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Weekly Views

Putnamville Correctional Facility Superintendent Stanley Knight, Mike Rains, Dean Treash, Terri Russ, dog handlers Brian McCubbins and Jackie Berry, and greyhound "Quinn" presented Humane Society directors Lynn Bohmer (Putnam County) and Candace Dean (Owen County) with a check in the amount of \$500 each for their organization. Terri Russ, Putnamville employee and avid dog lover, recommended the organizations citing their desperate need for funds. Proceeds for the donation were generated by Aramark staff food sales. (see photo right)



Indiana Women's Prison student/offenders enrolled in Martin University held a fundraiser that raised \$860.02 to support the Putnam County Community Foundation for the benefit of The Indiana Prison College Fund. Professors from the local community donate their time, and Martin University sponsors the classes that will afford the offender an opportunity to earn college credit. The second semester is underway with two groups of offenders enrolled in three classes weekly. The money raised will be used to purchase needed class supplies.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Mail Department staff member Mary Ann Higgs was honored in recognition of her retirement from the IDOC with 23 years of distinguished service. All Pendleton employees want to congratulate Mary Ann and express best wishes for a great retirement! (see photo left of Ms. Higgs with Superintendent Zatecky)



The PLUS program at Westville Correctional Facility has a new Program Manager. Jessica Rain began her career as a Casework Manager in August 2006. She is a graduate of the Leadership Academy and a current participant in the Commissioner's Experienced & Emerging Leadership program. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Tri-State University in 2002.

The Correctional Industrial Facility has two new caseworkers. Wendy Knight, Correctional Industrial Facility Superintendent would like to congratulate Jennifer Matthews and Officer Phil Allen on their promotions to Correctional Caseworker. Jennifer Matthews has been with IDOC since 2012. In her short time with the Department, she has proven herself a valuable asset with over 20 years in customer service and management. Phil Allen joined the Department in 2011 and brings over 10 years of prior law enforcement experience with him.

The Screaming Eagles Radio Controlled Airplanes Club donated \$300 to help fund the U.S. Department of Labor and PLUS offenders garden at Plainfield Correctional Facility. All vegetables grown will be donated to local non-profit food banks. Presenting the check to Sgt. Bobby Paige is Club President Bob Groves. (see photo right)



Following a two-day audit conducted by the IDOC Program Review Division, Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) Superintendent Steven H. Keever announced the facility has passed the year two audit which assesses the facility's progress and continuing compliance with American Correctional Association (ACA) standards. Of the 34 mandatory standards reviewed, IREF was found to be 100% compliant, and of the 219 non-mandatory standards reviewed, 33 were non-applicable and three were non-compliant, giving the facility a score of 98.39%. Two of the three non-compliant marks dealt with physical plant issues due to the age of the facility, and are beyond the facility's control. In a letter to Superintendent Keever, Vanessa Krause, IDOC Director of Program Review, praised IREF for being a national correctional model, and the staff's dedication and continued maintenance of ACA standards.

Pendleton Town Court Judge George Gasparovic hosted a Victim Impact Panel at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. Students were presented with stories about drinking and driving and the effects of poor choices. Family members of victims of DUI fatalities spoke and conveyed the damage one's poor choices on themselves and their families. A woman who was convicted of DUI causing death also spoke about the damages one poor choice has made in her life.



Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff rolled a major strike in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS). The annual Terre Haute based Bowl for Kids' Sake event was no gutter ball with the WVCF Fatherhood program hitting the pin for \$500 and adding another \$500 as an event sponsor. The Wabash PLUS unit supplied two custom quilts for an upcoming raffle to raise even more dollars for the BBBS. A whopping \$28,256 was the perfect total score raised by those taking part in the annual fundraiser. (see photo left)