



Briefly



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SAVE THE DATE

Next flu shots are October 1, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Rm 165.

111 flu shots were given out on 9/11/13.



SAVE THE DATE!

Employee Benefits Fair

will be held on
Thursday,
December 13, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monroe County Central
Jury Room



2013 Fall Festival

On September 12, 2013, Judges, Law Clerks, Court Attorney Referees, Support Magistrates, Court Managers and Mentees of the 7th JD's new Mentor Program gathered at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua, NY for an educational program and dinner.

The CE program included topics on Summary Jury Trials and other Case Management Techniques; female perpetrators; vicarious trauma and relaxation techniques. Court Managers and Mentees received training on Workforce Diversity; T'ai Chi Ch'uan, vicarious trauma and relaxation techniques. The evening included a complimentary wine tasting by Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery and was open to all employees and friends of the 7th Judicial District. A buffet dinner was held in the big white tent and the speaker was Dr. Henry Hess, the author of "A 5 oz. Glass - The Health Secrets of Red Wine for Women." Approximately 160 people attended the dinner. Thanks to the Wellness Committee for coordinating a wonderful evening.

John Wagner (L) manager of The Rochester T'ai Chi Ch'uan Center demonstrates T'ai Chi with Ron Pawelczak, District Executive.



Tony Walters talks about Workforce Diversity and Hon. Elma Bellini, chairperson of the Wellness Committee, opens the program.



(L) Kim Bostley and Mary Mesolletta, both from Rochester City Court.



(L to R) Jane Lawson, Seneca Surrogate's Court, Sarah Sennett, Monroe Surrogate's Court, Sarah's husband, Mark and Betsy Simpson, Ontario Surrogate's Court.



Dr. Henry M. Hess, MD, PhD spoke on the health benefits and risks of white and red wine.



9/11 Display in the Hall of Justice



(L to R) Rosemarie Florio, Robin Russell, Melissa Barrett, and Kathy Harris.



A hard task was made easier when employees got together to create a new "9/11 We Remember" display in the Monroe County Hall of Justice. Names of the victims on 9/11 were displayed on posters placed around the lobby and surrounded by stars. A display table was set up with pictures remembering that awful day, a timeline and facts handout and pictures and cards recalling the three court officers and two court system employees that perished. The following employees were involved in putting the display together, setting it up or taking it down: Chuck Perreaud, Donna Wilkins, Jeanne Arnold, Hon. Joanne Winslow, Kathy Harris, Kyle VanZutphen, Letitia Collier, Melissa Barrett, Peg Drexler, Robin Russell, Rosemarie Florio, Sandra Glogowski, Sarah Sennett and Jane Scudder. A big thank you to everyone that helped out!

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Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013

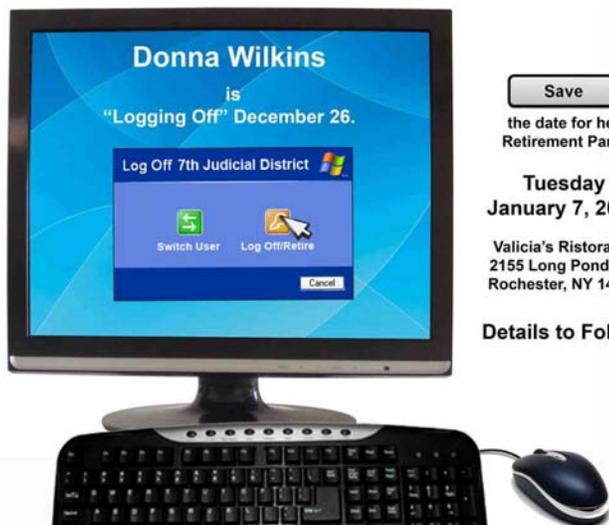
Stephen A. Zinone, (Court Reporter in Ontario County), an official court reporter from Pittsford, will serve his second one-year term as secretary-treasurer for the National Court Reporters Association. He was installed during the association's annual convention and expo Aug. 8 to 11 in Nashville.

Zinone, who holds the professional certification of registered professional reporter, has served as an official court reporter for the New York State Unified Court System in the Seventh and Eighth Judicial Districts and is now assigned to the Ontario County courts.

He began his career in 1983 as a freelance reporter and has worked as a stenographer in the Monroe County town courts, as well as in the deposition arena. In 1989, he began work in the Monroe County District Attorney's office as a grand jury reporter. In 1997, he began work with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. A member of NCRA since 1993, Zinone serves on its Finance Committee and Cost Comparison Task Force. In 2008, he served on the New Affiliates Task Force Committee. At the state level, Zinone is past president of the New York State Court Reporters Association and has served on its board of directors since 2004. He is also a member of the StenoCAT Users Group, where he served on its board of directors for several years. He also holds membership in the United States Court Reporters Association, the National Association of Court Management and the Society for the Technological Advancement of Reporting.

Ontario County Intern:

Gretchn Frank, now a second year law student at University of Buffalo, was an intern this past summer, for the Hon. William Kocher, Ontario County Court Judge. Gretchen is the daughter of Maryclaire Frank, Court Attorney Referee, Steuben County.



Save
the date for her
Retirement Party

Tuesday
January 7, 2014

Valicia's Ristorante
2155 Long Pond Rd
Rochester, NY 14606

Details to Follow



THE READING ROOM RECOMMENDS:

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

This is an incredible story to read and a can't put down kind of book. It's a story about finding what makes life worth living and making the decision whether it's truly enough. A well written and thought-provoking story line.

Congratulations on retiring:



Barbara Fox, Senior Court Office Assistant in the Monroe County Commissioner of Jurors Office, retired August 15.

Congratulations to Mike Devito, Court Reporter on his retirement on September 25th. See the next issue for pictures of his retirement party and his last day on the bench!

Bob Peelle (R), Chief Clerk of Yates Family Court has retired on September 7th. Bob has worked in the court system for 14 years, first as a Court Assistant and then Chief Clerk.



Deputy Appreciation Day

On September 20th, the Hon. Victoria Argento and her committee members put together a Deputy Appreciation Day luncheon for all the deputies in the Monroe County Hall of Justice. Lunch (prepared by a number of judges) was served and speeches were given thanking the deputies for their hard work, dedication and commitment to ensure the safety of all who work or visit in the Hall of Justice.



Hon. John B. Gallagher, Monroe County Family Court judge.

Hon. James Pampiano, Monroe County Court Judge



Thank You

"This thank you letter is coming a little late, but I wanted to make sure I could reach everyone: First, I can't say enough about the overwhelming support I got throughout my surgery and the care after. All the cards, phone calls, gift cards, meals and house cleaning meant more than anyone will ever know. I can't name everyone who helped in some ways, but you know who you are. Please know that I will never forget it and feel blessed to have so many caring and generous friends. Also, due to the generous support of people, I was able to surpass my goal for my Relay for Life Team Piche's People. On behalf of all cancer patients who are touched in some way by your contributions, thank you for your support for this worthy cause."

Thank you - Jan Piche' (retired from Monroe County Family Court)

Scoop Day, September 20th



The end of the summer was celebrated and mourned on September 20th in all eight counties in the 7th Judicial District. Vanilla ice cream was scooped up by volunteer scoopers and employees could add their favorite toppings (chocolate syrup, whipped cream and a cherry on top too!) The event was coordinated by the 7th JD Wellness Committee. Special thanks to Loreen Nash and Susan Leach of Monroe Family Court for their help.



(L) Mark Annunziata, Monroe Surrogate's Court and (R) Gene Crimi, Rochester City Court.



Hon. Thomas Rainbow Morse, Rochester City Court and Lisa Preston, Monroe Supreme & County Court.



(L to R) Ron Pawelczak, Hon. Tom Morse, Hon. Elma Bellini, Bernie Smith and Loreen Nash.

SCOOP DAY IN ONTARIO COUNTY September 20, 2013

Goodbye, Summer... Hello, Fall... The summer sendoff was held in Room 130 of the Ontario County Courthouse on September 20th. We mourned its passing, but were grateful for a reason to have an ice cream social with all our co-workers, including our Court Security Staff whose daily vigilance is much appreciated! The shopping was done, compliments of Marci Morrissey, Chief Clerk of Ontario Supreme and County Court, complete with lots of toppings (no calorie count provided). Our cheerful scoopers were Robin Devellis, Lisa Collett (on loan from Canandaigua City Court), Sheryl Deys, and Roberta Mann. Thanks from all of us to the Wellness Committee for sponsoring this event!



Left Picture, L to R:
Cindy Gillette and Julie Woods, Ontario Supreme & County Court



Right Picture, L to R:
Sheryl Deys, Lisa Collett, Roberta Mann and Robin Devellis



Hispanic Heritage month

submitted by Jose Cruzado, Chief Clerk Livingston S&C

"Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor"

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American society and culture and to honor five of our Central American neighbors who celebrate their independence in September.

National Hispanic Heritage Month had its origins in 1968 when Congress passed law authorizing the President to issue an annual proclamation designating the week including September 15th and 16th as National Hispanic Heritage Week. This law celebrated Hispanic Americans and the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on September 15th as well as Mexico's independence on September 16th. President Lyndon Johnson issued the first such proclamation.

In 1988 (President Ronald Reagan) the law was amended and National Hispanic Heritage Month was established. The amendment designated September 15th through October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month. President George H.W. Bush issued the first proclamation on September 14, 1989.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The 7th Judicial District's Workforce Diversity Committee would like to recognize the contributions and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the Hispanic heritage and culture. Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community.

Please share in this special annual tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have had a positive impact on our nation and society.



Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York City in December 1960. On January 15, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated her to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed her appointment on February 11, 2013. Judge Rivera has spent her entire professional career in public service. She clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, in the Southern District of New York, and also clerked in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Se Law Clerk's Office. She worked for the Legal Aid Society's Homeless Family Rights Project, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF), and was appointed by the New York State Attorney General as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil

Rights. Judge Rivera has been an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights, and served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Prior to her appointment, she was a tenured faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law, where she founded and served as Director of the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality. She graduated from Princeton University, and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law.

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FUN FACTS

On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

According to this Census, 50.5 million people or 16% of the population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

Population: 50.5 million. The Hispanic population of the United States as of April 1, 2010, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or race minority. Hispanics constituted 16.3 percent of the nation's total population. In addition, there are 3.7 million residents of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory. (Source: American FactFinder, United States factfinder2.census.gov and www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf)

132.8 million - The projected Hispanic population of the United States on July 1, 2050. According to this projection, Hispanics will constitute 30 percent of the nation's population by that date. (Source: Population projections www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb08-123.html)

35.3 million - The number of Hispanics counted during the 2000 Census. (Source: The Hispanic Population: 2010 www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefsc2010br-04.pdf)

22.4 million - The nation's Hispanic population during the 1990 Census.

2nd Ranking - of the size of the U.S. Hispanic population worldwide, as of 2010. Only Mexico (112 million) had a larger Hispanic population than the United States (50.5 million). (Source: International Data Base www.census.gov/ipc/www/idbsum.html)

63% - the percentage of Hispanic-origin people in the United States who were of Mexican background in 2010. Another 9.2 percent were of Puerto Rican background, 3.5 percent Cuban, 3.3 percent Salvadoran and 2.8 percent Dominican. The remainder was of some other Central American, South American or other Hispanic or Latino Origin. (Source: The Hispanic Population: 2010 www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf)

States and Counties, 14 million - The population of the Hispanic-origin population that lived in California in 2010, up from 11 million in 2000. (Source: American FactFinder: California DP-1 <http://factfinder2.census.gov>)

16 - The number of states with at least a half million Hispanic residents - Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. (Source: American FactFinder: United States DP-1 www.factfinder2.census.gov)

2.3 million - The number of Hispanic-owned businesses in 2007, up 43.7 percent from 2002.

\$345.2 billion - Receipts generated by Hispanic-owned business in 2007, up 55.5 percent from 2002.

23.6% - the percentage of businesses in New Mexico in 2007 that were Hispanic-owned, which led all states. Florida (22.4%) and Texas (20.7%) were runners-up.

1.1 million - the number of Hispanics or Latinos 18 and older who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey: Table B210011 www.census.gov/acs/www/)