

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"The problem is never how to get new, innovative thoughts into your mind, but how to get old ones out. Every mind is a building filled with archaic furniture. Clean out a corner of your mind and creativity will instantly fill it."*

Dee Hock

Founder and CEO  
Emeritus

VISA International

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## Notes of Sadness

Funeral services were held on December 14th for Jessica Pezza, 24-year-old daughter of Correctional Officer David Pezza and his wife, Gayle. Jessica's death comes on the heels of the death of Officer Pezza's brother earlier this fall. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Condolences also go out to Special Education Director Ralph Orleck and his family upon the death on December 13th of Ralph's father, Leo, and to Clinical Social Worker Bree Derrick who lost her grandmother, Valerie Matthews, December 10th.

## Note of Appreciation from Officer Olivelli

Training Academy Instructor David Olivelli writes the following: "Many of you know that I have been out of work since October 1<sup>st</sup> due to the removal of my left hip, which became infected following my hip replacement in 2008. I am currently undergoing treatment to clear up the infection; however, doctors estimate that it could take eight months to a year for the infection to clear from the bone. Only then can they reinsert a new left hip. The prognosis is good but takes time. I hope to return to work as soon as the doctors authorize it. I really appreciate the good wishes and support given by many of you during my leave. I'd like to thank all of you for your generosity and participation in the fund-raisers held for me. Also, I'd like to thank those of you who donated time to my sick bank. I am truly grateful for everything you've done. I hope you all have a great holiday season."

## H1N1 Clinic for RIDOC Employees

The RIDOC and Roger Williams Medical Center will sponsor an on-site H1N1 Clinic on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.** at the Training Academy, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Pinel Building. All personnel who have inmate contact are eligible, and there is no cost. Please bring a RIDOC badge or a pay stub to the clinic. No appointment is necessary. **Please fill out the consent form and questionnaire (available from Tracey Zeckhausen or Joe Marocco and sent to all email users) and bring it with you to the clinic.** There will be a make-up clinic for those who are unable to attend on **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** (hours are subject to change) at 50 Maude Street, Providence (Elmhurst Extended Care Auditorium).

## Hepatitis B Clinic and NEO

The first monthly Hep B Clinic for 2010 will take place on **Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from noon - 1 p.m.** at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Please bring your United Healthcare card. There is no cost for the two-part series. The first NEO of 2010 will take place **Tuesday - Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, and the quarterly NEO facilities tour will be held on **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Mentors, interns, and volunteers need only attend from 8:30 a.m. - noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Supervisors must register attendees by calling the Training Academy at ext. 22613.

## Ralph Orleck and Anthony Feole Promoted

Ralph Orleck has assumed overall leadership of the RIDOC's Education Unit (retaining his title of *Special Education Director*) and Anthony Feole has accepted a three-day-rule appointment as Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance. Congratulations and thanks to the two long-term employees.

## Annual Employee Awards Ceremony to Take Place in February

The annual employee career awards ceremony will be held in February in the **Regan Auditorium**. The exact date and time will be announced soon.

## Year-end Retirement Celebrations



Jim Rathbun with Kim Mallett, Inspector.



Alan Feinstein, seen here with Probation & Parole's John Antonelli.



Ralph Orleck (left) with Tim Murphy at his retirement celebration at the Ivy Garden earlier this month.



Art Fillo with retiree Linda Folcarelli, Terry McNamara, Joe Flaberty, and Anthony Feole. A special cake made for Art is below.



The RIDOC has lost well over a century of experience in the past few weeks with the retirements of Supervisor of Training James Rathbun, Clinical Psychologist Alan Feinstein, Associate Director of Education Tim Murphy, and Associate Director of Facilities & Maintenance Arthur Fillo. They will be dearly missed.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### SUPPORTING DAVID OLIVELLI



C.O.s Cathy Cormier and Martha Cowell process a sale at the recent fund raiser for Officer David Olivelli. Above, Chief Inspector Aaron Aldrich joins C.O. Matthew Sams, C.O. Lt. Michael Gorman (Minimum), and C.O. Vincent Paiva for lunch at the Olivelli fund raiser at the Dix Facility.

### FINDING COMMON GROUND



Employees from across the Department attended the EOAC-sponsored "M.E.E.T. on Common Ground" event on December 14th.

### SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER



Top: Financial Resources Office staff members Ann Gallant (who recently returned to work part time), Brenda Brodeur, and Ron Davidson enjoy their pizza at the Assistant Directors' annual holiday gathering. Above: Training Instructor Marc Moreau prepares to deliver the 842 pounds of canned goods and nonperishables that were collected for the RI Community Food Bank.