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MONROE COUNTY FAMILY COURT USES LANGUAGE LINE!



A language line breakfast celebration was hosted by Chief Clerk Loreen Nash and Deputy Chief Clerk Susan Leach for the staff in Monroe County Family Court in appreciation of the efforts in embracing the use of this service. Monroe Family Court was one of a small group of courts throughout the state that piloted the use of this new service. Throughout the duration of the pilot, Monroe Family tallied the largest volume of litigants using this service statewide. Language Line is a vendor providing telephonic interpreting services that can be used to

communicate with Limited English Proficient (LEP) court users in non-courtroom settings, to assist with forms, instructions, directions or other general information. Since the pilot's completion, Language Line has been expanded to many other courts throughout the state. In the 7th JD, every courthouse now has at least one Language Line equipped Clerk's Office. In Monroe Family Court the employees have found this service to be invaluable in assisting in communication with litigants who have difficulty due to Limited English Proficiency.

Employee quotes: Anne DeCook, "Language Line is such an efficient way to communicate with litigants and provide them with fast and courteous service. Pick up the phone and call, it's that easy!" Alfredia McFarland, "Language Line is not a life saver but it **is** a time saver. The help you need is just a call away." Susan Leach, "We love it when new technology helps us and the court users, a **win win** for everyone."



Pictured Left to Right: San Diep, Amy Lidestri, Liz Barhite, Loreen Nash, Tildy Saturno, Heather Vandermark, Anne DeCook, Alfredia McFarland, Ronald Pawelczak, Thandie Sykes and Janice Ivory.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



OBITUARY

Charles Gordon ("Chuck") Coughlan, age 84, father of *Carol Winslow, Chief Clerk of Yates Supreme & County Courts/ Commissioner of Jurors*, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Waccamaw/Tidelands Hospital in South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; son, Chip Coughlan; daughters, Karen (George) Fuller and Carol (Brian) Winslow and 7 grandchildren. Cards of condolences may be sent to Carol and her family c/o Yates Supreme & County/ Commissioner of Jurors, Yates County Courthouse, 415 Liberty St., Penn Yan, NY 14527.

ON THE MOVE.....

Adriane Kidder, Livingston County Family/Surrogates is know working in the 6th Judicial District.

Cecelia Crone, from Rochester City Court transferred to the 8th Judicial District.



Peg Drexler (7th District Office) and her husband, John Drexler are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Evelyn Huther to Shawn David Lund. The marriage ceremony took place at Hope Lutheran Church in Greece, NY on May 28, 2016. The reception was held at Wildwood Country Club in Rush, NY. The happy couple honeymooned in Jamaica!



The Walking Works 7th Judicial District Spring Competition 2016 ended on June 19, 2016. We had 199 people (employees, friends and family) participate in the 7-week event. A random drawing was held at the end of the competition for all registered participants. Three grand prizes were handed out: Susan Cruzado, Steuben County, won a beach towel; Sandy Adams, Monroe County, won a travel bag and Elizabeth Lombardo, Yates County, won a \$25 gift certificate. The app will be available indefinitely for anyone that wants to keep track of their steps and miles.

From Sonya Poormon, Wayne County: This was a great program. It promoted such a spirit of comradery in our county and we were all excited about competing against all of the counties in the district. We have a great cheerleader amongst us (*Colby Ceratt* – Supreme & County) who kept everyone excited about participating and assisted some people in putting totals into the website. Some of us actually participated in our first 5K's as a response to participating in this program. We are actually looking at a summer program through Finger Lakes Health in Geneva to "stay in shape" for the fall competition! Everyone here is looking forward to the fall program. We have had so much fun!

Please keep this program going. I know we probably got a great response because it is new and a lot of people were excited for something different, but there are a lot of people who want to participate in it as an encouragement to improve their health. Those are the ones that will keep going in the future.

Hall of Justice Judges

Seventh Judicial District judges meeting in the Hall of Justice, Rochester, NY took a moment to pose for a group photograph prior to attending the Administrative Judge Bi-Annual Judges Meeting.



1st row L to R: Hon. Carolyn Morrison, Hon. Joan Kohout, Hon. Gail Donofrio, Hon. John Ark, Hon. Alex Renzi, Hon. Debra Martin

2nd row L to R: Hon. John DeMarco, Hon. Vincent Dinolfo, Hon. Christopher Ciaccio, Hon. Elma Bellini, Hon. Teresa Johnson, Hon. Ann Marie Taddeo

3rd row L to R: Hon. William Taylor, Hon. Stephen Miller, Hon. Evelyn Frazee, Hon. Thomas Stander, Hon. Douglas Randall, Hon. J. Scott Odorisi, Hon. Patricia Gallagher, Hon. James Piampiano, Hon. Dandrea Ruhlmann, Hon. John Gallagher, Hon. Joanne Winslow, Hon. Daniel Doyle.

4th row L to R: Hon. James Walsh, Hon. Thomas Moran, Hon. Matthew Rosenbaum, Hon. Craig J. Doran, Hon. John Owens, Hon. Judith Sinclair, Hon. James Vazzana, Hon. Francis Affronti, Hon. Kenneth Fisher



Congratulations on your retirement!

Congratulations To Robert Mastrocola, Monroe Supreme & County Courts. Bob has 15 years of service in the Unified Court System as a Principal Law Clerk To Judge.



Bob is pictured here with Hon. Victoria Argento, Monroe County Court Judge.

Congratulations to Mary Bojko, Monroe Supreme & County Courts. Mary has 10 years of service in the Unified Court System as a Senior Court Office Assistant—Keyboarding.



Mary is pictured here with her supervisors, Lisa Preston, Deputy Chief Clerk and Bill Deninger, Chief Clerk of Monroe Supreme & County Court

MENTOR MENTEE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

By now, many of you have heard of the Mentor Leadership program in our district. It pairs employees (mentees) with an employee in a leadership position (mentor) for a six-to-nine month period. During that time, the pair meets and discusses the mentee's career goals and work-related issues. The goals of the program are professional development, networking and enhancing job skills. The success of the **first three rounds of the program** has enabled the district to offer the program again this fall through the spring of 2017.

Mentees will attend an all-day workshop where they will participate in mock interviews, public speaking and resume writing and review. More workshop topics will be added. Additionally, mentees may work on other development opportunities including job shadowing and special projects. There will be two or more full group meetings during the program period.

If you are interested in having a mentor, you must complete the attached application. Even if you have had preliminary contact regarding this program, you must still complete the application. The program coordinators will be choosing approximately 10 mentees to pair with mentors. **The goal is to match participants from the same county, but you will not be paired with a supervisor from your own court or unit.**

Your normal job duties will not be changed to allow you to participate, so you should be able to manage your time efficiently to meet all of your obligations. Your supervisor or court manager will be consulted regarding your participation in the program **and they will determine if there is adequate coverage for you to attend certain activities.** As always, the needs of the court will take priority.

We are looking for mentees with an excellent work ethic, an ability to keep up with their workload, **flexibility** and above all, a positive attitude. If this describes you, please complete the application on page 5.

Send completed applications via e-mail to 7thHumanResources. Applications will be accepted through August 5, 2016. Thank you for your interest in the 7th District Mentor Leadership program.

If you have questions contact one of the Program Coordinators: Loreen Nash, Eugene Crimi, Melissa Barrett, Mary Aufleger or Robin Russell.

**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MENTOR LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM**

NAME: _____ **JOB TITLE:** _____ **COURT:** _____

1. Why do you want to have a mentor and what are your expectations of having one?

**2. Please describe a leadership quality you possess or an achievement you are proud of.
(professional or personal)**

3. How will having a mentor help you to achieve your career goals or benefit you in your current assignment?

If you are selected for the Mentor Leadership Program you will be required, at a minimum, to provide a resume and participate in public speaking and mock interviews. Additional requirements should be anticipated.

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RETIREMENT PARTY



Date: JULY 29, 2016

Place: Frontier Field



Adults \$32
 Children 12 and under \$16
 Includes Red Wings ticket, dinner, and gift.

Rochester Red Wings
 Dinner 5:30pm-7:00pm
 Game 7:05pm

*Red Osier Roast Beef Sliders
 *Big Red Pulled Pork Sliders
 *Zweigle's Hot Dogs
 *Grilled Italian Sausage with peppers and onions
 *Creamy Coleslaw
 *Macaroni Salad
 *Watermelon
 *Soda

Money due by 7/20/16
 to Lisa Preston or
 Chris Maas



I've heard so much about succulents and have seen them in stores; are they easy to grow?

Succulents are plants that come from arid areas that are able to retain water in their thick and fleshy leaves and stems. Succulents come in a seemingly endless selection of sizes, shapes, and colors, and can adapt to many different types of growing conditions. **Water:** Succulents will not thrive if water-logged. Pot them in a container that offers good drainage, or pick a good spot in the garden that never gets wet. Water succulents about once a week during the growing season, but let them dry out completely between waterings and never let the soil get soggy. In our climate, succulents go dormant during colder weather. No need to water. However, if your plants are indoors, you may need to maintain a consistent watering schedule. **Succulent soil:** Whether you make your own succulent soil or buy pre-mixed versions, remember: Succulents need moisture but hate oversaturation. Choose a potting mix created specifically for succulents; if you don't have some, mix existing potting soil with sand or a handful of small pebbles or stones to create a more porous growing medium for your succulents. In addition to proper succulent soil and good watering practices, succulents require two more things to survive: sun and fertilizer. **Sun:** Succulents require at least 6-8 hours of full sun a day. **Fertilizer:** Give succulents



fertilizer in spring. Use a balanced fertilizer with equal proportions of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. Once established, most succulents require almost no care, but a few taller varieties, such as 'Autumn Joy', need to be trimmed back in the fall or early spring.