

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"When the world seems to be closing in on you, take a walk."*

Rita Sherman in

*How to Be Yourself*

## Hep B Clinic

The next Hep B Clinic will be held on **Monday, July 2nd, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Hep B Clinics are held at the Training Academy, 2nd Floor of the Pinel Building.



## Save the Date!

A community retirement celebration will be held for Roberta Richman at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence on **Thursday, June 28, from 4:30-7 p.m.** Tickets will be available next week. Contact Terry Foley or Mary Louise Joseph at **ext. 20608**.

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](http://www.doc.ri.gov)) should be submitted to Tracey E. Zeckhausen, Chief of Information & Public Relations  
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## Education Unit Holds Recognition Ceremonies

Six recognition ceremonies were held in five facilities last week to honor the achievements of inmates who participated in or completed educational programs ranging from GED to CCRI classes. It is at this time of year when we reflect on the importance of our Education Unit staff and the good work they do to help prepare inmates for a better future.



From left to right, top to bottom: Kevin Lavin, GED Instructor; Bob Autieri, ABE Instructor; Marietta Cleasby, Art Instructor; Al Alba, GED Instructor; Marissa Grilli and John Schieffelin, Academic Teachers; Ken Sarvia, GED Instructor; Ralph Orleck, Special Education Director/Principle; four A.A. degree recipients prepare to receive their diplomas from CCRI President Ray DiPasquale, and Director Wall.

## House Dedication

The Habitat for Humanity house at **20 Newcomb Street** in Providence, which a crew of women inmates - under the supervision of Correctional Officers Vernett Estrada, Lee Brierly, and Melissa Quattrocchi, has been working on since last fall - will be dedicated on **Saturday, June 23, at noon**. The project wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Capt. Michael Moore, Warden Carole Dwyer, Acting Warden Donna Collins, and Acting Deputy Warden Cindy Drake. Come celebrate the fruits of the efforts of many which will now make it possible for a deserving mother and her four children to live in a brand new home.



## Summer Food Drive: June 20th - August 31st

The RIDOC has been asked to participate in the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's Summer Food Drive. Collection boxes will be placed in each building. Please remember to bring in nonperishable food items between **June 20th and August 31st** to help those less fortunate in our state. Your contributions will be much appreciated!

## Kudos to P&P Supervisor Michele Berkley

Probation and Parole Supervisor Michele Berkley was recently named Northern Rhode Island Community Champion for her work with the Woonsocket Reentry Council. Michele is now the Supervisor in the Cranston office. Congratulations, Michele!

## New Assistant Director for Rehabilitative Services Named

Director Wall has announced the appointment of **Elizabeth Earls**, President and CEO of the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations for the past 21 years, as successor to Roberta Richman, Assistant Director for Rehabilitative Services. Liz will come on board at the end of July. More details will be forthcoming.

## S.C.O.R.E. and ZFP Wind Down for Another Season

As both **SCORE** and the **Zero Fatalities Project** wind down for the academic year, Tracey Zeckhausen and Susan Lamkins thank all those who help to facilitate these important public outreach programs for their cooperation and support. Susan now handles scheduling for both programs and Tracey is the point person on promotion and general info. During the 2011-2012 academic year, **2,169** individuals attended **S.C.O.R.E.**, offered on Thursday and Friday mornings at Moran, Max, and Women's. They represented **52** separate visits. Since 2008, **5,670** individuals and a total of **71** different schools or groups have attended. During this academic year, the **Zero Fatalities Project** was attended by **1,465** people. It is offered on Wednesday mornings in Moran. Since it began in April 2008, a total of **5,663** individuals representing **59** schools or groups and **113** separate visits have experienced the program. The Department is grateful to its partner agencies in the initiative as well as our parent volunteers, **Dan Converse** and **Cathy Andreozzi**, whose presentations make the program more powerful and impactful. Brochures are posted on the Intranet and Internet and are available in hard copy through Tracey. The **S.C.O.R.E.** brochure is designed and printed pro bono by AMICA Mutual Insurance Co., and design and printing for the **ZFP** brochure is funded by the **Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation**.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### ARTWORK ABOUNDS AT MORAN



As part of Warden James Vierra's ongoing efforts to make the Moran Facility more family friendly, the walls of the Visiting Room are almost completely covered with Disney scenes painted by inmate artists.

### S.C.O.R.E. & ZFP WIND DOWN FOR ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR



Dan Converse, ZFP victim speaker, tells high school students and teachers about the tragic loss of his son, Jon, at the age of 16. Jon was killed in a drunk driving crash in Barrington.



C.O. Jason Korus speaks to students attending the S.C.O.R.E. Program at Max last year.