

RIDOC Happenings

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

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Condolences to Jack Ward and family

Director Wall shared the sad news that Marianne Ward, wife of Jack Ward in Classification, died on Sunday, September 30, after an illness. Please hold Jack and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Bob Vitale

Director Wall announced the promotion of Deputy Warden Robert Vitale to Warden effective September 23rd. Bob has worked his way up the ranks, starting as a line C.O. in 1982. He worked as Lieutenant and then Captain at Intake before being promoted to Deputy Warden at Maximum, Intake, Price, Moran, and the Central Office. He will continue to be assigned to the Central Office, working on a variety of security and general operational issues.

2012 Recovery Rallies Recap

Additional Rallies for Recovery were held in various facilities last month as part of National Recovery Month. The rallies were hosted by Jim Gillen, Director of Anchor Recovery and Community Center, and included remarks from Directors Wall and Stenning, and moving testimonies from inmates in recovery. They were held on Monday, September 24th, at 9 a.m. at the Moran Facility and at 1 p.m. at the Gloria McDonald Facility and on Friday, September 7th at Minimum.



Dr. Fred Vohr and an inmate pin a leaf on the recovery tree at the Medium rally; the recovery quilt made by women at the Bernadette Facility is displayed at the Moran rally; Lt. Michael Moore speaks at the GM Rally; and Assistant Director Elizabeth Earls speaks at the men's Minimum Rally.

Change in IT Operations Technical Support

Please welcome Ramon Fernandez, who replaces Bob Pelletier as Technical Support Manager for the RIDOC. We wish Bob well as he transitions to the technical support team at the Office of Health and Human Services (OHHS).

Get Those Flu Shots

A schedule of upcoming flu clinics has been widely distributed. Beginning on October 29th, clinics will be held in each facility from **6:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 2 - 3:30 p.m.** A general clinic will take place at the Training Academy on November 7th from **8-11 a.m. and noon - 4 p.m.** for non-uniform personnel and staff who may have missed the clinic in their individual facility. The clinics are free but you must bring a copy of your health insurance card. The schedule is: **October 29th - Women's Facility, October 30th - Minimum Security, October 31st - Intake Service Center; November 1st - Maximum Security; November 2nd - High Security; November 5th - Medium Security; and November 7th - Training Academy.**

Bruce W. Tancrell Memorial Scholarship Benefit

This **Saturday, October 13th, from 6 - 11 p.m.**, a pasta dinner will be held to benefit the Bruce W. Tancrell (former RIDOC CO Captain) Memorial Scholarship for the Center for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence & Peace Studies at URI. It will take place at the Italian Workmen's Club, 947 Diamond Hill Road in Woonsocket and tickets (available at the door) are \$15 or free for children under 10.

New Employee Orientation and Hep A/B Clinics

The New Employee Orientation for permanent and contract employees scheduled for **Monday - Tuesday, October 15th-16th** has been cancelled. The quarterly NEO Tour Day on **Wednesday, October 17th, from 8:30 - 4 a.m.**, however, will still be held. Meet at the Training Academy. The next HepA/B clinic will be held on **Monday, October 15th, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Training Academy.**



Like us on Facebook

The RIDOC now has its own government agency Facebook page. Facebook is yet another way to get out positive news, share photos from events, and put out special announcements. A recent survey indicates that over half of

the DOC's around the country and the vast majority of the state agencies in Rhode Island are using some form of social media.

PHOTO GALLERY CELEBRATING LLOYD HEDGES



Deputy Warden Richard Meunier, Warden Matthew Kettle, Deputy Warden Sergio DeSousarosa, Captain Charles Dede, C.O. Lloyd Hedges, Governor Lincoln Chafee, and Director Wall pose during the celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Lloyd Hedges first day on the job as a C.O.



Guest of honor C.O. Lloyd Hedges, 83, shares some of his many stories with Providence Journal reporter John Hill.



The cake, provided by RIBCO.

P&P TRAINING ADDRESSES HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



Members of the Probation & Parole staff and partner service providers listen to a presentation on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation. Sarah DeCataldo, Legal Advocacy Services Coordinator with Day One was the presenter at the September 14th training held at the Kent County Courthouse.

"A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow."

George S. Patton

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