

BERKS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION  
COMMUNITY YOUTH AID PANEL PROGRAM



# COMMUNITY YAP CHAT

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## Thursday Night Fever – A Tribute to the 70’s

The 11th annual Community Youth Aid Panel Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011. It was again held at the Berks County Agricultural Center, which was turned into a Disco Party. There were about 120 people in attendance, including volunteers, police and family members, as well as many special guests including: Robert Williams, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer; Judge Scott Lash; Senior Judge Arthur Grim; Judge Jeffrey Sprecher; Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach.

We would like to thank the local police departments who so generously agreed to pay for the cost of the volunteers’ meals again this year. We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed planning it.

Throughout the dinner, the Community Youth Aid Panel Program recognized all of the volunteers and police liaisons. Individual awards were also presented by Community Youth Aid Panel staff, as well as panelists.



Terry Gerhart  
Wilson Area Panel  
Chairperson of the Year



Gina Manidis  
Reading 1 Panel  
Secretary of the Year

Below:  
Vince McFadden  
Western Berks Panel  
Panelist of the Year



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**Community Youth  
Aid Panels**

- Boyertown Area*
- Muhlenberg 1*
- Muhlenberg 2*
- Northern Berks Area*
- Reading 1*
- Reading 2*
- Reading 3*
- Southeastern Berks 1*
- Southeastern Berks 2*
- Southeastern Berks 3*
- Southern Berks*
- Western Berks*
- Wilson Area*
- Wyomissing Area*

**Active Police  
Departments**

- Amity Twp Police*
- Bally Police*
- Bern Twp Police*
- Birdsboro Police*
- Boyertown Police*
- Brecknock Twp Police*
- Central Berks Regional PD*
- Colebrookdale Twp Police*
- Cumru Twp Police*
- Douglass (Berks) Twp PD*
- Exeter Twp Police*
- Fleetwood Police*
- Hamburg Police*
- Heidelberg Twp Police*
- Kutztown Police*
- Laureldale Police*
- L. Heidelberg Twp Police*
- Mohnton Police*
- Muhlenberg Twp Police*
- Northern Berks Police*
- Oley Township Police*
- Penn State University PD*
- Pennsylvania State Police*
- Reading Police*
- Robeson Twp Police*
- Shillington Police*
- Sinking Spring Police*
- S. Heidelberg Twp Police*
- Spring Twp Police*
- Tilden Twp Police*
- Western Berks Police*
- West Reading Police*
- Womelsdorf Police*
- Wyomissing Police*



**Panel of  
the Year:  
Reading 2  
Panel**

The members of the Reading 2 Panel are as follows: (from left to right) Sue Dopsovic; Margaret Fuhs; Rafael Navarro; Melissa Strohecker-Smith, Chairperson; and Jill Dyer, Secretary.

Not present: Jeremy Smith & Carolyn Johnson  
Police Officers: Reading Police Department



Officer David Witkowski  
Shillington P.D.  
Southern Berks Panel  
Police Liaison Officer of the Year

Again, congratulations to all of our panelists and police departments. The Community Youth Aid Panel Program is the success it is because of all of you.

**New Panelists**

Please join us in welcoming 15 new panelists to the program! They graduated on November 2nd and should be joining panels soon.

- Janet Bacilio-Guerrero – Muhlenberg 2*
- Ashley Chambers – Southern Berks*
- Brian Dorety – Southern Berks*
- Donna Garipoli – SEB 3*
- Denise McGlinsey – Northern*
- Peter O’Brien – Southern Berks*
- Jane Simon – Reading 2*
- Cindy Yocum – SEB 3*

- Jacob Bender – SEB 1*
- Lynn DeAcosta – SEB 3*
- Ellen Engler – Reading 1*
- Kathleen Heckman – Southern Berks*
- Samuel Montgomery – Northern*
- Migdalia Ortega – Muhlenberg 1*
- Eric Trupp – SEB 2*

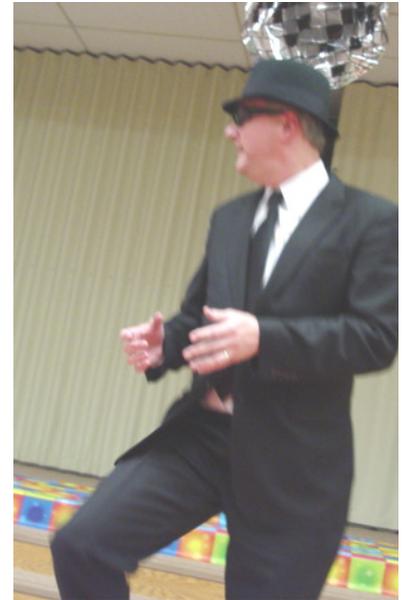
**Thank you to all who participated in this year's event!  
Here are some highlights of the evening!**



Judge Jeffrey Sprecher



Gina Manidis, Reading 1 Panel and Assistant Chief Eric Burkholder "aka" Tony



Administrative Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Lash "aka" Elwood Blues



Kathy Lashinski, Wyomissing Panel and Assistant Chief Eric Burkholder



Dance Party!(above) From back/ left: Deputy Chief Laurie Hague; Karen Knouse, CYAP Liaison; Rafael Navarro, Reading 2 Panel; Jill Dyer, Reading 2 Panel; Margaret Fuhs, Reading 2 Panel; Melissa Strohecker-Smith, Reading 2; Stephanie Cambria, CYAP Liaison. Front/middle: Assistant Chief Eric Burkholder.



Community Youth Aid Panel Program Staff



Left: Donna Garipoli; Chief Anthony Garipoli, Central Berks P.D.; Mike Shaub, SEB 1 Panel; Bob DeLong, SEB 1 Panel.

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Officer, Panel Coordinator  
Eric Burkholder, Assistant Chief Juvenile  
Probation Officer  
Stephanie Cambria, Panel Liaison  
Lisa Lewis, Panel Liaison  
Karen Knouse, Panel Liaison



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**November**



- 03 – Officer James Strobel
- 05 – Det./Corp. John Verno
- 07 – Vince McFadden
- 11 – Officer Jim Hirko, Jr.
- 13 – Tim Evans
- 17 – Mary Crouse
- 18 – Chief Lee Schweyer
- 24 – Vicki Rys  
Carol Fisher

**December**



- 02 – Eileen Lundquist
- 04 – Charles Stephan
- 11 – Brenda Reedy
- 12 – Gina Manidis
- 13 – Ashley Chambers  
Jacob Bender
- 23 – James McKeown
- 25 – Harold Frankel

**January**



- 02 – Ellen Engler
- 09 – Sue McCoy
- 11 – Kathy Skipper  
Lynn Steady  
Saul Colon  
Sam Montgomery
- 14 – Peg Smola
- 22 – Pat Gisler
- 28 – Ronald Ivison

**Announcements**

The winner of the 70's Trivia from the banquet is  
.....the Boyertown Panel. Congratulations!!!

You will be notified as to when your "prize" will  
be awarded.