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EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
SHOULD BE A DAILY ACT

May 7-11 is Employee Appreciation Week. It coincides with the Corrections Officer of the Year Banquet and it's a time to reflect on all of the positive contributions MDOC employees have made to the Department, to Michigan's citizens, and to each other. In honor of Employee Appreciation week, and with a greater emphasis on appreciating each other every day, Director Dan Heyns shared this message:



"Tradition has it we set aside this week for employee appreciation. At Central Office, my executive policy team served lunch to the staff located here as an expression of this appreciation. Hopefully, similar events are taking place throughout the system at field offices and institutions across the state. It is my firm belief, however, that appreciating the work you all do should not be confined to a single week during the year. We need to make this a daily practice.

"These have been challenging times for this Department. I know that has taken a toll on our collective morale. In an extraordinary way, we have risen to the challenge. I want to thank you for your contributions to this effort. But ultimately, we all have a role to play in morale and appreciating our work. Creating a positive and optimistic work environment starts with good leadership. It also has to come from within. I encourage each of you to turn to someone working with you and tell them you appreciate their work. We have a tough mission. Reaching our goals requires regular affirmation. Please join me in encouraging others by appreciating their daily contributions. You will be surprised at how that simple act will impact your work environment in a positive way.

"So in closing, thank you for the tremendous work you do every day. I truly appreciate the excellent service you provide the Department and the citizens of the state of Michigan."



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HEALTH OBSERVANCES ABOUND IN MAY!

Numerous health observances are recognized during the month of May, including Arthritis Awareness, Better Sleep, Correct Posture, Employee Health and Fitness and High Blood Pressure Education. You can find links to employee wellness information, worksite wellness resources and much more at the Working On Wellness (WOW) website:
<http://www.michigan.gov/workingonwellness>.



Fitness club discounts are available through the "Benefits for Life" Abenity Discounts program. You must have registered during the March 26 – April 13, 2012 Voluntary Benefits open enrollment period to access this benefit. Get more information at http://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/0,1607,7-147-22854_38928_50020---,00.html.

You can link to WELCOA (WELLNESS COUNCILS OF AMERICA) bulletins listed below for information on general health, safety, exercise and personal finance.

BETTER SAFE

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcs/BetterSafe_268609_7.pdf

DAY IN & DAY OUT

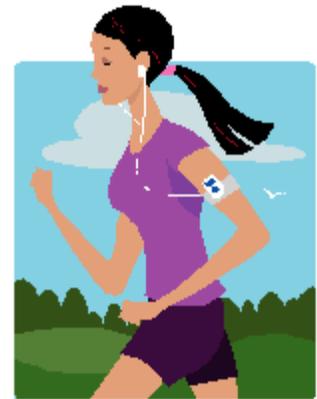
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TAKE CHARGE

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TO YOUR HEALTH

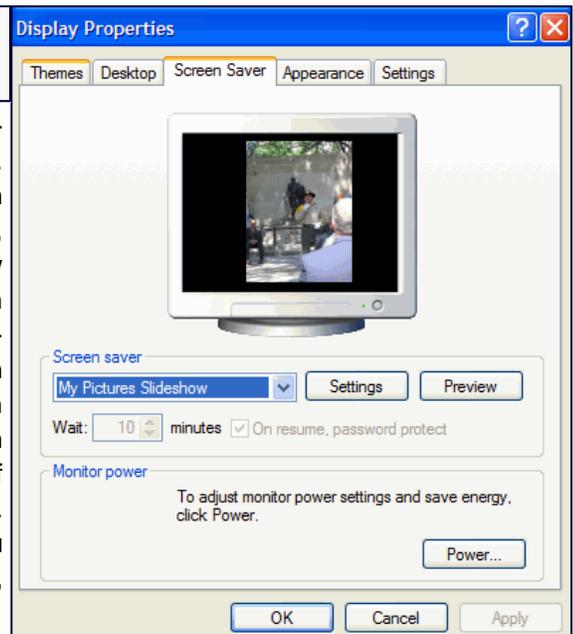
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Inspire your fellow employees by sharing your healthy lifestyle story! Feel free to e-mail WOW at MCSC-WOW-WorkingOnWellness@michigan.gov

SCREEN SAVER ISSUES

With the conversion to the new M-1 standard on all Corrections computers, there is no longer support for an MDOC-specific screen saver. Because of cost issues to remove the application, the MDOC screen saver is still an option but will not be updated or replaced. However, there is good news for those who are ready for a change. The new standard allows users to choose a standard State of Michigan screen saver or one of any variety of screensavers listed in their display settings. Simply right click on any blank portion of your screen, then choose properties from the menu. A tabbed dialog box will open (shown at right). Choose the screen saver tab, then in the center drop-down menu, choose the screen saver you would like. It can be the State of Michigan one, the Windows XP one or any other one you would like. Then click the "apply" button in the lower right corner of the box and you will have a new screen saver! If you have other questions or concerns, please contact your DIT liaison.





JACKSON OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS EXEMPLARY OFFICERS

On May 3, 2012, the Optimist Club of Jackson honored all law enforcement agencies in Jackson County with a *Respect for Law* luncheon. Annual awards were given to officers and departments of distinction. Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Director Heyns was the guest speaker. Ten MDOC employees were recognized during the event:

- Administrator Bruce Curtis - Correctional Facilities Administration Southern Region;
- Warden Sherry Burt - Cooper Street Correctional Facility/Special Alternative Incarceration;
- Corporal Elvira Chapman - 2012 Special Alternative Incarceration Officer of the Year;
- Officer Kevin Picard - 2012 Cooper Street Correctional Facility Officer of the Year;
- Warden Debra Scutt - G. Robert Cotton/Parnall correctional facilities;
- Officer Timothy Morey, 2012 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility Officer of the Year;
- Officer Jason Quainton - 2012 Parnall Correctional Facility Officer of the Year;
- Warden Heidi Washington - Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center;
- Corrections Officer Mark Bradshaw - 2012 Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Officer of the Year.

PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Above: Officer Morey (right) receives recognition from the Jackson Optimist Club with Warden Scutt (left) and Regional Prison Administrator Curtis (back) in support.

At left: Corporal Chapman (right) receives recognition from the Club with RPA Curtis (back) in attendance.



**MDOC RETIREMENTS
MARCH AND APRIL 2012****March 2012**

Alcorn, Jeffery W Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Alford, Melvin Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Brayton, Sally Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Brown, Bernard Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Cain, Charles E..... Michigan Reformatory
 Celestino, MariannGus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Clarke, David GKinross Correctional Facility
 Conerly, Percy R..... Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Dixon, Alan JParnall Correctional Facility
 Draper, James MSt. Louis Correctional Facility
 Ellenwood, Lynn L Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Flanagan, Deborah R Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Fuqua, Thoni L..... Carson City Correctional Facility
 Hall, George EG. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Harvey, Charles T..... Michigan Reformatory
 Ireland, James K..... Macomb Correctional Facility
 Jefferson, William J..... Macomb Correctional Facility
 Kelley, Debra Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Klinessmith, Jeff A..... Ionia Correctional Facility
 Koepp, John A Marquette Branch Prison
 Labron, George M..... Kinross Correctional Facility
 Landon, Larry L..... West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Lee, Mary A West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Matthes, RebeccaParnall Correctional Facility
 Mckendry, Terry Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Morrison, Cathy J..... Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Muma, Penny M.....G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Oswald, Jeffrey R Cooper Street Correctional Facility
 Pelkey, CharleyG. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Pierce, Doris E..... Ionia Correctional Facility
 Roberts, Gary L Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Sage, Rodney B..... Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility

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Schroeder, Scott R Kinross Correctional Facility
 Siedenstrang, Sharon M West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Terpstra, Robert L..... West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Thelen, Douglas Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Walls, Keith..... Ryan Correctional Facility

April 2012

Achtabowski, William A..... Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Alford, Kevin J..... Kinross Correctional Facility
 Allan, Michael K.....Parnall Correctional Facility
 Allen, Kenneth Ryan Correctional Facility
 Anderson, Franklin DG. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Andrzejak, Stephen D..... Kinross Correctional Facility
 Angles, Michael WGus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Badders, Mitchell E.....G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Barber, Carl J..... Cooper Street Correctional Facility
 Barrons, Gayle A Michigan Reformatory
 Barton, Jeffrey W Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Beckley, Gregory LSt. Louis Correctional Facility
 Benoit, Bobbi SChippewa Correctional Facility
 Brown, Alan K..... Oaks Correctional Facility
 Brown, Michael R..... Carson City Correctional Facility
 Collins, DariusGus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Cooper, Quincie R Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Curtis, Denise D..... Carson City Correctional Facility
 Darrow, Lois I..... Pugsley Correctional Facility
 Doney, Daniel K..... Marquette Branch Prison
 Ferden, Francis CSt. Louis Correctional Facility
 Foster, Eyvette Y West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Freiheit, Betty F Kinross Correctional Facility
 Gaglio, Thomas G..... Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Gordon, Carolana L Central Michigan Correctional
 Halter, William E Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Henning, Robert D..... CFA Southern Region - Jackson

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Higgins, Bruce J.....	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Hively, Alan	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Huffman, Terri A	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Huyck, Barbara J	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Jakubiszyn, Edmund J.....	Marquette Branch Prison
Jancek, Peter J.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Jarvie, Daniel L.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Kelley, Michael	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Kennicott, Kim W	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Klintworth, Douglas	Carson City Correctional Facility
Kraft, Timothy J.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Mapes, Charles D	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Marinich, Leroy J	Baraga Correctional Facility
Mcdonald, Ian S.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Mcginn, Daniel R	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Mcwilliams, Kevin	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Millen, Maple V	Ryan Correctional Facility
Moore, Timothy L.....	CFA Southern Region - Ionia
Muns, Joseph L	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Nash, David J	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Patton, William M.....	Michigan Reformatory
Perry, Dennis H	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Peterson, Jon G.....	Oaks Correctional Facility
Pharms, Johnnie L.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Pietrangelo, Thomas A	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Prince, Michael	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Roberts, Michael	Michigan Reformatory
Rowsey, Cynthia A	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Rutledge, Gary D.....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Scheitz, Steven J.....	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Schlehuber, Brian J	Kinross Correctional Facility
Scripter, Phillip B	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Smith, Bertha E.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Smith, Timothy R	Marquette Branch Prison

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Sprague, Susan	Central Michigan Correctional
Storey, Richard M	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Streberger, Cheryl A	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Strohkirch, Dennis C	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Taylor, Robert J	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Theisen, Gloria L	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Thompson, Nels E	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Tingley, Robert M	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Trumbley, Anthony E	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Ward, R T	Ionia Correctional Facility
Weber, David K	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Whitlock, David E	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Williams, Kenneth C	Michigan Reformatory
Wolski, Gregory T	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Woodling, Julia A	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility

The Department wishes all the best to each of the employees who will be enjoying retirement. Each of them has served the Department with excellence for many years and their efforts are appreciated by all who know them. Enjoy!

OJIBWAY ERT ASSISTS IN MULTI-AGENCY SEARCH

The Ojibway Correctional Facility Emergency Response Team (ERT) was deployed April 10, 2012 to assist neighboring Vilas County, Wisconsin law enforcement officers in search of a missing woman. ERT members spent three days searching rugged and hostile terrain including marshes, swamps and heavily wooded areas around the Sayner, WI area. The team partnered with the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Search and Rescue teams, several local fire departments and area EMTs to search for the woman. Search dogs and airplanes also aided the ground search teams.



The Ojibway Correctional Facility is only four miles from the Wisconsin border. The Vilas County Sheriff's Department and Presque Isle Ambulance service (both across the state border in Wisconsin) were quick to provide aid to Ojibway during the facility disturbance in 2006, so it was nice to repay our Wisconsin neighbors in this time of need. While the search was intense and thorough, the woman remains missing.

The Department's Emergency Response Teams are taking an active roll in assisting criminal justice partners throughout Michigan and beyond. These collaborative efforts enhance the image of the Department and give fellow agencies a well-trained and mission-ready asset that can be deployed quickly to nearly any area throughout Michigan. It's another way the Michigan Department of Corrections is providing enhanced service to Michigan's (and in this case Wisconsin's) citizens.