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Generous Volunteers Lead the Way

They donate their time and talent to exceed the FJD goal — with your help

By Lee Swiacki, Administrative Services

The City of Philadelphia Employees' Combined Campaign is a nineteen-year old, employee-driven charitable drive that allows employees to donate to 13 participating organizations representing over 2,500 charities providing everything from family counseling to cancer research, from disaster relief to wildlife conservation; in all, a remarkable range of services and activities.

The mission of the Employees Combined Campaign is a commitment to promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing municipal employees a greater choice in how to allocate their charitable dollars. Workplace

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Combined Campaign Volunteers Front Row (left to right): Ed Rementer, Bill McMonagle, Mike Kilgallon; Back Row: Kelly Hammer, Claire Kelly, and the author, Lee Swiacki.

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Donate Books!
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by Deborah Dailey, Senior Staff Advisor

For the last two years, many FJD Civil Section and Prothonotary employees have been quietly working with the Civil E-Filing Steering Committee toward achieving what promises to be a huge improvement in Common Pleas Civil Courts operations. The Steering Committee members, **Senior Staff Advisor Deborah Dailey, Deputy Court Administrator Charles Mapp, Prothonotary Joseph Evers, and Programmer Manager Harold Palmer**, represent the Office of the Court Administrator, the CP Civil Section, the Prothonotary's Office, and Data Processing, respectively. Along with

the civil judiciary, members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and many other key FJD personnel, they have invested hundreds of hours meeting, discussing, designing, and building a system for electronic filing, or "e-filing." But as you'll see, e-filing is much more than a new way to file civil cases.

The success of FJD

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E-Filing Steering Committee Members: (clockwise from bottom left) Co-Chair Joe Evers, Deborah Dailey, E-Filing Project Director Harold Palmer, Co-Chair Charles Mapp.

E-Filing: Working on the Future — Now



READS Begins Another Fun-Filled Year

By Carey Widman,
Judicial Secretary



Another event-filled year is underway for the Philadelphia READS students and their coaches. The annual Christmas pizza party in early December was a big hit. Each student received a book from their coach, enjoyed pizza and homemade cupcakes baked by one of our coaches, **Jennifer Dumin**. Bruce, the talking Christmas tree, thrilled both students and coaches. Students also chose from a grab bag of holiday treats.



In January, the Abigail Vare School was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Philadelphia READS Program. The grant will be used to buy books for the school's library, and was given in appreciation for the First Judicial District's continued support and commitment. Also, **Jury Commissioner Roger Gordon** was the Master of Ceremonies for a courtroom drama in January that put Miss Care Bear on trial. Each student played a starring role as juror, witness, Judge, DA, or Public Defender. The jurors were actively engaged in the courtroom proceedings and asked some very good questions. The jury unanimously found Miss Care Bear guilty of theft of stolen school property.

In February, coaches helped their students make a special Valentine's Day keepsake with a photo of each child and his/her coach. The students also surprised their coaches with a heart-shaped thank you that they had made. Also in February, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, coaches read the Dr. Seuss stories, *Are You my Mother?* and *The Lorax* to the students. **Coach Lorraine Moore** thrilled the students with her Cat in the Hat top hat.

With the FJD READS Program EVERYONE smiles.

THE FJD READS PROGRAM NEEDS BOOKS!

Please donate new or used children's books by dropping them off with READS Program Coordinator Carey Widman in 1418 CJC. We are also looking to expand our book bin in the 12th floor Judicial Dining Room of CJC in time for READS to begin again next Fall. Thanks!



Author Carey Widman (on the left).

Jury Appreciation Day 2007

Thursday May 3, 2007, was this year's Juror Appreciation Day to recognize the public service performed by local citizens who serve – and often enjoy their service – on civil and criminal court juries. This year, the celebration date fell within the annual month-long celebration of Pennsylvania jurors held throughout May. Kenneth Gamble, chairman and co-founder of Philadelphia International Records, served as keynote speaker and emphasized in his remarks that jury duty is not always convenient, but it is a responsibility that we all share. He explained that jurors come together and work as



a coordinated ensemble to reach just verdicts [just like the FJD employees without whose teamwork none of this could happen]. **Mayor John F. Street, President Judge C. Darnell Jones, II, Trial Division Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh, Judge Jacqueline Allen, Civil Section Supervising Judge Esther R. Sylvester,** several other judges, **City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown,** and others were greeted by **Jury Commissioner Roger Gordon** and the capable staff of the Jury Selection Commission.

“Ultimately, our entire system of justice comes down to one person: you, the juror. Taking the time to serve as a juror, to listen to all the evidence, and to decide honestly and fairly is perhaps the most important duty you, as a private citizen, can perform,” explained **Trial Division**

Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh. “We cannot overstate the importance of your role here today.”

“The participation of our civic and community leaders in today’s ceremony demonstrates how critical the jury is to the functioning of our society and underscores the ongoing need to ensure we have a strong jury system,” added **Shira J. Goodman,** Associate Director of PMC. “Juror Appreciation Day is one way courts acknowledge the dedicated service of our citizen jurors and educate the public about the need to fill our jury boxes with responsible, sensible community members.”



Left Photo, Jury Commissioner Roger Gordon, President Judge Jones, and Mayor Street. Above, Kenny Gamble (with hat) listens with President Judge Jones.

DR's Mark Poggio: "Above and Beyond"

By Shanda Holloway, HR Personnel Technician

Lt. Mark Poggio was certified as an instructor by the SEPA Chapter of the American Red Cross to train the individuals on the FJD Emergency Response Team. Lt. Poggio trained 81 responders including judges, deputy court administrators and employees throughout the FJD in Infant/Child and Adult CPR and the use of the Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

Lt. Poggio was awarded a commendation of appreciation to thank him for his efforts in conducting the District-wide training. Lt. Poggio went above and beyond the call of duty by accommodating dates, times, numbers of classes and numbers of enrollees. He often traveled to provide training at various locations. Lt. Poggio was a very energetic instructor who made learning and relearning fun, interesting and informative. Lt. Poggio seemed to enjoy his subject and instructing the various people of the District. The award



Lieutenant Mark Poggio and Court Administrator Dave Lawrence.

was presented by **Court Administrator David C. Lawrence** with **Administrative Judge Kevin M. Dougherty, Supervising Judge Margaret T. Murphy,**

Deputy Court Administrator Mary Lou Baker, and **Personnel Technician Shanda Holloway.**

Campaign

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giving is one of the best ways to select the nonprofits that are in line with personal values and philosophies. It is the most inexpensive method of fundraising because it allows charities to reach large groups of people at the same time. The citywide Combined Campaign reaches over 26,000 people. Without the Combined Campaign, each charity would have to spend its own money to reach this pool of people. The Campaign allows more of your contributions to go to the people who need them.

“Choice – Community – Change” is the theme for the 2007 Campaign. The City of Philadelphia established a goal of collecting \$1.45 million to touch the lives of many and to sustain vital services locally, regionally, and abroad. As a major participant, the FJD portion of that goal is \$76,700. Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of our employees, the FJD surpassed the goal by pledging \$78,799 from 575 donors. That means that the campaign exceeded its goal by almost 3% with only 26% of the employees participating. Greater participation could work miracles.

Nonetheless, an impressive number of departments met or exceeded their goals. Special Kudos are due to employee volunteers who distribute materials, coordinate campaign activities, attend meetings, collect pledge cards, and take on numerous other tasks that make the campaign a success.

If you have yet to give to the Campaign, please join us now. By donating \$2 per pay period, which is less than 15¢ a day, you can help ensure that health and human services, advocacy work for social and economic justice, and assistance during disasters continue to be available to those in need. Every gift, regardless of the amount is welcome. Every gift makes a difference.



Combined Campaign Volunteer William Rosenbaum from Municipal Court.

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...children who may have been left to fend for themselves have found safe havens with positive adult influence and opportunities to learn.”

- Roseann DiPrimio

FJD department volunteers embrace the tradition of commitment to those who are less fortunate.

Jackie Browne, Supervisor – Probation: “As a ten-year breast cancer survivor, serving as a Combined Campaign volunteer allows me to give back to the many organizations and agencies that assist individuals who are living with life-threatening illnesses and diseases, and also to help those agencies that are working to find cures for these diseases.”

Bill McMonagle, Supervisor of Bench Warrants - Domestic Relations: “For the past 29 years I have been involved in United Way which has now turned into the Combined Campaign. My parents were immigrants from Ireland. They came over by boat to the United States and

really didn’t know anyone here. They raised 5 children and were always able to provide for their children. I realize how important this campaign is and how it can help people from all

walks of life, race, nationality, and religion. Therefore, I am a strong supporter of this campaign and will be until I retire on November 29, 2009.”

“...the agencies involved help thousands of people every day and through the year.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been chosen to be the volunteer for Municipal Court this year.”

- William Rosenbaum

Mike Kilgallon, Manager Data Processing: “I actively support the Combined Campaign for what it does or can do for a specific organization. In the message from

the Campaign Chair: ‘We all should Give for the Good of the Community.’”

Roseann DiPrimio, Court Reporter Administration: “The United Way has funded such great organizations to shelter and protect children. Whether it’s after-school programs, or sports, children who may have been left to fend for themselves have found safe havens with positive adult influence and opportunities to learn.”

Alison Rementer, Human Resources: “Everybody talks about tragedy and injustice, with an ‘Oh-how-awful!’ and an ‘Ain’t-that-a-shame’ attitude. The people who are working in these organizations really want to give up time and sweat to do something about it, and deserve monetary support.”

Bill Rosenbaum, Municipal Court Administration: “I support the campaign because I strongly feel that the agencies involved help thousands of people every day and through the year. They are worthwhile causes and I feel that we need to continually support those agencies that have a real sense of community. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been chosen to be the volunteer for Municipal Court this year.”

Not Pictured: Jacqueline Browne, Alison Rementer, Roseann DiPrimio, Regina Purtell, John Purtell, Erin Verdone, Carl Quickle, and Jeffrey Travelina.

Anniversaries

(January 1 through March 31, 2007)		
Name, Assignment, & Years of Service		
Esposito, Nicholas R	FAMILY CT GRANTS-V	35
Finney, Aaron	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Guidice, Thomas	MC COURT REPORTERS	35
Hess, Paulette S	MC CIVIL	35
Kanyuk, Margaret M	COURT REPORTERS	35
McCrosen Jr., John	GENERAL TIPSTAFF	35
Pacchianelli, Robert	CRIMINAL LISTINGS	35
Petner, James R	GENERAL TIPSTAFF T	35
Rodriquez Sr, Michael	PRETRIAL SERVICES	35
Shushkevich, Nickolas	GENERAL TIPSTAFF M	35
Weiss, Libby E	JUDGE PAPALINI	35
Benites, Yvette	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Dacri, Robert J	DR CHILD SUPPORT	30
DeFrancesco, Francis	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Deik, Ronald C	DR CHILD SUPPORT	30
Diggs, Cereta R	HUMAN RESOURCES	30
Donnelly, Michael P	DATA PROCESSING	30
Fields, Gerald W	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Gericke, Elizabeth L	DR CHILD SUPPORT	30
Giordano, Richard J	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Haggerty, Margaret	COURT REPORTERS	30
Harkins, James H	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Johnson, Frank L	PRETRIAL SERVICES	30
Morgan, Dianna M	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Muraglia, Dominic M	CRIMINAL LISTINGS	30
Nelson, Thomas E	ADULT PROBATION GE	30
Simon, Patricia M	FAMILY CT GRANTS-V	30
Stampone Jr, Nicholas	GENERAL TIPSTAFF T	30
Whitt, LeRoy A	FAMILY CT GRANTS-V	30
Aner, Jerry	DATA PROCESSING	25
Berry, Kim	GENERAL TC	25
Brodzinski, Donna M	JUVENILE BRANCH	25
Caruso, Patricia A	JUVENILE BRANCH	25
Dacri, Lisa A	DOMESTIC REL, APPT	25
Daly, Kevin A	PROTHONOTARY PRJ	25
Duffield Sr, James	PROCUREMENT	25
Jones, Deborah A	DR CHILD SUPPORT	25
Kaplan, Glenn S	COURT REPORTERS	25
McGrogan, Paul	MIS	25

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Retirements

(January 1 through March 31, 2007)		
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Sperlunto, Gerald	Legal Clerk 2	24
Broodno, Harvey G	Probation Off. V	35
Hughes-Harbson, Jaime	Court Adm Ofcr 3	20
Iovanisci, Marlene P	Judicial Secy 2	19
Mangam, Robert M	Court Adm Ofcr 3	32
Manns Hill, Jacqueline	Tipstaff 2 (Jud)	16
Erace, Joseph A	Probation Ofcr 2	38
Myers, James F	Tipstaff 2 (Gen)	35
Snyder, Frank M	Co-Chief P O	37
Stewart, Margaret	Legal Clerk 1	15
Tindley, Ethel D	Court Adm Ofcr 3	18
Christian, Helene V	Court Reporte	26
King, Virginia L	Personnel Tech 4	19
White, Daniel B	Tipstaff 1 (Gen)	27
DeAngelis Jr, Emidio A	Tipstaff 1 (Gen)	28
Furlong, Mary E	Judicial Secy 2	8
Lowe, Stephanie P	Probation Ofcr 2	32
Campbell, Joseph P	Law Clerk 3	35
Sweeney II, Francis W	Main Mech 3	32
Wenger, Joseph J	Microfilm Tech 1	28
Fudala, John F	Cler Asst II	29
Berger, Bruce A	Intake Intrvr	36
Croce, Marie A	Cler Asst II	10
Day Jr, Peter	Probation Ofcr 2	34
Holmberg, Charles	Court Reporte	33
Jackson, Andrew	Law Clerk 3	29
Kalniz, William D	Cler Asst II	41
Majors, Cora M	Legal Clerk 3	25
Quickle, Carl W	Court Adm Ofcr 1	30
Singlar, Carole A	Legal Clerk 4	22
Pagliari, Joann	Legal Clerk 3	23
Vitale, Robert D	Main Mech 1	28
Dixon, Margaret L	Tipstaff 1 (Gen)	25

Law Week: Mock Trial

On Thursday, May 3, 2007, **FJD Trial Division Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh** hosted children of the pre-kindergarten class of the Trinity Playgroup at a mock trial. The trial was held in City Hall as part of the annual National Law Week celebration. The purpose of the program is to familiarize children with the criminal justice legal process, and to instill in them the importance of jury duty.

Administrative Judge Keogh presided over the mock trial of "*Commonwealth v. Golden Locks, a/k/a Gold E. Locks*". Gavin Lentz, Esquire served as defense counsel and Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Bretschneider, repre-

sented the Commonwealth in the mock trial. The cast included many First Judicial District employees. The students of Trinity Playgroup served as the jury and were charged with the task of determining whether or not the Defendant, Ms. Locks, exercised bad manners when she entered the unoccupied home of the Bear family. The children acquitted Ms. Locks.

Assistance in presenting the mock trial was provided by the **Honorable Annette M. Rizzo** and her staff. Judge Rizzo conducted a similar program for another Philadelphia school in honor of Law Week on Tuesday, May 1, 2007.



E-Filing

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civil court automation efforts has encouraged judges, administrators, and employees to explore better ways to conduct the court's business through the use of technology and the Internet. Technology can increase access to courts and facilitate their use by citizens.

E-filing is the process of transmitting documents and other information to the court through electronic media rather than on paper. It also means that Prothonotary and Civil Section employees will be working with electronic files instead of shuffling thousands of papers. In March 2005, the Civil Section embarked on the process of planning and implementing Electronic Filing (E-filing). Through E-filing, the public will send and receive documents, pay filing fees, notify other parties, receive court notices, and retrieve court information. Parties will save time and the costs of transporting

materials to the courthouse. In addition, users will have improved access to pleadings and other documents. E-Filing promises greater productivity and effectiveness along with dra-

matic savings and improvements in the work of the courts and the practice of law.

The objective of the FJD Civil Electronic Filing Project is to design and implement a web-

E-Filing Screens Top: Confirmation screen showing details of completed filing; **Bottom:** FJD Website Portal through which the system is accessed. Clerks will be working with these electronic files — NOT thousands of papers.

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Race for the Cure



Once again FJD leaders organized a team to participate in the "Race for the Cure" on Sunday, May 13th, 2007, and many FJD judges and employees participated. The FJD team was known as "THE PHILADELPHIA COURTS," and met at the Rodin Museum. Once again, court employees banded together to help others and make their contributions toward the fight against cancer. *Look for an article and photos in the next issue of the Courterly this summer.*

E-Filing

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FJD case management system (Banner). Through this system, court personnel will have the ability to track and manage operations and allow the public to electronically retrieve – through the Internet or at the Courthouse – any documents specifically identified as public information.

With the implementation of e-filing in January 2008, court personnel will no longer be required to sift through buckets of paperwork or sort piles of documents on their desks in preparation for docketing. Employees of the system will simply pull up documents and review them online. Once accepted by the clerk for filing, an entry is automatically entered into the court's case management system.

Every filing clerk in the Prothonotary's Office and Civil Administration will agree that one of the most exciting aspects of e-filing is that the system will be fully integrated into the FJD Website and will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. The days of last-minute filers beating down the office door at 5:01 PM are coming to an end. No more tears,

no more frantic attorneys or couriers fearful of missing their deadline. Instead, documents will be filed and fees paid anytime – day or night – with just the click of a mouse. *Imagine the possibilities....*

The Civil E-Filing Steering Committee is excited about this project. From their work, supported by the tremendous contributions of many knowledgeable employees, judges, and others, they believe that the resulting FJD E-Filing System will be the best in the country. The Committee members are optimistic that once our e-filing system is up and running, other counties throughout the Commonwealth will take a look and follow suit.

The projected roll-out date of this project is January 2008, and e-filing will become mandatory within six months.

Note Interested employees can raise issues, make suggestions, or express concerns about the Civil E-Filing System by emailing: cefs@courts.phila.gov

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Barbuto, Gregory J	PROTHONOTARY PRJ	20
Boccelli, Marie A	PRETRIAL SERVICES	20
Burems, Mark A	DR CHILD SUPPORT	20
Chanel, Christine	PROTHONOTARY PRJ	20
Charuheti, Veronica	GENERAL TIPSTAFF	20
Fuhs, Joseph F	JUDGE SHEPPARD	20
Joyce, John J	MC CIVIL	20
Lutes, Patricia J	DR CHILD SUPPORT	20

Mangini, Joseph C	PROTHONOTARY PRJ	20
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Taylor-Thompson, C	PRETRIAL SERVICES	20
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