

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*“Our business
in life is not to
get ahead
of others but to
get ahead
of ourselves - -
to break our
own records, to
outstrip our
yesterdays by
our today, to do
our work with
more force
than before”*

Stewart B. Johnson

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Upcoming EOAC Meeting Open to Guests

The Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee is pleased to welcome Tina Christy, Senior Compliance Office of the RI Commission for Human Rights, to its **Tuesday, Oct. 20th** meeting from 2 - 4 p.m. in **Admin-A's 2nd floor Conference Room**. Her presentation will be titled *Overview of the Commission for Human Rights*. All RIDOC employees are welcome. If interested, please e-mail Linda Milner, EOAC Advisor, at linda.milner@doc.ri.gov.



Dress Code Amendment Reminder

Please note that there has been a bullet added to our Visitor Dress Code (which also applies to all staff who go past the front desk in all RIDOC facilities). It reads “No sandals, open toe shoes and/or backless shoes; shoes must cover the entire foot.”

RIBCO Honor Guard Does the RIDOC Proud

The RIBCO Honor Guard had the privilege of presenting the colors for the national anthem at Fenway Park (on August 24th) and McCoy Stadium (on September 5th) this summer. In attendance were Correctional Officer Training Instructor John Bray and C.O.'s Allan Staton, Glenn McCartney, Michael Calabro, and Rachel Kowalski.

Upcoming NEO Sessions for Volunteers, Interns, Mentors, and New Employees

Mentors, volunteers and interns are required to attend 3.5 hours of New Employee Orientation. Supervisors should call 22697 to preregister attendees. The next session will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 13th, from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. New Employees will be expected to attend the full session, from **Tuesday - Wednesday, Oct. 13th-14th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Congratulations to Ralph Orleck

RIDOC's Special Education Director, Ralph Orleck, has been recognized by the Office for Diverse Learners of the RI Department of Education for his ongoing volunteer service as chair of the RI Special Education Advisory Committee (RISEAC). In a letter of appreciation, Ralph was commended for helping RISEAC's leaders to plan special events, agendas, and strategic work and was credited with keeping meetings focused, operations consistent with bylaws, and productivity consistent with accomplishing the organization's goals. Congratulations, Ralph!

Flu Clinic Results

A total of 242 staff members were vaccinated during the recently held employee seasonal flu clinics. Though not extraordinary for a department of this size, the numbers are higher than in previous years. Any RIDOC employees who were unable to attend but wish to get a seasonal flu shot may attend a State of RI Employee Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic at the Dept. of Administration 2nd floor Conference Room, 1 Capitol Hill, on **Friday, Nov. 13th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** or at the RI DMV in Pawtucket, 100 Main Street, on **Monday, Nov. 16th, from 10 a.m. to noon**. You must have your insurance card with you. Register online at www.thewellcomp.com. Click *Register Now, Flu-Worksite Events*. Login is *ridadmin*.

Channel 12's Mike Montecalvo to Speak at Volunteer Appreciation Event

All who are able are encouraged to attend the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on **Tuesday, Oct. 20th, from 4 - 6 p.m.** in the 2nd floor conference room of the Admin-A. Building. The 12th annual Russell E. Dixon Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to Mary Lhowe, Books Beyond volunteer. Channel 12's Mike Montecalvo will be the guest speaker. Coffee and pastry will be served. Call Donna Broccoli at ext. **20382** or John Antonelli at ext. **20356** for information.

Dinner and Comedy Show

The Rhode Island Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #45 will hold a dinner and comedy night on **Saturday, Oct. 10th**, at FOP Lodge #7 on Tanner Ave. in Warwick. John Perrotta, voted Rhode Island's best local comedian in 2008, will serve as host. Colleen Galvin, Rhode Island's “funniest female comedian” and Stephanie Peters, “Boston's funniest female comedian” will also appear. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact C.O. Frank Vessella at ext. **23728** for information.

Breast Cancer Benefit

Scott Pires, Adult Counselor at Minimum Security, invites fellow RIDOC employees to attend a Breast Cancer Benefit at Hooters of Warwick on **Wednesday, Oct. 14th, at 6 p.m.** Food, fun, raffle, and a silent auction will be included in the **\$40** ticket price. The event is sponsored by Breast Friends and Hooters. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk* on Oct. 25th, 2009. Contact Jennifer Abatiello at **391-1831** for ticket information.

PHOTO GALLERY

RIBCO HONOR GUARD ON THE ROAD



RIBCO Honor Guard members present the colors for the National Anthem at McCoy (Aug. 24th) and Fenway (Sept. 5th) stadiums.

DIRECTOR WALL IN THE DR



At no cost to taxpayers, Director Wall was invited to the Dominican Republic in July to tour some of its prisons and to meet with corrections staff.

MOLDOVAN LEADERS TOUR MORAN FACILITY



This group of Moldovan leaders, participating in the Open World Program hosted by the Rotary Club of Scituate, met with Director Wall and toured the Moran facility on Sept. 30th. They are seen here with Probation & Parole Supervisor Micheline Lombardi, a member of the Scituate Rotary, Anne-Marie Bandieri of Planning & Research, and Supervisor of Training Jim Rathbun.

GO PATS!



Ian Matthew Degnan, son of the Parole Board's Executive Secretary Matt Degnan and his wife, Megan, may be the Pat's youngest fan.