

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Let us  
be grateful  
to people who  
make us happy;  
they are the  
charming  
gardeners who  
make our souls  
blossom."*

Marcel Proust

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## T-Shirt Fund Raiser Yields \$6K

Director A.T. Wall, Honor Guard member Randy Denton, CO Tony Carvalho, CO David Petronelli, Honor Guard member John Bray, and RIBCO President David Mellon stand with a mock check for \$5,712 representing money raised in the joint RIDOC/RIBCO T-shirt holiday fund raiser. The totals raised by buildings actually came close to \$6,000 and are as follows: Intake

- \$1,288, donated to Child and Family Service; Maximum - \$868 plus \$300 in cash donated to a military family whose father was lost to cancer; Donald Price - \$777, Medium Moran - \$532, and High Security \$406 combined to donate to the RI Community Food Bank; Minimum - \$308, Admin B - \$301 and Bernadette \$140 - combined to donate to Ronald McDonald House; Womens and SIU - \$588 to Meals on Wheels; Training Academy \$329 to a needy family and Admin - A \$175 to St. Robert Bellarmine Church Emergency Food Shelf. Many thanks to all who sold and purchased shirts. This is hoped to be the first of numerous joint fund raisers and public awareness efforts.

## Bishop Tobin Makes Special Visit to Max

Bishop Tobin made a holiday visit to Maximum Security in mid-December, where he led the inmates in mass and communion and blessed a mural painted by an inmate in the dining hall. The Bishop is pictured here with the chaplaincy team and at right, with the mural, which is a tribute to the victims and fire fighters of 9/11.



## PHOTO GALLERY BISHOP TOBIN VISITS MAX



Bishop Tobin of the Archdiocese of Providence blesses a mural painted by an inmate in the Dining Hall of Maximum Security which pays tribute to the victims and fire fighters of 9/11.

## Holidays Not Forgotten Program Featured in Pro Jo's Law & Order Photo Essay



Sarah Gormley and Courtney Henderson help with holiday wrapping in Minimum.

About 120 children of incarcerated parents received presents from their imprisoned mom or dad at annual holiday parties for the Parent-Child Visitation Program participants on Saturday, December 20th. The preceding week, inmates wrapped the gifts, donated and delivered by Courtney Henderson (at left with C-CAP Parenting Coordinator Sarah Gormley and inmates at Minimum), who launched the program 3 years ago. Courtney solicits donations from friends and family and has seen the program grow from 60 to 120 in 3 years.

## Assistant Directors' Party Yields Major Food Donation

Guests of the Assistant Directors' holiday gathering responded generously to the call to bring a canned good or nonperishable - 1030 pounds of food was delivered to the RI Community Food Bank at the conclusion of the event. The entry way of Admin-A, at left, was full of donations that afternoon.



## Hepatitis B Clinic

The first Hepatitis B clinic of 2009 will be held on January 8th, from noon - 1 p.m. at the Training Academy, second floor of the Pinel Building.

## P.M. NEO Scheduled

An evening NEO for volunteers, interns, and new employees will take place **Mondays, January 26th and February 2nd, from 6 - 9:30 p.m.** Supervisors must preregister attendees. The sessions will be held at the Training Academy, second floor of Pinel.

## Mark Your Calendars for Health Fair

Bring your United Healthcare ID to an on-site health fair in the Arnold Conference Center on February 2nd, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and earn up to \$100 for participating in a screening. Call 877-239-3557 to preregister.

## Rhode Island DOC Makes the National News

A story on Rhode Island's Rapid REPAT (Rapid Removal of Eligible Parolees Accepted for Transfer) Program aired on the *Fox News Report* on Sunday, December 21st. The segment was filmed primarily at the Moran facility and included a brief interview with Director Wall.

## FOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE BOARD TOURS MORAN



Deputy Kirk Kaszyk, CO Steward Tom Izzo, and Associate Director of Food Services John Rogers led members of the Food Safety Task Force board on a tour of the Moran kitchen on December 22nd. John Rogers, a member of the board, will be featured in the Task Force's newsletter in January.

## RON LANGLOIS RETIRES



Inspector Ron Langlois, seen here at the December Managers' meeting, has retired after a 20-year career with the RIDOC. Director Wall recognized his many contributions, noting, "He has always been a man of integrity."

