

SAVE THE DATE

**2010
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS**
FEBRUARY 10
APRIL 14
SEPTEMBER 22
LOCATIONS TO BE
ANNOUNCED

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING
COURSE**
TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 2010 &
THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 2010
STARTS 5:30 PM
@ COBANC OFFICE
CALL TO REGISTER
(516) 794-0600

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

The Association will celebrate its 36th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner Dance on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place. During this annual event outstanding members of the Association who you have nominated for exemplary performance of their duties – and/or outside the workplace – will be recognized with the following awards:

- **Medal for Merit** – Awarded for outstanding professionalism in the performance of duty, or for outstanding contributions to the community.
- **Medals for Meritorious Service** – Awarded for acts performed in the line of duty, indicating extreme alertness, initiative or exceptionally good judgment.
- **Medal of Medical Life Saving** – Awarded for acts which provided direct lifesaving aid for persons in medical distress.

Please save the date and join your colleagues at this special event. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Raber at (516) 794-0600.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please note that the Healthplex-designated phone number for all COBANC members is 1-888-468-5178.

DEDICATION BEYOND MEASURE

The Board of Directors, on behalf of the membership, congratulates those listed below on their retirement. These individuals have provided the Nassau County Courts with a level of service worthy of recognition. Collectively they have served for 200 years, averaging 25 years of commitment to the Nassau County Courts.

“You have earned your retirement, which is not the end, but the beginning of a new chapter in your lives,” stated COBANC President Patrick G. Cribbin. “We all wish you a lifetime of continued health and happiness.”

Nick Busa
Cynthia D. Foster
Anthony Franzone
Cassandra Glock

Robert Longabardi
Martin Petretti
Thomas Stack
Bill Williams

KEEP IN TOUCH

Retirement is an exciting time to travel, spend time involved in new hobbies, start a second career and spend time enjoying family and friends. Please share what you have been doing since your retirement by contacting gwhite@cobanc.org.

Where Are They *Now...*

Ralph Vetrino, SCO, retired in October 1998. Ralph and his wife are living in South Carolina and both enjoy spending time on their Pontoon boat.



Stay Informed

For the latest news and information, be sure to visit the Association's website at www.cobanc.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Anyone interested in the AMPUTEE VETS/ AMERICAN VET DOG FOUNDATION may contact Lisa Siano at lsianoesq@optonline.net. The website for the Amputee Vet program is www.nationalamputation.org.



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Representing Nassau Court Employees

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Message from the President

PATRICK G. CRIBBIN



The holiday season provided the perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. The start of a new year brings with it a renewed energy on the part of the members of the Board of Directors to continue to be vigilant in our

efforts to protect and improve the services and benefits provided to our membership.

We are pleased to report that to date, we have been able to protect our members' wages and benefits. While this is not a contract negotiating year for COBANC, now is the time to continue to work together, making our union even stronger. With our current contract expiring on March 31, 2011, we are regularly monitoring and analyzing the state's and our nation's economic situation and are ever mindful of the impact on our membership. We commend our members for continuing to provide the Nassau County Court system with the highest level of professional services, which contribute to the safe and efficient operation of the courts.

Special thanks to Second Vice President Cynthia L. Bohanan for her efforts to provide three "Benefits Bash" events so that our members would have the opportunity to personally connect with our healthcare, financial planning and retirement service providers. Treasurer Matt Raber is also to be recognized for organizing our annual awards dinner, at which those who support COBANC and members who have distinguished themselves with outstanding service are recognized.

Lastly, on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors I wish you health and happiness in 2010. As always, I encourage all members to remain active by attending our General Membership meetings. Only by working and standing together will we remain strong.

Fraternally,

Patrick G. Cribbin

UNION DELEGATES

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS
Rosalie Chiocciariello, 571-2635

COUNTY COURT
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Vincent Fella, 572-2497
Pam Holke, 572-2273
Joseph Giannini, 572-2497
Mike Riviero, 572-2497

FAMILY COURT
Dennis Murphy, 571-9024
Margaret Mausberg, 571-9174
Janet Walsh, 571-9009

SUPREME COURT
Marston Gibson, 571-1465
Vincent Averso, 571-2905
Deborah Verity, 571-2905
Randy Meierdierks, 571-1320

SURROGATES COURT
Anna Zaccaro, 571-3489



In The Know

C.O.B.A.N.C. Mission Statement

The objective and purpose of the Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County (C.O.B.A.N.C.) is to develop a stronger union and a more complete organization of Court Employees; to protect and promote the health and welfare of its members; to foster the advancement of the professional skills of its members; to negotiate and bargain collectively for all terms and conditions of employment; and to uphold the highest standards of the court service.

COBANC Benefits Bash Provides the Answers

Members of the Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County (COBANC) provide invaluable services, including maintaining records and providing security within the Nassau County Courts.

To demonstrate a commitment to ensure that members and their families are the beneficiaries of the best possible healthcare services, financial planning services, and up-to-date information on the latest retirement benefits, COBANC organized a Benefits Bash for its members. "We know how difficult it can be to contact service providers during the regular working day, so we decided to bring the service providers directly to our members," stated COBANC 2nd Vice President and coordinator of the event Cynthia L. Bohanan.

On three separate days, COBANC's Benefits Bash was set up in Nassau County Family Court, Nassau County District Court and Nassau County Supreme Court, enabling COBANC members to use their lunch hours to meet one-on-one with service representatives, gather

valuable information, and establish a personal contact for the future. More than twenty vendors were on hand to answer questions and provide information. "I think this was an excellent event because it provided us with the opportunity to get all the information we need at one time," stated NYS Court Officer Kellee Ross, who expressed the opinion of many of her fellow COBANC members.

The first Benefits Bash was an overwhelming success, thanks in part to the following COBANC service providers who participated: Deferred Compensation, Chase Bank, Empire State Planning/AFLAC, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, GVS, NYS Pension/Retirement, Combined Insurance, Inner Imaging, Mutual of Omaha, x-sport Fitness, Bob Volpe Haberdashery, Worklife Assistance, Healthplex, SEFA, Vision Screening, H&R Block, Nassau Credit Union, NY Department of Civil Service, and Fusco Brandenstein & Rada.

Recognizing Those Who Serve Others

Each year at its annual dinner, the Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County (COBANC) recognizes the outstanding contributions of members who have demonstrated the epitome of professionalism and service. The Association also takes the opportunity to honor those individuals who support the goals of COBANC.

The COBANC Member of the Year award was presented to Diane Baruch, who consistently demonstrates 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, Honorable Anthony Marano was presented with this year's President's Award. The "Fidelis Juri" Award honors the support of the nonjudicial employees of Nassau County, and was bestowed on the Honorable Steven Jaeger. The Woman of the Year award was given to Assemblywoman Michelle Schimmel, while New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli 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 Josette Preddy. Medals for Meritorious Service, presented to recognize acts performed in the line of duty

indicating extreme alertness, initiative or exceptionally good judgement, were conferred on NYSCO Michael Grieco, NYSCO Steven Lambert, NYSCO Patrick Annunziata, NYSCO Myles McIntyre, NYSCO Michael Garry, NYSCO John Koegel, NYSCO Gary Mazur, NYSCO Mark Pullo, NYSCO Vincent Averso and Lt. Michael Shields. NYSCO Joseph Giannini and NYSCO William Sullivan were recognized with Medals of Medical Life Saving for providing direct lifesaving aid to persons in medical distress.

The "Jurisperitus" Award honors outstanding attorneys who practice in the Nassau Courts and who have consistently supported the efforts of the Nassau County Court employees: James Flood, Esq., Richard Lerner, Esq., and James Pascarella, Esq. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Richard Bathie, Joseph Cannella, Anthony Franzone and James Remsbecker.

In addition to the above, several COBANC scholarships were presented to benefit COBANC members in good standing and their families, in honor of deceased members. This year's COBANC Scholarship Award recipients are Mark Pullo's daughter Theresa, Anthony Buonagura's daughter Jenna, Richard Seibt's son Kristofer, and Deborah Mastomano's son Franklyn.



From left to right – COBANC Secretary Lori A. Caronia, 1st Vice President John T. Clancy, 2nd Vice President Cynthia L. Bohanan, Woman of the Year award recipient Assemblywoman Michelle Schimmel, President Patrick G. Cribbin and Treasurer Matt Raber.



From left to right – COBANC Secretary Lori A. Caronia, 2nd Vice President Cynthia L. Bohanan, President Patrick G. Cribbin, Man of the Year award recipient New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, Treasurer Matt Raber and 1st Vice President John T. Clancy.



From left to right – COBANC 1st Vice President John T. Clancy, Treasurer Matt Raber, President Patrick G. Cribbin, Member of the Year award recipient Diane Baruch, 2nd Vice President Cynthia L. Bohanan and Secretary Lori A. Caronia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTINE KEHN Member of the Month

The Association would like to congratulate and recognize **January 2010 Member of the Month Kristine Kehn, Court Assistant** in the Matrimonial Center. Kristine has been a COBANC member for just over two (2) years and she performs her job daily with a smile. She always seems to be in a good mood. One of her major tasks is the "window" of the Mat Center's Clerk's office. Here she deals with customers bringing various papers, orders, motions, but most of all questions. These "customers" include lawyers, paralegals, process servers, and more often than not members of the public who are Pro-se (representing themselves). Kristine answers these questions with sincerity and her cheerfulness means most leave happier and more informed than when they got there; some refer to her as "the font of information". If she is not sure, she will confirm with one of the clerks in the office, and then she's sure for next time. She is an asset to the clerk's office, the courts of Nassau County, and to COBANC, and is an example of the many hardworking members we represent.

Every day, the members of the Association serve the Nassau County Court System with pride and professionalism. The members of the Executive Board and Delegates would like to publicly recognize and reward those members who demonstrate a higher level of commitment and dedication, and serve as role models within the Association. To be nominated, the person must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Association in good standing AND
- Be active in the Court community OR
- Be active in their community OR
- Consistently demonstrate a desire and ability to represent the highest standard of all COBANC members

If you would like to nominate a member for this distinction, please submit a written application including why you believe this nominee is worthy of recognition, to:

**COBANC Employee of the Month
2545 Hempstead Turnpike,
Suite 105
East Meadow, New York 11554**

Winners will be selected and contacted at the end of each month. All nominations received will be held for future consideration.



Celebrating 2009

On December 18, 2009, COBANC members and retirees joined together at the Irish-American Center in Mineola to celebrate the holidays and recognize this year's scholarship recipients. Included with the members' free entrance was a door prize ticket to win one of several exciting prizes, including a 32" flat screen TV, an IPOD, a netbook computer and two \$100 gift cards. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet and dancing throughout the evening. Prior to the conclusion of the festivities this year's scholarship winners were announced. Congratulations and best wishes for future success to this year's winners: Elizabeth Rosenblum for her daughter Hailey, Danielle McKennell for her daughter Ashley, Bruce Kahn for his daughter Judy, Marcia Silva for her son Jason, and Ken Little for his daughter Kendra.