

RIDOC Happenings

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

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"The only thing sacred should be the knowledge that we must change and we must all bear the burden of what change is going to mean. We all have to hurt a little bit."

Alan Hassenfeld, Chair,
Executive Committee,
Hasbro, Inc.

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Notes of Sadness

A funeral service for High Security Correctional Officer Steven Johansen was held on October 31st at Urquhart-Murphy Funeral Home in Warwick, RI. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steven's family and friends following his tragic passing. Condolences also go out to the family of Associate Director of Healthcare Services Joe Marocco following the death of Joe's mother, Celeste, on Oct. 11th. She was 93.



Congratulations to Donna Broccoli's Son, Andrew

Andrew Broccoli, son of Probation & Parole's Donna Broccoli, is seen here accepting the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency's 2009 Bruce Campbell Scholarship. Andrew is a sophomore at Rhode Island College majoring in Justice Studies and hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement.

RI-VINE Training Available

RI-VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) is a free and anonymous telephone or Internet based service that provides victims of crime, victim advocates, and law enforcement agencies with information and notification features. A free VINE awareness training will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th**, in the DLT Conference Room. The first session will be held from **9 - 11:30 a.m.** and the second session from **1-3:30 p.m.** Please RSVP no later than **Friday, November 13th** to Francine.bolarinho@doc.ri.gov or ext. 25203.

Flu Clinics Cancelled

Due to a shortage of the seasonal flu vaccine, State of RI Employee Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics at the Dept. of Administration and the RI DMV in Pawtucket have been postponed until further notice.

Warden Reassignments

Effective November 1st, the following Warden assignment changes have taken effect: Steven Boyd is now Warden at the Intake Service Center; Carole Dwyer is now Warden of Minimum Security and the Women's Division; Warden David McCauley is now overseeing the John J. Moran and Donald Price Facilities; Warden James Vierra has been assigned to the Central Office.

SECA Campaign Underway

A kickoff picnic event was held for this year's State Employee Charitable Appeal (SECA) Campaign at Margaret Walsh Park on Oct. 22nd. Pauline Marcussen, seen here with Linda Gaulin of the Education Unit and MIS's Bob Pelletier, is once again serving as RIDOC chair for this important campaign. Please consider supporting those who are less fortunate when you receive your pledge card.



A First Birthday and a Birth!

Amanda Brouillard from Inmate Accounts recently celebrated



the first birthday of her son, Trevor. Congratulations to Joe Cataldo and his wife, Alicia, on the birth of Ethan Joseph Cataldo (left) on October 15th. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz.



Trevor Brouillard, age 1

Upcoming NEO's

The next New Employee Orientation will take place **Monday -Tuesday, November 9-10th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. Mentors, volunteers and interns should attend a 3.5 hour orientation on **Thursday, November 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - noon.** Please call ext. 22697 for pre-registration.

In the News

Tune in to Channel 12 news at 6:15 p.m. tonight (Friday, November 6th) when Walt Buteau's "Street Stories" segment will feature the *Books Beyond* program wherein volunteers record inmates reading to their children and the book and tape are sent home. The segment will also be posted to the Channel 12 website.

PHOTO GALLERY

FALL 2009 MEDIA DAY



Maggie Picot (left) demonstrates monitoring equipment during the Fall 2009 Community Corrections Media Day as reporters and staff look on.



Reporters observe Probation Officer Vickie Gillerin conducting a report session with a probationer at the Prairie Avenue Adult Probation & Parole Office during Community Corrections Media Day on Oct. 15th.

FORMER EMPLOYEES RETURN



Former long-time RIDOC employees Dennis Papa (left) and Ron Brule (right) pose with Director Wall on Oct. 21st when they returned to tour the Minimum and Price Facilities on the 50th anniversary of Dennis' first day on the job. An article about their visit appeared in the Warwick Beacon and is posted on our website.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED



Director Wall presented the Russell E. Dixon Volunteer of the Year Award to Mary Lhowe, program coordinator for Books Beyond, at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on Oct. 20th. Channel 12's Mike Montecalvo was the guest speaker. An article about the event and Lhowe's service appeared in the Warwick Beacon and is posted on the RIDOC website under Media and Community Relations.