

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."*

William Arthur Ward



Have a safe and happy holiday!

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## Art Fillo Honored at Retirement Celebration

A retirement celebration was held on **Wednesday, November 18th**, for the Department's longest-serving manager, Arthur Fillo, Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance, who joined the Department in 1976. Approximately 70 employees from all three divisions as well as former employees, family (including Art's wife, Cathy) and friends gathered at the Half Moon Café in Coventry to celebrate Art's 33-year career with the RIDOC. Many tributes were shared illustrating that Art was not only universally liked but an invaluable asset to the RIDOC during his tenure.

## SECA Campaign Pledge Card Reminder

Remember to turn in your SECA Campaign pledge card by mid December. In these challenging economic times, your help is needed more than ever.

## Upcoming Retirement Celebration for Tim Murphy

Associate Director of Education Tim Murphy will soon retire after 28 years with the Department. Tickets for his retirement celebration, to be held on **Wednesday, December 9th, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Ivy Garden in West Warwick, are available through Linda Gaulin at ext. **22507**. The deadline is December 1st.

## Final 2009 Hep B Clinics and NEO's

The final 2009 employee Hepatitis B Clinic will take place **Monday, December 7th, from noon - 1 p.m.** at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. The last New Employee Orientation session of the year will take place **Monday - Tuesday, December 21st-22nd, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, also at the Training Academy. Mentors, Volunteers and Interns are required to attend from **8:30 a.m. - noon on December 21st only**. Preregistration is required by supervisors for NEO. Please call ext. **22697** for information.

## Parole Unit Helps Solve 7-Year-Old Phoenix, Ariz, Rape Case

Throughout the fall, the RIDOC's Parole Unit assisted detectives from Phoenix, Ariz., in solving a seven-year-old open rape case. Phoenix had received a preliminary DNA hit from the RIDOC database which, thanks to collaboration with the Parole Unit and the RI State Police, provided them with an active extraditable warrant for kidnapping and rape. The suspect was apprehended while on a weekend pass from his residential treatment facility and has since been extradited back to Phoenix. Kudos to the Parole Unit for this important work.

## Bob Catlow Recognized

Congratulations to Inspector Bob Catlow, who was honored last week with a Letter of Commendation from Director Wall for his role in a difficult investigation at the High Security Center.



C.O. Grace Ellis speaks to Blackstone Academy students prior to last week's SCORE presentation at Dix.

## SCORE and ZFP Accepting 2010 Bookings

Kudos to the staff and volunteers who make the Department's two public education programs, the **Zero Fatalities Project** and **SCORE**, happen and who bring their important message to youth, teachers, and parents throughout the state. Close to 3,000 people have attended the ZFP since its launch in April of 2008 and over 4,200 have attended SCORE in either Moran, Dix, or Maximum since January of 2008. Employees who are interested in attending either program are welcome to call ext. 22609 to learn about available dates.

## Fund-raiser Dinner Sponsored by the Price Facility

A dinner in honor of Kayla Gilbert, daughter of C.O. Mark Gilbert, will be held on **Saturday, January 16th, at 7 p.m.** at the F.O.P. Lounge in Warwick. Kayla, a 22-year-old URI student, suffers from Cystic Fibrosis, asthma, and related diabetes. Proceeds will assist the family with flight and hotel costs to Cleveland, Ohio, where Kayla is on the transplant list. Contact the Price Facility for tickets, which are \$20.

## Holidays Not Forgotten in its Fourth Year - new Website Launched

Visit [www.holidaysnotforgotten.org](http://www.holidaysnotforgotten.org) for information on the volunteer-run program which solicits donations of gifts for the children of incarcerated parents from the children's wish lists. The gifts are then wrapped by the parents and presented to the children during holiday parties in the facilities.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### CERTIFICATES PRESENTED AT DEPT. OF HEALTH



Ralph Orleck, RIDOC Special Education Director (2nd from left) is seen with RIDOH staff and 20 Minimum Security inmates who completed the 40-hour Lead Hazard Site Supervisor class and received their state license last week. The program helps participants to find gainful employment upon release and is a partnership between the RIDOC, CCRI, RIDE, and RIDOH.

## RI-VINE TRAININGS



About 40 people - most from law enforcement agencies across the state - attended trainings offered last Tuesday and Wednesday at the South Kingstown Police Department and in the DLT Conference Room on the RI-VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) system. Francine Bolarinbo with the RIDOC's Office of Victim Services facilitated the trainings led by Karen Adams of Appriss in Louisville, Ky. Fran is standing on the left next to RIDOC Probation & Parole Officer Laura Zarski (in pink) and Sex Offender Victim Advocate Jessica Labenberg.

## MINDING THEIR OWN BUSINESS



Larry Walsh, Manager of Marketing and Sales for Correctional Industries (back row, 3rd from right) poses with Minimum Security inmates who completed his 2nd MYOB (Mind Your Own Business) course last week. Inmates in the program must present a full business plan to classmates. Guest speakers from area businesses and organizations shared their expertise during the nine-week class. A press release about MYOB is posted on the Department's website. The next session will begin in May 2010.