

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"An eye for
an eye
makes the
whole world
blind."*

Mahatma Gandhi,
(attributed)
Indian political
and spiritual
leader (1869 -
1948)

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Officer Brooks Pedaling for a Good Cause

Moran C.O. Christopher Brooks will participate in the 2011 Bike MS Ride this coming weekend, June 25-26. He is looking for help to reach his goal of raising \$1,100 and hopes that his RIDOC colleagues will consider sponsoring him. You can do so by visiting the chapter website at www.msnewengland.org and clicking on ePledge. Funds raised will be used to pay for local educational, support and advocacy programs for the 14,000 individuals and their families in Rhode Island who are affected by MS.

Join the Stress Team

The RIDOC's Stress Unit is currently seeking volunteers. The Stress Team provides employees with one-on-one support and referral during times of personal and professional difficulty. Team members agree to maintain confidentiality and must possess empathy as well as strong interpersonal and communications skills. Call the H.R. Office at ext. 25123 to request an application form by **Wednesday, June 22**. All employees are being asked to submit the names of at least five (5) staff members whom they feel would make strong Peer Support Team members, regardless of their rank or assignment. Based upon the responses, nominees will be screened. Those who are selected will be contacted regarding their interest in participating. Fax your list of nominees to the H.R. Office at ext. 22685 by **Wednesday, June 22**.

Successful Fundraiser for Officer Chartier

Many thanks to all who participated in the golf tournament held at Swansea Country Club recently to raise money for C.O. Ernie Chartier's family. Over \$12,500 was raised to help defer his medical costs, and a good time was had by all.



*Newly appointed
Warden of Medium
Securities Matt Kettle*

Reassignments and Promotions

Congratulations to former Acting Warden of Medium Securities Matthew Kettle, who officially began as Warden on Sunday, June 19. Warden Kettle has worked his way up through the ranks during his 22-year career with the Department. He has worked in most of the facilities during that time. In other Personnel news, the following Deputy Warden reassignments have been announced: Al Leach to High Security; Nelson Lefebvre to Minimum Security; Donna Collins to the Women's GM Building; and 3-day Rule Deputy Warden Michael Moore to the Intake Service Center.

Bike Path to Receive RIDOC Sculptures

The Education Unit recently received a letter of thanks from Theresa L. Murphy, Director of Leisure Services for the town of South Kingstown. The RIDOC's Metalworking Instructor Paul Carty has arranged for three metal sculptures made by inmates in his classes to be donated to the William C. O'Neill Bike Path in South County.

Upcoming New Employee Orientation

The next New Employee Orientation will be held **Monday - Tuesday, July 18 and 19, 2011**, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy - second floor of the Pinel Building. The quarterly NEO tour date is **Wednesday, July 20**. Mentors, volunteers, and interns need only attend on **Monday, the 18th, from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. Supervisors should register their employees by calling the Training Academy at ext. 22697

C.O. Training Academy Class 79 Recruitment Update

As of this writing, the RIDOC has received 3,244 applications for a spot in the C.O. Training Academy Class 79. The application period closes on **Wednesday, June 22**. The Director, along with C.O. Francisco Morrobel, has been a guest on two radio stations - Latina 100.3 FM, Poder (1110 AM) and on Frank Coletta's morning show on Channel 10. A front page article about the recruitment and the role of a C.O. appeared in the *Providence Journal* on Monday, June 20. A copy is posted in the glass case in the entryway to Admin-A and online under *Media and Community Relations/Recent Media Coverage*.

U.S. Attorney Visits the RIDOC

At right: Director Wall speaks to a group of people involved in the reentry process at a press conference last week hosted by U.S. Attorney Peter Nerohna. Other speakers included Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman, Executive Director of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence Teny Gross, Westerly Police Chief Ed Mello who heads up the Police Chiefs' Association, and Sal Monteiro, ex offender turned street worker at the Institute. The group also visited Minimum Security for Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Rose's *Man Up* presentation. The *Providence Journal* article on the day's events is posted in the glass case in the entryway to Admin-A and online under *Media and Community Relations/Recent Media Coverage*.

PHOTO GALLERY

INMATE GRADUATIONS



Director Wall addresses inmates at Maximum Security's graduation.



Will Jackson, CCR Coordinator; Director Wall, and Ray Di Pasquale, President of CCRI, present diplomas for A.A. degrees to 7 inmates at Moran.



Special Education Director/Principal Ralph Orleck addresses inmate at the old GM Building.

SPRING 2011 MEDIA DAY



A dozen area reporters attended Spring Media Day on Friday, June 17. The event included a tour of the new women's facility and Max, where those who were brave enough were invited to walk the top tier.

REENTRY FORUM

