

RIDOC Happenings

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

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"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Gandhi, Indian spiritual and political leader (1869-1948)

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Project RENEW Video Posted on YouTube!

A five-minute version of a 20-minute video about the Barton Street Neighborhood's *Project RENEW* is now posted on YouTube. Probation and Parole Officer Adrienne McGowan and former offender turned street worker Felicia Delgado are featured in the piece, which talks about the project's success in addressing the problem of prostitution in the neighborhood and helping the women who get caught up in that dangerous life-style to find a new direction. A link to the video is posted on the *Media and Community Relations* page of the RIDOC website, www.doc.ri.gov, under "Recent Press Coverage/General Coverage." Congratulations to all involved in this important public safety initiative.

Mark Your Calendars - Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

This year's annual volunteer appreciation Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, October 20th, from 4 - 6 p.m.** in the 2nd floor conference room of Admin-A at 40 Howard Ave. This is an opportunity for us to honor and recognize the dedication of our many volunteers and to present the annual Russell E. Dixon Volunteer of the Year Award. Coffee and pastry will be served. Contact John Antonelli at 20382.

Third Annual Team Gorman Golf Tournament - Teams Forming Now!

If you're looking for a fun day on the links to support an important cause, consider putting together a foursome for the 3rd annual *Team Gorman Golf Tournament* on **Monday, August 17th, at North Kingstown Golf Course**. Check in is at 7:15 a.m. and the start time is 8 a.m. 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. Mail or deliver entry form and fees to Mike Porter at the Intake Service Center, M-F between 7 and 3. Questions? Call Mike or Rick Barbeiro at ext. 23873. For additional information, visit www.teamgorman.org. Team Gorman was formed to raise money for cancer research in honor of ISC Correctional Officer John Gorman, who has fought a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

SCORE Continues Throughout the Summer

The Special Community Outreach Education (SCORE) Program continues to be offered during the summer, with youth from the National Guard's *Operation Guardian* program attending for five consecutive Thursdays. SCORE bookings can be made through Tracey Zeckhausen at ext. 22609 or via email at tracey.zeckhausen@doc.ri.gov.

Zero Fatalities Project Presentation



The next *Zero Fatalities Project* presentation will take place on **Friday, August 19th**, beginning at **9 a.m.** in the Visiting Room of Moran. Contact Tracey Zeckhausen if you would like to attend and bring your child(ren) or other family members and friends. Names and dates of birth are required for non-blue badge employees and any guests 18 or over. The ZFP brochure will be reprinted this summer and a notice will go out to all schools reminding them they can send groups

throughout the school year. Anyone who would like to take brochures (as well as brochures on the SCORE Program) to share with their child's teachers, principals, Scout leaders, or others is welcome to contact Tracey at ext. 22609 or via email at tracey.zeckhausen@doc.ri.gov. One of last week's attendees, a teacher from Lincoln, writes, "I had the privilege to attend the *Zero Fatalities* seminar as part of a teacher group through the *Courts to Classroom* program. I must say this was one of the most powerful programs I had ever experienced."

Website and Intranet Changes

Apparently the rotating images on the home page of the Intranet site were creating problems for those with off-site offices (not on the Pastore Complex). You will now note that there is just one static image on the Intranet home page and that seems to have eliminated the problem of the images taking ages to download and bogging down off site computers. You will also note that *RIDOC Happenings* is now posted not only on the internal site but also on the website under *Media and Community Relations* so those who do not have email access here can access it from home. To have it emailed to your personal email address, just let Tracey Zeckhausen know what that is. Feedback is always welcome.

HR to Hold Career Awards Ceremony

On **Tuesday, August 18th, at 9:30 a.m.**, retirees and those who have achieved significant milestones since the last such ceremony will be honored at a brief ceremony in the Multipurpose Room of Minimum Security.

PHOTO GALLERY

TEAM GORMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT



Top: CO Mike Porter, founder of Team Gorman, at last year's Team Gorman golf tournament. Above: Foursomes participating in Team Gorman Golf Tournament 2008 prepare for the shot gun tee off.

RIDOC MEETS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON SEX OFFENDER MONITORING



Last week RIDOC Probation and Parole staff invited partners in law enforcement and community service agencies to a monthly meeting about sex offender monitoring. Above: P.O. Jeanne Baffoni, who has a sex offender specific caseload, speaks about collaborating with police officers and detectives in Coventry to track and monitor probationers.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS TO BE FEATURED IN RI CATHOLIC



Father Jose C. Cardenas Bonilla leads mass at Minimum Security last week. He and other volunteer Catholic chaplains will be the subject of a September article in the Rhode Island Catholic.