Technology Day drew scores of judges to a showcase of technological demonstrations provided by employees from throughout the Courts of the District. The array of electronic solutions and initiatives was truly impressive. They included electronic traffic tickets, advanced fingerprinting management, e-filing systems for small claims and mental health cases, automated criminal case management systems, budgeting, Orphans’ Court management, FJD internet, an attorney attachment system, and upgrades in Court Reporter programs.

The success of Technology Day was due to the hard work and expertise of many employees. Top left: Melissa Copestake shows off Court Reporter technology.

Left: Chief Deputy Court Administrator David C. Lawrence (left) and President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson (center), with Court Administrative Officer William Schwartz of MIS, who worked diligently along with other MIS staff members to set up equipment and exhibits.

Below: DR Programmer Manager Michael Armento and MIS Director Cliff Baumbach exchange views.

From a job-seeker’s cover letter: “Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shorty!”

More Resume Quotations on page 8.
FJD ANNIVERSARIES
The following employment anniversaries were reached during the period January - June 2001.

20 YEARS
Thomas Barbieri, Prothonotary
Harry M. Blanchard, Traffic Court
Sharon A. Crimi, J. DiNubile
Anna B. Culmer, Adult Prob.
Peter M. Dacko, Tipstaff
Kevin A. Daly, Prothonotary
Maria O. Dowbusz, Prettrial
Darlene Gaines, Juvenile
Joseph Giantomaso, DR
Donna J. Glynn, Ct. Admin.
Robert Grasso, DR
Nancy T. Gregory, Traffic Court
Jerry C. Hopkins, Juvenile
Carmen E. Lassus, Tipstaff
Victor J. Marella, Tipstaff
Theresa Martin, Data Proc.
Russell Micciche, MC
Marylin Miller, DR
Louis R. Narvaez, Adult Prob.
Marleasa A. Newsome, Prothy
Miriam K. Prieuleau-Gunter, Juvenile
Dominic C. Reda, Jr., Traffic Court
Jeanne N. Scott, Traffic Court
Marvela L. Simmona, Prothy
Bonita E. Stephens, Juvenile
Marlyn T. Tyler, Adult Prob.
Stanley Wilson, Jr., Ct. Rep.

25 YEARS
Joan C. Barron-Fauser, Prettrial
George W. Berkelbach, J. DiBona
Patricia L. Blow, Adult Prob.
Mary J. Boone, Procurement
James C. Brennan, Jr., Terence D. Brown, Juvenile
John J. Bullard, Tipstaff
Curtis C. Carson III, Tipstaff
Mary M. Curry, Ct. Rep.
Mary DiGirolamo, DR
Kenneth P. Doyle, Tipstaff
Lillian Drozdowski, Law Library
Cathy D. Duncan, DR
George A. Elimer, Bldg. & Fac.
Gregory J. Ford, Adult Prob.
John E. Giampietro, Traffic Court
Joseph M. Harrington, Adult Prob.
Massie M. Horsey, J. Presenza
Richard Marrella, Tipstaff
Kathleen M. Meyer, J. Keogh
Susan L. Molino, Adult Prob.
Jacqueline S. Pearson, DR
Nancy Pollis, FC Admin.
Ernestine L. Singleton, Juvenile
Ernestine R. Span, DR
Joann P. Tycka, DR
Anna C. Veasey, Adult Prob.

30 YEARS
Donald E. Ariosto, Adult Prob.
Joseph L. Bond Jr., Adult Prob.
Catherine P. Cairone, Tipstaff
Kathleen M. Cunitz, Prettrial
Edward A. Duffy, Tipstaff
Louis Ferlaino, DR

On October 17, 2001, the Supreme Court appointed Judge Seamus P. McCaffery Administrative Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

We wish Administrative Judge McCaffery well in all his endeavors.

Technology Day Participants
President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson
Administrative Judge Joseph D. O’Keefe
Joseph J. DiPrimio, Esq., Court Administrator
Honorable Joseph H. Evers, Prothonotary
William Babcock, Center City District
Glenn S. Bozzacco, Esq., Dep. Ct. Administrator
Joe Cairone, Trial Division
Maria Criniti, Court Administrative Officer
Kevin Cross, Dep. Ct. Administrator
Carl L. Divens, Senior Staff Advisor
Janet Fasy Dowds, Dep. Ct. Administrator
Michael Henkel, Court Administrative Officer
David C. Lawrence, Chief Dep. Ct. Administrator
Daniel F. Madonna, Director

Systems & Support Development
Richard McSorley, Esq. Ct. Administrative Officer
Sandra Nardi, Court Administrative Officer
Kathleen Rapone, Dep. Ct. Administrator
Dominic Rossi, Esq., Dep. Ct. Administrator
Donald A. Varley, Jr., Director of Internet Services
Leonard A. Hacking, Senior Staff Advisor
Edward Rementer, Director, Administrative Services
John Guerrera and Staff, Building Facilities
Cliff Baumbach and Staff, MIS
Billy Schwartz, MIS
Staci Wickizer, MIS
Ed Fauser, MIS
Hai Ngo, MIS
James E. White, Supervisor, First Filing
Bill Lanzelotti, Supervisor, Certification
Police Officer Lillian Evans, R&I Unit
Police Officer Eleanor Zimmerman, R&I Unit
Terence J. Bigley, Court Administrative Officer
Linda DeGregorio, Treatment Court Coordinator
Amy C. Hafner, Adult Probation & Parole Dept.
Dana Delavalla, Adult Probation & Parole Dept.
Daniel E. Smith, MOIS
Douglas Zweig, Court Reporters/Interpreters
Melissa Copestake, Court Reporters/Interpreters
Amie Grubb, ACS, State & Local Solutions
Edward Kerkow, ACS, State & Local Solutions
Eric Hunn, ACS, State & Local Solutions
Phil Park, Deloite, PMO
Nidish Mada, Deloite, PMO
Bonnie O’Kane, Deputy Prothonotary
Charles A. Mapp, Sr., Dep. Ct. Administrator
Judge Anne E. Lazarus and Staff
Judge Joseph D. O’Keefe and Staff
Boyd Taggart, Court Administrative Officer
James Pirolli, Building Facilities
Glenn Veney, Building Facilities

Deputy Court Administrator Glenn Bozzacco and Verilaw Rep. Susan Barnes.

Ruth Bell of President Judge Massiah-Jackson’s staff.

Deputy Court Administrator Kathleen Rapone, Internet Administrator Don Varley, and Deputy Court Administrator Joseph A. Cairone.

Phi-la-gen-er-os-i-ty
The City of Philadelphia Employees’ Combined Campaign 2002 is now underway. This year’s theme is Philagenerosity — a demonstration of how much we care for those who are less fortunate. Your Philagenerosity makes a difference in so many people’s lives on a local, national, and international level. Thank you for your support!
Juvenile Automated Management System Grows

For the past year, efforts have been underway to design and implement a new comprehensive automated system for the Juvenile Branch of the Family Division. When completed, the system will perform all of the functions required to support the work of the entire Branch including intake, scheduling, order processing and case tracking. The new program will especially benefit Juvenile Probation in supporting the efforts of the more than 200 Juvenile Probation Officers in managing their caseloads.

The system will allow for processing in other areas as well, including adoptions, dependency, restitution and community service, and tranquility. It will be augmented by an integrated imaging system with online access and real time availability for all documents in the Juvenile case files, particularly reports received from service providers. Documents will be imaged from paper, from electronic file transfer such as e-mail, and from fax. New automated tools will also include advanced forms processing capabilities, the ability to electronically capture digital photographs of juveniles and maintain them in a local database, and will generate hearing notices, orders and letters.

Maryland Court Views Paperless Courtroom

Municipal Court hosted Maryland court representatives Honorable Martha F. Rasin, Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland; Chief Clerk Patricia H. Platt; Charles E. Moulden, Assistant Chief Clerk for Operations; and Richard Clemens, Assistant Chief Clerk of Finance for an e-filing demo. While here, they gathered information about the MC CLAIMS project and witnessed the operation of a paperless courtroom. They observed the CLAIMS pilot program where cases are created, filed, and adjudicated electronically. They watched in amazement as the trial commissioner reviewed the trial list from a computer monitor and entered dispositions with the click of a mouse, completing the list of 26 cases in less than 20 minutes. The only paper used was for case disposition orders that were printed for the attorney’s file. The docket disposition is created real-time via the Internet. Small claim filing and exhibits can be viewed in the courtroom through the CLAIMS document management system. Welcoming the Maryland representatives were: Administrative Judge Blasi; CLAIMS Project Director and Deputy Court Administrator of Operations, Glenn S. Bozzacco, Esq.; Civil Division Deputy Court Administrator Patricia McDermott; and CLAIMS Project Manager and MIS Specialist Maria Crinti.

Judge Blasi Hits it Big in Las Vegas

Administrative Judge Robert S. Blasi represented the FJD at the National Center for State Courts Electronic Filing Conference. Selected to be a faculty member for the conference, Judge Blasi and Project Director Glenn S. Bozzacco demonstrated the Municipal Court (MC) electronic filing CLAIMS project to an audience of more than 350. They filed a small claim, selected a trial date and validated the filing live, via the Internet. Their demonstration was a conference highlight. Afterward, an IT specialist commented that the CLAIMS project was four years ahead of other jurisdictions.

A Judge from the Midwest noted that most courts do not have rules permitting e-filing. He talked of “begging for forgiveness” from his judicial leaders because rules did not exist for his e-filing project. Judge Blasi was pleased to report that since the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had had the foresight to establish electronic filing rules, he was able to proceed accordingly.

The Philadelphia Municipal Court will be the first major jurisdiction in the country to integrate case management, document management, and electronic filing systems via the Internet.
Age Overcomes Youth in Adult Probation Softball

by Archie Epperson

For the past several years, two avid amateur athletes, Chris McFillin and this writer, have rekindled a longstanding Adult Probation and Parole Department (APPD) tradition by staging and establishing an age war on the softball field each summer. Yes that’s right! The young against the old. Battle lines are drawn between those 35 years old and over, and the youth of the department - those under that age. The “WAR” is waged on the softball field for bragging rights in the department. Staff signs up to play, cook on the grill, cheer on their team, and just plain have some fun. This annual all-out competition allows the new employees (usually young fresh-out-of-college POs and early career persons) to interact and to get to know the management and veteran staff on neutral turf.

Prior to 1998 the Probation Department had a softball team in the now defunct City League, PMERC. Great teams from APPD won numerous divisional titles and city championships through the early 1980’s and 90’s. Chris and I played on those great teams (Probation Panthers) after 1987 and won a city title for the last time in 1995, defeating Family Court. It became increasingly more difficult to field a team, organize and run it, and to respond to our other outside commitments; so the Panthers team dissolved in 1998. Enter the “Boys of Summer” void and the age-old habit of reminiscing times of old and things of the past. Missing the camaraderie, we decided to bring back the memories and get everyone involved.

Needless to say, wisdom usually triumphs over youth in life. So it does also on the softball field. The first year the youngsters were seriously overmatched and had their heads handed to them. They could not believe the Ben Gay crowed could so thoroughly thrash them. The same was true of the later games. Who would have thought such a thing would keep happening?

This year, the youngsters began their bravado in early Spring. Chris began gathering his troops and was extremely optimistic about the new employees from among whom he could choose. With a crop that had prior organized baseball and softball experience it looked like maybe this time the “Oldheads” would bow to the upstarts. Chris pitched and had stellar games from Jim Telese, Adam Peterson, Patrick Westner, Fred Crawford, and Joe Petracca. But the star of the game with the gold glove was none other than Melinda Sarin. Without her they would have been dispatched post haste. Sarin played a flawless second base, turning a nifty double play and spearing a screaming line drive to kill a rally in mid game. But alas, while the young guns jumped out to a 5 to 0 lead in the first several innings, the old guys, with the play of Bob Malvestuto, Tony Sassilli, Jim Harkins, and Wayne King, along with the six strike out pitching of Archie Epperson, hung tough to see it through. As always, the star of the game, Cecil Shamberger, was there to make that special play at shortstop or get the big hit to keep the rally going. Gina James and Kathy Waters kept the dogs jumping off the grill while volunteer umps Gary Cenna, the plate umpire, and Judge Ben Lerner, the base umpire, kept things moving along fairly, though with a little controversy as the young guys contested calls all game long. Prevailing by a score of 13 to 9, wisdom and experience conquered once again.

Bragging rights secured once more, till we play again next year, the young guys had a chance to save face in a game with Federal Probation. Winners of this duel own bragging rights among Philadelphia’s Probation Officers. In this match of probation departments, young and old APPD ballplayers played as allies. Maybe the young folks learned a thing or two as together we beat the Fed’s, 13-12. Oldheads Rule!

Nobile M. Tranzilli Sorely Missed

The loss of Nobile M. Tranzilli, Esquire from the Master’s Unit was profound. He was a very hard worker and extremely conscientious. The last day he was alive I saw him at the door of my office a little after 7AM. He was always joyful. We spoke about work. He turned his head in the way he would and spoke lightly over his shoulder with a smile as only Nobile could do. I last spoke with Nobile around 11:30 when he was talking with staff in the hallway. I could not believe the call I received at home that night, it just could not be! Yet, God in his wisdom made the determination that Nobile would walk with us on this earth no more. Our unit has constant reminders of his presence. We speak warmly and often of Nobile as we feel the energy that remains. His family has become our co-workers as we remain in touch to encourage each other. With other staff of the court the Master’s Unit will always hold deeply and warmly the remembrance of Nobile.

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Prothonotary Gets a Facelift

Brian Senft has been painting murals for the past four years. His newest works can be found in the Prothonotary First and the Second Filing Units in City Hall rooms 280 and 278. These are the first display of his original designs.

The murals are part of the finishing touches of a general make-over and remodeling project of the various units of the Office of the Prothonotary. Joseph Evers, Prothonotary, expressed an interest in utilizing the large wall space available in two of the units. The idea of the murals was considered the best way to aesthetically complement the technological and physical changes taking place in the Prothy’s office over the last year and a half.

Jane Golden, director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts program, was contacted and Mr. Senft, a full-time muralist, was commissioned to design and paint the murals. Senft, 33, is originally from Emmaus, Pennsylvania. He studied classicism and principles of classical design at Barnstone Studios in Coplay, Pennsylvania.

Brian’s mural in the First Filing Unit commemorates City Hall’s 100th anniversary. The building’s architect, John McArthur, and sculptor, Alexander Calder, are represented by figures standing in front of the south entrance of City Hall. This entrance design spotlights a judicial icon. The mural in the Second Filing Unit is a landscape shows an idyllic autumnal scene depicting rowers on the Schuylkill River along the West River Drive against a backdrop of the Girard Avenue Bridge.

The energy, creativity and physical strength conveyed in the representation of these subjects is a superb example of the artist’s skillful and harmonious melding of his medium with the environment. These murals are truly unique works of art, and an experience not to be missed.

“It’s been an exciting project,” said Senft, “and gratifying to see my own designs utilized for the first time on these murals. The people here have been generous with their corporation. Having the support of such an audience has made this job more fun.”

A dedication ceremony is planned.

Employees Train to Save Lives

In April, 54 employees were trained by the Red Cross in the use of lifesaving Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines. AEDs are used by police and rescue agencies, at airports and large companies all over the country in an effort to save more lives of cardiac arrest victims. Without immediate access to defibrillation, the national survival rate for these victims is less than 5 percent. Studies indicate the survival rate can exceed 70 percent if defibrillation is administered within the first few minutes.

The AED units are slightly larger than a laptop computer and are easy to operate. A voice prompt instructs the user how and when to administer the defibrillation. The units are located throughout buildings which house FJD personnel so that an emergency can be responded to by a trained AED operator quickly.

Employees who participated in the training are as follows: Domenic Brunelli, Joseph Evers, Stanley Chmeliewski, Anthony Romano, Virginia King, Carolyn Dombrowski, Paul Verdi, John DiBernardo, Mary McGovern, Joseph Hassett, Gary Irvine, Dana Della Valla, Frank DeFrancesco, Frank Spatacco, Jerry Golden, Sandra Stibbins, Catherine Marx, Ed Halligan, Leon Plocha, James Brooks, Mary Dougherty, Carol Copes, Mary Flood, Denise Lancaster, Marian Tyler, Harry Peterson, Donald Taylor, Alice Flamer, Alice Travelina, Captain John Keaveney, Patricia Blow, Mary Jo Urbanski, Joanne Weglicki, Kevin Reynolds, Bonnie O’Kane, William Rullo, Shanda Holloway, Harold Palmer, Kathleen Gallagher, Gurnell Williams, Rose Lalli, Marlene Dorsey, Joseph Ferrara, Melissa Copestake, Maria Colon, Anthony Sasselli, Robert Grasso, Marcy Levin, Theresa Cannon, Mayann Brogesi, Karleen Flowers, Kenneth Doyle, Carol Blackmon and Frank Staiano.

Mary McGovern and Joe Hassett test the AED Unit on a manikin.
Philadelpbia Reads
In October, FJD employees met with students from the Thomas Durham Elementary School to begin a new season in the Philadelphia Reads program. Philadelphia Reads was created as a result of the presidential summit held in Philadelphia in 1997. The goal: for the American public to become involved in creating a brighter future for all children by ensuring that all children read well and independently by the end of third grade. Employees enthusiastically volunteer their lunchtime every Thursday to read with students in the 1st and 3rd grades. At the end of last season, the coaches were treated to a ride on the big yellow school bus in the opposite direction—they went to the Durham School at 16th and Locust to have lunch there with the students.

Employees Reaching Out

Race for the Cure
A group of more than 40 persons proudly participated as a First Judicial District team in the 11th Annual Race for the Cure. Almost 35,000 Philadelphians participated and raised over $2 million. Participants walked 5k (3 miles) or 1k (.6 mile) or ran 5k. The sponsoring organization is the Philadelphia Breast Health Institute, associated with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, a national organization based in Dallas. The Breast Health Institute raises funds for breast cancer research, education and clinical care. In addition, it provides free mammogram, and follow-up care when needed, for Delaware Valley women who do not have medical insurance coverage.

This was the first team effort under the banner of the First Judicial District and readers are urged to join next year in honor of or in memory of all women who suffered from this disease.
Cheeley Fundraiser Successful

The recent fund raiser for former City Hall/CJC Mailroom Supervisor Leonard Cheeley, Jr. was extremely successful, raising a total of $1,560. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthy effort.

The raffle was held on September 21, 2001, and the winner was Civil Administration’s Claire Kelly. Congratulations, Claire!

Leonard is still recuperating, and is presently in a rehab center. Russell Gamble, Enoch McCullough, Gary Irvine and Stanley Wilson would be happy to bring Leonard any cards or notes you may want to send.

United We Stand II:
United We Gave — 131%

We only needed 100 pints, but on October 31st, 131 First Judicial District judges and employees gave of their time and their life’s blood at the FJD 2001 Blood Drive. In doing so, they demonstrated the solidarity of their resolve, their dedication to the country and community at large, and their genuine consideration for others. Through their participation, donors and volunteers displayed some of the true assets of the FJD workforce: reliably strong heart, indomitable spirit, and pride in their Court and America.

With their high regard for the welfare and dignity of others, the FJD team members were themselves shown to be individuals worthy of special distinction. As further evidence of the depth of the FJD team, many who wished to pledge were turned away due to Red Cross personnel and equipment limitations. Another drive will be held early next year.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who gave, those who wished to give, and especially those of you who volunteered your time and considerable effort to make this very important project a rousing success. Look for publication of the names of these local heroes in the very near future.

Prothonotary’s Madeline Cornaglia got into the Halloween spirit with a bright wig.

Top: Among those from Domestic Relations who came out to give blood were (left to right): Lisa Jordan-Phillips, Fred Keller, and Erin Costello.

Right: John Guerrera of Building Services patiently waits his turn.

Cheeley’s co-workers helped celebrate his birthday. Left to right: Russell Gamble and Enoch McCullough of the FJD Mailroom, Stanley Wilson of the Record Reproduction Center, and Administrative Services Director Ed Rementer.
Resume Quotations

The following quotations were taken from resumes and cover letters.

“Special Skills: Thyping.”
“I have a bachelorette degree in computers.”
“Graduated in the top 66% of my class.”
“Married, eight children. Prefer frequent travel.”
“Experience: Watered, groomed, and fed the family dog for years.”
“Work history: Bum. Abandoned belongings and led nomadic lifestyle.”
“Reason for leaving last job: The owner gave new meaning to the word ‘paranoia.’ I prefer to elaborate privately.”
“Special Skills: Speak English.”
“Fortunately because of stress, worked in the cardiac intensive-care ward.”
“Once focused on an objective, I believe myself to have an undying lust for success with accuracy and efficiency.”
“Seek challenges that test my mind and body, since the two are usually inseparable.”
“Extensive background in public accounting. I can also stand on my head!”
“Exposure to German for two years, but many words are inappropriate for business.”
“Accomplishments: Completed 11 years of high school.”
“Excellent memory; strong math aptitude; excellent memory; effective management skills; and very good at math.”
“Enclosed is a ruff draft of my resume.”
“Please disregard the attached resume — it is terribly out of date.”
“It’s best for employers that I not work with people.”
“Insufficient writing skills, thought processes have slowed down some. If I am not one of the best, I will look for another opportunity.”
“Here are my qualifications for you to overlook.”
“I am relatively intelligent, obedient, and as loyal as a puppy.”
“I need just enough money to have pizza every night.”
“My compensation should be at least equal to my age.”
“My salary requirement is $34 per year.”
“I’ll need $30K to start, full medical, three weeks vacation, stock options and ideally a European sedan.”
“I worked here full-time there.”
“I’ll starve without a job but don’t feel you have to give me one.”