



Upper Delaware Council

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Upper Delaware Council Elects Officers for 2010

NARROWSBURG – Town of Delaware, NY Representative **Harold G. Roeder, Jr.** was elected as the 2010 chairperson of the Upper Delaware Council, Inc. during the UDC's annual meeting held January 7 in Narrowsburg.

Delaware Town Justice H. John Kramer administered the oath of office to Roeder, who succeeds 2009 UDC Chairperson George J. Fluhr of Shohola Township, PA.

Also sworn in were Vice-Chairperson **Dolores A. Keesler** of Damascus Township, PA, and Secretary-Treasurer **John B. Niflot** of the Town of Fremont, NY. A reception with cake and coffee followed the monthly business meeting.

Harold Roeder has been a member of the UDC board since 1997. He previously chaired the Council in 2000 and served as its vice-chair last year.

Roeder, who moved to the Town of Delaware from Queens at the age of 12 in 1952, graduated from Delaware Valley High School before going on to earn Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Performance from Ithaca College.

He previously worked as a music teacher at Roscoe Central School and Ithaca College, operated the Roeder's Pianos and Organs distributorship, and he currently holds a New York State license as a certified general real estate appraiser. Since 1992, he has been the proprietor of Roeder's Appraisal Service.

In March of 2009, the Delaware Town Board appointed Roeder as a town councilman to fill a vacancy. He subsequently won November's election to retain the seat through 2011.

The classically-trained Roeder enjoys serious music and dabbles in musical composition. He is also a sportsman who enjoys angling for trout in the Callicoon Creek, shooting sporting clays, and belongs to the Pleasant Valley Hunting Club.

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Roeder and his wife, Donna, reside in Hortonville. They have three children (Hal, Katrina, and Brian) and nine grandchildren, one of whom is deceased.

Dolores Keesler, who has represented Damascus Township on the UDC since Aug. 18, 2008, was elected vice-chairperson. Her Wayne County township officially joined the organization on July 21, 2008.

Keesler taught elementary education in regional schools for 28 years and was an early activist in Delaware River valley issues.

She is currently a Mary Kay beauty consultant and a member of the St. Tammany Order of the Eastern Star, two Red Hat Society groups, several United Methodist Church associations, and the Storm King Power Squadron boating organization on the Hudson River.

“Jack” Niflot was elected 2010 UDC secretary-treasurer for his ninth, non-consecutive term. He filled the position from 1997-99 and 2005-09. He 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 for 16 years, since 1994.

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

The Upper Delaware Council is a not-for-profit corporation which 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.

Council members are eight NY towns (Hancock, Fremont, Delaware, Cohecton, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland, and Deerpark) and five PA townships (Berlin, Damascus, Lackawaxen, Shohola, and Westfall) that border on the Upper Delaware River, as well as the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Wayne County, PA townships of Buckingham and Manchester remain eligible to join to complete the full roster of local municipalities. The Delaware River Basin Commission is a non-voting member. The National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is a partner.

Monthly meetings take place at the UDC office located at 211 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg on the following regular schedule: Upper Delaware Council, 1st Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Water Use/Resource Management Committee, 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; Operations Committee and Project Review Committee, 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and approximately 7 p.m., respectively. All meetings are open to the public.

For more information on the UDC and its activities, please visit the UDC website at www.upperdelawarecouncil.org, call (845) 252-3022, or e-mail Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at laurie@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

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UDC ANNUAL MEETING: The Upper Delaware Council held its annual reorganizational meeting on Jan. 7 in Narrowsburg. Elected as 2010 officers were, seated from the left: Secretary-Treasurer John B. Niflot, Town of Fremont; Chairperson Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Town of Delaware; and Vice-Chairperson Dolores A. Keesler, Damascus Township. Standing, from the left, are: UDC Executive Director William E. Douglass; Dennis DeMara, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Bill Rudge, New York State; Jim Rodgers, Town of Fremont; Mel Decker, Town of Deerpark; Carol Collier, Delaware River Basin Commission; Jim Serio, Town of Hancock; John Sundholm, Town of Highland; George J. Fluhr, Shohola Township; Fred Peckham, Town of Hancock; Susan Sullivan, Town of Tusten; Larry H. Richardson, Town of Cocheton; Sandra Schultz, National Park Service; Jay Shafer, Town of Lumberland; Phil Chase, Town of Deerpark; and Andrew Boyar, Town of Highland.