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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR A SUCCESS!!

Our annual Benefits Fair was a huge success! Our total this year was 224 employees - WOW!

Thank you to the employees who took the time to receive valuable benefit information and to the Court Managers and Supervisors who allowed time away for this purpose. Thank you also to the Benefit Representatives for their time donation and for contributing "door prizes". A special thanks goes to Melissa Pendleton and Amy Fields from the Human Resources Office for coordinating the event and to the rest of the HR staff, the Commissioner of Jurors staff and our local CSEA representatives who assisted in making this years' Benefit Fair a huge success by setting up, assisting employees during the Fair, and cleaning up after!!



Stacy Astudillo, from the HR Unit shows off her friendly smile.



Marlene Galbraith and Judy DiPaola distribute subs, chips, cookies and a drink to anyone that wanted a lunch, which was provided by CSEA.



Amy Fields and Melissa Pendleton from the HR Unit are at the registration desk.



Seventh Judicial District employees talking to Benefit Representatives and picking up materials.

News From Livingston County

Livingston Family Treatment Court Celebrates Its Ninth Graduation

On December 8, 2011, Livingston Family Treatment Court celebrated its ninth graduation in a full courtroom with the notable presence of family members, friends, and caseworkers in attendance as a strong show of support for the graduate. Livingston County Judge Dennis S. Cohen presided as the graduate related her observations and comments to the gallery. At the conclusion of remarks the graduate and others in attendance remained to converse and enjoy cake provided for the occasion.



The Livingston County Department of Social Services in concert with Livingston County Family Court celebrated



Pictured (L to R): Laird Gelser - Livingston County Department of Social Services; Donna Mankoff; Foster and Adoptive Homefinding Unit, Livingston County Department of Social Services; Margaret Burt, Esq.; Robert Lewis, Chief Clerk, Livingston County Family Court; Hon. Dennis S. Cohen, Livingston County Judge.

National Adoption Day on November 18, 2011, in the best fashion possible as three (3) agency adoptions were finalized by the Hon. Dennis S. Cohen, Livingston County Judge. Subsequent to the finalizations Donna Mankoff, Senior Caseworker - Foster and Adoptive Homefinding Unit, and Laird Gelser, Foster Care Supervisor, of the Livingston County Department of Social Services presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret Burt, Esq., "in recognition of valuable contributions to finding permanent homes for children through adoption." Ms. Burt has participated in the adoptions of approximately one thousand (1,000) children in the course of her career and is viewed as an expert in the area of permanency legislation. The Hon. Dennis S. Cohen and Robert Lewis, Chief Clerk of Livingston County Family Court, added comments recognizing Ms. Burt's work in Livingston County.



Monroe County Family Court has new artwork

"Dino Cargo" was originally designed and crafted by Carolyn Maruggi for Miss Mary Ellen Lansing's 2nd grade class at Corpus Christi School in 2005. It hung in the school hall until the school closed in 2008. It found a new home at the Children's Center in September 2011. Donated by Carolyn B. & Edward A. Maruggi (pictured on the left).



Obituaries

Jeffrey Pierce Marks, husband of retired **Monroe County Court Judge Patricia D. Marks, and father of Bryan Marks, Case Manager, Monroe Adult Drug Treatment Court**; passed away on January 1, 2012. Born on February 22, 1946, Jeff is survived by loving family and friends and is predeceased by his parents, eldest brother, and many dear friends. Jeff served as an Army Medic during the Vietnam War, practiced as an attorney in the Rochester area for over 30 years, and was a beloved son, brother, uncle, husband, and father to his family. Always good for a hearty laugh and an entertaining story, Jeff touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed by all.

Jeffrey's internment took place at White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeff's honor can be sent to: Nativity Preparatory Academy, 15 Whalin Street, Rochester, NY 14620. Donations can also be made on-line at www.NativityRochester.org. To share a memory or photo of Jeff, visit www.anthonychapels.com. Cards and condolences can be sent to Bryan c/o Monroe Supreme and County Court, Rm 545 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614.

Joseph M. Cicherillo, of Ft. Myers, Florida (formerly of Rochester, NY and a retired court reporter) lost his battle with cancer on December 26, 2011 at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Patricia; son Joseph A. Cicherillo; son, Robert (Tocha) Cicherillo, daughter, Sandra Cicherillo, granddaughter, Milania Cicherillo; niece, Marlene (Tony) Cantabene; nephew, Samuel (Patty) Astuto; several great nephews, and many beloved relatives and friends.

Joe enjoyed a long career as a New York State Supreme Court reporter where he made many life-long friends. He retired and moved to Ft. Myers where he served a number of years as Treasurer of Pinewood South Condominiums and later as President of Legends Condominiums Association. A memorial mass service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at St. Lawrence Church, 1000 North Greece Road Rochester, NY. Donations may be made in Joe's memory to Hope Hospice (www.hopehcs.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org). Cards of condolence can be sent to the Court Reporters Office, 161B Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614 and will be forwarded to the family.

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

I am finally retiring after 31 years in the NYS Unified Court System. I am looking forward to starting a new chapter in my life that will hopefully afford me continued good health, time to spend with my wonderful family, old friends and maybe some new ones.

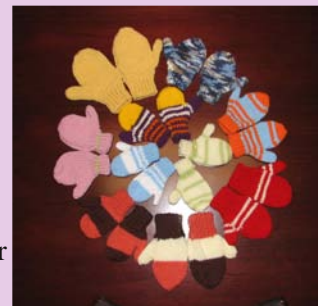
In lieu of a retirement gift: donate blood; let loved ones know if you want to be an organ donor; choose happiness; make the time and take the time for your children; volunteer to help others in need; be grateful; show others that you care and tell them that you love them. Work just enough and then keep it simple; go fishing, enjoy a campfire and find contentment.

- Deb (Fantigrossi - Monroe S & C)

Yates County Children's Center Receives Homemade Mittens

Marian Mann, retired Yates County Jury Commissioner and avid knitter has made a gift of homemade mittens to the Yates County Children's Center. Children's Center Early Childhood Educators, Abby Townley and Edie Strong had noticed that many of the children in the winter months come to the Center without adequate warm clothing. So, they were seeking coats, hats, and mittens to give out to the children that arrive without them. Randy Schwingle, Advisory Board Member, and Supervisor of the Court Security Division of the Yates County Sheriff's Department, remembered that Marian loves to knit, and sure enough, Marian came through just as the days started to get colder.

-submitted by Alice Shoemaker
(Yates County Courthouse)



SEFA 2012-Another Successful Campaign!!!!!!

We would like to thank Stacy Astudillo, (Human Resources), the 7th District's "Lead SEFA Campaign Coordinator", and the following additional Coordinators for helping with the 2012 SEFA Campaign: Holly Saxe, (Monroe Family Court), Sarah Sennett, (Monroe Surrogate's Court), Rhonda Beck, (Monroe Supreme & County Court), George LiPuma, (Monroe County Jury Office), Mandy McAvoy, (Rochester City Court), April Termine, (Rochester City Court), Trish Harding, (Court Reporters), Janelle Stone, (Human Resources), Myra Madden, (Cayuga Surrogate's Court), Robert Lewis, (Livingston Family Court), Betsy Simpson, (Ontario Surrogate's Court), Josie Guard, (Geneva City Court), Marjorie Brophy, (Seneca County Judge's Staff), Kelly Wightman, (Steuben County Judge's Staff), Kate Peters, (Wayne Supreme & County Court), and Vanessa Smith, (Yates Surrogate's Court).

Of course, we want to thank all of the SEFA contributors from the 7th Judicial District for making this another successful campaign. Our District contributed a total of \$21,059.50, an increase from \$17,706.50 in 2011! Our contacts at the main SEFA Office were so impressed and also floored at how well we did, especially having to deal with lay-offs in our agency earlier this year. These funds will go a long way in helping those in need in our communities.

Way to go!

-Submitted by the 7th Judicial District's Human Resources Office



Congratulations to two Seventh District Office employees. On December 22nd, they received their 15 year service pins: **Darleen Holmes**, in the left picture with Ron Pawelczak, District Executive and **Cheri Beschler**, in the right picture with Ron. Congratulations!!



BEST WISHES ROSEMARIE CAPOZZI!!

On December 2, 2011, family members, friends, and fellow co-workers in the Seventh Judicial District attended a retirement party for Rosemarie Capozzi, Chief Clerk of the Seneca County Surrogates Court, at Ciccino's Secondo Piano in Waterloo. Rosemarie started her career as a Senior Office Assistant in 1978 in Surrogates Court and became the Chief Clerk of that court in 2000. The Honorable W. Patrick Falvey spoke of Rosemarie's dedication to public service and the Court. The Honorable Dennis F. Bender took Rosemarie on a quick trip down memory lane talking about all the changes that have occurred in the Courts during her years of service. He then praised her work ethic, dedication, compassion and commitment to the people of Seneca County. Ron Pawelczak, Seventh District Executive, presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 33 ½ years of dedicated service to the NYS UCS. Rosemarie's last day in the court system was December 21st. Her Seneca County Court Family, along with the employees of the entire Seventh District, wish her many happy and healthy years of retirement!

- submitted by Suzanne Leisenring (Seneca County Comm of Jurors Office)



Liz Young and Rosemarie
(co-workers)



Bob Barnish, Ron Pawelczak
and Chetta Brown



Joanne Ryrko and
Sue Maleski



Rosemarie and husband Frank



Rosemarie, DIL Paula,
granddaughter Annabel,
husband Frank and son Frank



Rosemarie and Ron Pawelczak



Baby News!



The Hon. Gail Donofrio Supervising Judge of the Seventh District Family Courts, celebrated the New Year with the birth of her first grandchild born on New Year's Eve. Judge Donofrio's daughter Teresa, and son-in-law Jason Rosenberg had a healthy baby girl on 12/31/11 at 6:28 p.m. - Talia Teresa Rosenberg. 7lbs. 1oz., 21 inches long.

The Hon. Rainbow Thomas Morse from Rochester City Court gets into the spirit of the season with a fashionable hat and tie.

Way To Go!



THANK YOU TO MY 7TH DISTRICT FRIENDS

As I reflect back over 33 years, I remember fondly so many good people who have touched my life. Working for and with all of you has been such a pleasure.

I want to thank each and every one of you who attended my retirement party, contributed to my gift, sent cards and e-mails, and phoned with good wishes.

As Frank and I look forward to beginning this new chapter of our lives, I'll always be proud to say that I worked for 33 years for the 7th Judicial District - the BEST in the State.

- Rosemarie (Capozzi - Seneca Surrogate's Court)



Garden Trends for 2012

Growing your own fruit is just as trendy as growing vegetables and herbs. Bring an apple orchard into your backyard

without losing your entire yard by planting a columnar apple tree. Varieties in the Urban Columnar Apple series grow only 8-10 feet tall and less than 2 feet wide, making it easy to grow and harvest the same as if you had an acreage of apples. Plus, their height and texture make these trees a perfect focal point in the landscape.

Photo courtesy of Greenleaf Nursery and Better Homes & Gardens

POSITIVE WORDS EQUAL POSITIVE ATTITUDES

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