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Celebrating the Season

Over the holiday season, FJD employees enjoyed the company and good will that come with our annual winter celebrations. For our team members who are engaged in the day-to-day operations that drive judicial administration, the opportunities for camaraderie, fellowship, networking, and appreciation offer the occasional welcome respite. Pictured here and on the next page

are court reporters, probation officers, and others who are important members of our FJD workforce.

And it is a force. This is a dedicated group of teams comprising smart, well-trained and dedicated individuals who work hard to advance the business of the courts. Independently and together we complete tasks that are vital to the cause of justice. With excellent jurists and good leader-

ship, the positive results that we generate are multiplied. The effect? Wrongs are made right, problems are resolved, children are safer, families are helped to become more stable, and the citizens of the neighborhoods of Philadelphia and its environs enjoy an atmosphere of judicial reliability and fairness.

Congratulations on a job well done.



From left: Lisa Postiglione, Gary Paster and Lisa DiCarlo-Capizzi.



From left: Mike Briscoe, Frank Snyder, Stephanie Lowe, Anthony Sasselli, Tim Barnes, Cynthia Giacobetti, Damaris Munoz, Kendal Brown, Administrative Judge James J. Fitzgerald, Ed Quinn, Larry Teal, Archie Epperson, Jeanette Palmer, Rany Huon, John Burns. Kneeling: Marquita Lee.

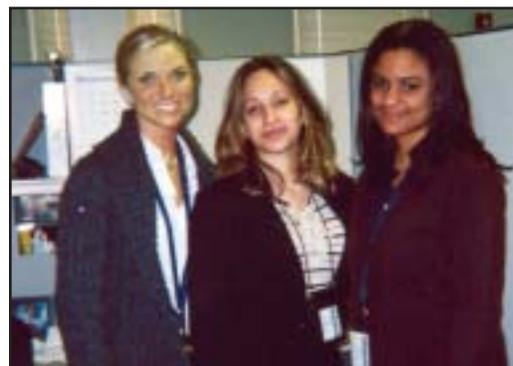
Sad Note



The FJD is mourning the loss of Warrant Supervisor **Joseph LeClaire**, who was killed while serving a warrant on March 19. He will be sorely missed.



From left: Delores and Paul Policarpo, Carol Phy, and Kim Horsely.



From left: Melissa Tamaro, Daisy Corsino, Jaclyn Mahan.

Holiday Celebrations

Continued

RETIREMENTS

The following retirements were announced for the period June-December 2003.

- Russell R. Alexander Jr., General TC
19 Years
- David L. Allen, Juvenile Branch
37 Years
- Francis E. Archie, General TC
40 Years
- Howard Auerbach, General TC
21 Years
- Patrick J. Bateman, Court Reporters
31 Years
- Ronald J. Bayer, DR Child Support
27 Years
- John M. Beck, Adult Probation
30 Years
- Sheila M. Belo, Adult Probation
31 Years
- David M. Benstock, Court Reporters
31 Years
- Roberta Binderman, DR Child Support
10 Years
- Charlotte E. Bojakowski, Tipstaff
14 Years
- Thomas J. Boles Jr., Procurement
24 Years
- Mary J. Boone, Procurement
27 Years
- Francis P. Boyle Jr., General Tipstaff
27 Years
- Catherine P. Cairone, General TC
32 Years
- Arlene Candidus, General TC
22 Years
- Barbara A. Carrullo, DR Child Support
25 Years
- Jacqueline Caruso Kravitz, Juv. Branch
26 Years
- Barbara R. Cauthorn, Act. Crim. Rec.
29 Years
- Stephen R. Cedrone, Juvenile Branch
35 Years
- Eleanor H. Chanel, MC Civil
19 Years
- Eula M. Chester, Adult Probation
30 Years
- Claudio Cifoni, Adult Probation
35 Years
- Arnell Coleman, General Tipstaff
24 Years
- Anthony Coppelino, General Tipstaff
29 Years
- Gloria Criniti, MC Civil
15 Years
- John J. Day, General Tipstaff
34 Years
- Mary T. Depasquale, Civil Admin.
23 Years
- Robert R. Desipio, Prothonotary
33 Years
- Sandra L. Dillio, Judge Temin
29 Years
- Margaret Dougherty, Administration
23 Years
- James M. Driadon, DR Child Support
16 Years
- Lillian Drozdowski, Administration
27 Years
- Edward A. Duffy, General Tipstaff
32 Years
- Frank Edge Jr, General Tipstaff
31 Years
- Louis Ferlaino, DR Child Support
32 Years
- Jane K. Fleming, Judge Temin
30 Years



Top: Melinda Dicks and Maria Leone.

Middle: Margaret McFillin and Thomas Campbell

Bottom: Frank DeFrancesco and Matthew Morrell



Top: Catherine Lonergan and Kenneth Brown.

Second from top: Sharon Jericho and Colleen Kryjer.

Third from top: Nancy Curran, Marie Polidoro and Judy Romano

Bottom: Linda Procopia and Olga Angelos



From top: Pat Blow, Tracie Allen, Cheryl Jordan, John Ford, Tina Masi and Patricia Hemmingway.

Angelina A. Forte, Domestic Relations
16 Years
Rosemary R. French, Judge Maier
21 Years
Joyce B. Gary, Adoptions
32 Years
Elaine Goodall, Adoptions
38 Years
Kenneth E. Hale, Juvenile Branch
34 Years
John H. Hamilton, General Tipstaff
32 Years
Addie E. Hickson, Human Resources
30 Years
Katherine L. Hirst, CP Court Reporters
14 Years
Janice Jackson, Judge Means
11 Years
Catherine M. James, Judge O'Keefe
31 Years
Regina E. Jereb, Adult Probation
30 Years
Emmer L. Joell, General TC
38 Years
Rosemary L. Johnson, Judge DiBona,
33 Years
Madeline L. Kosciński, Judge Joseph
34 Years
Carrie M. Leonard, Adult Probation
31 Years
George L. Levine, CP Court Reporters
34 Years
Ann A. Liberatori, Juvenile Branch
29 Years
Rosemarie Magliocco, Act. Crim. Rec.
41 Years
John A. Malara, Building/Facilities
21 Years
Patricia Martin, General TC
29 Years
James T. MCGhie, General Tipstaff
29 Years
Gloria M. Menna, DR Child Support
26 Years
Betty J. Mickens, General Tipstaff
22 Years
Salvatore Natale, CP Court Reporters
37 Years
Rosalynd S. Nicholson, Adult Probation
31 Years
Thomas J. Novelli, Jury Selection
26 Years
Margaret L. O'Connell, Civil Admin.
35 Years
Mary L. Perri, General Tipstaff
28 Years
Joseph A. Piselli, Juvenile Branch
36 Years
Edward D. Quinn, General Tipstaff
31 Years
Elaine Renzi, Juvenile Branch
38 Years
Dona P. Rhuberg, Jury Selection
37 Years
Vincent Richard, Judge Keogh
9 Years
Francis A. Ronkowski, Adult Probation
33 Years
Judith A. Sasse, Adult Probation
35 Years
Helene C. Schramm-Marra, Juv. Branch
41 Years
Eleanor V. Scipione, MC Operations
25 Years
Irene J. Serpente, DR Child Support
29 Years
Cecil L. Shamberger, Adult Probation
31 Years
George H. Singleton, R.O.R. Interviewer
9 Years
Carol Smith, Domestic Rel, Appt
27 Years

“Care Packages” to Iraq

The Adult Probation Department holiday photos shown in this issue are just a sample of the many more that were sent to **Charles “Chuck” Daigre** in Iraq. Chuck is a lieutenant colonel in the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade based in Norristown, now stationed in Iraq.

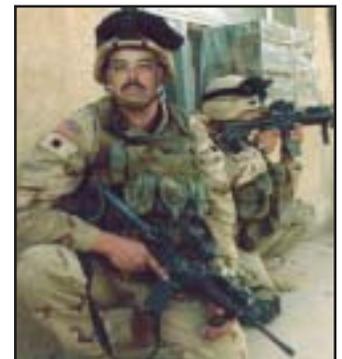
Aaron Finney (APPD Supervisor, former Marine) and **Archie Epperson** (APPD Supervisor, former Army Infantry) worked in several units with Chuck throughout their careers and thought it would be a good idea to send photos along with a “care package” to let Chuck know that his fellow employees were thinking of him. Chuck sometimes has need to barter with and purchase supplies and information, and the care package helped the cause greatly. The entire APPD staff participated in gathering items, making contributions, and helping to take photos to make it a great success.

A similar project was undertaken by employees in Municipal Court’s

Data Processing Unit. **Jacqueline Lee** wanted to do something special for the brave Americans fighting in Iraq, and proposed the idea of care packages to her supervisor, **Paulette Hess**. Everyone in the unit became involved. A collection drive was begun and it took only a few days to amass enough “goodies” to fill seven boxes. Getting

the packages to the Post Office for shipping was the job of **Howard Jetter**, whose son Andrew is also stationed in Iraq.

Kudos to **Jane McDonald**, **Theresa Sahn**, **Kathy McGlynn**, **Kate Marx**, **Denise Nowak**, and **Bernice Capobianco** for contributing to the success of the project.



Above: Charles “Chuck” Daigre on duty. Far above: Chuck’s “office” in Iraq. Left: The winds of a passing sandstorm reveal the desert littered with land mines (inset).

2004 Employees Combined Campaign

The City of Philadelphia Employees’ Combined Campaign is celebrating its 16th anniversary this year. Since 1989, city employees have raised \$20.8 million for charitable organizations. In 2003, city employees raised \$1.5 million. Philadelphia’s campaign consistently ranks as one of the most successful municipal campaigns in the country, raising more money than cities with larger municipal workforces. The FJD is a major part of that tradition.

In 2004, the city established a goal of collecting \$1.5 million for 13 participating charities. As a major branch of government, the FJD portion of that goal is a hefty \$75,000. The generous contributions of FJD employees have raised over \$66,000.

If you contributed to the Combined Campaign, you were automatically enrolled in two drawings for prizes donated to the FJD. Winners got to choose from an enticing list of incentives, including an overnight stay for two at the Wyndham Franklin

Plaza Hotel; two tickets to a 76er’s game; a round of golf at the Island Green Country Club; four tickets to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom; a football signed by the Eagles’ Correll Buckhalter, and much more! Congratulations to all department coordinators for the enthusiasm, hard work and dedication that made this campaign a great success. Become a hero in a small but very valuable way. Support the Employees Combined Campaign!

Joseph F. Steward Jr, Family Ct
18 Years
Mary Taggart, DR Child Support
15 Years
Eugene Tatom Sr, General TC
29 Years
Joseph A. Tobin, Adult Probation
30 Years
Donald A. Varley, Building/Facilities
20 Years
David Vaughan Sr., Adult Probation
29 Years
Dennis R Venturo, CP Court Reporters
31 Years
Richard V Vinci, Adult Probation
37 Years
Willie Mae Washington, Judge Clark
43 Years
Charles B White, Adult Probation
35 Years
Jennifer L Whitfield, Adult Probation
28 Years
Stanley I Wilder, CP Court Reporters
33 Years
Walter L Wilmore, Adult Probation
29 Years
Ronald P Wilson, Adult Probation
16 Years
Franklin A Wingo, Adult Probation
31 Years
Maureen M Wolf, CP Court Reporters
28 Years
Joseph J Wulko, Juvenile Branch
31 Years
John R Zito, General Tipstaff
14 Years

Working Well A Healthy Lifestyles Series

The Domestic Relations Section Training Unit kicked off their Wellness at Work Lunch Time Health Series with a Health Fair. **Karen Leone** and **Joanne Jones** hosted the event. The Medical College of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia Department of Health, Dr. Matthew Marcus, Chiropractor, Nova Care, Wills Eye Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, and Independence Blue Cross were among the vendors who provided stress massage therapy, cholesterol screening, glaucoma tests, spine evaluations, and information on smoking cessation, lead poisoning, and healthy lifestyles.

The event was a great success and the employees were treated to door prizes. Honorable **Idee Fox**, Supervising Judge Domestic Relations, Honorable **Tama Myers Clark**, **Mary Lou Baker**, Deputy Court Administrator, and

Joseph C. Kamnik, Jr., Director were among those in attendance.

The purpose of the Wellness at Work Series is to promote healthy lifestyles, with our motto: "Information Can Sometimes Be the Best Medicine". Between family, children, work, extended family responsibilities, and just our day-to-day schedules, we often don't have time to even *think* about issues like cancer prevention, nutrition, stress, or blood pressure. The Wellness at Work Series is a way to bring staff together in a relaxed environment where they can get this important information.

The second Wellness lecture presented information about Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Awareness. Future topics will include: colon cancer awareness, and skin cancer awareness.

If you are interested in attending any of the Wellness at Work

events please contact Karen Leone or Joanne Jones at 215-686-9105 or 215-686-9202.



Vincent Petrelli, D.C. gives Pat Wilmunder a back massage.

The following letter was received in the Jury Selection Commission offices:

To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to share my first experience regarding my day of jury duty. As I ventured to 1301 Filbert Street I didn't know what to expect. My sister has served many times and each time she came home wanting to serve again. I believed I would have the same experience and I did. From the moment I stepped in line I anticipated a great day. Even though the line was long it moved fast and even the officers were nice. I sat in this huge room with a bagel and coffee and I couldn't wait to be called. I was somewhat dismayed and surprised at the number of people who did not want to serve. Shocked that people were not excited of this great process. Our instructors for the day were knowledgeable and they seemed to enjoy their jobs.

I was finally called and was nervous because I didn't know what to expect, but everything was orderly and no one wanted any jurors to be uncomfortable. Even Judge Snite made a point to respect all jurors and to answer any and all questions we had. Everyone from beginning to end provided such a fantastic experience. Though I was not chosen I thought what a great experience to have the privilege to serve and to come with an objective mind and view upon all people. My hope is that more people would become excited about the possibilities of fairness in a system that affects us all. Jury duty hopefully in the future will not be viewed as a duty. But as a day to meet people you have never met, to look at the law with hope, and to believe that sitting in a jury box is your opportunity to make a wrong become right and an injustice to become justice.

I hope to serve again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Nina R. Roulac

Family Help Center Opened

The Family Help Center is a partnership between the Family Division and the School District of Philadelphia with the stated purpose of "Bridging the Gap Between Schools and Courts to Help Young People Succeed." In October, the Center was opened at the Juvenile Court Building in room 310 at 1801 Vine Street. The Center will accept referrals from judges to help families by engaging them with edu-

cational, counseling, health, and other services. The Family Health Center will also provide accurate school district data to help judges and others in the fair, timely, and precise disposition of cases. For court-involved youth and their families, this important project partners two major institutions, the schools and the courts, in a coordinated effort to help students and their communities.



From left: Gwen Morris, Dr. Darlene A. Thompson, Philadelphia School Superintendent Paul Vallas, Administrative Judge Myrna Field, Millage Holloway, R. Jay Cage, Mary Ann Smith, and Mamie Fisher.

ANNIVERSARIES

The following employment anniversaries were reached during the period June-December 2003.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Anne R. McAndress, *CP Court Reporters*
Dorothy Steinmetz, *DR Child Support*
Terri Lynn Sicura, *DR Child Support*
Richard A. Mattia, Sr., *DR Child Support*
Heidi B. Donaldson, *CP Court Reporters*
James M. Pirolli, *Building/Facilities*
Benjamin A. Castellano, *Judge Mazzola*
Dennis M. Share, *CP Court Reporters*
Catherine A. Dumoff, *CP Court Reporters*
Carl G. Sokolski, *CP Court Reporters*
Antoinette Foy, *CP Court Reporters*
Barbara D. Lambert, *General Tipstaff*
Anna Marie C. DiGuglielmo, *DR Child Support*

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

David V. Preski, *Pretrial Services*
Michael R. Rodgers, *General TC*
James M. Clark, *Administration*
Gurnell J. Williams, *Administration*
Clare Messina, *General TC*
Colbert V. Partridge Jr., *Juvenile Branch*
John L. Menna, *General Tipstaff*
John Morrone Jr., *Judge Carafello*
Leonard E. Ferguson Jr., *Family Ct.*
Andrew Jackson, *Judge Fitzgerald*
Pearl C. Carr, *Judge Manfredi*

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

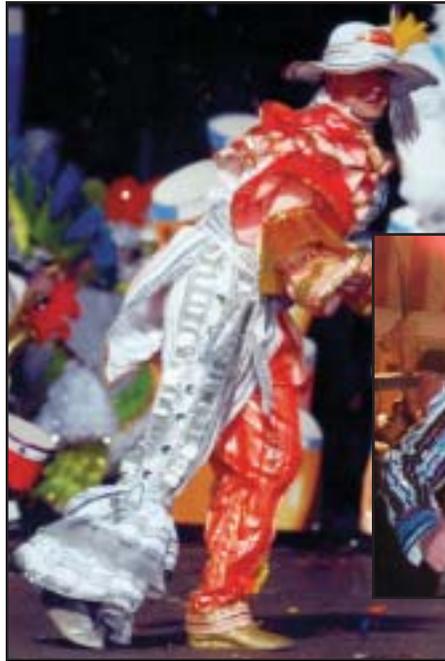
Rheba D. Burnside, *General Tipstaff*
Mary S. Colbert, *Adult Probation*
Judith Slagoff, *Adult Probation*
W. Kevin Reynolds, *Adult Probation*
Kathleen M. Intenzo, *Adult Probation*
Richard V. Fulginiti, *Data Processing*
Delores I. Johnson, *DR Child Support*
Marilynn Rendine, *Juvenile Branch*
Joanne R. Jones, *DR Child Support*
Leonard P. Caprisecca, *Adult Probation*
Frank E. Checkovage, *Civil Admin.*
Lois M. Stanford, *Adult Probation*
Thomas J. Quinn, *Juvenile Branch*
Francis J. Mohollen, *Juvenile Branch*
Richard C. Jones, *Juvenile Branch*
Harry L. Delp, *General Tipstaff*
Dennis L. O'Connell, *Domestic Rel.*
Michael J. Goodwin, *Adult Probation*
Robert J. Cunningham, *Adult Probation*
Joseph J. DiRosa, *Civil Administration*

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert P. Cerulli, *CP Court Reporters*
Herman Walker, *Juvenile Branch*
Richard T. Buek, *Data Processing*
Garnell Dickerson-Pugh, *DR Child Support*
W. Wallace Dyer Jr., *Judge Geroff*

Family Court Mummers

Family Court was represented on Broad Street New Years Day. **Joseph Kaminsky**, Adoption Branch (below left) paraded as co-captain of the Greater Kensington String Band. **Fred Keller** of the Domestic Relations Branch (below right) strutted his stuff as captain of the Jokers Fancy Brigade Division Club.



Local Hero

Juvenile Probation Officer **William Cooney** was commended for identifying a bank robbery suspect whose picture had been circulated in the media. William recognized the suspect as one of his former charges on probation. PO Cooney notified the FBI and the suspect was eventually arrested and brought to justice. Chief Juvenile PO **James E. Sharp** noted that PO Cooney "has been with our department for seven years and continues to distinguish himself."



Detective Andrew Adams of the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force (left) and Juvenile P. O. William J. Cooney.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, a group of City Hall employees participated in Operation Christmas Child, packing shoe boxes for needy children. MIS' **Kathleen Fitzpatrick** reported that the group packed 99 shoe boxes with toys and clothing. Added to that were 104 boxes packed by group member **Deborah Dailey's** church for a total of 203. The group was delighted to have far exceeded the 58 boxes they packed last year.

Group members included (above left to right) Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Deborah Dailey, **Joann Harris**, **Juliette McCaugrean**, **Susan Taylor**, **Mary Jo Mirarchi**, **Donna Glynn**, and **Chris Adair**. Left, Donna Glynn smiles while she works.

Kids' Ideas About Science

Fifth and sixth graders explain scientific principles

- "One horsepower is the amount of energy it takes to drag a horse 500 feet in one second."
- "You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it, you got hit, so never mind."
- "Talc is found on rocks and on babies."
- "Isn't inertia when something is moving, then it stops moving and keeps moving?"
- "The law of gravity says no fair jumping up without coming back down."
- "When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms. But when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions."
- "When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it we say they are orbiting."
- "Rainbows are just to look at, not to really understand."
- "While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifugating."
- "South America has cold summers and hot winters, but somehow they still manage."
- "Water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees. There are 180 degrees between freezing and boiling because there are 180 degrees between north and south."
- "A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go."
- "There are 26 vitamins in all, but some of the letters are yet to be discovered. Finding them all means living forever."
- "There is a tremendous weight pushing down on the center of the Earth because of so much population stomping around up there these days."
- "Lime is a green-tasting rock."
- "Many dead animals in the past changed to fossils, while others preferred to be oil."
- "Genetics explain why you look like your father, and if you don't why you should."
- "Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there."
- "Some oxygen molecules help fires burn, while others help make water, so sometimes it's brother against brother."
- "Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers."
- "We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on."
- "To most people, solutions mean finding the answers. But to chemists, solutions are things that are still all mixed up."
- "In looking at a drop of water under a microscope, we find there are twice as many H's as O's."
- "Clouds are high flying fogs."
- "I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing."
- "Clouds just keep circling the earth around and around. And around. There is not much else to do."
- "Water vapor gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does."
- "Humidity is the experience of looking for air and finding water."
- "We keep track of the humidity in the air so we won't drown when we breathe."
- "Cyanide is so poisonous that one drop of it on a dog's tongue will kill the strongest man."
- "The wind is like the air, only pushier."
- "A hurricane is a breeze of a bigly size."
- "A monsoon is a French gentleman."
- "It is so hot in some places that the people there have to live in other places."
- "Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the daytime."

APPD Morale Committee

A few "elf helpers" joined Administrative Judge **James J. Fitzgerald** on a holiday tour of the Adult Probation and Parole Department facility to greet and well-wish the staff. The tour was arranged by the APPD Morale Committee, which is made up of enthusiastic, energetic, and concerned employees who are intent on improving morale during these tough times. Judge Fitzgerald made a point to visit every floor and every work station, where he had a handshake and personal greeting for each individual. He missed no one! All were impressed with his effort, his con-

cern, and his genuine sincerity.

The Morale Committee sponsored numerous events during the holidays, including giving candy canes out on Christmas Eve and cookies and donuts to all staff for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cookies from Court Administrator **Joe Cairone's** mother were also provided. During the summer, the Morale Committee sponsored a highly successful staff picnic/bar-b-que at Blue Bell Park that was attended by more than 90 staff members. They're developing bigger plans this year with many events in the works.



Morale Committee members, from left: Timothy Barnes, Deborah Abdur Raman, Cynthia Giacobetti, Michael Briscoe, Lisette Giron, Archie Epperson, and Damaris Munoz.

The Courterly Editorial Board

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All members of the FJD are encouraged to submit ideas or suggestions. Submissions may be made to the department representatives above, to Len Hacking in Room 395 City Hall or via email to len.hacking@courts.phila.gov.