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Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County
Representing Nassau Court Employees

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Benefits Increase

For the first time in 12 years, the Trustees of the Health and Welfare Fund have voted to increase active employee benefits. In a unanimous vote, the Board raised out-of-network dental benefits approximately 30%; out-of-network vision care will see a 20% increase. Prescription reimbursement/medical copay will be increased 25% for a maximum of \$200. We have reduced the time frame in which hearing aids may be submitted from five years to four years, to be on par with our medical plan. We have also increased the rate for members who are hospitalized from \$75 a day to \$100 a day. These are not all the enhancements to the plan; a more detailed benefit booklet will be distributed. Check with your delegate for dates when we will be in your courthouse! These increases, which will take effect on January 1, 2011, have been secured through fiscal prudence and the change of the third-party administrator of our COBANC plan.

As with all good news, there also has to be some news that is not as good. At this time, we are unable to increase the retiree portion of the out-of-network benefits. The reason for this is that the Office of Court Administration has not increased the contribution to the retiree benefit in quite some time and has drastically changed the percentage of what benefit they receive. The benefit has gone from 90% of an active member's contribution to 72%. Although we were not able to increase out-of-network benefits, we also have not decreased them. We did, unfortunately, have to eliminate the life insurance benefit for retirees to make up this difference. All retirees will be receiving information on how to keep this policy if they choose to do so, as well as the new benefits booklet for retirees.

Trustees of the Health & Welfare Fund

COBANC Members of the Month

July

MARYANN CAMILLERI



Maryann Camilleri works in the Adoption/Guardianship Section of the Nassau Family Court. Maryann is a ready source of information and always makes herself available to the public to answer any questions and to assist with

completing paperwork. Maryann's helpful personality, warm smile and ability to share her knowledge of the Guardianship/Adoption process has made her stand out both with the public and her peers. Maryann is well deserving of this award.

August

KEVIN BROSAN



Kevin Brosnan started his career as a court officer in April, 1990, in Manhattan Criminal Court. He soon became a senior court clerk. In 2001, he was promoted to associate court clerk and assigned to the Nassau County Matrimonial Center. Kevin is

always eager to assist pro-se litigants drawing on his knowledge and experience to answer all their questions. He is also very quick to lend a helping hand to his co-workers. Kevin truly is a worthy recipient of this recognition.

September

CATHERINE DOYLE



Captain Catherine Doyle started her career as a court officer in the Nassau County Family Court and soon ascended through the ranks to reach the rank of captain in 2004. Captain Doyle always

puts the needs of the officers and clerks she trains above everything else. Throughout her career in Nassau County, she has always gone above and beyond in all she does. She is a past recipient of COBANC's Award of Merit and is always helpful to COBANC members. She is a role model and someone worthy of recognition.

October

JAMES SULLIVAN



Jim Sullivan started as a court officer and has continued up through the ranks until reaching his current title as the Supervisor in Criminal South. Jim is affectionately known as "Father Jim." He is always

concerned with all the employees' needs and issues. He has a unique management style, that is friendly, yet effective. Jim is a staunch supporter of the union and its members, and is always willing to listen and consider with an open mind any issues the union may have. Jim is a deserving recipient of this special recognition.

UNION DELEGATES

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS
Nancy Furlong, 571-0182

COUNTY COURT
Jacqueline Marley, 571-5959
Barbara Cantone, 571-2996

DISTRICT COURT
Stuart M. Furbush, 572-2533
Pam Holke, 572-2273
Joseph Giannini, 572-2497

Mike Riviero,
Neil Schloth,

◆ Congratulations One and All! ◆

Results of Recent Delegate Elections Are In

Congratulations to the following newly elected Delegates:

Supreme Court Delegate: Billy Imandt

District Court Delegate: Neil Schloth

Surrogate Court Delegate: Denise Pipolo

Neil Schloth assumed his new position immediately. Bill Imandt and Denise Pipolo took their respective oaths of office on November 24th. Special thanks and appreciation to former Trustees Don Vetter and Richard Kowtowski for their dedication and commitment to serve the members of COBANC.

New Health and Welfare Fund Trustees

Two Trustee positions for the Health and Welfare Fund have been filled by Mike Collarini, Supreme Court and Tina Napolitano, Matrimonial Center.

Turning the Page to a New Chapter

Retirement is a turning point in life that provides an opportunity to explore new challenges and interests. It is not the end, but the beginning of a new chapter in life. Congratulations and best wishes to the following retirees:

Michael Alonge	Rose Eckman	Richard Kotowski	Elaine Nelson	Jane Shrenkel
Christine Ambrose	Vincent Fella	Louise Kuchynskas	Catherine Nolan	Theresa Skubina
Claire Bantzhaff	Cathleen Fleming	Ann Kurylo	Barbara Oberlander	Kathleen Smith
Diane Baruch	James Formato	Mildred Lustig	Barry Offen	James Spain
Gloria Berkeley	Susan Garbrielli	Gordon MacLeod	Joyce Owens	Ellen Stenta
Eric Bjorneby	Joan Glattfelder	William Mapes	Ann Pabon	Corine Thompkins
William Callaghan	Janet Hackford	Deborah Mehr	Robert Penny	Nicholas Tomasso
Nancy Cassidy	Christine Harasek	Dennis Mehr	Louise Potornai	Linda Toppi
Robert Clark	Lynn Interdonati	Mary Meyer	Josette Preddy	Sandi Von Hassel
William Cohen	Terrence Ironman	Bruce Miller	John Quinn	Charles
Francis Cove	Anna Janaka	Walter Moller	JoAnn Reimuller	Weinschreider
Margaret Curley-Pierce	Gail Joseph	John Moore	James Rice	Ellen Whitty
James Delyanis	Tendijar Kahlon	John Murphy	Elaine Sachs	Thomas Whitty
Paul Desroches	Denise Kellman	John Nanavarakis	Lawrence Schaffer	Donald Wilkens
MaryEllen Doall	Patrick Kelly	Theresa Narbut	Frederick Senti	Allen Willette
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572-2533

FAMILY COURT

Margaret Mausberg, 571-9174
Dennis Murphy, 571-9073
Janet Walsh 571-9009

SUPREME COURT

Vincent Averso, 571-2823
Deborah Verity, 571-2905
Billy Imandt 571-2906

MATRIMONIAL CENTER

Randy Meierdierks 571-0037

SURROGATES COURT

Denise Pipolo 571-5072

Recognizing Those Who Serve Others



At its annual dinner, the Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County (COBANC) recognized the outstanding contributions of members who represent the epitome of professionalism and service, and honored those who support the goals of the organization.

The COBANC Member of the Year Award was presented to Kathleen Holland, who has consistently demonstrated a desire and ability to represent the highest standards of all members of COBANC. In grateful recognition of his outstanding support and friendship to the members of COBANC, New York State Court Clerks Association President Mike Sigault was presented with this year's President's Award. The Fidelis Juri Award honors the support of the non-judicial employees of Nassau County and was bestowed on the Honorable Sharon Gianelli. The Woman of the Year Award was given to Joy Watson, while Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano received the Man of the Year Award.

This year's Award for Merit, which recognizes outstanding professionalism in the performance of duty or for outstanding contributions to the community, was awarded to Lieutenant Ellen Stenta, New York State Court Officers (NYSCO) Jean Wilkins,

Chris Schirmacher, Matt Raber, and James Remsbecker, as well as Supreme Court Officer (SCO) Vincent Averso. Medals for Meritorious Service, which recognize acts performed in the line of duty that indicate extreme alertness, initiative, or exceptionally good judgment were conferred on NYS Court Officers Craig Adams, Rene Costello, Mark Pullo, Gary Mazur, Chris Martino, and Lieutenant Frank Bongiorno.

The Jurisperitus Award was presented in honor of outstanding attorneys who practice in the Nassau County courts and who have consistently supported the efforts of the Nassau County court employees, and included John Zenir, Esq. and Frank Yanelli, Esq. To honor their service to COBANC, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Rosalie Chiccoriello, Vincent Fella, Anna Zaccaro, Marston Gibson, and Richard Kotowski.

In addition to the above awards, COBANC created several scholarships in honor of its deceased members to benefit its members in good standing and their families. This year's COBANC Scholarship Award recipients were Theresa Fresolone, Juan C. Fries, Gregory Hecht, Madeline Phelan, and Margaret Kobelski.



Looking Back Down *Memory Lane*

Frank Klarman is now COBANC's official Historian. He is currently working on developing a COBANC photo history. If you have any photos you would like considered for inclusion in this project, please send or deliver them to the COBANC office.

Don't Forget...

- For the latest news and information, be sure to visit the Association's website at www.cobanc.org.
- Retirement is an exciting time. Please share what you have been doing since your retirement by contacting gwhite@cobanc.org.