

RIDOC Happenings

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

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"A focus on problems results in a problem-centered life. A focus on opportunities results in an opportunity-centered life."

Gregory Morton and
Caterina Spinaris Tudor,
Correctional Oasis

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Congratulations to Employees' Children for Receiving ASCA Scholarships

On Wednesday, July 11th, Director Wall presented Lauren Piccoli, daughter of Geno Piccoli, with her third Susan M. Hunter Scholarship offered through the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA). Lauren is entering her fourth year in the six-year pharmacy program at URI and this is her third award, a first in RIDOC history. Her father, Geno, is a Probation & Parole Officer in the Pawtucket Office. On Wednesday, July 25th, the Director presented Taylor Campbell, daughter of Probation & Parole Officer Mary-Anne Campbell, with her first Susan M. Hunter Scholarship. She has completed her first year at the American University in Washington, D.C., where she is studying nursing. Her mother works in the South County Probation and Parole Office. There were over 600 applications for these scholarships and only 20 new and 22 renewals were awarded.



Left: Director Wall presents Lauren Piccoli with a check from ASCA's Susan M. Hunter Scholarship Fund. **Right:** Director Wall poses with Lauren and her parents, Karen and Geno Piccoli. Geno is a Probation and Parole Officer in Pawtucket.



Below Left: Director Wall poses with Taylor Campbell, holding a check from ASCA's Susan M. Hunter Scholarship Fund. **Below Right:** Taylor poses with her parents, Washington County Probation & Parole Officer Mary-Anne Campbell and her husband, Paul, a retired Providence Police Detective Lieutenant, and Teresa Smith, Mary-Anne's Supervisor. Congratulations to both recipients and their families!



Condolences to the Family of Dennis Papa

Condolences go out to the family of Dennis Papa, longtime correctional employee, who died on July 11th after a brief bout of cancer. His wife, Elizabeth, learned he was terminally ill just six days prior to his death. Dennis is remembered warmly by many with whom he served. He began his state service in 1959 and retired in 1991. He was a member of the first Training Academy class and climbed through the ranks, serving as C.O., Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Warden. In lieu of flowers, it was Dennis' request that donations be sent to the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue League, P.O. Box 808, Hudson, MA 01749-0808 in honor of his beloved Golden, *Big Mac*. Director Wall spoke at Dennis' memorial service on **Monday, July 16th**.

Upcoming NEO and Hep A/B Clinic

The next New Employee Orientation is scheduled for **Tuesday - Wednesday, August 14th - 15th**, at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building, from **8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Mentors, volunteers, and interns need only attend on **Tuesday from 8:30 - noon**. Supervisors should register attendees. A Hep A/B Clinic will take place on **Monday, August 6th, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**, also at the Training Academy. There is no cost.

Three-Day Rule Appointments

Assistant Director David McCauley has announced several new Three-Day-Rule Lieutenants: Robert Coutinho, 3-11 p.m., Intake; Kevin Collard, 3-11 p.m., High Security; Michael Fennessey, 3-11 p.m., Moran; Daniel Carnevale, 3-11 p.m., Intake, and Albert Normandin, Three-day-rule Investigator, Minimum. Please congratulate them.



Anchor Recovery Holds Free Cookout

Anchor Recovery Community Center invites one and all to a free evening of fun, food and music at its annual Recovery Cookout tonight - **Friday, July 27th, at 6 p.m. at 249 Main Street in Pawtucket**. Free hot dogs, burgers, and pot luck delicacies will be provided along with music by the Recovery All Stars. Volunteers and donations are welcome. **Call 721-5100.**

PHOTO GALLERY TOASTMASTERS PROGRAM HOLDS GRADUATION



Top: This team of enthusiastic volunteers has been teaching the Toastmasters Speechcraft class to inmates in Maximum Security and the GM Facility. They are, from left to right: Dale Adams, Esther Paris, Ed Skurka, Karen Golembeski, Don Gendron, and Barbara Lardner. Above: Director Wall joins volunteer instructors in handing out certificates to inmate graduates of the sixth twelve-week Toastmasters Speechcraft Program in Max. Our reward is to see and hear their growth and improvement from week to week from the 'deer in the headlights' speakers on the first night of class to the skilled and confident speakers we saw and heard tonight," said Ed Skurka, instructor, at the conclusion of the last class.

REMEMBERING DENNIS PAPA



Dennis Papa is seen here with Director Wall in October of 2009 when he returned to the Department on the 50th anniversary of his first day on the job. Accompanied by fellow former employee Ron Brule, he toured Minimum Security and the Price Facility. Dennis died earlier this month after a brief illness.



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