

**Friends of Iowa
Women Prisoners**

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MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church
800 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50316-4304
Brown bag lunch

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring together and inform individuals and groups concerned about women in the Iowa correctional system and to act on their behalf.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICIW Art Display at Frame Works,
5800 Merle Hay Road
Mon-Fri 10-5:30, Sat 10-4 thru December 31st

REPORTS

ICIW Report – Warden Patti Wachtendorf
Fresh Start – Peggy Urtz
Treasurer – Rosemary Jungmann

PROGRAM/FOCUS

We welcome to the December meeting Jerry Bartruff, Director of the Department of Corrections. Jerry was appointed Interim Director by the Governor upon the retirement of John Baldwin on January 28, 2015. He was appointed Director on March 2, 2015 and confirmed by the Senate on April 8.

Jerry has worked in Iowa corrections for more than 32 years in various positions including: Statewide Reentry Coordinator, Correctional Treatment Director, Treatment Services Director, Treatment Manager, Sex offender Treatment Provider, Correctional Counselor and Correctional Officer.

I have sent Director Bartruff the questions we gathered at the October and November meetings and he responded that he would address them. Additional concerns have come to my attention since that time and I am forwarding them to him.

RECAP OF NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING

Iowa State University students, Lauren Iversen and Molly Murtha talked with us about landscaping projects they are working on at the new campus of Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. The projects include the Multipurpose Outdoor Classroom, the Decompression Area

for staff, the Healing Garden for Special Needs and the Production Garden Program.

It was very informing and interesting to learn that consideration was given to viewing the gardens from inside the buildings as well as walking in and by them.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

January speaker to be determined.

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