

# Grant swears in Grant

Oakland County registered a first in state annals last week when Nanci Grant and her father Barry became the first daughter-dad team of judges in the same Michigan courthouse.

There may have been numerous father-son judicial combinations in state history. And archives record at least one incident when a daughter replaced her dad on the bench.

But not like the Oakland combination. Henceforth, when somebody asks for Judge Grant, he or she will have to be more specific. Is that Circuit Judge Nanci Grant? Or, Probate Judge Barry M. Grant, her dad?

Nanci Grant was sworn in Wednesday, with her dad, enjoying every moment of the ceremony. Each donned the black judicial robe for the occasion.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said.

Also on hand were the judge's husband, Mark Frankel, and their 5-year-old son. Nanci noticed among the dozens of

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*circuit judge*

friends, relatives and well wishers was Michelle Engler, wife of Gov. John Engler.

Grant, 32, whose legal career has thus far been in private practice, defeated John O'Brien II in the Nov. 5 election to become Oakland circuit judge. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert L. Templin, 76, who reached the mandatory retirement age.

The new Judge Grant promised to work hard to live up to dad's standards for production and quality. "This is no power trip, no ego trip," she said, "I'll do the job they (voters) asked me

to do."

"The most important person (in the courtroom) is the person before the bench," Nanci Grant continued, "not the one behind it."



All smiles: 17th Circuit Court Judge Nanci Grant



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**Family formalities: Elected Oakland County Circuit Court judge Nov. 5, Nanci Grant was sworn in to office by her father, Probate Court Judge Barry M. Grant, last week as her mother Elizabeth Grant participated in the ceremony by holding the Bible. The swearing in was one to note in the history books as the Grants became the first father-daughter team of judges in the same Michigan courthouse.**

## Goods for needy arrive from Denver

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Slightly damaged shoes in a dumpster.

It might not sound like something the typical consumer would be interested in, but just think what those shoes might mean to someone who can't afford a pair of their own.

Ranya Kelly did and for the past 10 years she has worked hard to ensure that undesired merchant goods don't end up in the trash, but rather in the hands of people who need them.

The Denver resident extended her efforts to Oakland County this holiday season through the help of Temple Beth El's Rabbi Daniel Syme and other area organizations.

On Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, some 60 members of Temple Beth El's congregation and individuals from 25 other churches and agencies helped unload a truck filled with some 20,000 in coats, 1,000 pairs of

shoes, bedding and six tons of flour. The items will be distributed by various metro Detroit area agencies through Christmas Day.

Syme and Kelly became friends after meeting each other during an education conference a few years ago. "I just fell in love with her," Syme said, after hearing her story.

According to Syme, about 10 years ago, Kelly needed boxes to wrap Christmas gifts and was rifling through a dumpster behind a mall when she discovered dozens of pairs of new, but slightly damaged, shoes.

That sight inspired Kelly to scoop up the shoes and distribute them to area charities. Kelly figured that since this particular shoe store was throwing away good shoes, other stores must be doing the same.

"She began to look and eventually accumulated 70,000 pairs of shoes," said Syme, a West Bloomfield resident now. "She became known as the 'shoe lady' in Denver."

But her efforts were sometimes met with opposition from store owners who called police to have her arrested because they feared the shoes would be sold or returned to their stores. Those feelings changed, however, after Kelly appeared on "60 Minutes," television show a few years ago. Now Denver area businesses are helping Kelly accumulate goods for the poor.

"She is a woman totally without ego who never took a penny for what she does," Syme said. "She is one of those people through which God acts."

This is not the first time Kelly has arranged for goods to be shipped from her home state to other areas. She also organized a plane filled with materials to be sent to Eastern Europe and Syme added, "She's not even Jewish, she's Catholic."

Kelly offered to send Syme some 30,000 coats for the needy if he would send a truck to pick them up. Syme agreed and

decided he'd better organize the event so there would be a place to store the coats and people to distribute them.

Among the volunteers who made the effort possible were Bloomfield Hills resident Marshall Loewenstein who volunteered the use of a semi truck to transport the items from Denver and Gerald Levin, CEO at Orchard's Children's Services in Southfield and chairman of education at Temple Beth El, who helped acquire a warehouse to store the items.

Levin said the effort was a quick response to a worthy cause. "It's a kind of spontaneous response to what we all know is a need," Levin said, adding that the group had two weeks to organize the event.

Kelly will also participate in the Michigan end of the charity event. Northwest Airlines provided her with a free roundtrip ticket to Detroit.

## Over \$100,000 in grants awarded

More than 40 local organizations have been selected to receive grants totaling \$102,000, courtesy of the Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD) Foundation.

Among the schools and organizations to receive awards were: Bloomfield Hills Schools, Oakland Schools, Rochester Community Schools, Troy School District, Walled Lake Consolidated School, West Bloomfield School District, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services, Southfield Symphony Society and West Bloomfield Public Library.

Kiyotaka Watanabe, president of JBSD Foundation, announced the grants which marks the fifth consecutive year the Foundation has presented awards to various cultural, educational, artistic, youth and school non-profit groups.

The JBSD Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Japan Business Society of Detroit which oversees the largest group of global investors in Michigan.

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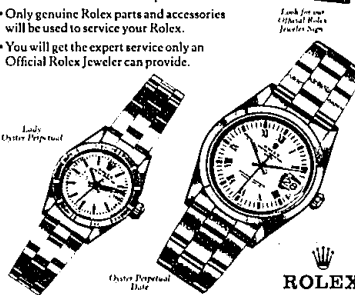
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