



DELONCE HINES

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FJD Employees Guard our Freedom

Here in the First Judicial District, we work to further justice in our free society. Meanwhile, some of our fellow employees work on a much different level to preserve liberty for us all. Several FJD employees and family members are serving in the Armed Forces here and abroad. They have exhibited the willingness to contribute their time and risk their welfare to benefit others. In several cases, our co-workers have been placed in harm's way, serving in dangerous trouble spots around the world. Some of our local heroes are featured in this edition of the Courterly.

The following Domestic Relations employees serve in the military:

Caroleetha Collins, Hearing Officer in the Wage Attachment Interstate Support Unit, has been in the Air Force Reserves for 18 years. She is a Technical Sergeant who works on air craft structural repair.

The aircraft under her care are C-141 cargo jets. Caroleetha is on a month-to-month briefing awaiting the call to active duty.

Mark Poggio, Case Interviewer in the Intake Unit, is currently a Company Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Reserves. He has been in the Marine Corps since September 1984, serving four years of active duty and over eighteen years in the reserves. He is attached to the 6th Communication Battalion 4 FSSG. A father of two, he has just been called to active duty and will be stationed in Kuwait.

Rosa Alvarado, who works in the Bench Warrant Unit, is currently attached to the Air Force Reserves in AERO — a medical evacuation squadron that flies when needed to evacuate military who are in need of medical attention. She was called to active duty May, 2002 and is stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in

New Jersey.

Adult Probation employees are also awaiting the call to duty.

Charles Daigre, recently promoted to Lt Colonel, serves in the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade, he is an active reservist and may be activated soon for the current conflict.

Kim Richardson, Staff Sergeant E6 assigned to the 858th Medical Company, Dental service unit for combat support.

Joseph Toban, Brigade Sergeant Major 338th Medical Brigade just retired in November 2002.

Also awaiting notice is Chief Warrant Officer **Jason M. Lonergan**, son of Court Reporter **Catherine Lonergan**. A helicopter pilot, Jason is presently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, with the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Keeping Peace in Bosnia

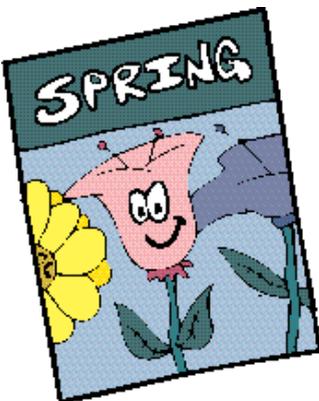
Municipal Court's **Delonce Hines** is currently serving our country as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM at Tuzla Eagle Army Base, Bosnia. He is a weapon storage site inspector charged with traveling throughout Bosnia to check weapons, ammunition and explosives maintained by the Bosnian army. He ensures that they are up to standard and verifies there is nothing amiss at the sites. Additionally, he conducts search and rescue missions throughout the mine fields of Bosnia. Travel is treacherous, as the roads are, in Delonce's estimation, no wider than Filbert Street. There are no guard rails and the Bosnian drivers are not safety conscious. One

slight miscue and your driving options are simple: crash into the side of an enormous mountain or fall off the side of it.

Delonce is part of Operation Joint Forge, an ongoing N A T O peace-keeping mission which put an end to the four-year war that killed over 200,000 people, left 6 million homeless,

and saw the worst massacre of people and ethnic cleansing since the WWII concentration camps. After September 11, 2001, the

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Delonce Hines on duty.

ANNIVERSARIES

The following employment anniversaries were reached during the period July-December 2002.

20 YEARS

Gerald R Smith, *MC-General Tipstaff*
Patricia A Dumoff, *Court Reporters*
Margie Canterino, *Court Reporters*
Illene H Suplee, *Judge Snite*
Anthony Gigliotti, *Building & Facilities*
Mark A Coulton, *Microfilm*
Leon R De Fulgentis, *MC Tipstaff*
Bernard P Lindline, *Traffic Court*
Patricia A Farrell, *Pre-Trial Services*
Eileen M Voegele, *Judge Fox*
Gail T Blair, *Jury Selection*
William T Rice, *Judge O'Grady*
Claire A Holloway, *MC Civil*

25 YEARS

Denise M Cannataro, *Judge Field*
Frank L Johnson, *Pre-Trial Services*
William A Barry, *Data Processing*
Jacqueline Caruso Kravitz, *Juvenile*
Gerard M Boone, *Data Processing*
Thomas J Novelli, *Jury Selection*
Nicholas P Stampono Jr, *CP Tipstaff*
John J Speese Jr, *Prothonotary*
Francis T DeFrancesco, *Adult Probation*
Joseph J Harbison II, *Domestic Rel.*
Paula M Marshall, *Court Reporters*
Georgina Cole, *Juvenile*

30 YEARS

Mary L Baker, *Domestic Rel.*
Joanne M Ellis, *Jury Selection*
Michael J Kilgallon, *Data Processing*
Anthony DeMeo, *CP Tipstaff*
Florence P Willis, *Juvenile*
Gary R Cenna, *Adult Probation*
Wayne V King, *Adult Probation*
Joseph W Valentine Jr, *Adult Probation*
Christine Oliveri, *Act. Crim. Records*
James H Taylor III, *Adult Probation*
Joseph L Fritz Jr, *Building & Facilities*
Ernest L Vincent, Sr., *Pre-Trial Svcs.*
Franklin A Wingo, *Adult Probation*
Joseph H Evers, *Prothonotary*
Stanley B Franklin Jr, *Adult Probation*
Catherine M Toner, *Domestic Rel.*
Carl L Divens Jr., *Court Admin.*
Bette Pleasant, *Prothonotary's Office*
Francis A Ronkowski, *Adult Probation*
Leonard J Armstrong Jr, *Act. Crim. Rec.*
Peter Solomon, *Adult Probation*
Helene S Gibilterra, *Juvenile*
Sherrian Broussard, *Pre-Trial Svcs.*
Frank J Salvatore, *Building & Facilities*
Anthony T Vanore, *Domestic Rel.*
Eugene E Allen, *Juvenile*
Leonard A Hacking, *Court Admin.*
Andrea Hoffman, *Adoptions*
Salvatore Meglio, *Domestic Relations*
Joseph J Wulko, *Juvenile*
James R Benton Jr., *Juvenile*
Anthony Mattia, *Procurement*
Mary Jo E Mirarchi, *Judge Carrafiello*
German Quiles, *MC Tipstaff*
Sheila M Belo, *Adult Probation*
Patricia A Howell, *Juvenile*
John P Purtell Jr, *CP Tipstaff*
James T Donaldson, *Adult Probation*
Frank Edge Jr, *CP Tipstaff*
Bruce P Sultanof, *Act. Crim. Records*
Cecil L Shamberger, *Adult Probation*
Frank Staiano, *MC Tipstaff*
Rosalynd S Nicholson, *Adult Probation*

28th Infantry Division from the Pennsylvania National Guard took over the mission from active duty soldiers who were deployed elsewhere throughout the world to combat global terrorism.

Delonce has worked in Municipal Court for close to five years. He began as a part time employee in the Civil Division in March, 1998. His diligence and initiative resulted in his advancement to a legal clerk with the Criminal Listings Unit. While his service to the First Judicial District is clearly missed, he is now doing the job his country asks him to do in the same man-

ner he conducts his civilian life — with pride and professionalism.

While most of the soldiers deployed in Bosnia received at least a year's notice, Delonce found out 11 days before mobilization that he was headed to Bosnia. He left behind a fiance and seven-month-old son (Delonce, Jr.). He also left behind his Municipal Court family. Delonce recently sent a box of Bosnian trinkets to his friends in Municipal Court. His co-workers enlisted the services of Santa wearing camouflage to ensure that DeLonce would receive a

Christmas package which will enable him to show off both Municipal Court and Philadelphia sports team clothing. An avid Philadelphia sports fan, Delonce assured us he will be supporting the Eagles during the playoff season from afar. After all, he is stationed at EAGLE Army Base! He has a tremendous fan base throughout the FJD and many coworkers gathered at a farewell luncheon before he departed for Germany and Bosnia. His friends miss his dry sense of humor and enthusiasm and continue to pray for his safe return to his family and friends.

Wedding Plans Accommodate World Events

Court Reporter **Angela Hailey's** wedding was all set for spring, but Uncle Sam had other ideas. Angela's fiance, Army Captain **Patrick B. Howard**, was given his 30-day deployment notice on January 27th.

The couple chose February 16 as their new wedding date, which happened to coincide with the biggest snow storm the city has seen in almost a decade. As Angela stood in the Bridal Suite dressed in her wedding gown ready to go downstairs, she looked outside and could not even see the Ben Franklin Bridge because of the snow!

Two hundred guests arrived at the Hyatt on the Delaware River at 5:30 p.m. and were stranded when the roads were closed. This posed no problem for the guests, who were glad to stay on and celebrate.

Despite the snow, Angela reported that all had a wonderful time.



Judge Cipriani Honored

At the annual holiday party of the Philadelphia Family Court held at 1801 Vine Street, a milestone was marked with the formal retirement of **Judge Nicholas Cipriani**. A laudatory article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* marked the occasion. As a momento of his retirement, Family Court presented this article and its original color photograph mounted on a plaque for the enjoyment of the judge and his family for years to come.

Judge Cipriani has previously served as Administrative

Judge of Family Court and his contributions to family law in Philadelphia defy description in a few paragraphs. However, his judicial demeanor is the epitome of what we expect from a judge. In his retirement, he will be sitting as a Master in the innovative floating truancy court, a joint venture between the Philadelphia School Board and the Truancy Office of the Family Court. We look forward to enjoying many more years of his exceptional contributions to improving the lives of young people in Philadelphia.



Judge Cipriani receives commemorative plaque from Judge Abram Frank Reynolds

Extensive Renovations for the Municipal Court Civil Division

The Civil Division space of the Municipal Court was in need of some serious renovations. The carpet was ripped, the paint was peeling and most of the furniture had been "handed down" from other divisions and organizations.

President Judge **Louis J. Prezenza**, Administrative Judge **Séamus McCaffery** and Deputy Court Administrator **Patricia McDermott** were able to negotiate needed repairs with the landlord Girard Estates. After many meetings with architects,

repairs were started in February 2002. The entire fourth floor was painted, carpeting was installed, and construction repairs were completed. The area was transformed from a dingy, dull work area to one that is bright and vibrant. Fourth floor repairs were completed by May 2002.

The fifth floor, however, was a much more complex venture. Carpeting was to be installed, painting was to be done, but major structural changes would also have to be completed first. The whole division was going to

undergo not only a major facelift but also changes in procedural intake operations. The office work area would be opened up to allow the First Filing Unit, Judgments and Petitions, Court Recorders, and Civil Listings to work more closely with each other. Employees of what had been separate units are now literally sitting next to each other in their new work locations. This will effect cohesive process and more efficient public service.

The First Filing, Civil Listings, Data Processing, Court Recorders and Judgment/Petition Units were moved to different areas after the repairs were completed by Girard Estates (Data Processing was moved to the Fourth floor). With all of the furniture and equipment that needed to be moved it was astonishing that some offices did not have to close at all and others only for a few hours. This could not have been done without the enormous help given by the employees.

Under the self-proclaimed "Foreman," **John Joyce**, many of the employees volunteered to move furniture, erect work stations and do whatever was necessary to have the job completed. The "grunt" workers included **Paul Miller, Russ Micciche, Joe McDermott, Steve Elliott, George Tindley, John James and Louvel Nelson**. All of the repairs were completed by the deadline of July, 2002 and all of the offices were relocated and in position by September, 2002.

Renovations were begun on Court Administration offices in October 2002 and were completed approximately one month later. Additional offices and Judicial Chambers were built by expanding the original area. Again, the same "grunts" were called to duty to move this equipment when the repairs were completed.



Above and Below: New office area shared by Civil Listings, First Filing Unit and Judgment/Petition Unit.



35 YEARS

Charles R Lanzalotti, *Crim. Listings*
Angela M Delp, *Adult Probation*
Richard V Vinci, *Adult Probation*

40 YEARS

Patricia K Kelly, *Domestic Rel.*
Helene C Schramm-Marra, *Juvenile*

RETIREMENTS

The following retirements were announced for the period July-December 2002.

Antoinette Amendolia,
Domestic Relations, 15 years
Geraldine Berkowitz,
Jury Selection, 30 years
Natale Carabello,
Judge Means, 7 years
Marian Connell,
Juvenile, 25 years
Richard Crowley,
Judge Ackerman, 8 years
Nicholas D'Achillo,
Prothonotary, 32 years
Ruth D'Achillo,
Prothonotary, 34 years
Ervin Davis,
Juvenile, 49 years
Anthony DeMeo,
Judge DiNubile, 36 years
Donald Fuller,
Pretrial Services, 30 years
Clara Garrett,
MC Criminal, 16 years
Hazel Ghanayem,
MC Civil, 14 years
William Hall,
Adult Probation, 30 years
Beverly Hardy,
Adult Probation, 30 years
Janet Hogan,
Traffic Court, 20 years
Victor Marrella,
Tipstaff, 21 years
John Maynes,
Juvenile, 36 years
Gladys McDowell,
MC Admin., 18 years
Bernice Penn,
Domestic Relations, 11 years
Mamie Rucker,
Juvenile, 34 years
Leroy Smith,
Juvenile, 37 years
Barbara Sulik,
Juvenile, 29 years
Barbara Toplin,
Juvenile, 26 years
Barbara Troupe,
Juvenile, 27 years
Alfred Zito,
Domestic Relations, 17 years

The Civil Division is proud of the new look of our offices and also extremely proud of the workers who helped make the transition as painless as possible (other than for their backs!).

P.O. Mentors Aid Staff Retention

During the past few years the Adult Probation-Parole Department (APPD) has been experiencing an exodus of staff due to retirements, employment options with other criminal justice agencies and/or career changes. The First Judicial District (FJD) has made a concerted effort to maintain appropriate staff levels within the APPD. However, the rapid turnover among newer APPD employees makes this an ongoing effort. Between January 2000 and January 2003, 88 Probation-Parole Officers left FJD employ, with 46 of those having spent less than three years on the job. The APPD's Executive Training and Education Committee viewed this constant exodus of newer employees as a three-fold problem: 1) it had great impact on caseload size and workload which effects staff morale; 2) it impacted on delivery of service; and 3) the department's budget was affected by the repeated need to provide new training. The Executive Training Committee resolved to find a means to retain qualified staff among the ranks of Probation-Parole Officers. It was determined that a mentoring program would assist new employees with their transition to the role of a Probation-Parole Officer and lead to their viewing this not as a job, but a career. The development of an approach to achieve these goals fell to the Mentoring Subcommittee.

The Mentoring Committee, co-chaired by **Donald X. Taylor** and

Archie I. Epperson, includes members who were chosen for their leadership ability, people skills, and diligence in performing and completing tasks. The subcommittee was charged with the development of policies and procedures for mentoring new Probation-Parole

Philadelphia's Director of Program Services, was contacted and, with administrative approval, the development process was begun. BBBS provided training to Mentoring Sub-Committee members and assisted in the development of a Training Curriculum and Manual



Mentor Committee members seated, left to right: Donald Taylor, Archie Epperson. Standing, left to right: Joseph Glackin, Chiquita Brice, Lisa Poe Dickins, Cheryl Jordon, and John Dunn. Not pictured: Edith Bullock.

Officers, new clerical/support staff, new supervisors, and current staff in need of assistance.

After numerous brainstorming meetings the Mentoring Committee agreed that assistance from a proven leader in the mentoring field was necessary. They unanimously agreed that Big Brothers & Big Sisters (BBBS) was the bench mark in mentoring for the country. Douglas A. Powell, BBBS of

tailored to the specific needs of the Adult Probation Parole Department.

The APPD Mentoring Program is up and running smoothly due to the leadership of Taylor and Epperson, and the ongoing commitment of committee members **Joseph Glackin, John Dunn, Cheryl Jordon, Lisa Poe Dickins, Edith Bullock, and Chiquita Brice**. The inaugural operation of the Mentoring Program began this

January 2003, during the Probation-Parole Supervision Techniques Training for new Probation Officers. Each of the new Probation-Parole Officers have been teamed with an experienced Officer chosen by the Subcommittee. The mentoring partnership includes use of mentors to augment classroom learning. Following classroom training, the partnership requires six months of weekly contacts between mentor and student. The Mentoring Subcommittee will closely monitor and make adjustments to the process and provide regular reports to the Training Unit and the Training and Education Executive Committee. Congratulations to the Mentoring Subcommittee for their ground breaking efforts and perseverance in bringing this process to fruition.

Toys for Tots

The Prothonotary's Office held their annual Employee Christmas luncheon on December 18, 2002. Once again, employees and guests were asked to participate in the U.S. Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots Campaign by contributing a store-bought toy for a needy child.

Toys for Tots began with a single local campaign in Los Angeles, California in 1947. Now in its fifty-fourth year, Toys for Tots is the U.S. Marine Corps' premier community action program that reaches outside the military establishment to make a positive difference in individuals and communities nationwide.

There was an enthusiastic response as evidenced by the overwhelming number of donated toys of all of the attendees.

Joseph H. Evers, Prothonotary, said, "We have participated in this worthy program for the past few years. I was very pleased with the enthusiastic support of all of our employees and guests, and I wish to thank everyone again for their kind and warm generosity."

Prothonotary Recognizes Employee of the Year

Charles "Chuck" Sofia was honored as "Employee of the Year" at the Office of the Prothonotary's 2002 Awards Dinner held November 22, 2002 at the Waterfall Room, 1015 S. Water Street.

Chuck was chosen from a list of nominees that included the Prothonotary's **Harriet Broussard, William Lanzelotti, Marvella Simmons, Philip Valone, Robert Weiss,** and

Marie Wodack. He was praised for his untiring dedication and hard work by President Judge **Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson** who made the formal presentation.

Chuck is a legal clerk with the Old Records Unit of the Prothonotary's Office, Room 975, City Hall. He has served with distinction for 26 years. He also received recognition for perfect attendance. Always humble,

Chuck expressed his gratitude but believed that each nominee was equally deserving of the award. He is married with one daughter.

Former Prothonotary **John J. Pettit, Esq.**, was honored for his service during his seventeen-year Court tenure. He was presented with a commissioned portrait that can be viewed in the Prothonotary's main office, Room 286, City Hall.

Municipal Court Intitutes New Security Measures

The Philadelphia Municipal Court, in conjunction with the other tenants at 34 S. 11th St., has instituted a new security system. President Judge **Louis J. Prezenza**, Administrative Judge **Séamus McCaffery**, **Patricia McDermott**, **Glenn Bozzacco** and **Russell Micciche** did the necessary leg-work and negotiated security system implementation with the other tenants, landlord — Girard Estates, and the sheriff's office.

The goal was to have the security screening area moved from the fourth and fifth floors to the lobby area. While the Municipal Court Civil Division is located on the upper floors, the move was intended to screen all visitors at the earliest stage. The other tenants had to agree to the move since their employees would also be affected upon entering the building. The other tenants immediately saw the benefit of comprehensive early intervention. Before the security was moved to the lobby area, it was possible for people without legitimate business at fourth and fifth floors to access the other areas.

The tenants collectively paid for new screening equipment and metal detectors. The new metal detectors are an enormous improvement from the previous equipment and the screening unit (used for looking through bags, briefcases etc.) is

security equipment that is new to this work location.

There is a specified security screening line for FJD employees. First Judicial District Identification Badges must be worn upon entering 34 S. 11th St.



Intern Mary Glancey prepares to enter the screening machine manned by Deputy Sheriff Mark Jordan.

Neighborhood Outreach

At a December 9th ribbon cutting, the Juvenile Probation Office opened a second neighborhood office at 4601 Market Street. The keynote speaker was Senator **Vincent J. Hughes, Jr.**, who spoke about the need to bring probation services into neighborhoods.

Mrs. **Elaine McCray**, Director, described its function in a brief statement. "The Community-Based Probation Unit's purpose is to service juveniles and their families in the West Philadelphia area and to work collaboratively with schools, police, faith-based institutions and other agencies in the community. The structure of the unit is designed as an extension of the structure at 1801 Vine Street to provide some of the same services. These include: School-Based Probation; Aftercare (Glen Mills) Services;

Youth Violence Reduction & Alcohol Probation; Electronic Monitoring; and the Bench Service Liaison; Intensive Drug Warrant Unit."



Standing: George Mosee, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division; Joseph A. Cairone, Court Administrator; Jim Anderson, Executive Director, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC); Bunny Baum, Director of Judicial Services, AOPC; Vincent Hughes, Jr., State Senator; Kenneth E. Hale, Chief Probation Officer. Sitting: Judge Nicholas A. Cipriani; Myrna Field, Administrative Judge, Family Court; Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, President Judge; Abram Frank Reynolds, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Court.

Thank You

Human Resources staff would like to thank our fellow employees for their cooperation in promptly completing their FLEX forms and meeting the short deadline established by the City.

Where Do You Live?

Please be reminded that it is each employee's responsibility to maintain an accurate home address as well as current beneficiary and contact information in their personnel file. If the address on your pay check/stub is not correct, please visit HR in Room 668 City Hall to complete a change of address form. A separate address-change form must also be completed by employees who participate in U.S. Savings Bond purchases through payroll deduction.

Did you know?

- The cost of the medical insurance coverage provided to FJD employees is approximately \$7,100 per employee per year. In addition to this provided benefit, employee premium contributions range from \$6.68 to \$94.74 per employee per pay period depending on the selected coverage.
- In 2002, the FJD processed 3,834 job applications, tested 1,093 of the applicants and hired 305 new employees to fill vacancies.

Orphan of the Court?

ORPHANS' COURT?!?!?!?!?! Orphans' Court, isn't that where they do adoptions? Is that out at 1801 Vine Street? Is it at 34 South 11th Street? Actually, the answer to the all of the above questions is "No."

Historically, the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia is the oldest court in Pennsylvania, founded by William Penn, who was its first Judge, and modeled on the Court of Widows and Orphans in London. It has always been a Court of protection and not a Court that finds homes for children whose parents are deceased. The purpose of the Orphans' Court, located in Room 300 City Hall, is to protect the personal and property rights of persons and entities that may not be otherwise capable of handling their own affairs.

Specifically, but not limited to the following areas, the Orphans' Court Division has the authority to appoint guardians for minors, incapacitated persons, and non-profit organizations; adjudicate disputes over the administration of decedent's estates, including approving accounts of administrators/ executors; resolve will contests and handle inheritance and estate tax disputes; and approve civil settlements involving incapacitated or minor plaintiffs.

Since the basic commitment of the Orphans' Court is to protect the rights of those who are unable to protect themselves, the judges of this division pay particular attention to the actions of the attorneys who practice before them. Because of the inherent nature of the work, attorneys in probate are suspended or disbarred from the practice of law for mismanaging monies more often than counsel in other fields. Some attorneys, as well as guardians and executors who are not attorneys, have been sent to jail on civil contempt charges, until they are able to purge themselves of the contempt.

Basically speaking, when a

minor receives a monetary settlement from a law suit, it is the job of the orphans' court judge to make sure that the money is placed in a restricted account in the name of the minor only with a restriction indicating that the savings account or savings certificate can not be redeemed in any way, without further court order, until the minor reaches the age of 18. However, parents, guardians and attorneys, have found ways to invade the minors' funds – yes, parents steal their children's money – and the judges of the Orphans' court have fined them, held them in contempt and even referred these matters to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

An interesting matter presently under review in the Orphans' Court involves the Civil War Library and Museum, located at 1805 Pine Street in Philadelphia. Several groups, as well as the attorney general's office, are interested in moving the many artifacts of the Civil War to a new home. One of the artifacts in question is the stuffed head of General George W. Meade's favorite mount, "Old Baldy". As the commander of northern forces at the Battle of Gettysburg, Meade may have saved the Union. Baldy was wounded 14 times during the Civil War, but always made a complete recovery and returned to the battlefield. It was important to have a mount who was relaxed and reliable during the noise of battle. Baldy was absolutely cool in combat and apparently indestructible. When the famous soldier died in 1872, Baldy was the riderless horse at General Meade's elaborate funeral. Touched by this, onlookers

renamed the horse, "Old Baldy". He lived another 10 years after Meade's demise. He was retired to a farm near Jenkintown and passed away on Christmas Day 1882. According to legend, Old Baldy was buried on the farm, but a couple of Meade's veterans

ence materials and both the Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rules and the Philadelphia County Orphans' Court Rules can be found at our website, <http://courts.phila.gov>



Left to Right: Jim Nowacky, Catherine James, Caroline Lindberg, Nancy Eshelman (partially obscured), Judy Romano, Elaine Thomas, Judge Anne Lazarus, Carolyn Dombrowski, Carol Sieck, Gigi Brown, Pat Moore, Administrative Judge Joe O'Keefe, Jim O'Keefe, Judge John W. Herron, and Joseph Campbell.

quickly dug up the carcass and had his head mounted. Today, you'll find Old Baldy's noble noggin at the Civil War Library and Museum.

The Orphans' Court of 2003 is headed up by Administrative Judge **Joseph D. O'Keefe**, and Judges **Anne E. Lazarus** and **John W. Herron**. These three judges, and their very capable staff, entertain and dispose of thousands of cases each year.

By soliciting the cooperation of the Probate bar and utilizing the internal resources at its disposal, the Orphan's Court division has been able to keep the ever increasing caseload at a manageable level. Access to official Orphans' Court forms, unofficial sample forms, refer-

More Questionable Questions From the Courtroom

Was it you or your brother that was killed?

Were you alone or by yourself?

Was that the same nose you broke as a child?

So, you were gone until you returned?

You don't know what it was, and you didn't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?

Unsung Heros of Family Court

The **Honorable Myrna Field** hosted an Awards Ceremony to honor employees of Family Court. **Justice Sandra Schultz Newman** of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the **Honorable Idee Fox**, Supervising Judge Domestic Relations, and many other Family Court Judges were present to honor those who work so hard yet for the most part go unnoticed day to day. Supervisors nominated employees from their departments who were deserving of this award.

The award winners were: **Candi Alice, Nakia Brooks, Linda Candoi, Spencer Dennis, AnnaMarie DeGuglielmo, Zakia Hunter, Patricia Kelly, Susan Kreczkevich, Rosemarie Marrone, Carolann Parker, Anna Mae Shipley, and Charmaine Sternberg.**

The waiting area of Courtroom 10 was packed and the winners were given a gift from Justice Newman, flowers and balloons from their co-workers and families, beautiful speeches of appreciation from the individual awards presenters, and, ironically, a wonderful song by the Court Choir. Most of all it was uplifting to see members of Family Court being recognized for the tremendous job the accomplish each and every day. Congratulations to all the Unsung Heros of Family Court.



Above: (L-R) Lisa Dacri and award recipient Carol Ann Parker.

Left: (L-R) Marcy Levin and recipient Rosemarie Marrone.



Above, left to right: Ed Lehmann, Ann DiGuglielmo (recipient), Administrative Judge Myrna Field, Joe DiGuglielmo, and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman.

Below, left to right: Charmaine Sternberg, Joseph Falcone, Administrative Judge Myrna Field, and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman.



Judge Fox Recognized

On December 2, 2002, Honorable **Idee Fox**, Supervising Judge of the Domestic Relations Branch received the Herbert R. Weinman Jr. Award for Service and Dedication to the children and families of Philadelphia.

In addition, Judge Fox was recognized for her efforts in cultivating a productive working relationship between the Domestic Relations Division of

Family Court and the Family Law Section of the Bar Association. This annual award, given by the Family Law Section of the Bar Association, was presented to Judge Fox by Margaret Klaw, Esquire, the 2003 Chairperson of the Family Law Section.

Judge Fox also received a citation from Philadelphia City Council in recognition of her

service and many achievements.

The award dinner was a sell out. The banquet room at McCormick and Schmick overflowed with Judges, Attorneys, family and friends who had come to applaud Judge Fox. We are all very proud and honored to work for and with Judge Idee Fox.



Operation Christmas Child

A group of employees, led by **Kathleen Fitzpatrick** of MIS, participated this Christmas season in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoeboxes with various gifts to be delivered to needy children worldwide. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an organization which provides aid to people around the world. In the words of Samaritan Purse President Franklin Graham, "Imagine the childlike joy of boys and girls as they open their presents on Christmas morning. Now, imagine that joy magnified tenfold as a child who never has received a present, a child who has suffered because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness, or neglect, receives a shoe box filled to overflowing with gifts."

The employees collected various toys, school supplies, and hygiene



items over the course of many weeks. Group members report that, aside from shopping for weeks, the most fun was filling and wrapping the boxes for boys and girls of all ages, while envisioning the joy of a child opening a shoe box full of gifts who has never received a present. The group packed a total of 58 shoe boxes this year, and its goal is to double that next Christmas! If you are interested in learning how you can participate in this project next Christmas, please contact **Debbie Dailey**, at 686-7401.

Court Officer on the Literary Fast Track

CJC Court Officer **Sean McBride's** book, *Green Grass Grace*, was released for sale in February by Simon B. Shuster. *The Philadelphia Inquirer* called it a "masterpiece" that was "the best book about Philly ... ever written." The New York Times called it "raucous and moving." The Los Angeles Times called it "hilarious," while Barnes and Noble picked the book for its "Discover Great New Writers" series. Sean is also a genuinely nice guy. Appropriately enough, McBride works in room 503 — the "fast track room." We wish him continued success.



BLAST From the Past



Joe Cairone, Charles Lanzalotti, Joe Lanzalotti, Dave Lawrence and Charles Williams in days of more hair and less weight.

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