

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"I laugh,
I love, I hope,
I try, I hurt,
I need, I fear,
I cry. And I know
you do the same
things too,
So we're really
not that different,
me and you."*

Collin Raye,
Musician

Listings or photos for the e-calendar *RIDOC Happenings*, the quarterly newsletter *RIDOC Review*, or changes or updates to the Department's Intranet site or external website (www.doc.ri.gov) should be submitted to Tracey E. Zeckhausen, Chief of Information & Public Relations
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Condolences to Inspector Kim Mallett and Warden James Vierra

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Inspector Kim Mallett and her family on the recent loss of Kim's father, Joseph M. "Chicky" DiSano. Services were held on Friday, September 11th. Please keep Minimum Security Warden James Vierra and his family in your thoughts and prayers upon the recent passing of his brother, Robert. His services were held on

September 8th.

Last Chance for Seasonal Flu Shot

Come to the 2nd floor of the Pinel Building on **Tuesday, September 22nd, from noon - 3:30 p.m.** if you would like to receive a routine flu vaccination. You will need to fill out paperwork and bring your health insurance card.



Change in time for Hep B Clinic

The time for the regularly scheduled Hep B Clinic on **October 1st** has been changed from **11 a.m. to noon** per request of South County Hospital. Thank you.



And Baby Makes Three!

Congratulations to Executive Secretary to the Parole Board Matt Degnan upon the recent birth of his first child, Ian Matthew. Ian took his time, arriving 13 days late - and coincidentally on the birthday of Matt's late father, August 30th. Mom (Megan), Dad, and baby are doing well.

Community Corrections Media Day

Invitations have gone out to the local press for the first-ever Community Corrections Media Day to be held on **Thursday, October 15th**. Administrators and supervisors will explain their programs, demonstrate equipment, and field questions. Our guests will be taken to the Kent County Courthouse and Adult Probation & Parole Office as well as the Urban League/District 2 Adult Probation & Parole Office where they will also hear from a few clients.

Upcoming Managers' Meeting

The next mandatory managers' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, from **2 - 4 p.m.** Interim Medical Director Dr. Jose Arias will do a presentation on the H1N1 Virus.

Help Honor our RIDOC Volunteers

All who are able are encouraged to attend the annual volunteer appreciation ceremony on **Tuesday, October 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 an exemplary volunteer. Coffee and pastry will be served. Please call Donna Broccoli at 462-0382 or John Antonelli at 462-0356 if you have questions.



Wellness Incentive Reminder

A reminder to employees participating in the Physical Activity Challenge...you must keep track of your pedometer steps OR minutes of physical activity and submit the form by **October 30th** in order to receive the \$100 co-share credit. Eligible employees may also receive a \$100 co-share credit by completing a Tobacco Free Affidavit by **October 9th**. Go to www.wellness.ri.gov for details and forms.

Share your News and Photos

If there is a celebration or event of note taking place within your division, facility, or unit, please give a call or send an e-mail to Tracey Zeckhausen with the details. If appropriate, I will swing by to take pictures and notes or you can send me information or .jpg files of photos via e-mail if the event has already taken place. Similarly if there is a significant celebration in your family or you are involved in a meaningful extra-curricular activity you'd like to share with fellow employees, let me know.



Welcome, Trish Johnson

Tracey Zeckhausen is pleased to welcome URI student Trish Johnson as a fall semester intern in the Public Information Office. Trish will be working with Tracey on Thursdays and occasional extra days throughout the semester. Others who have interns they would like to welcome are invited to submit information to tracey.zeckhausen@doc.ri.gov

PHOTO GALLERY

OSSAR and COSAR INVOLVED IN AREA SEARCH



RIDOC C.O.s who voluntarily serve on the Correctional Officer Search and Rescue (COSAR) team and the Ocean State Search and Rescue (OSSAR) team and some other RIDOC personnel participated in the search for a missing Gloucester Police Officer last week. While the search didn't reap the hoped for results, the many officers who took part should be commended for their participation.

BOOK NOW FOR SCORE, ZERO FATALITIES PROJECT



Minimum Security inmate Adam Ragusa, serving nine years for a DUI/Death Resulting crash, speaks to high school students at a Zero Fatalities Project presentation last spring. The program is held on Wednesday mornings at the Moran facility. Staff who have not yet attended but would like to may call Tracey Zeckhausen at 462-2609. Staff who are involved in community groups such as Scouts and PTA's can also call to arrange a special session. Evening session requests are handled on a case-by-base basis.



Inmate panelists participating in the SCORE Program at Moran speak to high school students last year. The long-running and popular program is held on Thursday and Friday mornings at Moran, on Thursday mornings at Maximum, and on Friday mornings at Dix. The calendar is now filling up for the academic year. Call Tracey at ext. 22609 for information.