

TRANSITION TIMES

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FIRST QUARTER 2008

DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 2008



L to R: Jane LaMoure, Ed Foley, Dave Armstrong
Sue Wilkins, Jan Beggar, Betty Ann Roan



Sue Wilkins, Jan Beggar, Betty Ann Roan, Steve McArthur



Kerry Pribnow, Rick Deady



Mike Thatcher, Paul Wild, Paul Cory, Gary Hamel

Great Falls Pre-Release Services hosted the quarterly Department of Corrections/Pre-Release Directors' meeting on January 23 of this year. Between business discussions, those wishing to tour the East Campus facility were able to check out the new addition. We will be hosting the DOC Mid-Management meeting at this facility late in the month of April and a training session conducted by DOC personnel during the middle of May. The "great room" sees a lot of activity throughout the year and the temperature as well as tempers can get a little warm in there at times.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER
BILL MCLEAN**

Bill McLean, Maintenance Supervisor, was chosen Employee of the Quarter based on his nomination which stated in part “Bill is a likeable and dedicated member of the Center who is always there when you need him....Bill has come to many an employee’s rescue. I have often overheard the maintenance inmate workers praise Bill, not only for his character but for the way he treats them and how he gets the job done.”

Bill is retired from civil service after a career spanning 40 years, starting at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, for four years and 36 years at Malmstrom Air Force Base. He retired from Civil Service in 2003, spent a year building his house, and then came to the Transition Center in 2004.

He recently underwent heart surgery and has recuperated very well. He may return to the Center on a part-time basis. Bill and his wife have a son who is an attorney in Fargo, North Dakota.



**RICHARD TURNER
RESIDENT BEADER**

Richard Turner, former inmate worker in the kitchen and now a resident at the Center, uses much of his free time to hone his craft of beading. His mother and grandmother began teaching Richard beading when he was about ten years old. Beading was a family thing. Richard beads vests, gloves, moccasins, purses, earrings, key fobs, belts, and belt buckles. His beadwork has been sold throughout the United States and Belgium. He has consigned at the Plains Indian Museum in Browning. He is presently negotiating to show his work at the shop of the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian.



WHO ARE WE?

Great Falls Pre-Release prides itself in a professional staff covering all aspects of our mission:

The following is our current staff:

Administration:

Administrator Paul Cory
Treatment Services Director Alan Scanlon
Facilities Service Director Jeff Barnhart
Program Manager Mike Scott

Treatment Staff:

Counselors:

Susan Antonsen John Fontana
Bob Bailey Kathy Pitkanen
David Booth Roxi Stroh
Patty Clark Joanne Thompson
Laurie Evenson

Booster Aftercare

Counselor Michael Buckley

Counselor Assistant/

UA Supervisor Michaela Stroop

Compliance Officer Sandra Bearchum

Community Services Sheena Jarvey

Education Counselor Harvey Niemi

Job Developer Roger Lesofski

Registered Nurse Gail Hopewell

Staff:

Administrative Assistant Barbara Gill
Business Manager Kim Flanagan
Accounting Assistant Mary Jo Graffius
Food Service Director Bruce Vallier
Assistant Cooks Faye Kangas
Eric Lawson
Clint Penwell

Maintenance David Pickle

Community Service Director Al Recke

Support Specialist Jerry Kelley

Security Coordinator Curtis Wall

New Employees

Welcome to our new employees this past quarter: CO's Keely Kaligis, Pat Plymale, Rebecca Scally, Adam Shadrack; Counselor John Fontana; Maintenance Coordinator David Pickle, and Registered Nurse Gail Hopewell.

Anniversary

Congratulations to Accounting Assistant Mary Jo Graffius for her one-year anniversary.

Name change: RA to CO

To better indicate the duties of those employees manning the front desks 24/7, a name change from Resident Advisor was made to Compliance Officer.

Compliance Officers

CO Supervisor

Assistant CO Supervisor

CO's:

John Albertson
Stuart Brown
Rosie Buda
Barbara Cottrell
Tyra DeLuca
Mike Duncan
Cara Firman
Brandy Gauer
Stephani Grove
Trevor Haney
Michael Hopp
Donna Houle
Mark Howell
Keely Kaligis
Leila King
Jana Letcher
Paula Livingston

Contractual

CD Counselors

Robert Kemp
Karen Workman.

Tony Gribble

Kim Serfes

Megan Main

Lisa Meyers

Nick Miller

Allison Neal

Caleb Peterson

Joe Pipinich

Patrick Plymale

Rebecca Scally

Adam Shadrack

Tess Shawver

Bonnie Spiller

Robert Stevens

Earl Vielle

Chandra Vislay

Brian Wallace

Sam Witherite

A VISITOR FROM THE PAST

Toby Tighe, former Resident Advisor in the early 1990's, paid a visit to the Center and reminisced with colleagues who are still at the Center. After leaving Great Falls, Toby has continued in Corrections in Burlington, CO, prison; Goodland, KA. police department; Ennis, MT, town marshall; Shelby, MT, prison; and Sidney, MT, police officer.



Jeff Barnhart, Toby Tighe, Harvey Niemi, Paul Cory, Sheena Jarvey

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