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President Judge Capuzzi Honored

Fayette County President Judge Conrad B. Capuzzi was recently honored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Order of the Sons of Italy's Commission for Social Justice for his contributions and work in law.

The Commission for Social Justice is the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America. It was founded in 1979 to fight the stereotyping of Italian Americans by the entertainment, advertising, and news industries.

President Judge Capuzzi, a member of the Sons of Italy for 40 years, told the *Herald Standard* newspaper, "This was truly a surprise and a tremendous privilege. My only regret is that my parents aren't alive to witness it."

A throng of family, friends and co-workers from the Fayette County Courthouse made the trip to Greensburg to celebrate the honor with President Judge Capuzzi.

In his acceptance speech, President Judge Capuzzi

noted that his parents, immigrants to this country who did not speak English were the driving force behind his achievements. "His (father's) ambition was for me to do better than he had done through education...if the reverse were true, I doubt that I could have come to a foreign land in 1924, learned to speak the language plus a host of other languages...and become a successful businessman and property owner."

Since becoming President Judge in 2003, Judge Capuzzi has worked to improve the courthouse, including the restoration of the stained glass dome outside of Courtroom number one. The dome had been covered by a wooden box and was only able to be seen from the first floor.

President Judge Capuzzi has also worked to improve the Court system including changing the jury system to alleviate work, financial, and childcare difficulties for prospective jurors. The new system, placed into

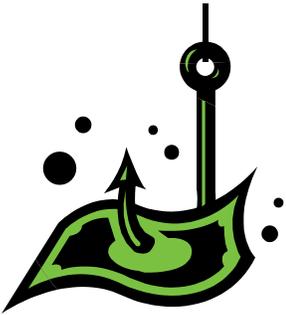
effect in January, 2006, has a jury panel report on Monday and Tuesday of criminal court week. The other panel reports on Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

In addition to his duties as President Judge, Judge Capuzzi also serves as Juvenile Court Judge. In that capacity, President Judge Capuzzi spearheaded the implementation of programming such as the Community Service Program and the new Juvenile Court Restitution Program.

Also honored were Westmoreland County Judge Alfred Bell and retired Commonwealth Court Judge Jess S. Jiuliante.

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The JCR Fund encourages good behavior from JPO clients while repaying victims of juvenile crime.

Juvenile Court Restitution Program

One of the components of the Balanced and Restorative Justice approach taken by the Juvenile Courts in Pennsylvania is Victim Restoration. At the request of President Judge Conrad B. Capuzzi, The Fayette County JPO developed and implemented a new program called the Juvenile Court Restitution Fund (JCR Fund) to address this issue.

The program will allow juveniles under supervision of the Juvenile Probation Office and owe restitution, to

earn money towards that restitution. The juveniles go through an application process toward the end of their supervision to determine how much, if any of the JCR Fund money they are eligible for. The better the juvenile adjusts while under supervision, the more money they can earn up; one half of their assessed restitution with a limit of \$1,000.00.

The program not only benefits the victims of juvenile crime, but it is also an incentive for juveniles to

perform better while under supervision.

The program is funded through fines assessed to nearly all of the JPO clients as well as funds allocated through the Title IV fund.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Jerome M. Andria states, "This is a relatively new concept in the field of Juvenile Justice, and we are very pleased to be one of the first counties in the State of Pennsylvania to implement this type of program."



Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Jerome M. Andria

From the Desk of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Here we are in the midst of another summer. Without a doubt the summer months always seem to be the most hectic at this office. There is a good reason for that feeling and it has a lot to do with the amount of activity that our staff has interacting during community service activities.

Every summer we start a rotation of community service that involves Litter Brigade, work in and around our County owned buildings, and a host of other community service activities in nearly every community throughout Fayette County. It never ceases to amaze me that we went from zero hours to nearly 9000 hours of community service annually in just over 6 short

years. Needless to say that we as a group are very proud of our accomplishments in this area, and as the Chief, I have to thank all of my staff for all of their tireless efforts that make this program such a success.

Over the past several months we have had some comings and goings in the office. My best wishes to those who have left our employment, and of course, I welcome our newest staff members, Teanna Tracy, Jeffrey Love, and Shawn Musgrove. Teanna, Jeff, and Shawn bring varied experience and a lot of new ideas and energy to the agency. We are as glad to have them as hopefully they are glad to be part of our team.

Finally, several weeks ago, a number of our staff and volunteers from the Youth Commission Program attended a training seminar at Westmoreland County Community College sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Westmoreland County Juvenile Court. We came away from that meeting with some good ideas that I hope to implement in the very near future, particularly in the areas of victim awareness programming for our clients and community conferencing at the intake level of the Juvenile Court and at the school level as well. Thanks to Adie Beighley for encouraging us to attend.

Building Bridges: Community Restorative Justice Forum

Members of the Juvenile Probation Office as well as volunteers from the Fayette County Youth Commission recently participated in a community forum entitled "Building Bridges: Community Restorative Justice" at Westmoreland County Community College in New Stanton. In all, representatives from nine counties in Pennsylvania participated in the event.

The goal of the forum was to have the Courts and various communities to work out

plans and strategies in order to work together towards the reduction of juvenile crime. Workshops in Balanced and Restorative Justice, Community Conferencing, Community Service, Restorative Discipline in Schools, and Community Strategies were presented.

The forum was hosted by the Court and Community Collaboration Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. Adeline Beighley, Chairperson of the Commit-

tee and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Westmoreland County served as Master of Ceremonies. Keynote speakers included the Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge for the Family Division in Allegheny County; the Honorable John J. Driscoll, Juvenile Court Administrative Judge in Westmoreland County; and Mr. Eugene Dickert, retired Executive Vice President of Elliot Company and volunteer planner for Westmoreland County JPO.



The Community Strategies workshop at the Building Bridges Forum

New Faces at the JPO

There are three new faces among the staff of the Juvenile Probation Office.

Teanna Tracy will work in the Connellsville School District. She is a graduate of Albert Gallatin High School and received her degree in Elementary Special Education from California University of PA. Teanna is also the proud mother of one year old Nodin Tracy.

Shawn Musgrove is no stranger to the JPO as he worked previously at Adelphoi Village Anchor House. He is a Frazier graduate and has a degree in Education from California University of PA. Shawn has a wife, Stacy and two children: 4 year old Kade and 2 year old Rylan. Shawn will be working in the Albert Gallatin School District.

Jeff Love graduated from Southmoreland High School and received his degree in Psychology and minored in Criminal Justice from Cal U. Jeff comes to us from Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services. You may recognize him from the Uniontown Mall where he worked security for the past two years. Jeff will also be working in the Connellsville School District.



Put out the welcome mat for the new JPO Officers!



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The staff of the Crime Victims Center and Fayette County Children and Youth Services

The primary mission of the Fayette County Juvenile Probation Office is to protect the community through assessment, treatment, and control of juvenile offenders by providing a range of effective services based on legal requirements and recognized professional standards.

If you have any questions or comments about any material in this newsletter, please contact Michael Lukac at the Fayette County Juvenile Probation Office at (724) 430-1223 ext. 423 or e-mail at mlukac@fayettepa.org.

The Crime Victims Center and CYS gets MASV!!

In observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Victims Rights Month the Fayette County Children and Youth Services and the Crime Victims Center of Fayette County held their 5th Annual Men Against Sexual Assault (MASV) Rally.

The Rally was held Fri-

day, April 21, in front of the Fayette County Courthouse with local agencies, volunteers, students from Laurel Highlands, Brownsville and Geibal High Schools and local officials participating.

After the rally participants proceeded through Main Street to the American Legion Post 51 on Gallatin Avenue where a

picnic lunch was served and local entertainment was provided by local high school musicians.

All proceeds for the day events benefit the Crime Victims Center and their prevention efforts to the citizens of Fayette County.

(story by Lisa Harvilla of the Crime Victims Center)



The JPO can use Global Positioning System (GPS) technology as a tool in supervision

GPS Monitoring: High Tech Supervision

Modern day space-age technology is becoming a tool for the Juvenile Probation Office. Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) is a means for the JPO to more closely monitor at-risk children.

The purpose of EHM is to allow the JPO to more closely monitor a child's daily activities and movements: in particular, a child's curfew and to view whether a child is associ-

ating in places or with people that may be contrary to the rules of their probation.

The EHM devices track a child's movements through a Global Positioning System (GPS). This equipment is capable of tracking a person's exact movement by time, date, and location anywhere in the world.

Children who are subject to EHM are required to

follow a set schedule that is established by their probation officer. This schedule may include areas of exclusion (places were the juvenile is not allowed to be), and inclusion (were they are allowed or supposed to be).

The use of EHM has been a valuable tool in better protecting the community and as a alternative to out of home placement.