

August 1, 2019

Hey Everyone,

I know it's been awhile but we have had some great events, we had our annual club banquets and the members were allowed to bring in a guest for dinner! Good food with good people. Next, July 25th was our debut of Re-Entry Simulation Exercise, for those of you unfamiliar, this event has been done in communities throughout Oregon to give non-prisoners a real sense of what it is like to be released and navigate even the basic social services. It was great to work with OSP counselors, Release counselors, community volunteers and administrators from the Dome building (ODOC main office) together we all made this event the talk of the prison! Even as I write this letter men are still talking about it. So what does our club do moving forward for 2019? Well, we have some folks from the Oregon ACLU coming in August, and I'm still working out some details for September and October. This exercise revealed some pain points that many of us have never thought much about. I look forward to working with staff and administrators in the future months to address concerns. We also sent a feedback form to all of the participants today so that should help direct our efforts moving forward.

As always we can't do this work alone and all of your support is appreciated, if you have any feedback or suggestions please forward them to us and we'll get to work on it right away! Enjoy the pics.

All my best,

Kyle















