

## Lyndhurst Neighborhood News OCTOBER 2013

### FROM THE LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT...

*As Judge of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court it has been, and continues to be my mission 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.*

- Judge Mary Kaye Bozza

**Community Outreach.** Since 2001, we strive to reach out to our communities through a Program we call "Make the Right Choice." Make the Right Choice Programs are educational by nature. These Programs offer medical, psychological, clinical, legal and educational benefits to those affected by substance abuse. The Programs are funded through the Court's Special Projects pursuant to O.R.C. 1901.26.

#### **Men's and Women's "Make the Right Choice"**

Make the Right Choice Programs are customized for both Women and Men. Issues of substance abuse are different for women and men. 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. **Our next Women's Program is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2013; the next Men's Program is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2013.**

#### **Parent's "Make the Right Choice"**

The increase use of Opiate drugs in our area by the young people is alarming. Parents and guardians are educated, strengthened and supported with regard to this epidemic. Speakers present topics that include education of addiction, available resources for rehabilitation and counseling that addresses grief, guilt and enabling. **Our Program was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.** The 30+ Parent's in attendance were very appreciative and extremely pleased with the experience. Stay tuned to 2014 for our next program date.

Our **newest "Make the Right Choice" Program is exclusively for Senior Citizens.** Protecting senior citizens against predators and scams, as well as some traffic safety and general personal safety are the key topics. It is by invitation and **our first Program was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.** The program received great reviews. Judge Bozza has been requested to repeat our program exclusively for the Tenants of Schnurmann House at the Tenant Council meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

**If any of these Programs would benefit you or a family member, contact Kristina Slunski at (440) 461-6500 extension 166.**

**Internships, Externships, Senior Projects and Mentoring.** As part of Judge Bozza's educational outreach programs, she is actively involved in senior project programs for students from local high schools and mentoring programs for new lawyers through the Supreme Court of Ohio's "Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program". Abigail, our Law School Extern will graduate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School on September 22, 2013. She plans to take the Bar exam in February 2014. Abigail began her externship with Judge Bozza in May 2013. She previously earned a B.A. in pre-law English at Cleveland State University.

#### **Speaking Engagements.**

On Friday evening, May 17, 2013, Judge Bozza was the keynote speaker at the **Chapter Two** meeting held at the D'Amico Center in South Euclid. The Seniors in this group are amazing! We all enjoyed a great speech including lots of group conversation about traffic safety and personal safety. The meeting concluded with pastry, coffee and a lovely social hour.

On Thursday evening, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Judge Bozza was the keynote speaker at the **Kiwanis Club** of Richmond Heights. The event was the Kiwanis awards dinner for their 2013 Scholarships awarded to three "worthy" high school graduates residing in the City of Richmond Heights.

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Judge Bozza will be a speaker for the Mayfield High School Sophomores Career Day.

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