

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"For every minute
you are angry,
you lose sixty
seconds of
happiness."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

New ZFP Brochures Available

Thanks to the generosity of the Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation, the **Zero Fatalities Project** brochures have been updated and reprinted at no cost to the Department. For copies, contact Tracey Zeckhausen.

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Welcome Back Warden Dwyer

Carole Dwyer has returned to her position as Warden of the Women's Facilities, effective Monday, August 6th. Warden Dwyer received accolades from Governor Chafee for her work as Interim Director of the DMV. Assistant Director David McCauley thanks Deputy Warden Donna Collins for her service as Acting Warden and Capt. Rui Diniz and Lt. Joseph Jankowski for their service as Interim Deputy Wardens during the transition.

Rally for Recovery Kickoff

All are invited to attend the public kickoff event for this year's statewide Rallies for Recovery on **Friday, August 31st, at 10 a.m.** in the Bernadette Building's *Pathway to Recovery Garden*. Speakers will include Governor Chafee, Director Wall, Assistant Director Elizabeth Earls, BHDDH Director Craig Stenning, Providence Center graduates from Bernadette, individuals in recovery from the community, and other leaders in recovery work. Quilts made by men and women in recovery will be displayed. Refreshments will be served. This year's theme is **Join the voices for recovery: it's worth it!**

Garden to Plate Cookout

In celebration of the success of its vegetable/flower garden, the Bernadette Facility held an invitation only "Garden To Plate" cookout last Friday, August 3rd, at noon. Inmates from the facility who are trained in Safe Serve prepared and served hamburgers and hot dogs, along with fresh vegetables from the garden, to residents of the Bernadette Facility and then to facility staff, Executive Staff, and volunteer gardeners. The goal is to expand the garden next year. The event was covered by the **Cranston Patch** and an article about the garden appeared in Thursday's (August 9th) **Providence Journal**.



Left: Director Wall waits for a burger at the Garden to Plate cookout outside of the Bernadette Facility last Friday. Right: Sunflowers grown by women in the Bernadette Building bring cheer to the facility.



Appointment of Kathleen Kelly

Director Wall has announced the promotion of Kathleen Kelly to succeed Trish Coyne-Fague as Chief Legal Counsel. Kathy has been with the Department since 2005, previously serving for eight years as a prosecutor with the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General. According to Director Wall, "She is a good natured, approachable, attentive member of the legal team. Kathy has all the qualities of a good leader."

Upcoming Staff Departures

Longtime RIDOC employee Warden Stephen Boyd has announced his retirement effective August 24th. Steve joined the Department in 1982, serving as a line C.O. in Maximum, Intake, and Medium. Ten years later, he was promoted to serve as an inaugural member of the SIU, becoming Chief two years later. He served as Deputy Warden of Intake, Medium Moran, and Maximum and was promoted to Warden in 2006, serving in that role at both Mediums, Intake, Women's, and most recently at Minimum. Planning and Research's Bree Derrick has also announced that she is leaving at the end of August. She has accepted a position as a Senior Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments in the Justice Reinvestment Program in their Seattle office. Bree has been with the state since 2003 and with the RIDOC since 2005. Lastly, Eamonn Gill, Senior Legal Counsel, has accepted a position with a Boston law firm, closer to his home. Eamonn joined the Department in 2007, coming to us from the Office of the Public Defender. Best wishes are extended to these three valued members of our Department.

Police Unity Tour Motorcycle Fundraiser



RIDOC personnel are invited to participate in the 2nd annual Unity Tour Motorcycle Fundraiser on **Sunday, September 9th**. Tickets are \$20 per rider and \$5 per passenger. The ride starts at Scotty's Big Dawg's Pub & Restaurant, 823 West Main Road, Middletown, and registration takes place from 10 - 11 a.m. Food will be provided, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Funds raised will support the donation requirements for Lt. Mike Faria of the Middletown PD and Joe Carroll of the Newport PD to participate in an annual 300-mile bike trip beginning in Florham Park, N.J., and finishing in Washington, D.C. Funds raised by the riders must be used to maintain the National Law Enforcement Memorial, construction of the National Law Enforcement Museum, and to support the families of fallen officers.

PHOTO GALLERY

RALLY FOR RECOVERY KICKOFF



A square from the quilt made by inmates at the Bernadette Women's Facility, which will be on display at the kickoff event for this year's Rallies for Recovery on Friday, August 31st, at 10 a.m.

GM TOASTMASTERS



As he did at the Toastmasters Speechcraft graduation at men's Maximum, Director Wall participated in the graduation at the Gloria McDonald Facility on Wednesday, August 1st. He is seen here with Toastmaster volunteers presenting a certificate to a graduate of the 12-week program.

NEADS MEET 'N GREET



Warden James Vierra and Deputy Robert Clancy listen as inmate handler Steve Rodi tells NEADS client Suzette M. Noel and her father, Richard, of Brattleboro, Vt, about assistance dog Angie's many talents. The client/pup team visited Moran for a "Meet 'n Greet" on August 7th. Below, Angie mails a letter in the Moran yard.

