



Upper Delaware Council

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2012 UDC Officers Sworn In

NARROWSBURG – Leaders of the Upper Delaware Council's (UDC) non-profit organization in 2012 were sworn in during a February 2 ceremony officiated by three-time past UDC Chairperson and Town of Cochection representative Larry H. Richardson.

Taking the oaths of office were **Nadia Rajsz**, Town of Lumberland, NY, as chairperson; **Jeffrey R. Dexter**, Damascus Township, PA, as vice-chairperson; and **John B. Niflot**, Town of Fremont, NY, as secretary-treasurer.

Nadia Rajsz became a member of UDC board in January of 2002 and served through 2007, including a prior term as chairperson in 2004 and vice-chair in 2003. She resumed her role as the Town of Lumberland's UDC representative in January 2010 and served as vice-chair last year.

Rajsz was elected as Lumberland's town supervisor in 2010 after eight years as a councilwoman. In addition to many town-associated duties, Rajsz currently chairs the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. non-profit organization and is president of the Ukrainian National Women's League in Glen Spey.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology from Rutgers University and a Master's Degree in Biology (with a Business minor) from Seton Hall University.

Rajsz is employed as an assistant professor at Orange County Community College and also works for Orange Regional Medical Center's laboratory department in Middletown, NY.

She and her husband, Michael, are the parents of two daughters, Deanna and Natalie. They reside in Glen Spey.

Jeff Dexter represents Damascus Township, PA, and was influential in the municipality's decision on July 21, 2008 to join the Upper Delaware Council. He had served as first alternate since January 2010 before being appointed as UDC representative at the start of this year.

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Dexter recently began his sixth year as a Damascus Township supervisor, including four years as chairman of the board.

Retired after 33 years working in the Arizona State Parks System, Dexter is the Volunteers-in-Mission Team Leader for disaster recovery projects through the Damascus Methodist Church, the sponsor's representative to the Northeast Council of the Boy Scouts of America for Troop 122 in Damascus, a member of the Penn State Extension Agricultural Board for Wayne County, is active with the Damascus Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and belongs to numerous local historical societies.

He and his wife, Linda, are the parents of three children, Bethany, Jonathan, and Kari.

“Jack” Niflot was elected as 2012 UDC secretary-treasurer for his 11th, non-consecutive term. He filled the position from 1997-99 and 2005-2011. Niflot was first appointed to the UDC as an alternate in 1994 and became the town's representative in 1997.

Niflot has served as a councilman on the Fremont Town Board since 1994.

The Mileses resident is also a founder and current president of the Basket Historical Society of the Upper Delaware Valley, which operates a seasonal museum in Long Eddy.

The Upper Delaware Council was established in 1988 under a Cooperative Agreement partnership with the National Park Service to oversee the coordinated implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, a component since 1978 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

For more information on the organization and its activities, visit the Council's website at www.upperdelawarecouncil.org or call the Narrowsburg office at (845) 252-3022.

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UDC OFFICERS: Upper Delaware Council 2012 officers took their oaths of office at the organization's February 2 monthly meeting. From the left are: Secretary-Treasurer John B. Niflot (Town of Fremont, NY); Chairperson Nadia Rajsz (Town of Lumberland, NY); and Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey R. Dexter (Damascus Township, PA).