

CEO's Corner  
Spring 2008 Newsletter

Spring is slow to arrive in the Northeast this year, but the IDDI community has had much to enliven the winter months.

The winter holiday party took place on Sunday, January 5th. This year Frosty and the Flakes gave way to Ginger and the Snaps (the pictures say it all) as a comforting reminder of what celebrating winter means.

The IDDI Spirit Committee livened up the month of February with a week of fun that included identifying pictures of colleagues when they were *much, much* younger and each weekday had a clothing theme as well: the 80's; Crazy Hats; Inside-Out; Pink, Red and White ( February 14th of course) and Sports.

Also, while wind, rain, snow and cold conspired to keep spirits chilled, IDDI launched its first Leadership Series. One day a week for five weeks, a group of 13 individuals from 8 different departments or programs participated in group projects and exercises designed to break down professional barriers, build team work and develop new levels of confidence within each participant. At the Capstone Ceremony held on February 29th, each spoke of their enthusiasm for the program and elaborated on the new skills, new alliances and newfound strengths the Leadership Series developed, uncovered or polished over the five week program.

Springtime is a time of anticipation. At IDDI we anticipate warmer temperatures and the flowering of outdoor life. We also anticipate the Open Forum taking place on April 5th from 9am to noon and the Annual Wine tasting sponsored by Leonard, Mulherin and Greene. This signature fundraiser will once again be held at the fabulous New Bedford Whaling Museum. Save the date and time: June 5th, 7 PM to 10 PM.