

# PEOPLE

## Spencer named to hospital council

Margaret R. Spencer of Dallas, executive director and chief executive officer of Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre was recently selected as a governing council representative, Class of 1993, for the American Hospital Association's Section for Aging and Long-Term Care Services.

Mrs. Spencer was selected from a competitive slate of candidates for her new position in which she hopes to "convey the need for sensitivity to the special needs of hospitalized older people."

A non-profit organization, Heritage House is a retirement community for persons 62 years of age and older offering a continuum of care including independent apartments and rooms, personal care, intermediate and skilled nursing care. Heritage House, which opened in 1977, is a division of the Wilkes-Barre General Health Corporation and is the successor to the Home for Homeless Women which was founded in 1874 and later destroyed by Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Mrs. Spencer was responsible for the start up of the facility including furnishing, staffing and development of all policies and procedures.

Mrs. Spencer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (PANPHA), and immediate past president of its Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter; member and immediate past chairperson of the North-



MARGARET SPENCER

eastern Region Council on Aging and former chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging. She is also a member of Alpha Delta Mu, Epsilon Chapter of the National Honor Society of Social Work.

Mrs. Spencer serves as Chairwoman of the Board of Derma Sciences, Inc., assistant secretary and member of the Board of Directors of Heritage House, a member of

the Board of Directors of the Home for Homeless Women and a member of the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre General Health Foundation, Diversified Medical Services, Inc., and General Medical Services, Inc. She is also a member of the American Association of Homes for the Aging and American College of Health Care Administrators.

She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in economics. She is an adjunct faculty member of Marywood College and has been a guest lecturer at Pennsylvania State University, King's College, Wilkes University, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Campus and University of Wisconsin, Madison. She has been a licensed Nursing Home Administrator in Pennsylvania since 1978.

Mrs. Spencer is the recipient of many awards, including the Meritorious Service Award from the American Association of Homes for the Aging and the Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging, both in 1983.

She has also received the "Outstanding Achievements and Service Award" from the Pennsylvania Council on Aging in 1988 and the "Outstanding and Dedicated Service Award" from the Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter of PANPHA in 1990.

She resides in Dallas with her husband, L. Robert Spencer.



## Area residents honored for five years service to Meadows

Several Back Mountain residents were among those honored for five years of service to Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. at their annual Employee Appreciation Social. Certificates of Appreciation and Savings Bonds were awarded to six employees.

EEL is a private non-profit corporation with 165 employees that owns and manages The Meadows Nursing Center, Meadows and Hi-Meadows Apartments, Dallas; Garden Village Apartments, West Pittston; Midtowne Apartments, Wyoming; and Interfaith Heights Apartments and Townhouses, Wilkes-Barre.

Shown at the awards program, first row, from left, honorees Sabrina Major, Dallas; Thelma burkholder, Hunlock Creek; second row, John Muth, Assistant Administrator Meadows; Ray Condo, Executive Director EEL; Howard Ellsworth and Andy Novak, honorees; and Thomas Sweeney, Administrator, Meadows. Marlene Trace and Mary Ellen Sickler, Harveys Lake, were also honored.

## Dr. Hiscox named Medical Director of Nanticoke Unit

Edward M. Stein, Jr., President of Mercy Med-Care, Inc., has announced the appointment of Richard Hiscox, D.O., as Medical Director of the emergency unit at Mercy Hospital, Nanticoke.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Hiscox received his undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester and completed graduate studies in Natural Sciences at Roswell Park Memorial Institute of the State University of New York at Buffalo. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a rotating internship at Dallas Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

While practicing at Dallas Memorial, Dr. Hiscox served as a member of the hospital's Board of Directors, Chief of the Medical Staff and Medical Director of the hospital's chemical dependency unit.

Dr. Hiscox is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, and the American Osteopathic Academy of Addictionology. He is also a Diplomat of the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Hiscox also practices family



RICHARD HISCOX, D.O.

medicine at his office located at Market Street Plaza in Nanticoke. Some of the services he provides include osteopathic manipulative therapy, minor emergencies, and alcohol and drug detoxification. He is on the staff of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre as well.

Dr. Hiscox and his wife, Bonnie, are currently residing in Shavertown with their four children.



KRISTINE ERTLEY

## Kristine Ertley will teach at Lower School

H. Jeremy Packard, president of Wyoming Seminary announced recently that Kristine Ertley, Dallas, was appointed to the position of kindergarten teacher at the Lower School in Forty Fort.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Ertley earned her BS degree in Early Child Development.

## Sorber named editor of Circle K state publication

Lisa Sorber, of Hunlock Creek, former editor of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Collegian student newspaper, has been named editor of the Krier, the Circle K publication that serves Pennsylvania District statewide.

Sorber, now a junior at the Penn State University Park Campus, is a 1988 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and attended Penn State Wilkes-Barre the past two years.

While at the local campus, she served as editor of the campus newspaper, was representative to the Student Government Association, served as copy editor for the student literary magazine the "Forum", and was a voting board member of the Circle K District Board, which includes representatives from across Pennsylvania. She was also named to Who's Who Among Students at American Junior Colleges.



LISA SORBER

Lisa is the daughter of Philip and Delores Sorber. She is majoring in English and hopes to teach at the high school level.

## Dr. Fields joins General Hospital staff

David R. Fields, M.D., recently joined the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital medical staff as the area's only full-time geriatrician who has completed a two-year comprehensive fellowship in this sub-specialty of internal medicine. His geriatric care practice is located at South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Fields served as a fellow in geriatrics, Harvard Medical School

and has had training at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

Dr. Fields also served as a staff geriatrician for Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Roslindale, Mass., where the average patient age was 88-years-old.

A 1984 graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, he served his internship and residency at Bronx

Municipal Hospital, Albert Einstein Hospital, Bronx, New York.

Prior to relocating to Wilkes-Barre, Dr. Fields conducted research on the effect of psychoactive medicines on the elderly in nursing homes.

He resides in Shavertown with his wife, Jean and two children, Christina and Patrick.

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