

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Excellence is*

*in the details.*

*Give attention to*

*the details and*

*excellence*

*will come."*

**Perry Paxton**

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## URI College of Pharmacy and RIDOC Receive National Award

There's been a good deal of publicity about the fact that the RIDOC and the URI College of Pharmacy recently received a 2009 Rx Benefit Award from the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute for its new collaborative management model, saving taxpayers in our state \$12 million. In place since 2002, the initiative has reduced medication waste by 75 percent and held the line on expenditures despite significant cost increases for drugs and a rise in our inmate census. Shown at left are pharmacy students Matt Coty of Pittsfield, Mass., and Brian Touhey of Albany, N.Y.; URI's Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and Research Rita Marcoux, RIDOC Medical Director Michael Poshkus, Associate Dean of the College of Pharmacy Paul Larrat, RIDOC's Associate Director of Health Care Services Joe Marocco, and URI's on-site Pharmacy Manager Larry Myerson.



## CO Recruitment Kickoff

Recruitment for Class 78 officially began on **Wednesday, April 22nd** with a kickoff event at the netWORKri office on Reservoir Ave. in Providence. State Diversity Administrator Cheryl Burrell served as emcee for the event and representatives from many of our partner agencies spoke. To date over 600 applications have already been received. If you know of prospective applicants, please direct them to the Training Academy page of our website or to [www.netWORKri.org](http://www.netWORKri.org). Remember, the application deadline is **May 10th**.

## Inmate Art Exhibit on Display Downtown

The eleventh annual ACI inmate art show is on display during through May in the Atrium Gallery at One Capitol Hill. The show is organized by volunteer art instructor Marietta Cleasby and is sponsored by the RI State Council on the Arts.

## RI Parole Board Serves as Host for International Conference

The RI Parole Board welcomed parole and releasing authorities from around the world to the Association of Paroling Authorities International's (APAI) annual training conference from April 19th - 22nd in Newport. Some of the international guests were given a tour of our Maximum Security and Medium Moran facilities last Saturday.

## Personnel Changes

Susan Heffner, recognized in February with the Community Corrections Award for her role as a Probation & Parole Officer, has moved over to the Education Unit where she will serve as the RIDOC's School Social Worker, providing services to inmates who are 21 or younger and involved with any of our education programs. Please also note that Teresa Foley has returned to her position as Professional Services Coordinator and Scott Tirocchi to his position as Mental Health Clinician.



*Kim Aceto with cousin Richard "Ace" Aceto, who served as comedian for the event.*

## Successful Fund Raising Event

Many RIDOC personnel attended the breast cancer fund raiser organized by Capt. Jeffrey Aceto's daughter, Kimberly Aceto, on March 13th at Nino's in Coventry. The event raised \$7,350. Many thanks to all who supported her effort.

## NEO and Hep B Clinics

The next New Employee Orientation will take place **Monday - Wednesday, May 11- 13th**. All supervisors must register their new employees or volunteers in advance. The next Hep B Clinic for employees will take place on **Monday, May 18th, from noon - 1 p.m.** Both of these events will be held at the Training Academy in the Pinel Building.

## Emergency Drill

A full-scale training exercise was held on **Thursday, April 23rd**, in the Gloria McDonald Women's Facility. The event, which involved RIDOC staff, RIEMA personnel, Cranston Fire and Cranston Police and the RI State Police tested our emergency preparedness and response.

## GS Cookie Sale

Thanks to all employees who supported the Girl Scout Cookie Sale for the *GS Behind Bars Program*.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### RECRUITMENT KICKOFF



*Director Wall speaks to press and prospective applicants at the April 22nd recruitment kickoff. Current COs stand behind him.*



*HR and Training Academy staff involved in the recruitment effort listen to Director Wall's remarks at the April 22nd recruitment kickoff event.*

### ADMIN. PROFESSIONALS DAY



*Probation and Parole held its annual breakfast to honor administrative professionals on Wednesday, April 22nd. (Above) Supervisors Terry Smith and Jean Embrey help serve homemade breakfast items and (below) P&P supervisor Micheline Lombardi and staff enjoy their breakfast.*



**Reminder:**  
**National CO Week**  
when the contributions of our uniformed staff will be honored and recognized.  
**Monday, May 4th -**  
**Friday, May 8th**