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SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

DISTRICT WIDE

HOT COCOA DAY!

Free hot cocoa and toppings will be available (sugar-free cocoa as well)

ENJOY SOME HOT COCOA FROM NOON TO 2 PM

MONROE: RM 165 HOJ

For other counties, check with your chief clerk for the location.

Brought to you by the 7th Judicial District Wellness Committee



Happy Valentines Day



A Note from Human Resources:



"Are you thinking about Retirement? If so, please e-mail: 7thhumanresources@nycourts.gov with your potential date (or simply a month/year) and they will provide you with some helpful hints about the process, as well as brochures to help you plan."

The Wellness Committee Presented: Simple Steps to Eat Real in 2015

Amy Nadelén, MS, is a nutrition expert who came to the Monroe County Hall of Justice on January 8th to share her knowledge about taking a whole food approach to nutrition. She also encouraged people to focus more on a food's ingredients, where it came from, and how it was grown, instead of the more traditional approach of counting calories and avoiding fat. More than 80 employees took advantage of this free presentation and enthusiastically listened and asked questions on how we can jump-start a real food lifestyle. We learned the marketing tricks food companies used, how to best budget for organics, and how to fit real food into real life. Special thanks to Allison Bates (Monroe Family Court) for obtaining the free giveaways: water bottles, night blinkers, and wellness journals.



Obituaries



Burrall "Bunky" Case, father of **Marcilyn Morrisey** (Chief Clerk-Ontario Supreme & County Court/COJ) and father-in-law of **Michael Morrisey** (Principal Administrative Assistant-Retired), age 72, passed away unexpectedly, on Monday, December 22, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Janice (Dhondt) Case; three children, Rick (Sheila) Case, Marci (Mike) Morrisey and Mark Case; five grandchildren, Spencer, Brandi, Cody, Logan and Jacob; three siblings, Don (Lucy) Case, Marianne (Jack) Gallagher and Mark (Dawn) Case; mother-in-law, Helen Dhondt; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ontario County Humane Society, 2976 Co. Rd. 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or Comfort Care Home, PO Box 497, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Cards of condolence may be sent to Marci and her family c/o Ontario Supreme & County Court, 27 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424.



The **Honorable Ronald A. Cicoria**, retired Livingston County Court Judge, passed away on January 7, 2015 at age 74. Judge Cicoria is survived by his wife of 48 years Judith (Smith) Cicoria, and children: Jason (Jennifer) Ciccoria, Amy (Ken) Cicoria-Gorton, and Ronald Jr. (Nicole) Cicoria; grandchildren: Giovanni and Mia. Siblings: Gary (Linda) Cicoria and Laurie Cicoria-Amorese. Cards of condolence may be sent to Judge Cicoria's family c/o Bob Lewis, Livingston Family Court, 2 Court Street, Geneseo, NY 14454.

George L. Gallaher, father of **Monroe County Family Court Judge Patricia Gallaher**, died Jan 8, 2015 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. His peaceful death came only a few days after a big family party celebrating his 90th birthday on January 3 with his wife of 69 years (who also turned 90 on December 30.) Mr. Gallaher is survived by his wife, 4 children, 11 grandchildren, including the judge's daughter Kelsey Carlson, and 13 great-grandchildren. Cards of condolence may be sent to Hon. Patricia Gallaher and her family, c/o Monroe Family Court, Rm 361 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614.

Anne V. Moore, grandmother of **Amy O'Connell**, 7th Judicial District Office, passed away January 14th 2015, at 91 years of age. Mrs. Moore was from the Victor and Troy, NY area and was predeceased by her husband, Francis Daniel Moore in 2005 and son, Richard D. Moore in 1968. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Patrick) Howlett; grandchildren, Amy (Dennis) O'Connell, Jennifer (David) Bosco; great-grandchildren, Samantha and Sarah O'Connell; Cameron, Logan and Mason Bosco. Gifts in Anne's memory may be directed to Hospice, 3111 S. Winton Road, Rochester, NY 14623 or St. Patrick's Church, address above. Cards of condolence may be sent to Amy and her family, c/o 7th Judicial District Office, 161 Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614.

Cynthia "Cindy" E. White, 43, sister of **Edward White, Monroe Supreme & County Court**, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015 at her home, unexpectedly in her sleep. Cindy is survived by her fiance, Sean O'Connor; daughter, Petra Ann O'Connor and son, Reilly S. O'Connor; her parents, Lewis and Ann White; brother, Ed (Julie) White and their children, Jaden, Gabriella, and Luke; sister, Brenda (Ken) Szymanski and their children, Jake and Josh; and many aunts, uncles, cousins; Sean's father, Fred of Florida; Sean's relatives; and her two dogs, Princess and Mario. Cards may be sent to Ed and his family c/o Monroe Supreme & County Court, 545 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trevor's Gift, 21 E. Main St., Suite 212, Waterloo, NY, 13165.



Congratulations to:

NORMA ECKL on her promotion to Court Assistant in Rochester City Court



CHRISTINE MAAS was promoted to Court Clerk in Monroe Supreme & County Court



SAN DIEP has been promoted to Court Assistant in Monroe Family Court

HON. JOHN OWENS is now the Monroe County Surrogate Judge. He was sworn in December 22, 2014.



EDWARD WHITE is now the Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Matthew Rosenbaum Monroe Supreme Court



Jose Cruzado

Effective January 1, 2015, Jose, who works in Livingston County, was promoted to Chief Clerk II in Livingston Supreme & County Court and also the Commissioner of Jurors in Livingston County. We wish you the best!!

Seneca County News:

This wonderful picture didn't make it into last months edition but it was too special not to print.

(L to R): Dennis Coleman, Lori Breese, JoAnn Ryrko, Penny Spinner, Barb Roesch, Sue Leisenring, Gigi Sciotti, Susan Maleski. Back Row: Jane Lawson, Chetta Brown, Dawn McPherson, Liz Young and Judge Bender.

It looks like they had a Happy Holiday!!





A SEFA THANK YOU! Another Successful Campaign!!

We would like to thank all of the District's SEFA coordinators for helping with this year's campaign. The coordinators for this year were: *Holly Saxe, Sarah Sennett, Rhonda Beck, Chuck Perreaud, Mandy McAvoy, April Termine, Trish Harding, Myra Madden, Robert Lewis, Betsy Simpson, Josie Guard, Jane Lawson, Kelly Wightman, Colleen Flanagan, Lori Peck and Vanessa Smith.* And of course...we want to thank all of the SEFA contributors for making this another successful campaign. Our district contributed a total of \$13,286.

A special *Thanks* goes out to **Melissa Pendleton** who was the coordinator for the whole 7th JD. Without her hard work and dedication none of this would have happened.

Way to go!

Naturalization Ceremony

Monroe County welcomed 49 brand new U.S. citizens on December 11th, 2014. Hon. Craig J.Doran, Administrative Judge, presided over the ceremony with assistance from Hon. James Piampiano. Students from the Hillel School sang "God Bless America" as Judge Doran administered the Oath of Allegiance to the new citizens. The ceremony was held at the Monroe County Office building.



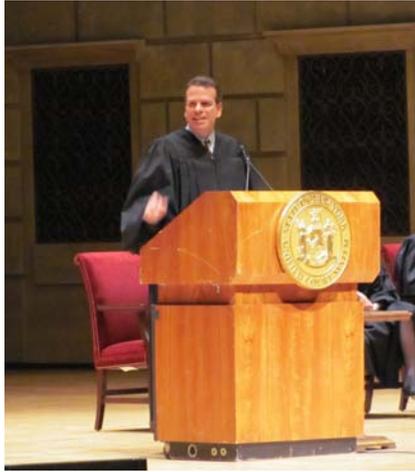
Congratulations and Welcome to our new judges.....

Hon. Leticia Astacio, City Court Judge in Rochester City Court . Judge Astacio received her law degree and Masters in Social Work from the University at Buffalo. Hon. Roy King is giving the Oath of Office to Judge Astacio at her swearing-in ceremony held in December 2014.



Hon. David Lee Foster,
City Court Judge in
Geneva City Court

Judge Foster received his law degree from Cornell Law School. He was the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Wayne County from 2000-2012 and the Geneva City Attorney from 2008 to 2014.



The Monroe County Bar Admission Ceremony

Hon. Craig J. Doran, Administrative Judge, was the keynote speaker at The Monroe County Bar Admission Ceremony for the Fourth Judicial Department on January 14th at the Eastman Theatre.

Hon. Henry J. Scudder, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, gave the welcoming remarks. There were 259 candidates for admission who took the oath which was administered by Frances E. Cafarell, Esq., Clerk of the Court, Appellate Division Fourth Department.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday celebrated nationally on January 19th

The WorkForce Diversity Committee along with the Black History Month Committee put together another wonderful display table in the Monroe County Hall of Justice with photos, brochures and an activity books for children showing the accomplishments and legacy of Martin Luther King.



The Wellness Committee is asking for bottle donations.....

In order to keep the costs down for the Wellness Events held in the 7th Judicial District, the Wellness Committee has set up fundraising accounts at two bottle redemption centers. On the west side of Rochester: Ridge Nickelback, 560 West Ridge Road, 14615 (hours M-Sat 9 AM-6 PM, Sun 10 AM-4 PM); on the east side of Rochester: Can Kings, 1276 Fairport Road, 14450 (hours M-Sat 9 AM-7 PM, Sun 10 AM-4 PM).

Both redemption centers give \$.05 per bottle or can. However, **Can Kings will give us \$.06 per bottle or can on the 6th of every month.** Both accounts are called "Wellness Committee." Anyone can bring their bottles and cans there and say they are for the Wellness Committee and the donations will go on our account. The donator does not have to be a Hall of Justice employee; employees can ask their friends and family to bring their returns there, too.



**The 7th Judicial District Black History Month Committee
Workforce Diversity Committee
& The Rochester Black Bar Association**

Present

**“A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture”
Defining Professional, Historical, and Cultural Moments**



**Part I
Speaker Forum
February 6, 2015**

Hall of Justice, Mezzanine Floor, Room 165 at 12:00 p.m.

* Special musical performance by Denise Reese of Purple Days Movement and Laurin Hashin



Rev. Lawrence Hargrave

Pastor for Outreach and Community Connection Ministries
Asbury First United Methodist Church



Essie L. Calhoun-McDavid

Chief Diversity and Community Affairs Officer
Eastman Kodak Company (Retired)



Dana K. Miller

Rochester City Council Member



Cynthia Herriot Sullivan

Lieutenant Rochester Police Department (Retired)

*** UPCOMING
Black History Month
Program
February 26, 2015, 12:00 noon
Hall of Justice
Mezzanine Floor, Room 165**

REFRESHMENTS SERVED



James Culbertson, Livingston County Commissioner of Jurors

January 1995 to December 31, 2014

Congratulations
on your retirement!

Hon. William Polito, Monroe Supreme Court Justice

January 1997 through December 31, 2014

Liz Young's Retirement Party



Liz Young was the Chief Clerk of Seneca Supreme and County Clerk and the Commissioner of Jurors. She started her career as a Court Assistant in Yates County and was promoted to Chief Clerk II in Seneca County in November 2000. Her retirement party was held December 12, 2014 at the Seneca Falls Elks Lodge.



Liz's sisters: Peggy (L) and Evelyn (R)



Liz's brothers: Jim (L) and Ted (R)



District Executive Ron Pawelczak (L) and Gary Schwartz (R)



(L to R) Back row: Bill Deninger, Kathleen Sweeney - retired, Marci Morrisey, Meg DiMartino. Front Row: Kelly Wejko, Liz, Betty Gerych and Julie Brooks. All are Chief Clerks of Supreme & County Court.



(L to R) Vanessa Smith, Pam Housel, Michele Covert, Carol Winslow, Hon. W. Patrick Falvey, Liz Young and Meg DiMartino

To My Seventh District Family:

My journey in the Seventh District started back in 1996 when I answered my phone at the ungodly hour of 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning (yes I was still in bed) and Meg DiMartino offered me the Court Assistant position in Yates County. Of course, to Meg 8:30 a.m. seemed like 5:00 p.m., after all, she had three children under five years old at the time.

I have had eighteen GREAT years working in the court system. I have made life long friends and have enjoyed nearly every minute of those eighteen years. You have all had a part in that and I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed our time together. I will miss everyone!

Thank you for everything but especially for making the last eighteen years one HELLEVA ride!!

*Thanks!
Liz Young*



Liz with god-daughters Erin Sperry (L) and Corinne Blair (R)

The Court Tour Program

WAY TO GO!!!!

The following letter was received by Mandy McAvoy, Court Tour Liaison for Monroe County, from Brian Amphlett, who is a Criminal Justice instructor at Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES and recently attended a court tour in the Monroe County Hall of Justice. Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES includes 25 public school districts within Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties. There has been a steady increase over the past few years in the number of schools located outside of Monroe County that come all the way to Rochester to participate in our court tours.

Hi Mandy,

Thank you very much for the update. I also would like to thank Gene (Crimi) again for his fantastic insight on the process and procedures in both arraignment and the trial. He really is to be commended! Your tour is an essential part of our Criminal Justice Program at FLTCC (Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center.) We strive to provide students with the opportunity to make the real world connections with material taught in class. It is one thing to discuss the criminal trial process, but it really "sticks" and provides for teachable moments that cannot be replicated otherwise. Students at FLTCC criminal justice also are enrolled in forensic science so the Hightower homicide trial provided students to observe courtroom procedures, view how the penal law is applied, comprehend the importance of chain of custody and proper CSI techniques, see real world forensic science applications such as DNA analysis and ballistics, and most importantly see how all these things are interconnected and each aspect is essential in providing justice for victims and their families. It also increases student motivation to dig deeper. My students cannot wait to begin our mock trials! I just want you all to know the importance of the opportunities you are providing for our students. The program is incredible and the impact is priceless! I have spoken to several parents since our visit and the discussions which have happened at the family dinner tables are by themselves invaluable. It may seem like a little thing for judges, attorneys, bailiffs, court reporters, and all the other essential staff to take a few minutes out of their busy schedule, but the benefits are simply immeasurable. My students related to me in post-visit discussion how great our country truly is and the increased motivation to serve others because of what they witnessed. Thank Gene again for me and thank you all for what you do daily! As my kids stated, "You guys rocked!" Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Sincerely, Brian



Congratulations to **Vickie Kushner**

(pictured with her significant other.) Vickie was promoted from Rochester City Court as a Senior Court Office Assistant to a Court Assistant in Steuben Family Court.

This picture was taken at her farewell party held in January 2015.