

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"There's only
one corner
of the universe
you can be
certain of
improving,
and that's
your own self."*

Aldous Huxley

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RIDOC in the News



Frank Bruno prepares hair for Locks of Love.

Channels 10 and 6 came to cover the donation by two High Security inmates of their hair to *Locks of Love*. Frank Bruno, who runs the Barbershop Apprenticeship program, is seen here preparing the envelope in which the six-inch ponytails will be mailed to the Florida headquarters of *Locks of Love*. The hair will be used to make wigs for those who are ill or disabled.



Family Life Center discharge planner Joe Smith counsels an inmate.

Also this week, *Providence Journal* reporter Mike McKinney has been working on a story about sex offender monitoring. Here he is seen being placed on an ankle bracelet by Parole Officer Greg Williams. The story will run sometime in the next few weeks.

The Family Life Center will feature discharge planners Joe Smith and Katherine Soares in its next newsletter.

The Rhode Island Catholic is doing a story on Catholic ministries at the ACI which will run in September.

The NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans program at Moran will be featured on the radio show *What Would Jeff Do?* on **Saturday, September 12th**, from 7 - 8 a.m. The program airs on **790 AM**.

The Associated Press interviewed Director Wall and Assistant Director Alexander for a national story about how corrections departments are faring in this economic downturn.

Links to recent press articles are posted on the DOC website and hard copies of articles are placed in the bulletin board in the entry area of Admin-A.

Corrections.com Looking for Off the Clock Stories

If you do volunteer work in your home community or have an unusual hobby you're willing to share, please contact Tracey Zeckhausen at ext. 22609 and she will submit your story to corrections.com, an online magazine for corrections professionals.

Hep B Clinic Available to Employees

Any employee who would like to receive a free HepB vaccine can come to the Pinel Building, 2nd floor, on **Monday, July 27th**, between **noon and 1 p.m.** Bring your health insurance card with you.

Zero Fatalities Project Presentation

Any employee who hasn't yet attended the *Zero Fatalities Project* presentation is invited to do so on **Friday, July 24th**, beginning at **9 a.m.** at the Visiting Room of Moran. A small group of educators participating in a Courts-sponsored summer program will be attending, but space is available. Contact Tracey Zeckhausen if you would like to attend and bring your child(ren) or other family members and friends.

Off-site Events that May be of Interest

A Place Called Home, a multimedia performance piece featuring homeless people in our community and the providers they work with, will be shown at URI in Providence on **July 16th** and **August 20th**, at **6 p.m.** and **7 p.m.** The performance is free, but donations to Providence In-town Churches Association (PICA) will be accepted. The Family Life Center will hold its annual meeting, *Celebrating our Future*, on **Tuesday, July 28th**, from **5:30 - 8 p.m.** at its new location, **485 Plainfield Street in Providence**. Marc Mauer, Executive Director of The Sentencing Project, will be the keynote speaker. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served. The Blessing Way will hold *Appetite for Renewal* on **Thursday, July 23rd**, from **5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at **Nicole's Tuscany Grille, 555 Arwood Ave., Cranston**. Client success stories will be shared. There will be entertainment and a silent auction.

PHOTO GALLERY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WEEK COOKOUT



RIPPA President Chris Hebert mans the grill at the Probation & Parole bbq held outside of the Bernadette Building earlier this week to thank P&P staff for their hard work and dedication in recognition of National Community Corrections Week.



PO Greg Williams puts an ankle bracelet on Providence Journal reporter Mike McKinney, who is writing a story on sex offender monitoring.



Catholic Chaplain Father Buckley leads mass in the Gloria D. McDonald Building.

INFORMATIONAL FORUM FOR W. WARWICK PROBATIONERS



Kent County Probation & Parole Supervisor Christine Imbriglio speaks to probationers in W. Warwick as W. Warwick's Police Chief Col. Paul Villa and Corrections Director A.T. Wall look on.

REMAINS REINTERRED



A ceremony honoring 70 wards of the state whose remains were found along Rte. 37 and were reinterred was held earlier this week. CO Mike Maddalena, a member of the board of the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council, attended as did state and city officials including Mayors Fung and Avedesian.

