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Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence



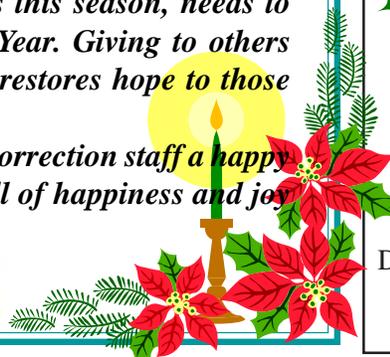
Happy Holidays

During this holiday season, I have been reflecting on the past 12 months and the continuing success we have achieved during a very productive year. My heart is filled with gratitude for the best correctional staff in the country who unfailingly put forth their best effort, ensuring safety, security and the positive reintegration of offenders.

The Holidays present us with an opportunity to spend time with our families and share with them the blessings we have received throughout the year. I also encourage you to take a moment out of your busy day to remember the many men and women, including fellow staff, who cannot be home because they are protecting our freedom. We are deeply grateful for their selfless sacrifice.

We also need to remind ourselves that the spirit of giving, compassion and unity that characterizes this season, needs to remain with us as we go into the New Year. Giving to others should be a year-round tradition and it restores hope to those who are less fortunate.

I would like to wish all Department of Correction staff a happy holiday season. May your homes be full of happiness and joy during this season.



Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.



About and for correctional professionals



December 10, 2006 -
December 30, 2006

2006 Annual Holiday Gathering



“I am thrilled to have this event each year, it helps put everyone in the Holiday spirit!”

Friday night December 15th was a beautiful night in Cheshire. Just the kind of evening to take in the festive holiday decorations that adorned the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. Event organizers had a Winter Wonderland theme as the place filled up and over the course of the night, 800 people passed through. Commissioner Theresa Lantz, pictured at left with a young party-goer, applauded the efforts of the Holiday Party Committee,



One party-goer's t-shirt slogan spoke volumes.

Holiday Gathering Cont'd

A little girl named Danielle was excited as she stood in line holding a handwritten letter containing her Christmas wishes. As the line filled with enthusiastic kids moved forward, the 6-year-old held tightly the note addressed to the jolly fellow who lives at the North Pole. When it was her turn, Danielle handed the letter to Santa Claus, who had traveled to the MCTSD and made a visit at the holiday family fun day, hosted by the Department of Correction. "I asked for a Bratz doll, a Barbie doll and a Care Bear," she happily announced after telling the man dressed in bright red what she hoped to find under the tree this



Santa poses for his cameo.



Officer Sean Barrett of Willard-Cybulski CI and his son 'Spiderman.'

Christmas. "I was happy," she said, about being able to see Santa. This was her third time she has gotten to meet him. Her mom, and grandmother stood close by as she experienced one of the many joys of the holiday season. Taking a picture with and telling Santa their holiday dreams was only one of the highlights for attendees at the annual holiday party.



Two beautiful 'Reindeer' during the party.

In the spirit of the season and all

throughout the Center, families participated in face painting and balloon animals done by 'Sparkles' the Clown, watching holiday movies on the big screen television, making their own sundaes and choosing from a buffet table filled with goodies that were sure to please even the pickiest of palates. "It gives parents a chance to come with their kids and have fun as a family," said Mary Dunn, DOC Liaison for Big Brother's/Big



Sparkles the Clown as she takes a short break from facepainting and balloon making.



Families eating and enjoying the holiday festivities.

Sister's. "There are tons of activities. It is fun to watch them and see the looks on their faces." "I think it is nice for everyone to get together and have fun," said Jen, a party attendee.

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Warden Sutherland Attends Holiday Luncheon At BCI

On Friday December 15th, Warden Robin H. Sutherland was the guest of honor at her facility. Staff members from the Brooklyn CI participated and enjoyed a holiday lunch and welcomed Warden Sutherland back to the facility.



(l-r) CS David Guarino, Captain Melissa Murray, Jackie West (Warden Sutherland's sister), Warden Robin H. Sutherland, AA Kelley Rochefort, Captain Michael Murphy & Major Anthony Coletti

Around The Cell Block



New Hampshire - An elementary school principal has been arrested for attempting to deliver cigarettes to the prison where her son is an inmate.

Ohio- A former inmate is suing officials of the state prison in Marion for subjecting him to second hand smoke that he claims worsened his asthma.

California- A stove and a pet lizard were among the finds during a shake down of the state prison at Chino.

Colorado- Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph has complained in a newspaper that he doesn't like his maximum security cell or the exercise area that he calls a dog kennel.

Did You Know?...



Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554. This week's article was submitted by Jay Harder, Plant Facilities Engineer I. If you have any questions, you may contact him at 203.806.2667.

Traveling through central Connecticut and Massachusetts along the Connecticut River Valley the most prominent geological feature is the Talcott Ridge that runs from New Haven up to Northampton, MA. The ridge normally has a cliff on the west side and a gentle slope on the east side with the ridge running North and South. This varies in some places, but for the most part this is true. Have you ever looked up at this ridge while traveling Route 91 in the Middletown area or Route 691 in Meriden or Route 10 through the Farmington Valley and wondered how it was created? For those of you who are not aware, this is a most amazing geological feature and I will attempt to explain how it was formed around 250 million years ago.

To start with "plate tectonics" is the underlying cause and a brief description of plate tectonics is, all the continents are floating on plates. These plates are always moving, some bumping into each other, some moving away from each other and in some cases such as the San Andreas Fault in Southern California, sliding past each other.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Total Supervised Population on December 15, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23,646</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On December 15, 2005 the population was 22,570</i></p>
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Making Strides for a Cure at York CI

On December 7th Warden Lori Ricks, Major Karen Oien and Major Kevin Gause , pictured (l-r) below, led the pack of about 50 inmates as they “Walked for a Cure” Recreation Supervisor Joe



Petrella organized this event with Pauline Kezer, President of the of The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, CT Affiliate.

The inmates who signed- up walked several laps around York CI compound to raise awareness and support for breast cancer. A breast cancer survivor spoke to the audience and t-shirts were provided for the participants. The event raised about \$500 and all the funds raised went to Komen CT for breast Cancer programs throughout the state.

Did You Know?... Cont'd

The Indian Plate is colliding with the Asian Plate right now causing the Himalayan Mountains to grow about an inch a year. About 500 million years ago the African Plate collided with the North American Plate in the area of what is now New England and as a result created the local mountain ranges, but that is the distant past and we are more interested in the recent past, particularly 250 million years ago.

About 250 million years ago the Connecticut River Valley was a huge lake bed with layers upon layers of sediment built up over millions of years. These sediments can be seen today as brownstone rock formations along the North side of Route 691 as well as other areas of the valley. If you look at them some day as you pass by, it's obvious they are laid down in horizontal layers and actually look like mud. Brownstone is Sedimentary Rock. When the African Plate started to move away, holes were torn in the plate along the Connecticut River Valley. Magma, liquid rock from the earth's core, welled up through these holes and covered the whole valley in depths of 30 feet or more. Can you imagine a lake of molten rock 60+ miles long, 20 miles wide and 30 feet deep? In time this magma cooled to become basalt and is mined today as trap rock, stone dust and processed gravel. The Tilcon Company in New Britain, CT has one such mine at a location where the magma came to the surface. If you pass through that area, the Route 72 and 84 Interchange where the Tilcon mine is located, you can see on the North side of the interchange, brownstone in horizontal layers with basalt on top with vertical features and an iron rust color. Two drastically different types of rock, one on top of the other. There is a spot in Tariffville where you can see basalt on top of brownstone literally a few feet from your car as you pass through on Route 189.

Over the course of millions of years, the African Plate continued to inch away, pulling and stretching the North American Plate right along the Connecticut River Valley. Then an amazing thing happened, the plate in central New England began to tilt like a playground “Teeter-Totter”. The eastern side sank and the western side began to rise. This process continued until a new rift was formed off the coast of New England. The “Atlantic Rift” is still there today and is still widening.

Today we have the Talcott Ridge with cliffs on the western side as seen along the Farmington Valley and along Route 91 in Meriden and the eastern side is a gentle slope disappearing into the valley floor. For anyone interested in more detail of the geologic history of Connecticut, I used Michael Bell's “The Face of Connecticut” as a resource for this article.

DOC Staff Make Donation to Kids in the Community



Warden Walter Ford of the Bridgeport Correctional Center would like to express a heartfelt Thank You and sincere appreciation to Lt. Jose

Reveron, pictured above, Officer Dana Smith, Officer Moreen Williams, and staff from Bridgeport CC for donating school supplies to benefit children at the Nelton Court Housing Complex in Hartford.

SHAC Update

The Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee has had a busy agenda these last several months. We are especially happy to report greater involvement of UCONN with the committee. The new director of Diversity Programs, Carolyn Lyle, has been attending our meetings. She has promised to increase participation of UCONN employees in addressing the issue of sexual harassment both through the advisory committee and through projects more specific to UCMHC.

Members of the committee have continued to work on subcommittee projects such as the SHAC newsletter and the SHARE program. All DOC and UCONN staff have received the newsletter and a copy of the survey on Administrative Directive 2.2. The SHARE subcommittee has begun recruiting peer supporters who are willing to be trained to provide support to a complainant who wishes it, throughout the complaint process.

Three new subcommittees have been formed. These are the Female Uniform Committee, a Survey Committee, and a committee to develop support groups for those who have been wrongly accused. The advisory committee is seeking new members who will bring fresh insights and join the committee in its efforts to address the serious problem of sexual harassment. Please contact us with your questions and ideas. All contributions to the sexual harassment mailboxes will be reviewed and tabulated to try to get a realistic idea of how the issues are being handled.

Congrats



Commissioner Theresa Lantz is pleased to announce that Shabina Bhura, assigned to Commissioner's office, delivered a baby girl on December 6th.



Director Randy Braren and the staff of Parole and Community Services Unit, New Haven District are proud to announce the birth of Angelina Maria Watts. She was born on December 6th to Parole Officer Chris Watts and his wife Patricia; she weighed 8lbs 12oz. Mother and baby are doing well, Dad is sleepless.



Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy is pleased to announce that Laurie Viscomi of the Operations Division had a baby boy on December 13th! The baby weighed 7 lbs and 14 oz. Mom, baby and family are doing fine!

Thank You



The family of Avery Rose Mitchell would like to thank everyone for the love and support, condolences, cards and gifts, all of which is helping us get through the tragedy of Avery's passing. We are very appreciative and fortunate to be part of the Department of Correction family. Our Avery was a blessing, and her life was miraculous. - *Officers Jennifer and Thomas Mitchell (Webster CI and MacDougall-Walker CI) Doreen Rossi and Heather Klemonski (Central Office)*

MVP's

Anderson, George,CC	MWCI	Dubish, Keith, CO	ECI	Riley, Sandra, Rec. Sp1	MYI
Archer, Shawn, CO	GCI	Dugan, Cariann, CO	MYI	Robinson,Dave,Com.Op.	MWCI
Avis Nelson, CO	NHCC	Emily Stowell, CC	NHCC	Roby, John, Lt.	BCC
Baker, Patrick, CO	ECI	Failla, Lou, Com. Op.	MWCI	Salls, Frank, CC	MWCI
Balliargeron, Dennis, Com.Op.	MWCI	Feliciano, Eilleen, CO	ECI	Sanchez, Rebecca, CT	MWCI
Barker, Kristina, CC	MYI	Fogliazzo, Peter, CO	MWCI	Santana, Jose L., CO	ECI
Barone, Sandra, CS	MWCI	Fred William, CO	NHCC	Scott, Dawn, CO	ECI
Barrios, Elizabeth,ComOp.	MWCI	Gagnon, Gorman Lt.	CCI	Scott, Edward, CO	ECI
Bengtson, Christina, Lt.	HCC	Garcia, Jessica, CT	MWCI	Seifert, Nancy, CC	MYI
Black, Alan, CO	GCI	Grasso, Rosanne, CS	MYI	Smith, Allen, Lt.	CCI
Boland, Rachel, CC	MWCI	Guimond, Sean, CO	NCI	Smith, Roger, CO	CRCI
Brooks, Christopher, Lead Com.Op.	CO	Hannon, Matthew, CO	MWCI	Springer,Angela,Com.Op.	MWCI
Burke Timothy, Capt.	MWCI	Hencha, Karen, Sec. I	MWCI	Steinmetz,Chris, CFSS2	OCI
Calkins, Dale, Com. Op.	MWCI	Henry, Bob, Com. Op.	MWCI	Steskla, Brian, CO	CCI
Carney, Glen, CO	CCI	Hooker, Alfred, CO	CCI	Stevens, Greg, CO	ECI
Castonguay, Pamela, OA	MYI	Howes, Jeremy, CO	NCI	Street, Jim, Corr. Elec.	MWCI
Cauley, Michael, CFSSII	MWCI	Hudson, Darnell, CO	GCI	Sutherland, Ross, CC	ECI
Chapdelaine, Jason, CO	CRCI	Ireland, Steven, CO	MWCI	Vaughn, Carlton, CFSS2	CO
Chevier, Tammy, CC	MWCI	James Outlaw, CO	NHCC	Velez,Gregoria, CO	HCC
Christie, Pamela, CO	MWCI	Josefiak, David, CO	NCI	Wartonick, Nicolas, CO	MYI
Cleaver, Michael, Capt.	MWCI	King, Peter, RN	ECI	Waterman, John, CO	ECI
Colon, Juan, CO	BCC	Pafumi, Michael, CO	NCI	Wells, John, CO	MWCI
Dailey, Marilyn, Sec. I	MWCI	Paskins, Shellie, CC	MWCI	Williams, Doug, Com. Op.	MWCI
DeSousa, Marie, CO	ECI	Pelkey, Glen, CO	CCI	Wilson, Colin, CC	MWCI
Devries, Richard, CO	ECI	Pitruzzello, Lou, Dist Maint	MWCI	Wright, Gary, CS	MWCI
Dibiasi, Tim, Dist. Maint.	MWCI	Provencher, David, CO	CRCI	Zuccalo, James, CTO	NCI

Tuition Reimbursement Policy Change

Have you heard the news... there has been minor changes to the way the Comptrollers Office will be processing tuition reimbursement. Effective January 1, 2007 the following changes will take place

- *New application form CO-101 with Instruction sheet attached*
- *Original application will have to be forwarded to Tuition Reimbursement Coordinator for processing*
- *Payment will be made through employees payroll checks*
- *Reportable wages are subject to immediate taxes*

As these changes are minor it is still important to follow the tuition reimbursement guidelines.

As a friendly reminder some of the important guidelines are listed

- *Original CO-101 application turned in to tuition reimbursement coordinator 2 weeks prior to the start of class*
- *CO-101 completed with all information to prevent delay in processing*
- *Determine whether class is reportable or non-reportable*
- *Provide proof of payment and official grades*

You can obtain the new forms from your facility Human Resources Representative, on-line at www.osc.state.ct.us/agencies/forms or from the Tuition Reimbursement Coordinator.

For additional information and questions you may contact the Tuition Reimbursement Coordinator, Aimee Phillips at 860-692-6817 or e-mail aimee.phillips@po.state.ct.us

Calendar



December 15 - 23
Hanukkah



December 25 -
Christmas Day



December 26 -
January 1
Kwaanza



January 1 -
Happy New Year



December 31 -
The RC Group
presents "The
Premier New
Years Eve Ball"

hosted at the Holiday Inn on
201 Washington Avenue in
North Haven, CT from 8pm -
Until. The attire is Evening
Wear and the cost is \$65 per
person and includes Open Bar,
Buffet Dinner, Champagne
Toast & Continental Breakfast.
For ticket and info contact: Lt.
Tim Rucker at 203.809.6514 or
Lt. John Coleman at
203.376.9433.

Condolences



Director David
Brown and the
Correctional Enter-
prises staff are sad-
dened to announce

the passing of Deborah Lang,
mother of Supervisor Scott Lang
of the Cheshire Correctional En-
terprises Unit.



Warden Peter
Murphy and the
staff of Enfield CI
are saddened to

announce the passing of retired
Correction Officer Robert
Pagnam, father of Correction
Officer Sean Pagnam.

Inmate Charged By CSP For Attack At MWCI

Inmate Terry Portee was officially charged by the Connecticut State Police for his involvement with the incident that occurred on May 21st at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution. Two inmates, [Terry Portee] and Dion Henry, attacked Correction Officers Wanda Barros and Anthony Morris. Portee was arraigned at Enfield Superior Court on charges of 1st Degree Assault, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Assault, 1st Degree Assault on a Department of Correction Employee, Rioting in a Correctional Institution, Assault on Personnel, 3rd Degree Assault and 1st Degree Reckless Endangerment. Portee and Henry, who are brothers, are both serving sentences for the 1995 shooting of a 19-year-old girl.

MASCA Award Nominations

The Middle-Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) will convene its 69th Annual Conference and Training at the Marriott Hotel in Mystic, CT on June 3-6, 2007. During the conference MASCA will confer several prestigious awards. Recipients are by tradition from the host state/jurisdiction. The Nomination Deadline is April 1, 2007. Nominations are now being invited for the following awards: **Carl Robinson Award, The MASCA Founder's Award, and The Sal Russoniello Service Award.**

For nomination forms and additional info please contact Major Christina Polce at MacDougall-Walker CI.

