The word ‘happiness’ would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness.”
Carl Jung

“Catching Up”
It has been awhile since an edition of the Happenings has been published; therefore, this issue will include items from the past few months. Please continue to send Susan Lamkins your submissions.

“Ordination of Chaplain Joy Johnson”
Women’s Facilities Chaplain Joy Johnson was ordained into the Community Covenant Church on Sunday, April 6, 2014. Reverend Johnson’s unyielding dedication to the incarcerated women at this department, not only as their chaplain, but as the coordinator of community service projects for the women such as, Dolls for Charity and Make It-Take It kits for the visiting a parenting programs, has been extremely beneficial to this agency. Congratulations, Joy!

“A Great Loss”
On Wednesday, March 26, 2014 this department lost one of its most beloved members. Robert M. McCutcheon passed away after a very short battle with cancer. He joined this agency in June 1992 as a Community Program Counselor for Home Confinement. In 1994 he was promoted to the position of Departmental Grievance Coordinator, a position he held for 20 years. Bob’s passing has left a huge hole in the Director’s Office, one that will not easily be filled.

At RIDOC’s annual awards ceremony, on April 8, 2014, the Director announced the inauguration of the Robert M. McCutcheon Award. Any person from within or outside of the Department of Corrections will be eligible to receive this award, which will honor individuals possessing those qualities that made Bob such a valuable and respected part of this Department: loyalty, commitment to justice and fairness, professionalism, strong work ethic, sense of humor, approachability, and ability to listen and handle crises with calm and understanding. The recipients’ names will be engraved on a plaque that will be placed outside of the office where Bob worked in the Administration “A” building.

“Peer Support Team Says Goodbye to Co-coordinator John Lavery”
On March 24, 2014 the Peer Support Team celebrated John Lavery’s years of service as a member and, most recently, as co-coordinator. The personal time and dedication John and the other members have given to helping those who are in need is unfathomable. John, you should be proud of the work you have done in this capacity. Thank you from all of us at the RIDOC.

“Photo Gallery”

Pictured Below: Robert M. McCutcheon

Pictured Below: John Lavery and Director Wall.

Pictured Above: John Lavery and Peer Support Team Coordinator, Dennis Crowley

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“When you are content to be simply yourself and do not compare or compete, everyone will respect you.”
Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching

**Annual Award Ceremony**
On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, the department held its 2013 Annual Award Ceremony honoring nine (9) of our own and three (3) “Friends”. Congratulations to all who were recognized!

**CIT NECNA Conference**
On April 28—30, 2014 some members of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) attended the annual New England Crisis Negotiators Association (NECNA) conference where they met with various law enforcement agencies throughout New England. There were various presentations given by FBI, police and corrections officials who have dealt with hostage, suicide or barricade crisis situations. **Pictured from front to back:** Maria Richards, Paul Bibeault, Miguel Santiago and Byron Blackmar.

**National Correctional Officers Week, National Nurses Week and National Teacher Appreciation Day**
The first full week of May 2014 was dedicated to honoring the dedication and sacrifices made by Correctional Officers and Nurses. Tuesday, May 6, 2014 was National Teacher Appreciation Day, a day dedicated to honor the lasting contributions made by teachers. RIDOC would like to share in this recognition and thank you for your hard work and commitment to this agency and its population.

**Pictured below from left to right:** flowers placed at the memorial in remembrance of the six (6) correctional officers who had lost their lives in the line of duty in 2013 as well as the three (3) from our own department who passed years prior. Bugler Michael Jackson.