

# Daily Planet

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## LEADERSHIP TAKES OVER SUPERMAN BUILDING

### ANNUAL PARTY SHOCKS PROVIDENCE

By Clark Ritz

In what can only be described as a "Super Party," Leadership Rhode Island will hold its largest alumni bash of the year at 111 Westminster Street, aka "The Superman Building," in Providence, Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Leadership Rhode Island is soaring to new heights in its 33-year evolution, so it makes perfect sense to celebrate it in Rhode Island's tallest building," said Scott DiChristofero '00, Chairman of LRI's Board of Governors. "We thank owner, David Sweetser, for allowing LRI to use it."

Recent controversy surrounding the closure of 111 Westminster Street combined with eye witness reports of an unidentified flying object (U.F.O.) by guests at a recent LRI rooftop party drew LRI's attention to the 26-story Art Deco skyscraper.

Riding the high from being recognized with the Excellence In Public Service Award by Common Cause Rhode Island, LRI's Executive Director, Mike Ritz, says the Super Party will likely generate visions of an energized organization "able to leap tall buildings in a single bound" while creating a stronger Rhode Island.

"We encourage everyone, alumni and non-alumni alike, to attend our Super Party," said Ritz. "We'll congratulate our



*U.F.O. witnessed at recent LRI rooftop event.*

2013 Iota II graduates with an incredible 20-piece big band, exquisite food, an impressive amount of Rhode Island's leaders in attendance, and a few tantalizing surprises."

The New Providence Big Band, named "Most Musical" in Providence Monthly's 2013 Superlatives issue, will take party guests back in time with its ensemble of blaring horns, romantic melodies and foot stomping rhythms while being seduced by the dulcet tones of Miss Katie Kleyla.

The Iota II graduation ceremony will be

held earlier in the day. The Iota II who is selected class speaker will save his or her remarks for all the guests at the Super Party. This year's Leadership In Action projects focused on the Quonset Business Park and its environs.

Tickets to LRI's Super Party may be purchased online at [www.LRISuperParty.eventbrite.com](http://www.LRISuperParty.eventbrite.com) or by calling Danielle Gaboury, Development & Special Events Coordinator, at 401-273-1574 x105. All proceeds will fund Leadership Rhode Island's soon-to-be-revealed three-year initiative.

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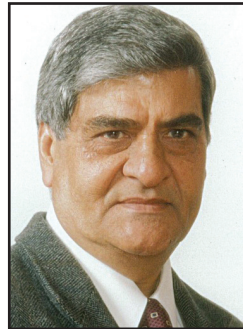
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# Steering LRI into the future

He's the retired general manager of Texas Instruments and author of "Organizational Turn-around with a Human Touch." He has more than 40 years of management experience in countries with diverse cultural philosophies. Recently, Baldev Seekri became the first non-alumnus to join Leadership Rhode Island's Board of Governors and is poised to make a major impact as Chair of the new Futures Committee.



Baldev Seekri

### Can you tell us about the committee and what you aim to achieve?

LRI continues to make spectacular progress in fulfilling its mission and is making a positive impact on the people and communities of Rhode Island. Though we all rejoice in our ongoing success, we also recognize that current success is not a guarantee of future success. To keep LRI a vigorously growing and an increasingly inspiring organization, we must create our own bright

future to keep us on the leading edge of community leadership development.

The committee began meeting in June to explore appropriate strategies to ensure our ongoing success and keep us thriving and exciting for the next three to five years. Rather than leapfrogging to obvious and conventional answers, the committee will follow a disciplined four-step process: IS (What are LRI's strengths and gaps?), CAN (How can LRI become a stronger, smarter, wiser and daring organization?), MUST (What are the most realistic opportunities?), and WILL (What are the strategies and milestones for the next three to five years?). The intended outcome is to define our destiny for the next five years and embrace it with strength, smartness, wisdom and courage.

### Since you have not gone through the core program and you live across the border in Attleboro, how – and why – did you get involved with LRI?

I was introduced to Mike Ritz by a mutual friend who felt that there was a synergy between the message of my book and the direction in which Mike was trying to steer LRI. Our first meeting led to a seat on the LRI advisory council. Because "no good deed goes unpunished," I found myself on the board of governors and chair of the Futures Committee. Seriously, I feel good that my efforts can positively impact others.

### What do you see as LRI's areas of opportunity?

To transform itself into a recognized, applauded and a sought-after change agent. LRI has human capital, program methodology and an inspiring leadership depth.

### What are Rhode Island's biggest challenges? What about assets?

Rhode Island has enviable assets, but the prevailing cynicism masks its potential, dampens its winning spirit and makes its people focus on excellence in isolation rather than excellence in totality. Until and unless the self-esteem of this state and its people is re-kindled, any meaningful transformation of its assets into a positive outcome will remain a dream. The emphasis needs to change from awareness of its deficiencies to awareness of its strengths so that cynicism starts to diminish. Without self-esteem and a winning attitude, everything is academic.

### If you were to look 10 years into the future, how is LRI different from today?

I envision LRI in 10 years to be not only identifying and implementing needed change but also a proactive change creator.

### ABOUT BALDEV

Favorite spot in RI: Newport

Favorite restaurant in RI: Rasoi, Pawtucket

Family: Wife Kamlesh Seekri, 4 kids and 9 grandkids

Favorite quote: "I strongly believe in luck; harder I work, more I get it."

### LEADERSHIP RHODE ISLAND FUTURES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Baldev Seekri, Chair; Alec Beckett '11; Scott DiChristofero '00; Jim Ferrara '07; Sulina Mohanty CLRI '06; Jane Nugent '95; Mike Ritz '07; and Carol Young '92.

# Common Cause lauds LRI for public service

By John Marion '11

For 25 years Common Cause Rhode Island has used our Annual Meeting as an occasion to present the Excellence in Public Service award to citizens and organizations that have made a difference for our state by furthering the values we embrace. Improving our democracy through promotion of open, ethical and accountable government is at the heart of what Common Cause does.

When Central Falls entered bankruptcy in 2011, it was not only a financial crisis, but also a crisis of democracy. The City Council and mayor were stripped of their control, a loss of power that also removed representation for citizens. It was left to individuals and civic organizations to take the lead in resuscitating the democratic institutions of Central Falls.

Leadership Rhode Island rose to this task. In its 30th year, LRI embraced the challenge of helping weave back the civic fabric of Central Falls. For the first time in its history, LRI focused its resources and the skills and talents of its class on a single municipality. Over an 18-month period, LRI led the way by creating opportunities for increased civic engagement. Partnering with Common Cause, Leadership Rhode Island hosted public debates for mayoral and General Assembly candidates. LRI also managed the entire charter review process, which resulted in 100% of the suggested changes approved by voters in November 2012.

LRI also offered a special Leadership Central Falls program. Participants included almost all the candidates for mayor as well as a cross-section of stakeholders, forming a class of dedicated community leaders truly representative of Central Falls.

"We are proud to honor Leadership Rhode Island with our Excellence in Public Service Award," says Amy Goins, President of the Governing Board. "Our shared effort in Central Falls is a testament to the power of collaboration among nonprofit organizations. I look forward to strengthening the connection between Common Cause and Leadership Rhode Island in the years to come."

The Excellence in Public Service Award will be presented to LRI at our 43rd Annual Meeting Oct. 16 at Rhodes on the Pawtucket in Cranston. The keynote speech, "Connecting the Dots: Why America's Political Crisis Requires Rethinking our 18th Century Constitution," will be given by Professor Sanford V. Levinson of the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Also, one of our Distinguished Service Awards will be presented to LRI alumna Doree Goodman.

Tickets are available by calling Common Cause at 401-861-2322 or online at [www.commoncause.org/ri/43rdannual](http://www.commoncause.org/ri/43rdannual).

John Marion is the Executive Director of Common Cause Rhode Island.

# From the archives

The LRI staff recently had fun digging through old photos. Here are some of their finds. Enjoy!





## 2013 Alumni Renewals

**Steward Member:  
\$1,000**

Bob Ferreira '11

**Visionary Member: \$500**

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Carol Young '92

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Lorne Adrain '94  
Candy Adriance '00  
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Marisa Albanese '09  
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Robert Arena '08  
Lee Arnold '93  
Karen Asher '98  
John Barry III '00  
Kathleen Bello '98  
Michele Berard '07  
Brydie Bernardo '12

Thomas Bertrand '12  
Lori-Ann Bessette '08  
Deirdre Bird '11  
Ken Block '12  
Adrian Bonéy '11  
Dana Borrelli-Murray '12  
Laura Bottaro '07  
John Bowen '89  
Daniel Bryant '93  
John Bulman '90  
Joseph Caffey '93  
Chris Callahan '00  
Donna Callahan '06  
Anthony Capuano '06  
Claudia Cardozo '11  
Letitia Carter '92  
Deanna Casey '07  
Julie Casimiro '08  
Frank Champi '82  
Mary Cimini '11  
Michele Cinquegrano '10  
Judith Clare '97  
Tracey Conlon '12  
Susan Connery '99  
Sandi Connors '10  
Jane Cotter '10  
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Donna Cupelo '98  
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Anthony DeMatteo '00  
Claudia Demick '12  
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Sixcia Devine '07  
Spencer Dickinson '11  
Colleen Dickson '09  
Bradford Dimeo '96  
Maureen Donnelly '12  
Mitch Edwards '11  
Marie Esposito '07  
Andrew Erickson '94  
Matthew Eriksen '10  
Michael Fantom '07  
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Roberta Mudge Humble '01  
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William Hurely '07  
Ryan Hutchins '05  
Marcus Jannitto '97  
Jody Jencks '12  
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Anna Johnson '12  
Margaret Kane '03  
Midge Kahn '07  
Theresa Keegan '09  
Brandon Keough '10  
Scott Kettelle '10  
Michael Kumar '10  
Keith Lang '01  
Nancy Langrall '83  
E. Paul Larrat '00  
Beverly Larson '05  
Ted Larson '12  
Cythia Lawlor '98  
Denise Leber '10  
Richard Leclerc '87  
Scott Lessard '12  
Nancy Lewis-Oliver '06  
Thomas Lisi '07  
Valerie Littlefield '10  
Sal Lombardi '97  
Jennifer LoPiccolo '12  
Rosanne Lowe '07  
Jennifer Luxmoore '10  
Robert Maddock '00  
Molly Magee '07  
Sharon Marable '01  
Robin Marek '01  
John Marion '11

# And the survey said ...

Alumni gave Leadership Rhode Island a thumbs up, often in huge numbers, in an online survey seeking to find out "How is LRI Doing?"

Nine out of 10 alumni responding to the poll said they agreed or strongly agreed with these characterizations of LRI: It is aware of the key issues facing Rhode Island; it has connections to key leaders, and it is a relevant and credible organization.

The same overwhelmingly positive response came when alumni were asked whether their LRI experience had added value to them professionally. In all, 91 percent said yes; nine percent said no. That question triggered an outpouring of testimonials.

"I am a better leader because of LRI. I understand and appreciate others' views better and lead from within . . ." wrote one alum. LRI was a "great deal" and a "formative experience," wrote two others. Many mentioned "networking" as a lasting benefit.

LRI's increasingly active presence in the community – a reference to ventures into Central Falls and the Quonset Point Business Park – won the approval of three-fourths of the respondents. A "welcome change" said one; it's important "to get

your hands dirty on issues" said another. Acknowledging "mixed feelings," one alum said activism is OK if the primary intent is to improve the leadership skills of participants.

The question asking whether LRI is a "think tank," a moniker often used in the Providence Journal, generated a varied response: 28 percent said yes; 20 percent said no, and 52 percent said maybe or were unsure. LRI is "sort of an accidental think tank," wrote one alum, "but we are not built to generate white papers or sponsor academic inquiry."

A related question asking whether LRI is a "thought leader" also prompted a broad range of reactions. Though 74 percent said yes or maybe and only 9 percent said no, the comments reflected ambiguity. LRI is more of a "thought reflector" said one. There may be "creative thought" within LRI but this has not led to social change or legislation, said another. Thought leaders must try to persuade others, but LRI tries to be neutral about political and sensitive topics, said yet another.

A total of 309 alumni, representing every LRI class since the first in 1981, responded to the online survey April-June. A breakdown of respondents, by sector, shows 37 percent, for-profit; 44 percent, nonprofit, and 19 percent, government.

## New beginnings for LRI alumni

**By Bob Ferreira '11**

You told us. We listened. You want more.

For many of us who have gone through the LRI program, it became evident very early on that the opportunities presented to us during those 10 exciting months would be valuable assets that would resonate forever.

We were educated, we were challenged and we were connected. We were a melting pot of adults who brought personal time, talents and skills together for one common goal – making Rhode Island better. We didn't want it to end.

This past summer, a group of fifteen LRI alumni met to assess the feasibility

of establishing an LRI alumni association to continue to work on that goal long after graduation.

After many group discussions and a serious review of the comments offered in the recent alumni survey, we learned that what we had experienced by our participation in the LRI program was still, indeed, what most of us want from LRI.

We want to be a powerful network that is a resource for our state. We want more opportunities to experience the educational programs of the current LRI class. We want to give back to our communities so they may benefit from our individual and collective talents.

The official launching of a new active alumni association will take place at the Super Party Oct. 23 as alumni from the last 31 years join the newly graduated Iota IIs in celebration.

The Association, which will be led by a new Alumni Council for Engagement, will provide LRI graduates with op-

portunities to keep our alumni network strong and vibrant while we reach for that common goal. It also will allow us to assist the current LRI organization in its mission.

Opportunities for alumni to gather throughout the year for educational programs, community service and general camaraderie are being planned.

Outreach to various leaders throughout the years to champion alumni engagement within their own classes has already begun and we look forward to announcing these leaders at the Super Party. It is definitely an exciting time for Leadership Rhode Island and your participation at our events and programs will be what will keep us strong.

We invite your thoughts and comments for future alumni programming and we welcome your assistance.

It is a new beginning for all of us associated with Leadership Rhode Island and we look forward to seeing you as we join in the celebration.

## 2013 Alumni Renewals

Joseph Marocco '87  
Mary Marran '12  
Ronald Martel '06  
Alison Maxell '08  
Valerie McCain '05  
Mark McKenney '98  
Amanda McMullen '12  
Guy Medaglia '02  
Liz Messier '01  
Julie Meyers '11  
Joe Miech '02  
Jenny Miller '08  
Norbert Mongeon '02  
Rob Monnes '12  
Joanne Monahan '08  
F Paul Mooney '98  
Peter Moreau '09  
Frances Mossberg '99  
John Mulattieri '09  
David Mullen '98  
Shana Murrell '06  
Irene Nerney '11  
Kelly Nevins '06  
Patricia Nolan '97  
Andrew Nota '11  
Michele Nota '09  
Jackie Nowell '09  
Jane Nugent '95  
Alix Ogden '12  
Tricia O'Neil '09  
Ellie O'Neill '96  
Frances O'Neill-Cunha '11  
Nina Pande '12  
Cathleen Paniccia '97  
Steven Pare '01  
Elizabeth Pasqualini '12  
Michael Pearson '86  
Harvey Perry '98  
Jason Pezzullo '12  
Christopher Placco '96  
Thomas Platt '99  
A. Kathryn Power '86  
Anne Powers '86  
Anna Prager '96  
William Preston '91  
PJ Prokop '86  
Paul Pyne '04  
Michael Quinn '05  
Reina Quintero '06  
James Reavis '03  
David Reilly '09  
Roberta Richman '10  
Raymond Ripple '11  
Ann Rogan '10  
Stephen Rosa '99  
Lisa Roth Blackman '06

Michael Sabatino '99  
Randall Sacilotto LRI '04/LCF  
Mary Sadlier '02  
Chris Sanford '10  
Michelle Saunders '09  
Jennifer Schanck-Bolwell '09  
James Segovis '00  
Ted Shallcross '11  
Lisa Shea '09  
Tracy Silva '04  
Lisa Smolski '02  
Diane Spaziani '90  
Francis Spinella '11  
Richard Staples '90  
Allan Stein '92  
Robert Stolzman '92  
Jody Sullivan '11  
John Surrence Jr. '10  
Kathleen Swann '99  
Thomas Sweeney '98  
Thomas Tanury '92  
John Tarantino '91  
Jeffrey Techentin '10  
John Thompson '87  
E. Jill Tobak '06  
June Tow '86  
Matthew Trimble '12  
Buddy Trinkle '99  
Dale Venturini '88  
Martin Vincent '99  
Wayne Vieira '09  
Nondas Voll '85  
Bob Walsh '92  
Bill Warburton '88  
Sylvia Weber '90  
Herb Weiss '12  
David White '10  
David Winoker '88  
J. Scott Wolf '87  
Jack Wolfe '85  
Mary Wyatt '98  
Chris Yalanis '12  
Jeshua Zupata '10  
Samuel Zurier '04

**Gifts:**

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Jane Desforges '05  
Glenn Gardiner '07  
Tohib Giwa  
Margaret Kane '03  
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Elizabeth Pasqualini '12  
Roberta Segal '94  
Peter Stein '11

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# Iota IIs build community in Quonset

By Katie Varney

When Lisa Ahart reports to work at Toray Plastics America, she brings along memories from the time the Quonset Business Park was one of Rhode Island's grand military bases. Calling herself a "military kid," Ahart remembers when her father was stationed at Quonset. Now she is vice president for human resources at Toray. She marvels at the transition to what she calls "an epicenter of business for the state."

Ahart offered her "then and now" perspective for a video being produced by an Iota II project team to promote the Quonset Business Park. The promotional video highlights the accomplishments at Quonset over the last 10 years.

Team members did some of its filming during the Quonset Ground Show, another Leadership In Action project. The community-building event for employees and employers at Quonset was held Sept. 12 in partnership with the Rhode Island Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"Based on interviews with over 80 Quonset tenants, it became evident that the park lacks a sense of community. This issue appeared to be exacerbated by the lack of social gathering venues within the park or nearby," says Michael Busam, Business Development Manager at Gilbane Building Company.

"The purpose of this project was to build a sense of community by hosting an event that promoted social interaction, highlighted the natural and business assets in the park, and connected Rhode Islanders to job opportunities."

Members of the seven other Iota II project teams attended the ground



Military veterans had the chance to "speed" chat with prospective employers at the Ground Show, held at the Quonset 'O' Club and organized by a team of Iota IIs.

show to promote their own projects. The team doing the promotional video is one of two teams doing projects in response to the alumni call to demystify Quonset. The other is creating a podcast tour highlighting innovations throughout the park and a media campaign to promote the tour.

Aware of Rhode Island's persistently high unemployment rate, two teams are doing projects related to employment and training. One developed an online network to assist Quonset employers in the hiring, training and retention of employees, and the other created a road map that identifies employment opportunities available at Quonset and their necessary qualifications with a pathway to acquire the necessary skills.

Another team is conducting a survey for the North Kingstown Economic Development Advisory Board to help

direct the strategic vision of the town's comprehensive plan. Another team will project future needs for transportation in Quonset by gathering information from businesses, employees and others who use or would like to use public transportation in Quonset.

Rhode Island Startup Services is the result of one team's efforts to support incubators and the startup business community by providing industry experts that will donate their time and expertise to the various co-op workspaces, incubators, and entrepreneurial centers around the state.

The Quonset Development Corporation worked with each team in some capacity to provide guidance, expertise, and also to help ensure their success. Steven King, Managing Director and LRI alumna Katherine Trapani, '07, Planning Manager have expressed appreciation for the Iota II's efforts.

Want to know the latest LRI happenings?  
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check LRI's active Facebook page or join our Twitter feed.

# Class Notes

## Here's what some of our members have been up to

Maeve Jopson, CLRI '12, won first place for her idea for a SoapSaver, a silicone casing for holding bits and pieces of bar soap for reuse. Her winning entry was part of the yearly design competition for students and professionals by Décor Craft Inc. and A Better World by Design.

Providence Police Lt. Luis San Lucas, '12, has retired from the military after 29 years of active and reserve duty. He began his military career in 1984 in the United States Marine Corps.

Letitia Carter, '92 and Julie Rawlings, '02 were honored recently as "Women of Achievement" at the 2013 YWCA awards luncheon.

British-born Richard Widdowson, '11 has become a United States citizen.

Almost Human, a film produced by Anthony Ambrosino, '11, has been accepted for showing in the Toronto International Film Festival.

Molly Garrison, '10 is now the external affairs and development director at Rhode Island PBS.

EPA "brownfield" grants have been awarded to two nonprofit organizations led by alumni. Barnaby Evans, '95, executive artistic director of WaterFire, will use \$600,000 to remediate the soil around WaterFire's new warehouse. Kari Lang, '97, executive director of the West Broadway Neighborhood Association, will use \$200,000 for cleanup of an old gas station site. Curt Spalding, '94, New England EPA administrator, announced the grants.

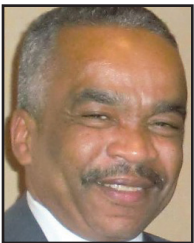
Libby Slader, '12 has been appointed to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Tomas Avila, '00 received the Quetzal Award for Outstanding Leadership & Community Commitment from the Providence City Council.

Anna Haas, 2013 Iota II, is the new director of community engagement for Sojourner House.

Zack Mezera, CLRI '11, is now on the Board of Directors at SER-Jobs for Progress.

Jenny Miller, '08 has been installed as president of the Rotary Club of Providence.



Avila



Devine



Mezera



Miller



Urbani

Thomas Heslin, '87, recently retired from his position as senior vice president and executive editor for The Providence Journal. His 41-year career in journalism included 32 years at The Journal.

LRI Executive Director Mike Ritz, '07, who serves as state Chairman of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, has been appointed National Vice Chair of the Outreach Subcommittee of ESGR.

Jim Vincent, '00 and Teny Gross, '03 traveled to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

The state Department of Transportation has a new chief public affairs officer: Rosamaria Amoros, '09.

Lynne Urbani, '92 is now director of policy for the state House of Representatives under Speaker Gordon Fox, '95.

Shanna Marzilli, '08, an LRI board member, has a new role as chief marketing director at Plan International.

Sixcia Devine, '07, Dana Borrelli-Murray, '12, and two members of the 2013 Iota II class, Karen Fuerherm and Dennis Leamy, were recognized by the Providence Business News in its annual "40 under Forty" list.

LRI's Program and Special Project Manager, Katie Varney, recently became one of only 91 Gallup-trained Strengths Coaches in the United States. She expects to receive official certification at the end of October.

Nail, the Providence-based creative agency, has been named Small Agency of the Year, Northeast, Gold, by Advertising Age. LRI Board member Alec Beckett, '11 is creative partner at NAIL.

Dr. Edward Martin, '94, chief medical officer of Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, received the Healthcare Professional Award from the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island.

Want to share some good news from the Best Class Ever?  
Email us at [office@leadershipri.org](mailto:office@leadershipri.org).



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## Congratulations to the 2013 Iota II Class!

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& Sheehan P.C.  
**Natalie Benkovich**, AIPSO  
**Timothy Benson**, Beacon  
Mutual Insurance Co.  
**Jake Bissaillon**, Chief of Staff,  
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Resources Board  
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**Ryan Campbell**, Naval Undersea  
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Police Department  
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