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The Costume eVent winners are...

The results are in from the 3rd annual **Office Costume eVent**. A total of **331 votes** were cast by Clerk of the Court employees. The eVent began on Oct. 31 (Halloween) when photos were taken of employees dressed in costume. The costumes were organized into 10 categories and a survey was created that allowed employees to vote over a two-week period on their favorite costumes. Below are the costumes that were voted the best in each category by the Clerk of the Court employees.



FUNNIEST
"Big Money"
Marjorie Crow



CUTEST
"Farm Girl"
Lori White



SWEETEST
"Dora and Boots"
Maridel Soileau & Madison



SCARIEST
"Scary Skeleton"
Ramon Flores



BEST HISTORICAL
"Don Quixote"
Dar Unger



HALLOWEEN SPIRIT
"Corpse Bride"
June Mabry



BEST DECADES
"70s Disco"
Carmen Carabajal



MOST FESTIVE
"COC Hawaiian Tourist"
Suzanne Lambries



BEST SMALL GROUP
"Witches of Southeast"
Nicki De La Cruz, Ana James, Jessica Folts, Mariam Jordan-McTaggart



BEST LARGE GROUP
"The 50s"
Antoinette Brown, Cynthia Coronado, Jenela Fierro, Benny Lopez, Sandra Valdez, and Clarissa Quinonez

THE COSTUMES VOTED AS BEST OVERALL IN THE OFFICE

1ST - THE 50'S	4th tie - eSI	7th - More Cowbell
2nd - Corpse Bride	4th tie - Big Money	8th - Farm Girl
3rd - Don Quixote	6th - Witches of SE	9th - Scary Skeleton
		10th - COC Hawaiian Tourist

Other Information

A total of 47 employees dressed up in costume and participated in this year's Costume eVent.

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More costume eVent contestants

Following are more employees who participated in the Office Costume eVent:

Funniest

Dryer Lint - Terri Ernster,
More Cowbell - Stace Williams

Cutest

Black Cat - Rebecca Shanks

Sweetest

Appeal Babies - Emmy Greth,
Flor Nevarez, and Pamela Crawford

Scariest

Unsanitary Doctor - Sally Valdez

Historical

Pirate - Yolanda Escalante

Large Group

Angels-Devils - Sandra Seeley, Martha Wanke, Kelle Dyer,
Monica Crowley, Megan Simpson, Kelly Sleseman,
and Angie Green

eSI - Merriel Trombley, Mike Mejia, Kim Whitson,
Angela Walker, and Lori Cummings

Decades

20s Flapper - Diana Rexinger

Halloween Spirit

She-Devil - Sofia Murta

Most Festive

Incognito Western Woman - Regina Frigo

Small Group

Black Cats - Araceli Rodriguez,
Ramona Velasquez, and Maria Gatica

Bride, Groom & Priest - Dawn Arnold,
Kyle Duncan, and Hector Castaneda



Holiday happenings in the Office

- The **Socks Drive** ends on Friday, Dec. 5. This is the seventh year the Office has participated in this effort.
- The **Toys for Tots Drive** ends on Friday, Dec. 12. This is the fourth year the Office has participated in this event.
- The results from the Customer Service Center's **Operation Cobbler Drive** are in. The Drive kicked off on Nov. 3 and ended on Nov. 7. This year, CSC staff donated 264 pairs of shoes to help those in need in the community.
- The NE Office is conducting a **Blanket Drive**. Last year, they collected more than 40 blankets to help the homeless.
- The CSC staff is conducting a **Food Drive** (canned foods and non-perishables) through Dec. 3 to help feed the hungry in the community. The staff's goal is to collect 250 items for this effort.

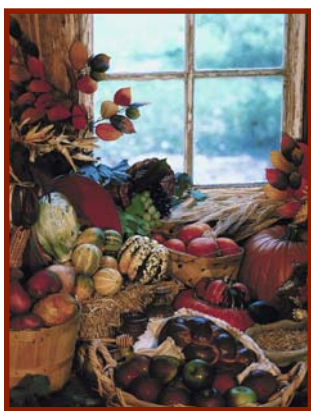
Clerk of the Court's staff participates in National Adoption Day Event

On Nov. 15, the Clerk's Office participated in the Court's **National Adoption Day Event**. There were nine calendars going, 21 judges and commissioners presiding over 156 hearings, nine courtroom clerks covering hearings, and two Office staff making certified copies of the final orders of adoption and accepting payment, for the adoption of 206 children. The Clerk's staff who participated were: **Connie Marcum, Julie Bies, Kathy Waldner, Jamie Govoni, Rosalie Cabrera-Razo, Katie Meade, Sherlone Fair, Carrie Gerhardt, Robert Jordan, Lavern Willkomm, and Candice Botello.**



Who are you thankful for? — Thanksgiving Tributes

“I am thankful for: **Freedom** - And for those who serve to protect it...and, especially for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to preserve it. We owe them our deepest respect. **Optimism** - And for those who share it...knowing and believing there will be a brighter tomorrow ensures our success. **Determination** - And for those who practice it...accomplishing goals feeds our desire to move forward and continue to achieve. **Reputation** - And for those who believe in honesty and integrity in all that we do...it takes years to build a good reputation and only seconds to destroy it. **Creativity** - And for those who excel in it...in these difficult times this is the blood that keeps us refreshed and rejuvenated. **Service** - And for those who believe that others are more important than self...by working to improve oneself then utilizing those talents to assist others. **Family** - And for those who have lost a loved one over the past year...the wonderful memories will never leave us.” – *Michael Jeanes*



“I am thankful for all of the **Courtroom Clerks**, who have helped me keep it all together since a certain **BURD** flew the coop. I would have certainly drowned by now, if it were not for their support and cooperation.” – *Cindy Malnar*

“I am thankful for **Pam Crawford** in the Appeals Department. She is always there whenever we have questions and she quickly gets an answer to us. She is there in our times of need and we know that we can always come to her to help us see a different light.” – *Cheri Bagato*

“I am thankful for my staff here at the **Northwest Office**. They continually display an attitude of teamwork and cooperation.” – *Diane Jamison*

“I want to thank **Judy Flowers, Irene Sybounheuang, Jackie Perallon, and Angelica Mejia** for their hard work and dedication. It is a pleasure to work with them.” – *Joe Sims*

“I am thankful for **Jody Fisher** whose many efforts to keep track of the DCMS team is appreciated. All of her charts, graphs, and other statistical information are invaluable to us, as is her generous disposition and grin.” – *Kathy Whittiker*

“We in QA are thankful to have a developer like **Don Christoph** to work with. He understands the end-user’s plight and makes it easier for us to be advocates on their behalf. He also demonstrates that it is important to him that he provide the user with the best possible solution to accomplish their desired tasks. The fact that he’s an all-around great guy doesn’t hurt either. Thanks Don!” – *Candy Terry and Timothy Potratz*

“We are thankful for the **Downtown Family Court Courtroom Clerks**. They work together as a cohesive team and are always ready and willing to help another FC courtroom clerk at any time. Family Court can be challenging at times, but they always meet the need and go the extra mile with a positive and ‘can do’ attitude.” – *Karen Stone and Susan Morris*

“I am very thankful for the crew we have in **Shipping & Receiving**. Our department has seen some major changes this year, yet the guys always find a way to get the job done and provide excellent customer service. Thanks guys.” – *Richard Lopez*

“I am thankful for the **NE Floater Clerks**, who help with processing expartes and J&O’s when things are really hectic. If it were not for all of the wonderful assistance that **Alex Ocanas, Cynthia Kelly, and Tamara Ross** provide, keeping afloat would be much more difficult. Thank you for being such great teamplayers!” – *Brandy Lambert*

“I want to thank **Cheryl O’Dell**, who works in Downtown Exhibits, for always being helpful and going the extra mile to make it easier to file exhibits from long distance.” – *Marian Smith*

“I am very thankful for employees who go the extra mile to ensure all documentation is correct and accounted for. **Terri Langford** is that employee. Terri works in Docket and was aware that filing staff have been cross training. She took it upon herself to review new filings to ensure all the information and documentation was accounted for. This has helped us be pro-active in resolving discrepancies.” – *Vanessa Martinez*



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... Office Thanksgiving tributes continued



"I am thankful for my **Northwest co-workers**. No matter what happens, I can count on them to make me feel better. They're always there to make me laugh, even when I want to cry. They know not to take me too seriously when I get on one of my famous 'soap boxes.' They know that I am not a morning person, and so they never take offense that it usually takes me 20 minutes to say 'good morning.' So especially at this Thanksgiving, while I am certainly very thankful for my job, I also want to send a big thanks to **Keri, Jackie, Krizna, Jessica, Lynne, Michelle, Duffy, and Aurora.**" – *Margaret Brickman*

"I am thankful for the staff members I work with at the **Juvenile Durango Support Area**. They treat me and other staff with respect. No matter how bad our day may get, there is always someone who is trying to make the team laugh. I love my job and the people I work with. We all know how to get the job done as a team. Thank you to all my team members. I appreciate the smile you bring to my face each day and everything else that you do to help me out at work." – *Valerie Leon*

"I am thankful for the Family Court courtroom clerk supervisors **Evonne Gonzales, Susan Morris, and Karen Stone**. They exemplify the optimism and positive attitudes that the Clerk's Office strives for. I want to thank them for making me feel welcome at the Office, for their support, for their encouragement, and for sharing their expertise." – *Melinda Kesauer*



"I no longer supervise **Civil Docket team**, but I want them to know I am thankful for all of their hard work, and I am thankful for the support they showed me as their supervisor. I am also thankful for the **Civil EDM team** for never complaining when times got rough, they just dug in their heels and gave it all they had. I'm thankful for the **Family EDM team**. They have welcomed me as their supervisor and have been very helpful and patient. I appreciate this very much." – *Charlotte R. Levine*

"I want to thank **Dora Sandoval, Judy Flowers, and Joe Sims** for being the absolute best to work with. They are some of the hardest working people here, as well as the best personally. Thanks guys!" – *Leslie K. King*

"I give a special thanks to **Ana James and Mariam Jordan-McTaggart** for making me laugh everyday!" – *Nicki De La Cruz*

"I am thankful for the staff at the **Civil File Counter, Specialty Desks, Docket & EDM** areas. Our filings have increased a lot in civil and the staff have really stepped up to the plate to address the increase. I am so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful team. To the entire Civil team: YOU ARE AWESOME! Thank You." – *Merriel Trombley*

"I am thankful for all of the Clerk of Court team who CARE. You CARE about the customers you serve. You CARE about the quality of the work you produce and you CARE about your fellow teammates. All of our lives are enriched daily, because you CARE. It is a privilege to work with each of you. Thank you so much for CARING." – *Brenda Burton*

"I am thankful for the **Courtroom Services Managers** I work with. They give me emotional support, regularly help with court coverage, and brighten, sometimes not so bright days, with their sense of humor and insight. I am also grateful to **Mark Leong, Merriel Trombley and Charlotte Levine**, who are never too busy to answer my questions or help solve problems. And last, but certainly not least, I want to especially thank **Penny Boettcher**, my co-manager, without whom I would be lost." – *Erika Morgenstern*

"I am thankful for all who are different from me, it teaches me diversity. A challenge we have, when at times we don't get along. We practice the skills to create everlasting harmony, gratifying is the outcome once that is obtained. Success we have achieved when we're living harmoniously. Happy Thanksgiving to all!" – *Mary Rogers*

"I am thankful for my supervisors, **Karen Stone and Susan Morris**, for their helpfulness, understanding, and unwavering positive attitudes. I am also thankful for my many good friends here. You all have truly made a tremendously beautiful difference in my life and I am eternally thankful for you all." – *Tracey Fenton*

"I am thankful to work with **Commissioner Porter** and his Judicial Assistant, **Cheryl Kee**. They are so great to work with and make this stressful environment fun every day. I could not ask for a better assignment. I think we make a great team." – *June Mabry*





The Employee Track

(A special newsletter section devoted to news about employees of the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office.)

MARRIAGES

- Congratulations to NE Courtroom Clerk **Wendi Bobrowski**, who got married on Oct. 25 to William Tenover.

OFFICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following Clerk of the Court employees celebrate milestone anniversaries with the Clerk's Office in November:

20 YEARS - Lorraine Muhammad

10 YEARS - Pam Crawford

NEW EMPLOYEES AND TRANSFERS

- **Courtroom Clerks** - Nicola Brown, April Covarrubio, Maggie Krugman, Valerie Stevens
- **ITG** - Jennifer Taylor
- **Janice Bevan** transferred from the Criminal EDM Area to the Civil EDM Area.



AWARDS/HONORS



• Clerk of the Court Michael Jeanes recently presented a Professional Certification Series certificate to Customer Service Center's **Edith Witherspoon**, who completed the "Foundation of Leadership and Management" course this year.

• The following employees achieved a high quality on the images they scanned this past quarter. They each received a special certificate:
Platinum (99.8% accuracy or higher) - Angelica Mejia, Constance White, Delilah Chilcoat, Jackie Francisco, Rayleen Smith, Angelica Laguna, Doris Mofford, Joe Chino, Sheila Bullock, Belva Nasingoetewa, Margaret Brickman, Bonnie McGovern, Rebecca Bennett, Cindy Kasmer, Alison Knapp, Betty Mitchell, Druscilla Granillo, Suzanne Lambries, Sue Littrell.
Gold (99.6 - 99.7% accuracy) - Annie Fair, Margarita Serrano, and Michele Johnson

EMPLOYEE PHOTO FEATURE

Each month, Clerk of the Court employees are invited to submit a photo of themselves reading the *Record Times*. Last month, the newsletter was seen with two employees who were near the Atlantic Ocean – one employee who was in the Bahamas and another employee who standing at the North Carolina/Virginia state border.



This month, the newsletter is seen with an employee who is on the opposite side of the country near the Pacific Ocean.

Pictured here is Courtroom Clerk **Melanie Sahli**, who posed with the newsletter while standing by the Historic Lighthouse at Point Loma, California.

You may submit photos of yourself reading the *Record Times* at any time for this special feature. **To submit a photo for this feature:**

- 1) Print the front-cover newsletter page,
- 2) Take your photo(s) with the page during your vacation,
- 3) Send the photo to Public Affairs' Len Keso (mailcode CD-PA) with your name, department, and a brief description of the photo.

The photo for the newsletter may be sent in either print or digital format.

