

RIDOC Happenings

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

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PHOTO GALLERY

CHAIRS DONATED TO BARBERING PROGRAM



These new cutting chairs at Intake were generously donated to the Barbershop Apprenticeship Program run by Frank Bruno (above) by Carol Luciano, proprietor of Luciano's Hair Design in Narragansett.

FAREWELL DR. POSHKUS



Medical Program Director Dr. Michael Poshkus (above with Director Wall and below with Pat Threats) was honored this afternoon on his last day with the RIDOC. Mike will be working with Rhode Island Hospital's Infectious Disease and Medical Residency Program. While he has enjoyed his five years as Medical Director, he looks forward to returning to academic medicine and putting his clinical skills back into practice. Through his reentry work, Mike will be no stranger to the Department.



EMR TRAINING UNDERWAY



RIDOC Medical personnel receive training on the Department's new Electronic Medical Record (EMR), which will go live in September.

Barbering Program Receives Donated Chairs

Frank Bruno, Supervisor of the Barbershop Apprenticeship Program, is pleased to share the news that the program received a donation of six cutting chairs from Luciano's Hair Design in Narragansett, thanks to the generosity of owner Carol Luciano. Four of the chairs are now at the Intake Service Center, one is in men's Minimum, and one is outside Frank's office awaiting future placement.

Fund Raisers in Honor of C.O. John Gorman

Today is *Dress Down Day* for those employees who volunteered to participate in a fundraiser for the family of John Gorman, C.O. at Intake who has been battling brain cancer. As of Thursday, organizer Scott Lepizzera noted that over \$2,400 had been raised in Intake alone. The 3rd annual *Team Gorman Golf Tournament* takes place on **Monday, August 17th, at North Kingstown Golf Course**. Entry fees are \$130 per person or \$520 for a foursome. Guests can pay for dinner only for \$35. Fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, steak fry buffet dinner, raffles, prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin as well as team awards. For additional information, visit www.teamgorman.org.

Come out to Support Colleagues at Career Awards Ceremony

Your attendance is requested on **Tuesday, August 18th, at 9:30 a.m.**, as retirees and those who have achieved significant milestones since the last such ceremony are honored at a brief ceremony in the Multipurpose Room of Minimum Security. Please come and show your support if you are able.

Congrats to Major Steve O'Donnell

Congratulations to former RIDOC Correctional Officer Lt. Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell who will soon retire from the Rhode Island State Police where he serves as Director of Field Operations to assume his recent appointment as U.S. Marshal in Rhode Island.

SECA Seeks Volunteers

Pauline Marcussen is once again heading up the RIDOC's SECA Campaign and is looking for volunteers to assist her. The mid-September kickoff will feature a cookout on the grounds of the Pastore Center, and help with cooking, setup and take down will be needed. If you are interested in helping out, please call Pauline at ext. 22683. This is the 25th anniversary of SECA and Pauline is hoping for a banner year, despite the challenging economy.

Mosby Makes the Globe!

Mosby, a ministry dog trained at the RIDOC's Donald Price Medium Security Facility and now providing pastoral care to parishioners at First Baptist Church in Littleton, Mass., was featured in a July 16th article in the *Boston Globe*. The piece, by Erica Noonan, is posted on the RIDOC's website under "Media and Community Relations." Scroll down to the section on publicity of the NEADS Program.

Upcoming NEOs

On **Tuesday, September 8th**, there will be a new employee orientation for mentors, volunteers, and interns from **8:30 a.m. - noon** at the Training Academy. New employees are expected to attend two full days of NEO, **Tuesday - Wednesday, August 11th - 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Please see that you are registered through your supervisor if you are eligible.

Note of Sadness

Condolences to the family of retired Upholstery Shop Supervisor Albert Smith upon the tragic death of his son, Alan, at age 41. Alan sustained fatal injuries when his motor scooter hit a deer on Rte. 138. Services were held last week.

Area Events

If you are looking to donate or sell items you no longer need OR to buy inexpensive items for you and your family, check out the *Second Chance Bazaar and Family Day* sponsored by the Family Life Center (now called Open Doors) on **Saturday, August 22nd, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to sort and organize donated items next **Monday - Thursday, between noon and 4 p.m.** Call Jocelyn at **781-5808. ext. 118** for more information or to sign up to volunteer. Also on **Saturday, August 22nd, from 4 - 7 p.m.**, The Rhode Island Recovery Month Coalition and MHRH will offer *A Gateway to Recovery Celebration*. There will be live music, crafts, a reptile table, and much much more. Contact RICARES at 521-5759 for details.

"Ants are good citizens. They place group interests first."

Clarence Day, biographer, essayist (1874-2935)

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