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The Costume eVent winners announced

The results are in from the first-ever Costume eVent. A total of 407 votes were cast, which is 56% of all Clerk employees. The eVent began on Oct. 31 (Halloween) when photos were taken of employees dressed in costume. A costume panel reviewed all of the photos and narrowed the selections into eight different categories. A survey with the costume photos was then sent out to employees so they could vote on their favorite costumes. Below are the costumes that were voted on as the best by Clerk of the Court employees.



FUNNIEST
"Tooth Fairy"
Alwyn Ogawa



SCARIEST
"Spider Lady"
Claire Waltman



MOST AUTHENTIC
"Captain Hook"
Lori White



MOST CREATIVE
"Ball and Chain"
Jenela Fierro



BEST GROUP

"Snow White, the Seven Dwarves, and Evil Queen"

Back row, left to right: Diane Jamison (Evil Queen), Aurora Avina (Sleepy), Krizna Rodriguez (Grumpy), Lynne Glenn (Snow White), Margaret Brickman (Bashful), and Jackie Ortiz (Happy)

Front row, left to right: Keri Wade (Doc), Michelle Monick (Sneezy), and Duffy Watson (Dopey)



CUTEST
"Genie"
Jo Harbour



MOST UNIQUE
"Flavor of Love"
Sherman Prezzy



BEST TIME PERIOD
"80's Rocker"
Renee Gillison

Costumes Voted as the "Best Overall" The Top 10

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| 1st - Snow White and the Seven Dwarves | 7th - Mythical Group |
| 2nd - Flavor of Love | 8th - Pink Flamingo |
| 3rd - Wicked Queen | 9th - Mother Nature |
| 4th - Captain Hook | 10th - Genie |
| 5th - Funny Tooth Fairy | |
| 6th - Wednesday Adams | |

Other Interesting Information

- The costume which received the most votes in all categories was the "Funniest Tooth Fairy" with 234 votes.
- The Downtown area had the most people dressed in costume with 23.
- This was the first time costume winners were selected for the entire Office.

 The names of all other costume contestants are on page 2 – See "More Costume Contestants"

The ribbon has been cut

On Nov. 14, the new \$38 million Downtown Justice Center was officially dedicated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the building's lobby. The building will be the new home to the Clerk's Administrative offices, five justice courts, and eight other departments/offices.

Approximately 40 Clerk of the Court employees are scheduled to move into the new facility on Dec. 12. They will be located on the 3rd floor of the new five-story facility.

The office space on the 2nd floor of the CCB that the Clerk's Office is leaving, will be taken over by the Criminal Court Administration.



Making the cut — Cutting the ribbon for the new Downtown Justice Center are officials from the Arizona Supreme Court, Superior Court, Justice Court, County Supervisors, and Michael Jeanes, Clerk of the Court.

Merry-copa returns

Maricopa County has become "Merry-copa County" as a result of the Office's efforts to provide ways to help make the holidays merrier for those in need. Holiday activities include the: **Shoebox Drive**, **Toys for Tots Drive**, and the CSC's **Operation Cobbler**. The Shoebox and Toys for Tots Drives will conclude on Dec. 7. Operation Cobbler will conclude on Dec. 15. Last year, staff donated 302 pairs of socks, 216 shoeboxes, thousands of toiletries, 265 new toys, and 199 pairs of shoes through these drives.

Michael's

message



Michael K. Jeanes
Clerk of the Court

What I am thankful for...

Well it's November already and another Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It has been a great year in the Clerk of the Court's Office. I continue to really enjoy our journey to "Continuous Improvement" together. We have traveled many, many miles on that journey this year.

As has become a tradition in the November *Record Times*, I would like to share with you a few things for which I am grateful:

1) The voters of Maricopa County for re-electing me to a third four-year term. It is truly an

honor and privilege to be an elected official.

2) The right to vote! It is a privilege that so many in this world do not have. We should treasure this right and exercise it, every time there is an election!

3) The men and women of our armed forces who ensure our freedom and protect our right to vote. Their sacrifices are never ending and unfortunately, often go unnoticed.

4) Parents – They teach their children the importance of voting. Their wisdom gets shared from generation to generation. (I have discovered that the old saying is true, "the older you get, the wiser your parents become!")

5) All of you...I will never forget that because of the great work you do, the voters are very happy with the performance of the Office. There is no doubt that there is a link between this performance and my re-election.

6) My family for constantly supporting me, always being there when I need them and yes, working on my campaign!

I hope you and your families have an incredible Thanksgiving! May we always show gratitude for the freedom we treasure.

Dina Arzaga decides 32 years is long enough



After 32 years of dedicated service to the Clerk of the Court's Office, Billing Unit's **Dina Arzaga** decided the time had come to say goodbye. She officially resigned in September. Dina began working for the Office on July 22, 1974 as a File Clerk in the Records Department. Her name will be added to the Maricopa County Service Pillar at a ceremony held next month.

Newsletter is seen being read on "the corner"

Each month, employees are invited to submit a photo of themselves reading the *Record Times*. Last month, the newsletter was seen being read by two employees on the steps of the Arizona Supreme Court. This month, it is seen being read by an employee who is on "the corner."

Pictured here is ITG's **Candy Cole-Terry**, who read the newsletter while standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona during Winslow's annual "Standin' on the Corner Festival." The 1970's song "Take It Easy," by *The Eagles* put Winslow on the map with the verse "Standin' on a corner in Winslow, Arizona."

Employees may submit photos of themselves reading the *Record Times* at any time. **TO SUBMIT** a photo, you may print a newsletter page(s), take your photo with the page(s), and send it to Public Affairs' Len Keso with your name and a photo description.



More costume contestants

Cutest Costume Contestants

Miss-chievous - Veronica Olivas; **Bunny** - Gozal Atabaeva-Coy; **Tooth Fairy** - Martha Martin; and **Black Cat** - Jolene Strobble

Funniest Costume Contestants

Deputy and Criminal - Rebecca Bennett (deputy) and Dawn Arnold (criminal); **Michael Jackson** - Sandra Tarin; and **Enchantress** - Morri Gentry

Scariest Costume Contestants

Grim Reaper - Jamie Govoni; **Vampire** - Jennifer Hill; and **Evil Queen** - Ramona Velasquez

Most Creative Costume Contestants

Dancing w/ Stars - Suzanne Lambries; and **Black-eyed P's** - Karen Walker

Most Unique Costume Contestants

Butterfly - Bridgette Vance; **Pink Flamingo** - Rylee Caigne; and **Mother Nature** - Kat Johnson

Most Authentic Costume Contestants

Pirate - Angela Northrop; **Wednesday Adams** - June Mabry; and **Wicked Queen** - Melanie Fay

Best Time Period Costume Contestants

70's Lady - Yolanda Escalante; **70's Hippy** - Leanne Jones; **Elizabeth Bennett** - Jennifer McKernan; and **Renaissance Lady** - Cheri Bagato

Best Group Costume Contestants

Slumber Party - Janice Bevan, Jouseth Gamez, Pam Dougherty, Erendira Zuniga, Carol Eccel, and Tara Farr; **Mythical** - Mike Mejia, Veronica Estrada, Sandra Valdez, Anna Valenzuela, and Cynthia Gonzalez; **Black-eyed P's** - Kelle Dyer, Monica Crowley, and Sandra Seeley; and **Witches and Ghouls** - Angelique Rodriguez, Araceli Rodriguez, Cecilia Alfaro, and Ramona Velasquez

1/1/07 training news

by Mark Jensen

Currently, staff from the Training and Development section are in the process producing a presentation called "Doing the Court's



Business Without a Paper File," that addresses specific questions and impacts surrounding the implementation of our 1/1/07 initiative. Presentations of this class will be scheduled at some of our outlying facilities in the upcoming weeks, although dates and times for these presentations are not yet available.

Electronic distribution of the presentation will begin upon completion, and will be made available to all staff who are not able to attend this class in person.

Additional training is also available from Training and Development for those who need further assistance in navigating the Electronic Court Record.

Who are you thankful for? – Thanksgiving Tributes



“I am very thankful for all of ‘my’ Clerk’s Office co-workers! Throughout the 17 years I’ve been here, I have gotten to know so many good, kind, thoughtful, and hard-working people, and I am very thankful for each and every one.” – **Mitzi Munoz**

“I want to thank the **ITG Operations staff** for being a great working team. They rally together whenever there is a challenge. They support me as their manager on a daily basis, and I am very thankful to have a caring, dedicated staff.” – **Correnia Honaker**

“I am thankful for supervisors **Cynthia Kurtz, Anna Valenzuela, Franci Diaz-Smock, and Maridel Soileau**. Their innovative ideas and continued efforts to meet our daily challenges with a smile is much appreciated.” – **Kathy Whittiker**

“I am very thankful for the **SE Juvenile courtroom clerks** for working so well together to get the job done. I can always count on them to help out when assistance is needed. Their hard work is very much appreciated.” – **Jenny Shaska**

“I am thankful for **Karen Stone**, who is a wonderful manager. No matter how crazy things seem to be, she always has a positive outlook and a smile. I’ve been dealing with medical issues and having a caring, understanding manager has made all the difference in the world.”



– **Brandy Lambert**

“I thank **Rick Lupori** for his many dedicated hours to the MEEDS application, and for being great to work with!” – **Meg Kelleher**

“I send out a big THANK YOU to everyone in the **RCC/EDC, Criminal Docket and EDM, and Grand Jury** for their help in completing our massive bindover project. With all of your help, we completed the project early.” – **Crystal Machelski**

“I am thankful for my co-workers and supervisor **Cheryl Marzella** for helping me through a tough time of being in the hospital. Thank you for your prayers and the things you did for me and my children. I am very thankful for **Sylvia Rosales**, who came to see me everyday. Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart. There are no words to describe how much you

mean to me – **Cheryl, Christine, Sylvia, Misty, Jessica, Janeene, Diane, Sue, Edith, Cathy, Kathryn, Rene, Tawnie, Sharon, Donna Hall, Melanie Fay**, and everyone in Customer Service.” – **Annette Tallabas**

“I’m thankful for my great supervisor **Brenda Townsend** for being understanding and flexible.” – **Juanita Hernandez**

“I’m thankful for my job and the privilege to be of service to the public at the NW facility. I am thankful for just about everyone who works out here in the ‘far west.’ There is a spirit of friendliness that is really noticeable. I also appreciate **Michael Jeanes**, who makes the trip out here every month for Munches.” – **Marian Smith**

“I am thankful for having wonderful co-workers who always are there for me. Thanks **Keri, Jackie, Margaret, Michelle, Duffy, and Aurora**.” – **Krizna Rodriguez**



“I am thankful for my fellow clerks. I underwent three surgeries this year, one of which kept me out of work for eight weeks. Were it not for the generous donations of time I received, I don’t know how I would’ve gotten through it.” – **Caryn Smith**

“I want to thank someone whose generosity has won over my respect. This person is always ready to help me and others, and I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart for helping me with my job when I was struggling to keep afloat. Thank you **Harriette Bills**.” – **Regina Ruiz**

“I want to give a special thanks to **Betty Finney**. Betty you are a wonderful person to work for. You’ve gone out of your way to make me feel at ease. You’re a very special lady and I’ll always remember you no matter where I am. Thank you for all you have done.” – **Vonnie Thompson**

“I am very thankful for my co-worker **Janeene Carrillo**. She is reliable, hardworking, easy to get along with and makes the day go smoother. We are a great team. I just want to thank her and let her know what a valuable asset she is. She is definitely a self-starter.” – **Susan Baldwin**

“I want to thank CFO’s **Ruth Bonz** for her help, support, kindness and smiles. I also thank **Linda Heideman**. Whenever I call, she is so pleasant and quick. She replies to me immediately. She is a wonder and makes my job much easier.” – **Gabrielle Donato**

“I want to express my sincerest thanks to **Patty Espinoza, Christina Tirado, and Janice Arnold** – Patty and Christina for their expertise in helping me come up to speed in my new assignment, and Janice for her patience in answering my endless questions. The three of them have been invaluable to me.” – **Rebecca Miller**

“I am thankful for **Jan Landmeier**. She always keeps us aware of any information available, and is there any time we need her. She is very thorough and good at what she does. She always does her job with a smile.” – **Yvonna Smith**

“I want to thank the entire **ITG department**. I have been with the Office for 13 years and I have watched it grow to what it is now, and I am thankful that I work with each and every person here. They all make this a great place.” – **Ruben Trejo**

“I am very thankful for both of my trainers – **Mary Cabral and Lori Angsten**. They were both so patient and it was a pleasure training with them.” – **Claudia Strup**

“I am thankful for **Darrell Brinkley** because of the genuine interest he always shows in people, and for working through difficult situations in a resourceful and meaningful way. He’s a good sounding board, with insightful responses.” – **Chris Stimson**

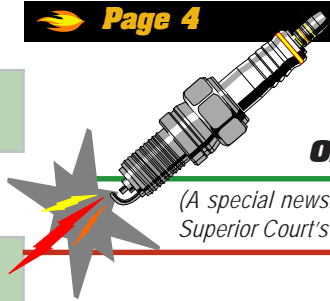
“I am thankful for **Norma Barron**, who keeps our office together. She is the ultimate helper, who never makes you feel that you are asking too much. She is always willing to help at a drop of a dime.” – **Amy Salcido**

“Thanks to everyone who makes it possible for PA&E to disseminate information. Often we can only give short notice and need quick turnaround and you always come through. Your efforts are appreciated by us and the customers.” – **Chris Kelly, Aaron Nash, Len Keso**



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Employee News of the Clerk of the Court' Office

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

BIRTHS

• Congratulations to CSC's **Christina Cady**, who became a proud grandmother for the first time on Oct. 20. Her new grandson's name is Dylan Robert. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

MARRIAGES

• Congratulations to SEA Customer Service's **Sharayah Eisler**, who got married to Jeffrey Dunst on Oct. 22.

NEW EMPLOYEES

- **Courtroom Clerks** - Jennifer Escarcega, Angela Helm, Tamara Ross, Rae-Ann Hopper, Barbara Donohue, and Teresa Haaser
- **Criminal EDM** - Rayleen Smith
- **Criminal Financial Obligation Finance** - Elizabeth Campos
- **CSC Support Services** - Christina Cady
- **Family Court EDM** - Christina Gavina and Cathy Nelson
- **Fileroom** - Eric Trinidad
- **Notary Bond** - Danette Mizell
- **SEA FC Docket** - Linda Westbrook



OFFICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees celebrate Office anniversaries in November:

5 Years

Valerie Figueroa, Scott Hensel
Kathryn Kruse, Michael Lane

10 Years

Stella Rodriguez
15 Years
Grace Colosimo

20 Years

Maridel Soileau
30 Years
Kim Dollins



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"I am thankful for **Ron Lopez**, who I would be lost without." - **Kat Johnson**

"I am eternally grateful for the help I received marking 2,700 exhibits in two days. My angel clerks were **Leslie Slaughter, Gracie Smith, Maggie Smith, Linda Crawford, and Sheryl Brown**. My angel supervisors were **Gerri-Lynn Longbein, Sheri Jaffe, and Diane Jamison**. I can't imagine what I would have done without their help." - **Robin Tomlinson**

"I am thankful for having such dedicated, team-oriented, and hardworking staff. Thank you for taking on extra work without question. Thank you for always making or exceeding processing deadlines. Thank you for making it a pleasure to come to work everyday. To a great staff - **Vanessa, Leah, Leslie, Jessica, Victoria, Sheila, Sharon, Regina, Angela A., Angela C., Terri, Deb, Linda, and Teresa**." - **Franci Diaz-Smock**

"A big thank you to **Jody Fisher** for putting up with me and all the changes I wanted, and to **Madonna Anderson** for answering all my question about civil rights." - **Melody McGee**

"Thanks to **Elizabeth Ramirez** and **Victoria Carbajal** for all their extra hard work while being short staffed this past month. Also, a big thanks to **Joe Altnether** for his help in our Justice Court Bindover project. You guys are awesome!" - **Rick Bennett**

"I am thankful for my co-workers, who have made this a fun, yet productive place to work. **Vanessa Martinez** has answered endless questions, and **Franci Diaz-Smock** and **Kathy Whittaker** have shown excellence in their effective, positive leadership." - **Leslie Wilkins**

SPOTLIGHT



Name: Anita Beery
Department: Courtroom Clerk assigned to Judge Gaines
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA.

Family: **Husband** - Richard / **Daughter** - Jennifer / **Son** - David / and three grandchildren

Birthday: Dec. 9

Years With Clerk's Office: 15 years

Favorite Activity: Dancing - all kinds
Least Favorite Activity: Housework - all kinds

I'm Proud Of: My proofreading business

Most Adventurous Thing That You've Done: Waterskiing without my glasses on (a long time ago)

My Favorite Meal: Prime rib and a bottle of chardonnay

A Dream I Have Is To: Finally organize my house

A Pet Peeve: Aggressive drivers

Two People You Would You Like To Have Dinner With: Johnny Carson and John F. Kennedy

What Was Your First Job: Receptionist for a union liaison

Nobody Would Believe It If They Knew... that I started the first ballet school in Monroe, Wash.



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