

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT...**

*As Judge of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court my mission is to be a visible example of hard work and dedication, through education, rehabilitation and adjudication, thus creating a greater public service to the citizens served by the Court.*

*My motto is Coraggio vivere con passione.*

**It has been an honor to serve the citizens of this jurisdiction in my judicial capacity as Judge of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court since January 1, 2000. I respectfully announce that I am seeking re-election in November 2017 for the municipal general election. The following is a synopsis of the Community Outreach Programs the Court sponsors, which have been established during my administration.**

**Judge Mary Kaye Bozza**

**Community Outreach** In 2016, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza hosted our “Make the Right Choice” Community Outreach Programs for Parents, Senior Citizens, Men and Women on nine different occasions. These Programs are highly successful based upon the opinions of those in attendance. As a result, we will continue to schedule these Community Outreach Programs throughout 2017.

**Local School Involvement** Judge Bozza along with representatives from Highland Heights Police Department and the Mayfield School Board participated in two D.A.R.E. graduations at St. Pascal Baylon and Millridge Elementary schools in December. She captured the attention of the “Freshman Boys Council” at Mayfield High School on January 10<sup>th</sup> for a presentation regarding “Make the Right Choice”. Principal Jeff Legan, Assistant Principal Brian Linn, Teacher Michael Pinto and Resource Officer Stuart Galicz from the Mayfield Village Police Department facilitated this opportunity. On January 20<sup>th</sup> Judge Bozza addressed the Excel TECC students at the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center. This opportunity was facilitated by Rebecca Gardner, a Teacher and the Department Chair for the program. Judge Bozza has been the guest speaker at Excel TECC’s scholarship dinners in years past. A Richmond Heights field trip to Court is planned for Social Studies students interested in Criminal Justice on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Judge Bozza will be presenting a motivational speech about “Making the Right Choices” to the classroom on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Mentoring** As part of Judge Bozza’s upper level educational programs, she is actively involved in mentoring new lawyers as part of the Supreme Court’s Commission on Professionalism Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program. Judge Bozza served on this Commission for eight years and was an integral part of the planning and implementation of the program. Over a one year mentoring period in 2016, the Judge mentored Christopher Brzozowski who was admitted to the Bar November, 2015. Christopher’s family resides in Highland Heights. Christopher is an Assistant County Prosecutor in the Dayton area.

**Internships** The Court welcomes Tayler Graver, a senior at Notre Dame College for her internship program required for graduation. Tayler’s area of concentration is Psychology and Criminal Justice. She is required to spend a minimum of 135 hours shadowing Judge Bozza which gives her the opportunity to work closely with the Judge.

**Senior Projects** It is not too early to inquire about Senior Projects for High School Graduation requirements. Traditionally students from NDCL, Brush and Mayfield High Schools have spent time during the Spring months with the Judge to satisfy their High School Senior Project requirement. Last year Gilmour Academy student Nicholas Abdullah completed his project with the Judge. We will be welcoming Kaylee Korver from Mayfield for Senior Project during the months of April and May this year.

**Men and Women’s “Make the Right Choice”** Make the Right Choice Programs are customized for both Men and Women because issues of drugs, alcohol and dual diagnosis manifest differently. Separating the Program by gender allows the clinicians and speakers to address the specific needs of each gender with no inhibitions. Attendance is a mandatory condition of sentencing. The Men’s Program was held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and the next Women’s Program is scheduled for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Parents’ “Make the Right Choice”** The purpose of this program is to educate parents, grandparents and guardians of those addicted to opiates. Over the past four years, we have witnessed the bonds that have been created among the parents as they share their hopes and their fears, and yet they continue to support each other. Our most recent program was held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Our presenters were the Fire Chiefs from five of our communities who spoke about their experiences in being the First Responders to a suspected overdose and saving lives. Past speakers have presented a wide variety of topics

related to this epidemic including grief, guilt and enabling. Our program has involved over 150 families whose adult children are at all different stages of the addiction.

**Seniors' "Make the Right Choice"** Protecting our senior citizens against predators and scams, as well as reinforcing general personal and traffic safety practices are key topics discussed at the seniors' program. The most recent program took place on February 3, 2017 at the Schnurmann House Social Center located in Mayfield Heights.

**Speaking Engagements** Over the seventeen years of Judge Bozza's Judicial Administration, she has addressed the members of many senior social groups and civic groups regarding the inner workings of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court and her career as Judge. She anticipates having an opportunity to address the Hillcrest Rotary on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Lions Club on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Chapter 2 on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Judge always addresses traffic safety and scams against the elderly.

**If you are interested in having Judge Bozza as a speaker, contact Tina at (440) 461-6500 extension 166.**