

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Randall J. Xenakis has been appointed Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc., according to an announcement made this week by OPM President and CEO Michael J. Gallagher. In making the announcement, Gallagher said, "This appointment recognizes Randy's contributions to OPM's Marketing and Customer Service efforts as well as the growing importance of ongoing sales generation and strong customer service support focus."



Xenakis, 45, has been at Offset Paperback since 1995 when he joined the company as Director of Marketing and Customer Services. Prior to 1995 he worked for 10 years in a commercial printing plant where he headed the company's sales and marketing programs.

A graduate of Rollins College, FL, Xenakis has both a B.A. and an M.B.A. in marketing and communications. From 1980 to 1983 he served as Director of Public Relations and Development for Wilkes University after having spent seven years in the same capacity at Rollins College.

In addition to coordinating OPM's Marketing programs, Xenakis will be responsible for directing the company's New York sales staff, Digital Studio and Customer Service Groups. He will continue to report directly to the President of OPM.

Xenakis is a member of the Printing Industries of America Sales and Marketing Executives, resides in Dallas with his wife, Patricia. They have two children, Sean, a second-year law student at Stetson College of Law, FL and Patrice, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania.

David Speranza, M.D., gastroenterologist with the Geisinger Medical Group in Wilkes-Barre recently participated in the *Crohn's & Colitis Forum: Ask the Specialist* program sponsored by the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Incorporated. In this

innovative program, Dr. Speranza volunteered his services to answer questions posed by Crohn's and colitis patients across the United States and beyond on the Internet.

A graduate of York College of CUNY in 1975, Dr. Speranza earned his medical degree from the Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in 1981 and also completed a Fellowship program in gastroenterology at Loyola. He is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology and is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association and the American College of Physicians.

He and his wife, Diane, reside in Dallas.

Wm. F. Gunster, the former Chairman of the Board and President of Luzerne National Bank and owner of the W.J. Parry Insurance & Real Estate Agency of Luzerne, retired after 50 years of service from the Bank in May. He was a former Luzerne County Elected Official serving as Luzerne County Clerk of Courts. Gunster is currently a Licensed Real Estate and Insurance Broker for over 60 years and resides at home in Dallas and Harveys Lake with his wife, Ada.



Dr. Hamid Hosseini, Dallas, was honored with a Distinguished Service Professorship at the King's College Commencement ceremony held recently.

Dr. Hosseini, professor of Economics and department chairman, was honored with the John S. Davis Distinguished Professorship in Business. Dr. Hosseini received his bachelor's degree from the University of Akron; his master's degree from Michigan State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.



Joann Hall, the newest Paul Harris Fellowship Award winner, with her husband Fritz, an earlier award winner.



Dr. Clint Lehman, right was congratulated by Jim Alexander on Lehman's acceptance as a Paul Harris Fellow last week.

Rezoning asked for Rt. 118 property

At the July 10 meeting of the Luzerne County Planning Commission Randy L. Howard, R.L.S., RR 2, Box 295A, Dallas, representing Joseph Loptofsky, 2002 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, requests the rezoning of property on the South Side of PA 118, 900 feet East of PA 29 (Pikes Creek Corners, Lake Township, from a Highway Business and Agricultural District to a Community Business District to construct a building for rental business space.

Rotary

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member of the Dallas Club. The 39 members of the club come from all over the Back Mountain.

Saxon notes that Rotary has been very active in establishing the community. "They have paved the way in the Back Mountain for many activities," she said, citing such examples as their involvement with the Back Mountain Library Auction. Rotary was instrumental in seeing the Dallas highway built and also established the Old Shoe Game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools. The organization was involved in starting the Luzerne County Fall Fair as well.

Saxon's admiration for her fellow Rotarian's abilities does not go unreciprocated. "She's very energetic," Rotarian Ron Fitch said of Saxon. "She gets things done and she likes to do the job." Joe Stager, a 13-year member of the Rotary, is also looking forward to working with Saxon. "She's a great volunteer. She has added new energy to Rotary," he said. "She's going to pull things together and add new flavor to it."

Saxon is currently an administrator at Lakeside Nursing Center at Harveys Lake. An eight year resident of Shavertown, she has served as a past board member and president of ARC's Taste of the Valley and has been on the board of the League of Women Voters. She was a member of the Junior League for two years and is a member of the American Businesswomen's Association. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in special education and a master's degree in public administration and is licensed by the state.

Saxon will serve a one year term as Rotary president. During that year, Saxon has one major theme. "I'm going to stay in tune with what our international goals are — membership growth and membership retention," Saxon

"I am a Rotarian. That's the bottom line. We all bring our different talents to the club."

Melissa Saxon
Back Mountain Rotary president and only female club member

said. "We are always looking for new members who want to serve the community and work with other local Rotary clubs to do joint projects."

The Rotary Club of Dallas meets every Thursday at 6:30 at Irem Temple Country Club. Prospective new members can come to a meeting through sponsorship of a current member. Anyone interested in attending a meeting can contact Melissa Saxon at 639-1885. "It's a good club," Saxon said. "We have a lot of fun and the group is very dedicated."

The organization participates in many local activities. During the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, Rotary members care for the auction grounds, volunteer as auctioneers, and run a food booth, with proceeds benefiting the library. They award book scholarships to four graduating seniors from Lake-Lehman and Dallas. They also send four students from the two high schools to a Youth Leadership Conference.

Rotary hosts the Annual Children's Shopping Spree. Each year, 30 underprivileged children are treated to a Christmas shopping spree. The organization rings bells for the Salvation Army and does road cleanup. They also host a Youth Exchange Program which allows high school students to spend a year attending school in another country while their counterparts come the the U.S.

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The office of The Dallas Post will be closed all day Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 7. Submitted items for the July 9 issue may be dropped off until 5 p.m. Thurs., July 3, or left in the night deposit box at the front of the office.

Advertising deadlines are unchanged: Mon., July 7 at 4 p.m. for both display and classified ads.

IN THE SERVICE

Seaman Wright completes basic training

Navy Seaman **Heather M. Wright**, a 1993 graduate of Dallas Senior High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Wright completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Pvt. Lazar graduates recruit training

Marine Pvt. **Stephen A. Lazar**, son of Stephen Lazar of Chase Road, Shavertown, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.

Lazar successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He is a 1992 graduate of Halton High School of Halton City, TX.

Crispell begins military training in OK

Army National Guard Pvt. John D. Crispell has arrived at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK, to begin One Station Unit Training (OSUT). The training includes completion of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Crispell is the son of Gladys Crispell and grandson of Helen Frantz of RR 1, Dallas. He is a 1996 graduate of Dallas High School.

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