.

Getting Along in the Multigenerational Workplace

The volunteer training - *Getting Along in the Multigenerational Workplace* - to be held on **Thursday, July 21, from 9 a.m. - noon** in the Admin-A Conference Room, is **full**. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please contact Paul.Gutowski@doc.ri.gov. If there is enough demand, a second session may be added. This program has been designed by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and will help participants learn more about their own generation or the generational characteristics of supervisees and colleagues. Presenters include Deputy Warden Cindy Drake, Supervisor of Training Marc Moreau, and Human Resources Analyst Paul Gutowski.

Acting Medical Director Fred Vohr

Dr. Fred Vohr has agreed to act as Interim Medical Director, replacing Dr. Michael Fine who has been named Director of the Department of Health. Dr. Vohr will work in that capacity until we are able to appoint a permanent Medical Director. He brings over 40 years of experience as a primary care physician and oncologist. He has been conducting clinics in Medium Moran for the past few months. A retired Associate Professor at Brown University Medical School, Dr. Vohr has served as Medical Director for numerous organizations.

Personnel Moves

Billie-Jo Gallagher and Lindsay Tallo have switched places...Billie-Jo is now assigned to the Donald Price Medium Security Facility, and Lindsay is in the Central Office. In addition, in light of the recent retirement of Assistant to the Director Ann Fortin, Susan Lamkins is serving as Acting Assistant to the Director and is at ext. 22905; Amanda Dutra is serving as the Acting Administrative Assistant/Confidential Secretary and is at ext. 22162, and Leann Lankford has assumed Amanda's duties as Executive Assistant and is at ext. 22611.

RIDOC Art Instructor Wins Top Award at International Festival

When CCRI Art Professor Nancy Wyllie was selected as a contributor to the international Persona Art Festival last month, she didn't know why the organizers insisted that she come in person. Only after her arrival at the Festival in East London did she learn she had won the Persona Award for best work in the exhibition overall. Nancy has been teaching art at the ACI and is working on a brief documentary about her work with RIDOC inmates.

PHOTO GALLERY

P&P RECOGNITION CEREMONY



Governor Lincoln Chafee opened the recent Probation & Parole Partnership Recognition Ceremony



Director A.T. Wall speaks with U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha following the Probation & Parole Partnership Recognition Ceremony.

HONOR GUARD AT FENWAY



Members of the DOC RIBCO Honor Guard posted the colors at Fenway on May 31.

REENTRY FORUM



At the close of the C.O. Training Academy Class 79 recruitment period on June 22, a record of over 4,000 applications had been received. Candidates must now complete a supplementary application, take a written and video exam, pass a physical agility test, and complete a number of screenings.