



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.

USD #1's 2009 Teacher of the Year

Ms. Jolanta Stygares, State School Teacher at MacDougall-Walker CI, has been selected and honored as the Unified School District Teacher of the Year for 2009. Ms. Stygares has been employed as a GED/TESOL teacher for 14 years, and is considered an outstanding teacher by her students, administrators and colleagues.

Principal Bob Strawson and Assistant Principal Mary Kane wrote, in their nomination letter, that Ms. Stygares “makes learning both exciting and fun....she is a dedicated employee who will sacrifice her personal interest for the common good.” Ms. Stygares goes above and beyond her normal teaching responsibilities by being involved with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization, serving on the facility Advisory Committee for the institutional newsletter, and conducting parenting classes and family programs.



Ms. Yolanta Stygares

Ms. Stygares was honored by the State Dept. of Education last November, and will be honored again by the Department of Correction at the August 2009 Awards Ceremony.

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From the Commissioner



While I very much like to utilize this opportunity to address the latest positive news and the many successes within our agency, the topic at this point in time has to be the worsening economy and the effect it is having on state government. The numbers, as you likely know are staggering...a \$900-million plus deficit for the current fiscal year, which is projected to balloon to an \$8-billion sea of red ink in the next biannual state budget. There is not shortage of speculation as to what this means to all state employees. Will there be a “golden handshake”, will there be lay-offs, what is going to be cut? The answer to all of these questions at this point is that we simply do not know. We will have to wait for Governor Rell’s budget address on February 4th to learn what steps the state’s budget experts feel will mitigate our deficit.

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MWCI Delivers the Goods

The Diversity Committee of MacDougall/Walker Correctional Institution recently challenged the staff to donate 100 items for the children of the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, MA. The staff at MWCI were more than up to the challenge, when they tripled their goal by collecting more than 300 toys. The toys were donated by age and gender appropriateness from a list provided by the hospital, and will be stored and issued out to the children as necessary. On January 9, 2009 Deputy Warden Chapdelaine, Captains Manley and Godding, Counselor Supervisors Barone and DiGennaro and Lieutenant Huddleston brought the toys to the Shriner's Hospital where they were presented to staff. In addition to the toy drive staff at MacDougall/Walker C.I. held a canned food drive for two local shelters. Enfield Loaves and Fishes (1400 lbs of food and \$477.12) and Enfield Food Shelf (600 lbs of food and \$405.00). The Diversity Committee also sponsored a Suffield family for Christmas. They were given gift cards and toys which were given anonymously.



L to R: CTO Washington, CS Barone, Ind. Sup. Monroe, DW Chapdelaine, Lt. Huddleston, CS DiGennaro, Comm. Op. Correa and Cpt. Manley

Hand-Crafted Gifts



Deb Kelleher (on left), Coordinator of Foster Adoptive Mission accepts a toy donation from Voc. Ed. Inst. Joe Czech and Ind. Sup. Jean Freeza.

In what is fast becoming an annual tradition, the staff at Osborn Correctional Institution helped turn scraps of wood and fabric into Christmas presents for children in need. On December 22nd, School Principal Steven Ellis, Industries Supervisor Jean Freeza, and Vocational Education Instructor Joe Czech loaded up a van with more than 100 dolls, stuffed and wooden toys, and then delivered them to a Department of Children and Families representative in Waterbury.

Crafted by textile and carpentry students within the facility, the dolls and toys

were made from scrap material that would have otherwise been thrown away. The toys were to be distributed to Foster Children under the care of DCF in the Waterbury area.

Thank You

As part of her requirements to earn her Bachelor's degree from Springfield College, Lieutenant Yadira Ottero, and her classmates organized a winter clothing drive. As a result more than 150 hats, gloves, scarfs and coats were collected, and donated to the House of Bread Shelter in Hartford.



Lt. Yadira Ottero

"I would like to thank those that supported me in the collection of winter items for the less fortunate," said Lieutenant Ottero. "It was greatly appreciated."

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What we do know is that the Governor has made very clear in her State of the State address that, "...the cuts that must be made will be deep and they will affect every agency, every program and every service provided by state government. They will hurt." That, out of necessity is a very honest and assertive assessment. I am sure you know by the news reports that the Governor has already ordered a review of state contracts, deputy commissioners and state vehicles, and has also asked that all state managers take a day without pay by March 1st. I, and my executive team, will comply with this and I have urged that all other managers within the Department of Correction also consider this cost savings step.

Unfortunately, in the midst of this severe economic downturn, the arbitration award that our NP-4 staff has been waiting for has been completed and now must go before the legislature. It is not my place in state government to tell the legislature how it should vote on a proposed arbitrated award, so please understand why you have not heard me publicly take a stand on the decision. Know that at every opportunity that I am afforded at the capitol, whether in private or in public testimony before a committee, I have praised the professional and dedicated staff of this agency and the tremendous job that you do under very difficult and trying circumstances. I know the NP-4 contract process has been very long and protracted already, but we must let it run its course over the 30 days that the legislature has by law to vote on the proposal.

It is abundantly clear that the next two years are going to be challenging and will require changes in how we do business. Throughout, I ask that we keep our focus on our jobs and the agency mission, which despite the uncertainty of the economy is to keep our facilities safe, secure and orderly and to insure that we all go home safe to our loved ones after every duty shift.

DOC Challenges FOI Ruling on Addresses

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz and Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy were in attendance at a recent Freedom of Information Commission (FOI) meeting to fight against the potential public release of home addresses of DOC staff. Under state law, no public agency may release the home address of DOC staff, police, firefighters and several other categories of state and local government employees. "We must insure the law is upheld and our staff can remain safe in the knowledge that their home addresses will not fall into the wrong hands," said Commissioner Lantz.

A request to the town of North Stonington for the list of town automobile registrations sought to challenge that statute. The town tax collector attempted to uphold the law, contending he could not release the list until the names of those known to be among the protected groups were redacted. The attorney requesting the list complained to the FOI, and a proposed finding by a hearing officer upheld the attorney's demand for the complete un-redacted list.

In addition to the DOC leadership, the Commissioner of Public Safety, State Police Colonel and Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles were also present, along with attorneys for the Judicial Branch and the Department of Children and Families whose staff is also protected under the statute. After hearing the impassioned arguments of the attorneys, regarding the need for confidentiality of these home addresses, the FOI panel was not swayed and voted to approve the hearing officers finding. All state agencies involved are now appealing the decision and no addresses will be released pending the outcome of that hearing in Superior Court. This is not the first time the FOI Commission has sought to diminish our statutory protection.

Manson Scholarships Awarded

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz was so impressed with this year's recipients of the John R. Manson Scholarship fund that she tried to entice them to work for the Department of Correction upon their graduation. "I am sure that no matter what they choose to do, we will be hearing great things from them," she added. The remarks were made as Commissioner Lantz formally congratulated the 2009 John R. Manson Scholarship winners and their families during the annual awards breakfast held at Central Office's Café 24 on January 9th.



Guests of honor at the 2009 Manson Scholarship Breakfast: Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, Pei Ti Lee and her daughter Kailie Ho, Shanna Miceli and her father Stephen V. Miceli

Kaile Ho, the daughter of Informational Technical Analyst III Pei Ti Lee, is a freshman business major. Along with her involvement in sports, she has been active with Habitat for Humanity and a Big Brother/Big Sister program that helps incoming students deal with the cultural shock of entering high school.

Shanna Miceli, the daughter of York CI's Correctional Officer Stephen V. Miceli, is a junior pursuing a double major in Human Development and Family Studies, and Sociology. Ms. Miceli has been heavily involved with the African American Cultural Center, and "Students Helping Achieve Positive Self Esteem" on campus. She also volunteers her time every third Sunday with local charities.

The scholarship provides an undergraduate student, who is a dependent of a Department of Correction employee, with financial assistance at the University of Connecticut. Recipient selection is based not only on scholastic achievement, but also on community service, clearly established goals, and many efforts made by the student to offset tuition.

The 2009 scholarship winners are Kailie Ho and Shanna Miceli. Both young women impressed Commissioner Lantz not only with their degree of civic involvement but also their "remarkable poise."

Around the Cell Block



Iowa- A court ruling will result in the immediate release of 15 sex offenders who had originally been denied good time credits for failing to complete a treatment program.

Michigan- The state's 41 prisons go tobacco-free on February first as a means of holding down the state's medical bill for prisoners, which now exceeds \$300 million a year.

Australia- Inmates at a Darwin prison have been given access to portable DVD players as a reward for good behavior.

New York- A plan to shut down farms at 12 prisons to save \$3.4-million is being opposed by local residents who point to the petting zoo, bales of hay for a maze and pumpkins provided for a local fair.

<p style="text-align: center;">Total Supervised Population on January 27, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23,483</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On January 27, 2008 the population was 23,742</p>



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 article was written by Joseph Suchecki, LA Plant Facilities Engineer I. He can be reached at (860) 692-7592.

Pressure Treated Wood

When people talk about pressure treated wood, the first thing that usually comes to mind is their outdoor decks. Pressure treated wood is used in many applications, for instance lamp posts, mail boxes, playscapes, outdoor furniture, flower boxes, etc. As the name implies, wood is placed in a tank filled with a chemical preservative and then pressure is applied, forcing the preservative into the wood. The preservative used fends off decay and resists insect infestation and damage, making this product ideal for outdoor use. Pressure-treated lumber is rated according to the pounds of preservative retained per cubic foot of wood; the higher the number, the better the protection. Select boards with the preservative concentration suitable for their use.



All this sometimes comes with a price. The chemical injected during the treatment process can be extremely harmful to children, people and pets, so always use caution when handling or cutting new pressure treated lumber. People usually identify pressure treated lumber by its greenish color; in fact what they are seeing is the chemical preservative. With a little research you can obtain all the information about the product prior to making a purchase. To learn more jot down the coding that is either stamped or stapled on each piece. The best way to handle and protect pressure treated lumber is to apply a penetrating preservative finish which essentially soaks into the wood and provides a protective seal. This will provide a barrier against weather, people and animals. A penetrating preservative can be applied immediately, unlike a stain or paint. In most cases pressure treated lumber is somewhat “wet” when purchased at the lumber yard. What this means is the lumber has not been thoroughly dried in a kiln and still contains a high moisture content. Applying any type of stain or exterior paint at this point would not allow good adhesion between the two products. If color is what you are looking for, then here are a few tips. Seal the pressure treated material immediately; this will slow the wood from drying out too rapidly, preventing shrinking, twisting, splintering, cupping and even popping out of nails. Then apply a good quality stain or exterior paint at least six months after the initial sealing; usually, a yearly reapplication will be required. Always follow the manufacturer’s notes regarding application of any preservative, stains or paints.

WCCI Sends Troops Sunshine in a Box

Check the bumpers of the cars you see today and undoubtedly one will have a sticker that says “Support Our Troops”. In most cases, that is about all the support that they give. Fortunately, there are people like Liz Francini of Willard Cybulski CI whose selfless acts brought joy and comfort to Officer Chris Jones, a member of our correctional family serving in Afghanistan. Her efforts, as well as other staff at the facility resulted in receiving an unexpected gift from half-way around the world. Encased in wood and glass is an American Flag, folded in the traditional triangle pattern. Beneath the “Stars and Stripes” are the following words. “This is to certify this



Pictured with the flag from Officer Chris Jones are L to R: Warden Esther Torres; Kristine Randolph, Sec I; Jerry Gemetro, CC Tracy Harrelson, Rec Spec I; Dep. Warden Terry Rose; Liz Francini, Sec. I.

American Flag flew aboard a U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft, and an RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned arial vehicle, KC-10 air-refueling tanker and an E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Aircraft. Old Glory flew to an altitude greater than 70 thousand feet in support of the Global War on Terrorism. This flag was flown over Afghanistan and Iraq and represents our dedication.”

After its long and arduous journey, the gift from Air Force, Technical Sergeant Jones of Service Flight 103 will be housed in a place of honor at the facility where he works when not serving a grateful nation. Several months ago, Francini and her co-workers Tracy Harrelson, Jerry Gemetro and Kristine Randolph organized a “Pay to Park” day at the facility, netting \$466. With the proceeds, they sent seven packages overseas full of items that we take for granted here. Included were hand and foot warmers, Nerf balls, beef jerky, candy and everyone’s favorite Macaroni and Cheese. Even the K9 got to chew on a little piece of home in the form of 25 pounds of dog biscuits. Jones reports that the packages were a hit with his comrades-in-arms as he shared its contents furthering the spirit of selflessness.

In an e-mail from Jones’ father, he says that “the packages were not just a ray of sunshine from the USA, it was the whole sun.” Receiving the package allowed the troops to have “a great holiday season. Truly there is a Santa at Willard Cybulski CI and her name is Liz. It is people like (her) that make the difference for our troops that are deployed.”

Warden Esther Torres is understandably proud of her staff saying that “ We take care of each other near or far... in good times and bad.” Staff hopes to be able to greet Jones at the airport upon his return and thank him in person for his wonderful gift. Not just the beautiful flag, but more importantly the enduring gift of “freedom”.

Years of State Service As of December 2008

20 Years of Service

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Evans, Wilmore	CO	BCC	12/2/1988
Gazda, John	CC	CRCI	12/16/1988
Cupka, Donna	CS	Cen. Off.	12/30/1988
Joslin, Michael	CO	Cen. Off.	11/4/1988
Guest, Raymond	CC	MYI	12/2/1988
Nierenburg, Barbara	SST	MYI	12/5/1988

25 Years of Service

Cuprak, Jan	Lt.	BCI	12/9/1983
Simmons, Randall	CO	CRCI	12/9/1983
Tyler, Lawrence	CO	CRCI	12/12/1983
Shiller, Marla	EEOSII	Cen. Off.	12/1/1983
Morris, Larry	HR Spec.	Cen. Off.	12/23/1983
Majewski, Wendy	Sec. II	Gates	12/19/1983

30 Years of Service

Motta, Michael	SST	BCC	12/15/1978
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35 Years of Service

Mayer, Lawrence	Dir. Cmty. Svcs.	Cen. Off.	12/7/1973
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Lamp Sale Summary

The Department of Correction Facilities Management and Engineering Unit sponsored energy saving bulb and fixture sales at Central Office (9/23), Enfield (10/2), Cheshire (10/15), and Niantic (10/21). These events were made possible by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

The cumulative number of units sold at all four events was 1,536. The event at Central Office yielded the highest number of sales, with 657 units sold.

The life cycle cost savings of using 1,536 compact fluorescent lights (CFL) versus the incandescent light bulbs is \$207,998. The amount of electricity saved by using the CFLs is 876,872 kilo watt hours (kWh) over the life of the bulbs. The reduction in the amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emitted to the atmosphere by saving 876,872 kWhs is equal to 1,253,927 pounds of CO₂. Carbon Dioxide is a key element in global warming. The removal of 1,253,027 pounds of CO₂ is equivalent to removing the emissions of 108 vehicles from the roads, saving 171 acres of forest.

Using CFLs will help to save money, energy, and limit greenhouse gases. The Facilities Management and Engineering Unit is planning another lamp sale for 2009.

This article was written by Timothy Carey, Environmental Analyst III, if you have any questions about any of the events or compact fluorescent lights, you may contact him at (860) 692-7897.

Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Bond, Dionne	CTO	12/19/08	YCI
Floyd, Melvin	CTO	12/19/08	Bergin
Pierce, Michael	CTO	12/19/08	Bergin
Osdan, Jaclyn	CTO	12/19/08	Bergin
Barnett, Warren	CTO	12/19/08	NHCC
Miller, Tracy	CTO	12/19/08	GCI
Frasco, John	CTO	12/19/08	NCI
Berrios, Maribel	CTO	12/19/08	CRCI
Wynkoop, Sandra	CTO	12/19/08	GCI
Kelly, Larissa	CTO	12/19/08	YC

MVP'S

Alamo, Rafael CO	CRCI	Geer, Richard CFSS2	CRCC	Quattromani, Joseph CO	Gates
Albrighton, Ross CO	Gates	Gillespie, James CO	Gates	Quesnel, Guy CO	CRCI
Aldridge, Michael Lt.	Gates	Glenn, Christopher CO	CRCC	Quintana, Delmarys CO	CRCI
Atkins, Russell CO	BCC	Godwin, Tanjorie CO	CRCC	Quirion, Jeffrey CO	CRCI
Baecker, William CO	Gates	Grandy, Keith CO	CRCI	Radel, William CO	BCI
Ballaro, Joseph CO	CRCC	Green, Steven GMO	CRCC	Randeau, James CO	Gates
Barbagallo, Vito CTO	MYI	Gregory, Michael CO	CRCI	Reaves, Adrian Lt.	CRCI
Baskerville, Charlene OA	CRCC	Guest, Raymond CC	MYI	Rios, Margarita CO	CRCI
Beaton, Michael CO	CRCC	Gugliotti, Corie CO	CRCI	Rival, Kevin CO	CRCI
Beaulieu, Jason Lt.	CRCI	Hensch, Patrick Lt.	Gates	Rivera, Edwin CO	HCC
Beaupre, Marc Plumber	CRCC	Hinz, Suzanne Sec II	MYI	Roberts, Natalie CO	MYI
Beswick, David Lt.	CRCI	Holland, Daniel CO	MWCI	Robinson, Kenyatta CO	CRCI
Bishop, Robert CO	MWCI	Hughes, Esther C/O	Gates	Rodwell, Dewayne Cpt.	HCC
Blakeley, Kristen CO	CRCI	Jarmon, Cahrlie CO	Gates	Rosario, David CO	CRCC
Bloniasz, Joshua CO	NCI	Jimenez, David Lt.	CRCI	Roy, Paul CO	CRCC
Bogue, James CO	Gates	Johnson, Mark CO	CRCC	Rucker, Daryl Lt.	MYI
Boyd, Jerrell CO	MWCI	Judd, Robert Lt.	CRCC	Rumore, Steven CO	CRCI
Burch, George CO	CRCC	Kendall, Trina CSAC	Bergin	Santana, Angel, CO	MYI
Burns, John CTO	MYI	Kim Steeves, Kim CTO	Gates	Sarah Chesters, CC	BCI
Cahill, Jason Cpt.	NCI	Kleiner, Ida CT	Gates	Sarsfield, Jean Lt.	Gates
Carattini, John CO	MYI	Kmetz, Ann Lt	CRCC	Saturno, Ramona Sec II	MYI
Carlson, Jeanie CC	CRCC	Lacy, Christine CC	CRCC	Schoonmaker, J. CO	CRCC
Carlson, Norman CO	Gates	Lawlor, William CO	CRCI	Senick, Mark CO	Gates
Carroll, Margaret SST	CRCC	Lloyd, Donald CFSS2	CRCC	Shaheed, Abdul Lt.	Gates
Cieslukowski, D. CSAC	Gates	Loos, Scott CO	MWCI	Sheriff, Andrew CO	Gates
Claudio, Carmelo CO	CRCI	Lubenow, Thomas CO	Gates	Shippee, Thomas CO	CRCC
Coderre, Jeffrey Elect.	CRCC	Marsee, Robert CO	Gates	Skulczyk, Kevin CO	CRCC
Colley, T. SS Dep. Head	MYI	Maynard, Gary CO	CRCC	Smith, Steven CO	Gates
Coloske, Charles CO	MYI	McCaffrey, Peter CO	MYI	Smith, Valerie SST	CRCC
Conover, Kevin SST	CRCC	McKenzie, Nadeen CO	CRCI	Steele, Vincent Lt.	Gates
Constant, Glen GMO	CRCC	McNair, Steven Lt.	CRCC	Sweet, Christopher CO	CRCC
Copas, Cathy CSAC	GCI	McNish, LaRue CSAC	Bergin	Szumigala, Anne CC	MYI
Costanzo, Philip Cpt.	MYI	Melillo, Leonard CO	MYI	Tetreault, Scott CO	Gates
Cote, Renee CO	Gates	Michaud, Susan CO	Gates	Thompson, Frank Lt.	MWCI
Cox, Walter CO	HCC	Michelle Marquez CO	Gates	Toof, Garrison CO	CRCC
Credit, Gary CC	CRCC	Miller, Richard CO	CRCI	Troughton, Luke CO	CRCI
Crehan, Seth CO	CRCI	Moore, Carla Rec. Spec.	CRCC	Turner, James CO	CRCC
Cruz, Karen CC	CRCC	Morrow, Tom Main. Sup.	CRCC	Velasquez, Carlos CO	CRCI
Cullagh, Sean CO	MYI	Mosena, George CO	Gates	Velasquez, Carlos CO	CRCI
David, Steve CO	Gates	Mullaly, Michael CFSS2	CRCC	Violette, Sandra CSAC	CRCI
De Leon, Rosendo CO	CRCI	Murphy, Marya CSAC	WCI	Voight, John CO	CRCI
DeFrancisco, John CO	Gates	Narvaez, Marcos CO	HCC	Waido, Edward Lt.	Gates
DelBarba, Richard CO	CRCI	Nenna, Edward CO	Gates	Waldron, Richard Lt.	CRCC
Denicola, Stan CO	Gates	Neveski, Harry CO	CRCI	Walters, Ronald CO	Gates
Deojay, Paul CO	CRCC	Noyce, George CO	CRCC	Warner, Jerome CO	Gates
Desmormiers, R. CO	MYI	Nunes, M. SS Dep. Head	MYI	Weber, Patrick CO	MWCI
Diamond, Andrew CO	CRCI	O'Leary, Stephen CO	BCI	Whipple, Kevin Lt.	Gates
Diaz, Pablo CO	CRCI	Osteyee, Tracy OA	MYI	White, Robert CO	MYI
Dubuque, Doug CO	CRCI	Peck, David CO	CRCC	Whittingham, Nolice CO	CRCI
Dunn, William CO	NCI	Pelkey, Jeffrey CO	NCI	Whittingham, Y. CSAC	MYI
Durrigan, Wayne PSS	CRCC	Pelligrino, Mark CO	CRCI	Williams, Moreen CO	BCC
Fargo, Jeffrey CTO	NCI	Pentell, Isabel CSAC	YCI	Williams, Tony Lt.	NCI
Fieldhouse, Donna Lt.	MWCI	Perez, Brian CO	CRCI	Wilson, Othar CO	Gates
Ford, Anita CO	MYI	Plaisimon, Henry CO	CRCC	Woody, Craig CO	Gates
Garcia, Diana CSAC	BCC	Pope, Timothy CO	CRCI	Worthington, C. CO	MWCI
Gargiulo, Marc Cpt.	CRCI	Price, Maurice CO	Gates	York, Robert Lt.	Gates
		Prieto, Carlos CO	HCC	Yother, David CO	CRCC