

# Juvenile Justice Center Newsletter



### OUR JURISTS:

*Thomas F. O'Malley*  
Administrative Judge

*Judge Patrick F. Corrigan*

*Judge Joseph F. Russo*

*Judge Alison L. Floyd*

*Judge Kristin W. Sweeney*

*Judge Anjanette A. Whitman*

### Our Mission:

- Administer Justice
- Rehabilitate Juveniles
- Support and Strengthen Families
- Promote Public Safety



## Judge Anjanette A. Whitman takes the Bench

On Monday, June 18, 2012, Anjanette A. Whitman took office as a Judge in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court after being appointed to the position by Governor Kasich.

She was ceremonially sworn in by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrance O'Donnell July 26th in the Great Hall of the CCJJC.

Many family, colleagues, and well wishers were in attendance.

For 11 years prior to her appointment, Judge Whitman practiced in the field of family law

primarily in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court focusing on abused and neglected children by serving as a GAL.

Judge Whitman is a life-long resident of Rocky River and has been actively involved in the community for more than twenty years. She was an elected member of the Rocky River City Council in the At-Large position from 2008 to 2012.

Judge Whitman is a graduate of Rocky River High School, who combined her talents in the classroom and as a

State High School Champion track and cross country athlete to earn a scholarship to the University of Virginia. She is a graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Judge Whitman has been the Head Cross Country and Track and Field Coach at Magnificat High School for the past ten years, where she led the team to four separate Division I State Champion Championship team titles.

She is married and has a 14 year old son.

## IT Unit: Weight Loss Superstars !

IT staff individually decided to undergo healthy lifestyle changes. It was as though a fitness bug bit the unit one by one.

Since January, 2012, the group has lost a tremendous amount of weight.

A whopping 165 pounds total among the group. The largest amount of weight-loss has been achieved by Taryne Darden, Help Desk Technician and Wally Minor, Network Administrator, both each lost 30 pounds.

The group is involved with various programs such as Kickboxing, Boot Camp, Zumba, P90X and Shakeology, in addition to utilizing the court's workout room on the 9th floor.

**Can your department top that ?????**



## Quincy Gardens : Neighbors helping Neighbors

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court joined with other community leaders and organizations to support the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation on Saturday, July 21, 2012 with their Quincy Gardens Project.

The CCJJC staff, the Employee Recognition committee and administration raised \$250.00 to

donate to this worthy cause. The funds were used for mulch, flowers and gardening supplies.

Special thanks to our volunteers! Staff Attorney Lynne Chavers, Senior Administrative Secretary Kathy Brazis, Court Administrator Marita Kavalec, Case Management Clerk Mary Beth Page, Detention Clerk Taahira Kaleem, Magistrate Terease Neff, Deputy Director of Specialized

Dockets Elise Tompkins and the Probation Department Community Service Program youth gave their Saturday to assist with landscaping at the 93rd & Quincy Site.

The Quincy Gardens is a place where the public can sit, meditate, eat, read a book, and fellowship.

This was a great opportunity to plant a seed of friendship with our Fairfax neighbors.

## Delegation of Court Staff visit JDAI model site in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois

The Casey Foundation awarded the state two grants in the amount of \$150,000.00 each. It is the expectation of the Foundation that a portion of that grant be used to fund delegations from participating counties to attend model site visits. The Casey Foundation believes through peer to peer discussion and on site observation, Juvenile

Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) model sites are learning labs wherein visits focus on operationalizing the JDAI strategies. Accordingly, the Casey grant award provides complete funding for the site visit.

The average daily population at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in Cook County, reached its lowest

level in at least three decades, an achievement county juvenile justice officials attribute to a number of detention reform strategies.

Our Court delegation at the model site visit on July 30th – 31st received information, discussed and observed the innovative reforms presently being utilized in Cook County with documented success.



## Volunteer Services Summer Highlights

Cleveland Institute of Music Students performed Gallantry & the Impresario one act operas in the Detention Center. Staff and residents really enjoyed the performances. Youth comments included "I would have never experienced that before I came in here", "Relaxing" and "Funny, weird, I liked it."



EMI a.k.a. Capitol Records Recording Artist, Tito Lopez spoke to the youth about his life experiences and how each individual must be responsible for their actions and make the right choices when negative influences present themselves. He also performed "Mama Proud", from his first CD " The Hunger Game".



The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon recognized Detention Center and Career & Technical Education Volunteers at the Dunham Tavern Museum/Barn. They were applauded for diverse program and services they provide to help the detained youth improve their reading and decision-making skills. The lunch was sponsored by the Downtown Education Center.

