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SAVE THE DATE

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Plant Exchange

Thursday

May 14, 2015

Noon—1:30 pm

Rm 165 HOJ

Monroe County

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

-Theodore Roosevelt



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sue Maleski has been promoted to Seneca County Chief Clerk of Supreme & County Court and Seneca County Commissioner of Jurors



Sue Maleski has an Associates Degree in Business Administration and has been with the 7th Judicial District since March 2000 in Seneca Supreme and County Court and was promoted to Court Assistant in February 2004 (she also was cross-trained in Seneca Family Court.) She is the Building Network

Coordinator, member of the 7th Judicial District Training Committee and is currently being trained as an Achieve Global Trainer.

Sue has been married to her husband Chuck for 22 years and they have two daughters; Kristyn (21) and Paige (17). In her spare time she takes Tae Kwon Do (she's a blue belt) and also enjoys reading, scrapbooking and photography. Congratulations, again!

Robin Russell has been promoted to Chief Clerk of Ontario County Family Court. Robin has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Brockport.



Robin started her career working for the County of Monroe, Department of Law and Department of Probation for seven years.

She has been working for the 7th Judicial District since 2007 in Canandaigua City Court and transferred to Monroe Supreme and County Court in 2007. Robin lives in Rochester and her hobbies include traveling, hiking, attending boxing matches and concerts. Congratulations Robin!

Obituaries



Josephine (Josie) Taddeo, **mother of Supreme Court Justice Ann Marie Taddeo and Senior Court Reporter Janet Taddeo**, died Friday, April 17th. A funeral Mass was held at St. Cecilia's Church in Irondequoit. Cards of condolence may be sent to Justice Taddeo c/o Monroe Supreme Court, 545 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614 and to Janet Taddeo c/o Court Reporters Office 161B Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614.

Retired Justice Andrew V. Siracuse's wife, Marie Siracuse, passed away suddenly on April 14th while at home. A funeral mass was held on Monday, April 20th at St. Joseph Church in Penfield.

Robert A. Norton, retired Chief Clerk of Monroe Family Court died peacefully on April 14, 2015, surrounded by his loved ones after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Gail; children, Laurel and Sean; grandchildren, Mason and Spencer Mikulski; 7 brothers and sisters, Lawrence (Barbara) Norton, Kathleen Mueller, John (Janice) Norton, Joanne (Joseph) Berlin, Mary (James) Schwartz, Paul (Sue) Norton and James (Kelly) Norton; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Prudi Keiffer; long-time friend, Joseph Platania; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Robert was a graduate of Aquinas Institute and the University of Rochester. After attending OCS, Robert was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, stationed in Germany. Following his military service, he became a Probation Officer for Monroe County. **Bob started his career in the Courts as Deputy Chief Clerk IV in 1983 . He was promoted to Chief Clerk in 1986 where he served with distinction until his retirement in 2000.** Everyone's favorite gentleman, Robert will be remembered for his selfless acts, kind words, Irish wit and smile that would light up a room. Contributions in Robert's name may be made to Lifetime Care Hospice or a charity of your choice. Cards of condolence may be sent to Human Resource Unit, 161 Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY 14614.

Mock Trials held in Monroe County Hall of Justice

Did you know that in the Monroe County Hall of Justice, Mock Trials are held every Week? Sometimes twice a week!

Students (5th graders) from all over our region bus in to spend their morning, first in Rochester City Court (usually with



Judge Elliott or Judge Morse) in court in the Public Safety Building and then they come to the Hall of Justice to perform a mock trial and to Hear job descriptions of each position in the court room and learn about Family Court and PINS petitions. There is also a question and answer period. The kids have a wonderful time and we get potential future job candidates. Thanks to the Human Resource Unit for conducting the Mock Trials and to Mandy McAvoy for setting up the tours and her helpers for bringing the children to the courtrooms. We couldn't do this without you all!!

Congratulations on your retirement!



Congratulations to **Jamie Hermann, Court Analyst and Project Director I in Monroe Supreme & County Drug Treatment Court**, on her retirement. Jamie worked 14 years in the 7th Judicial District.

Congratulations to **Mary Signor Court Assistant in Rochester City Court Criminal Branch** retiring after 26 years of service!



L to R: Gene Crimi, Chief Clerk Rochester City Court, Kim Bostley, Deputy Chief Clerk RCC Criminal Branch, Mary, Ron Pawelczak, District Executive and Hon. Teresa Johnson.



Pictured L to R: Penny Spinner, Lori Breese, George Shamon, Conchetta Brown and Dawn McPherson.

Congratulations to **George J. Shamon, Support Magistrate**, leaving Seneca County Family Court after 30 years. He began his long, successful career presiding over support and paternity proceedings back in 1985. He has held court in Seneca, Wayne and Cayuga Counties at different times throughout his 30-year run. George recently returned to Cayuga County, exclusively, as the District appointed a new Support Magistrate for Seneca County. A luncheon was held in his honor on March 9, 2015. George was given a warm send-off by the Seneca Courthouse Staff, the Seneca County Support Collection Unit and the County Attorney's Office.

A Recipe for Happiness

When you look at all the different types of eating plans across the board, the only one that comes back with positive parameters, study after study, in all areas—mental health, cardiovascular health, obesity—is the Mediterranean diet,” says Aviva Romm, MD, a physician who specializes in functional medicine for women and children. A Spanish study of 10,000 healthy individuals revealed that people who most closely followed the

diet were 30% less likely to become depressed over four years than those who nearly ignored the diet. The diet is abundant in fruits and vegetables, unrefined grains, legumes, nuts, fish and olive oil. Think chickpeas, olives, tomatoes, eggplant and more. An excellent source of omega-3s, folate, magnesium, B12 and more, the Mediterranean diet offers nutrients that protect both the heart and the brain. When people eat more whole foods and avoid highly processed foods, they decrease their risk of developing depression, anxiety and dementia,” explains psychiatrist Drew Ramsey, MD.

Way to Go!!



Congratulations to **Kim VanCamp, Senior Court Analyst of Monroe County Mental Health Court**, for being nominated for the Democrat & Chronicle's new ROC Health All Star feature. She was nominated because "Kim is an unsung hero and advocate for the mentally ill," wrote attorney Jill Paperno, explaining that VanCamp helps screen defendants for eligibility, coordinates programming and links participants and providers at Mental Health Court. "She takes a personal interest in the defendants, often interacting with them in ways that demonstrate her kindness and compassion, and showing a concern that some have rarely experienced before. She works tirelessly to help them succeed."

In 2002, Kim started collaborating with Monroe County Court Judge Patricia Marks (retired) to develop a treatment court for people dealing with mental health issues, similar to the treatment court for people battling substance abuse. In 2006, she became coordinator of the Monroe County Mental Health Court.

-from the D&C April 15, 2015

Lucile Mallard to accept Honorary degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges



Canandaigua City Court is very proud to announce that Mrs. Lucile Mallard, CASAC Resource Coordinator II of the Canandaigua City Court, Finger Lakes Misdemeanor Drug Court will be presented with a Humanitarian Honorary Degree from the Hobart and William Smith College on May 17, 2015. This is quite the honor!!! Congratulations Lucile.

-Submitted by: Lisa Gardner, Chief Clerk

On May 17th at the 2015 Commencement Ceremony of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, President Mark Gearan will present Lucile Mallard an Honorary Degree (Humanitarian) for her involvement in the community. On May 16th at 6 p.m. a reception dinner will be hosted by the president at his home for the honorees and their guests.

Lucile Mallard has been employed at Canandaigua City Court under the supervision of Chief Clerk Lisa Gardner and the Honorable Steven D. Aronson since March 5, 2001 as the Finger Lakes Misdemeanor Drug Treatment Court Resource Coordinator II. Lucile lives in the city of Geneva where she has been a community activist for civil and human rights for over 40 years. She has served on multiple boards and not-for-profit organizations in the past. She currently serves as President of The Geneva Area Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Vice Chair Geneva Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee; The Vice Chair of The Geneva Molly Lydenberg Scholarship Committee; Member of the 7th Judicial District UCS Workforce Diversity Committee; a member of the Geneva Community Compact Steering Committee; member of the Geneva 2020 Steering Committee; and the FLCC Geneva Campus Community Advisory Board.

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Lucile has volunteered, in schools to help students work through racial issues that have had negative impact on their education. She travels around Ontario County doing presentations to college, high school, and middle school students on substance abuse prevention, the criminal justice system, and drug court. She has been a presenter for HWS Colleges Centennial Center For Leadership Institute for 2 years.

Lucile has received Honors and Awards (since 1983) for her volunteer service which includes in 1994 one of the NYS Governor’s African American of Distinction Award; in 1995 the Geneva Catholic Charities Sharing the Light Award; in 1995 the Geneva League Of Women Voters Agnes Lewis Slosson Award (for community service and political activist); Geneva Boys and Girls Club Leadership Award; The African-American Men’s Association’s Leadership Award; 2004 the Six Plus One Community Service Award; 2005 The Geneva MLK Jr. Committee’s Heritage Award; 2008 the Monroe County Action For a Better Community (ABC) Lana Gantt Community Service Award. April 27, 2013 recognized by the J’lon Woody Courage Committee for working with youth. She has received multiple honors and awards from the NAACP on a local, state and national level for over 30 years of service. She was selected as the recipient of the 2007 Geneva ATHENA, as an Outstanding role model for Women for her volunteerism and professional service. In 2007, she also received The NYS Assembly’s “Proclamation Honor” their highest Award given to a NYS Citizen for community service. This was presented to her by NYS Assembly Minority Leader Honorable Brian Kolb during a Finger Lakes DTC session. In 2013, Lucile received the New York State Unified Court System’s Merit Performance Award for Community Service and Humanitarian Pursuits. The Seventh Judicial District is lucky to have Lucile Mallard on board!!

Kathy Harris’s Retirement Party—February 26, 2015, given to her by her co-workers in Monroe Supreme & County Court. Kathy completed 31 years of service with the Unified Court System. Best wishes Kathy!!



L to R: Kathy’s son, Bill Deninger and Kathy



L to R: Dan Curran, Chris Maas, Kim Keskin and Cathy Hallimen



Fred Infantino and Sandy Glogowski

L to R: Cheryl Baxter, Louise MacFarland Deb Snyder, Vernessa McCullough



7th JD Wellness Event for April: Seed Planting Class

On April 9th, Barb McDonald, Senior Court Office Assistant in Monroe Surrogate's Court, donated her time and expertise and taught four classes on how to start seeds. Sixty people from Monroe County signed up to take the class. Barb gave a short talk on seeds and how to go about planting them and getting them to germinate. There were four tables set up: one for vegetable seeds, flower seeds, herb seeds and a spritzing station. Employees went home with their cell packs full of seeds, dirt and water and hoped for the best! Thanks to Barb for volunteering to teach us and a big thank you to Judge Johnson and Judge Elliot for supplying the cookies for the event. Three people won a geranium, donated by Barb and A BIG THANK YOU to Judge Dollinger for donating a \$50 gift certificate to Jeremiah's—the winner was Leanne Frye from Rochester City Court.



Next Wellness Event: A Plant Exchange scheduled for Thursday, May 14th in Rm 165 HOJ. Keep your eye out for a flyer to be sent out soon.

Friends With Benefits

- A quick break with your pet can lift your mood by reducing the stress hormone cortisol. Make time for playing, which elevates dopamine levels, helping you stay calm and relaxed.
- Regular walks ease joint pain and stiffness in knees, hips and ankles.
- Strolling with your pooch makes you more likely to get the recommended level of physical activity. People without canine companions are twice as likely to be overweight.
- Pets increase longevity by lowering pulse and blood pressure rates and may reduce your risk for heart disease. Cat owners are also one-third likely to die from a stroke or heart attack.
- An animal's unconditional love makes it easy to smile and banish negative thoughts. Dogs in particular have this effect, ramping up your "feel-good" hormones.



- Family Circle March 2015