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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS HONORED AT BOARD MEETING



Curtis Thompson and Rev Joel Brosten



Paul Cory, Harlan Orham, Judy Erickson,
and Rev. Brosten

At the October Board meeting, a plaque was presented to representatives of Our Savior's Lutheran Church which reads as follows:

Rev Joel Brosten, Pastor, and members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Thank you

**on behalf of the Staff, Board
and Residents of GFPR Services, Inc.**

**Words alone are inadequate
to express our gratitude for
your unconditional support**

In addition to Rev Brosten's involvement, two other church members have been involved in this endeavor for many years. Harlan Orham was the first to organize their Christmas giving to the Center and Judy Erickson is in charge of outreach ministry.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has been unique in their unconditional support and relative acceptance of the Transition Center population. We have been more than fortunate at Christmas time in having the church augment what we can provide in donating items such as gloves and hats to this population.

RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Dorothy Stout
Women's Center



Steven Holmquist
West Campus



Jonathan Urich
Booster Aftercare



Jason Rutledge
East Campus

Christmas parties were held for residents and booters on Saturday afternoon, December 13, 2008. Each resident and booter received a gift bag. Refreshments were served and visitation with family members rounded out the festivities.

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LISA MEYERS - 10-YEAR EMPLOYEE

Lisa is a native Montanan, a product of the Northeast, specifically Flaxville. Lisa has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Great Falls. She has been a CO at the Great Falls Transition Center for the past ten years and received her maroon jacket in October.

Lisa enjoys the outdoors and computers. Additionally, she teaches classes at her church.

Congratulations, Lisa!

STAFF NOTES

Congratulations to the following Center employees who celebrated their anniversaries this quarter:

One-year anniversary:

CO's: **Tyra Deluca** and **Michael Duncan**

Five-year anniversary: **Faye Kangas**, Assistant Cook

WEBSITE

Check out our website www.gfprc.org for information on our facility, pictures, employment opportunities, etc.

Welcome to the new employees this quarter:
CO's **Mark Blom**, **Rick Kamps**, **Michael McCalmon**,
and Counselor **Karen Conley**.

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETS DECEMBER 2 - 3, 2008, AT THE GREAT FALLS TRANSITION CENTER**



Left to right: Ben Crooks and Steve Carter, consultants with Carter Goble Lee; Myrna Omholt-Mason, DOC Executive Assistant; Channis Whiteman, Crow Agency, MT; District Judge Kurt Krueger, Butte; Sam Lemaich, Council Facilitator; Senator Steve Gallus, Butte; Senator Trudi Schmidt, Great Falls; Bob Anez, DOC Communications Director.

In the above picture, members of the Department of Corrections Advisory Council and DOC staff listen to a presentation from consultants with Carter Goble Lee regarding the DOC strategic plan. Other topics covered during the meeting included explanation of the new offender management information system, a briefing and observation on drug court operations in Great Falls, supervision strategies and U. A. testing, a presentation on foster care for infants born to Montana Women’s Prison inmates, the DOC budget plan for the 2009 legislature, and proposed legislation for the 2009 session.

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NEW BOARD MEMBER - JOEL THOMPSON

The newest board member of Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc. is Joel Thompson. Joel was invited to explore board membership by board member Dan Donovan and was elected to the board in October.

Joel was born and raised on the coast of Oregon. He attended the University of Oregon where he earned his law degree. Between his second and third years of law school, he came to Great Falls to visit a brother here and interned with the Cascade County Attorney’s office and was invited to return upon completion of law school. Joel accepted that offer and has been a deputy county attorney for eight years.

In addition to serving on the board, Joel also serves on the public relations committee.

Because of his expertise in the criminal justice system, Joel would like to share that expertise and put it to good use on the board.

Joel enjoys playing poker and is an intense movie fan. He was also in the Big Brother program for a number of years.



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Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc., provides a cost-effective alternative to incarceration for offenders through a variety of community-based correctional treatment programs. Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc., is dedicated to ensuring public safety and trust through professional, quality services which facilitate personal growth through positive change and individual responsibility of assigned offenders.