

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"It is impossible
to live
without failing
at something,
unless you live
so cautiously that
you might as well
not have lived
at all -
in which case,
you fail
by default"*

J.K. Rowling, author

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An officer prepares to place a rose in memory of a CO lost in the line of duty in 2008.

National CO Week

2009 Correctional Officers' Week observances have made for a busy week for RIBCO members and leadership. On Monday, breakfast and dinner were served by RIBCO and DOC representatives in all facilities. The annual memorial and wreath laying ceremony was held on **Tuesday at 1 p.m.** outside of Admin-A. Wednesday the sun peeked through as members gathered in Garvey Field for the annual cookout. *Family Night* was held on Thursday. Today, Friday, is *Dress Down Day*. At 6:30 tonight, the annual retirement and awards celebration will be held at the West Valley Inn.



Staff members and their family and friends gather in the Maximum Security Dining Hall for a facility tour on "Family Night" 2009.



CO Recruitment Application Deadline Approaches

The application deadline for Class 78 is **Sunday, May 10th**. As of the 5th, 2,200 applications had been received. The diverse applicant pool is comprised of 60% females and minorities. If you know someone who is a suitable candidate, please encourage him or her to apply on line before Sunday.

ShapeUP RI Team forming for Summer Led by the Incredible Shrinking Dr. Alba



RIDOC ShapeUp RI team members, from left: Telisa Richardson, Dr. Albert Alba, Maggie Picot, and Suzanne Glucksmann. Not pictured: Jessica Bridgehouse, Gina Camardo, Billie-Jo Gallagher, Audra Russo, Bob Sayles, and non-RIDOC members Sandra Bisceglia and Maura Dowling.

The RIDOC had an active presence in the last ShapeUP RI fitness and health program with team leader Dr. Albert Alba of our Education Unit leading the pack. During the Feb. - April program, Dr. Alba's weight dropped from 197 to 174 pounds! Maggie Picot, administrator of Home Confinement dropped an impressive 10 pounds. Registration begins May 18th for an 8-week summer program which begins June 15th. The cost is just \$10 or \$15 for participants who want a pedometer and wristband. Team members receive a digital logbook, an online Team Tracker system, e-mails with health tips, eligibility to win prizes, and free access to many health and education events. Contact Dr. Albert Alba at albert.alba@doc.ri.gov if you are interested.

Open Enrollment Period Reminder

The annual open enrollment period for all employees who wish to make changes or enroll in any new benefit programs runs from **May 15th** through **June 12th**. To make a change, please contact Human Resources prior to June 12th.

RIDOC Honored During National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week was held **April 26th** through **May 2nd**. At an Appreciation Ceremony honoring crime victim service providers and VOCA grantees, the RIDOC was presented with a certificate of recognition signed by General Treasurer Frank T. Caprio for its efforts on behalf of crime victims in Rhode Island. The **April 27th** event was held at Rhode Island College of Social Work. Director Wall and others also attended a ceremony honoring all victims of crime at the Victims' Memorial Grove downtown last Wednesday.

Reentry Event at River of Life-line Ministries

The RIDOC's Teresa Foley will be among those honored at the River of Life-Line Ministries' **Spring Event on Reentry** on **Thursday, May 14th, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Chinese Christian Church in Pawtucket**. Tickets are \$30/person or \$300/table. Contact Dolores Taylor at the RI Council of Churches at 461-5558 for information.

Spring Recognition Ceremonies

The Education Unit has planned its 2009 recognition ceremonies for inmates who will receive degrees and certificates. The schedule is as follows: **Wednesday, June 10th: 8:30 a.m.** Dix Facility, Visiting Room and **1 p.m.** GM Facility, Dining Room; **Thursday, June 11th, 1 p.m.** Maximum, Dining Room; **Friday, June 12th, 8:30 a.m.**, Moran, Visiting Room; **Monday, June 15th, 8 a.m.**, Price Facility, Dining Room; **Tuesday, June 16th, 1 p.m.** Minimum Security, Visiting Yard (weather permitting).

PHOTO GALLERY

NATIONAL CO WEEK '09



The rain didn't keep a crowd from gathering for the annual memorial and wreath laying ceremony on Tuesday.



The RIBCO Honor Guard approaches.



Guest speaker Lincoln Chafee and RIBCO President David Mellon carry the memorial wreath.

EMERGENCY DRILL



This cast of characters represents the actors in the successful emergency drill held at the Women's Facilities on Thursday, April 23rd. Below, members of the CERT Team were called into service for the drill.



CAPT. LEPIZZERA RETIRES



CERT Commander Capt. Vincent Lepizzera, being congratulated by Director Wall, was honored at a May 2nd retirement party.