

# Candidates

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constituents with service to the public in mind at all times," she says.

Shirley Moyer, a Republican, is running for state office for the first time, although she is no stranger to public service. "The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is not new to me," she said. "I was a legislative assistant for Frank Coslett for 10 years. I spent another 12 years in public service as a staff assistant for the Office of the Attorney General for six years and proudly serve Kingston Township as a Supervisor for the last six years."

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**Shirley Moyer (R)**  
Challenger

She lists her involvement in completion of a new building for the police department, the renovation of the public works building, giving authority for a DARE officer, and having a budget surplus while not raising taxes as notable accomplishments.

She is past president of the Luzerne County Association of Township Officials and past chair of Kingston Township Recreation Committee. She also serves as liaison to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, is a founding member of the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, a board member of the Back Mountain Recreation Committee, a member of the Luzerne County Fair Board and is active in the Dallas Kiwanis.

"Public service is not a job to me," said Ms. Moyer. "It's an enjoyment. I believe our area has missed out on some things. Both of my children left the area for better career opportunities. As parents, there is a real void in our lives because our children have to leave to make a living."

One of her goals is to provide more employment choices for youth and better educational opportunities. "I also want to fight for our senior citizens and veterans because they have done so much for us," she says. "And because we can't order another Mother Earth, we need to protect our environment now. I will bring new energy and leadership to the House by working with the Governor to get things done."

# Candidates' responses to questions from The Dallas Post

On November 7 residents of the 120th District will elect Phyllis Mundy, Democrat, or Shirley Moyer Republican, to represent us in the State Legislature. The district includes Kingston, Forty Fort, Wyoming, West Wyoming, Exeter, West Pittston, Harding, Dallas, part of Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Pringle.

We invited the candidates to comment on specific questions with equal opportunity

for responses and elaboration.

**The office** - The position pays \$59,246.00 per year plus expenses. The House averages about 26 weeks in session per year with additional time for meetings. Representatives also spend time in their district office helping constituents, preparing for meetings in Harrisburg and being involved with local communities and groups.



**Phyllis Mundy**  
Democrat  
Incumbent



**Shirley Moyer**  
Republican  
Challenger

## Question

**Do you favor the use of vouchers or other means to foster school choice?**

"If we can't afford public education without raising local property taxes, where will we find the money to pay for vouchers?" Opposes tuition vouchers because it weakens equal opportunity for education. Feels that public tax money should not be used to support private and parochial schools.

Feels that charter schools are a good alternative because they don't take state budget funds for education away from the public education system. Proposes that different solutions be found such as testing, changing curriculum and monitoring improvements.

**What can you do to create better employment opportunities for young people in our region?**

"I am a pro-business Democrat." Worked on infrastructure issues such as transportation, amenities and education to entice businesses to our area. Worked with local economic development authorities to get grants and to ensure that we get our fair share of tax dollars from Harrisburg.

"We have to get more than jobs. We have to get careers such as those in the technical fields." Supports accelerating the reduction of corporate taxes to attract new businesses, opportunity grants for businesses and employee training.

**What can you do, as a state representative, to safeguard the former PG&W watershed lands?**

Supports protecting land use and the environmental legislation known as Growing Greener\* which will fund the most sweeping changes in environmental practice proposed in Pennsylvania for nearly a decade.

"That was a private sale, however, I would do whatever I could to prevent something like that from happening in the future." Supports stronger laws such as Growing Greener which would protect watersheds and wetlands along with accountability for the preservation of our environment.

**Would you support an effort at the state level to force counties to reassess property at regular intervals?**

"If it is mandated by the state, then the state should pay for the reassessment process because it is very expensive. I am concerned about the rates, fairness and the ability to pay."

"I support tax reform because we need more money for education. The current system has been in place for a long time and it needs revision."

**Do you think the state is doing enough to assure that affordable health care and health insurance are available to those who need it?**

Worked to enroll children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) by sending post cards to parents. Supports the Pharmacy Assistance for the Elderly program (PACE) which serves low-income seniors and the supports the need to increase the income limits for eligibility and reduction of the copay. Would divert tobacco money to health care.

Thinks Pennsylvania has good programs for seniors. Supported the Republican caucus as they passed legislation to provide prescription assistance for those age 19 to 64. Supports the PACE program for those over 65 with low incomes, rent rebates and assistance with heating bills.

**What do you think is the single most important issue facing the district?**

"Bringing more good jobs to our area is the most important issue because everything else revolves around good wages and benefits."

"The economy because it affects our lives and our livelihoods. I have a sincere concern that we have missed out on too much in our area."

**Why should you be elected or re-elected?**

"I am serious about public service and left a management career in manufacturing to pursue public service." Completed five terms as the State Representative serving the 120th District. Selected by peers to chair the Northeast Democratic Delegation. Enjoys helping constituents. Feels that she ensures that her staff is responsive to the needs of the people.

"I really want to help my district. I am a hard-working person and the needs of the people are and will be my top concern." Legislative assistant for 10 years. Staff assistant to the Office of the Attorney General for over six years. Kingston Township Supervisor for six years. Feels she has learned how to serve the people.

*\* Editor's Note: Mundy said she supported Growing Greener as it was passed by the House, but voted against the final bill because it used funds from other environmental programs, rather than relying on a bond issue to raise new money.*

*"I want to continue my work to promote our regional approach to attracting businesses and jobs."*

**Phyllis Mundy (D)**  
5-term incumbent

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

**Dr. William D. Camp**, of Dallas, professor of history and chairperson of the social science/history department at Luzerne County Community College, has been reappointed to the American Sociological Association (ASA) Task Force on Articulation of Sociology in Two-Year and Four-Year Sociology Programs.



More than 5,000 members of the ASA met in Washington D.C. recently to discuss social issues facing the country in the 21st century. The goal of the task force is to enhance transfer of students from two-year sociology programs to four-year sociology programs.

Metz & Associates, Ltd., a leading dining management and support service company, recently announced the addition of **James R. Dickson** as Eastern Regional Vice President. Dickson will be responsible for overseeing all dining management business in New Jersey and east of State College in Pennsylvania.



Dickson is a 30 year veteran of the food service industry. His experience is extensive and includes serving as Regional Operations Director, Sodexo-Marriott, Resident District Manager, The Wood Company, Senior Food Service Director, ARA Services and District Manager, Custom Management Corporation. Dickson

most recently held the position of Vice President of Educational Services for Sodexo-Marriott Corporation, overseeing more than 50 operations and managing volume in excess of \$110 million. He resides in Tunkhannock with his wife, Laura.

**Mary Ellen Jolley** has been appointed as program specialist in the Continuing Education Department at Penn State Worthington Scranton, according to **Michelle Buchinski**, continuing education director.



Ms. Jolley will be responsible for developing and enhancing youth programs and building education and business partnerships for the department.

She earned an M.H.A. and B.A. in education from Wilkes University. Prior to her appointment at Penn State, Ms. Jolley was employed as senior associate project manager at Paper Magic, Inc., and held positions in the advertising department at *The Times Leader* and in the development office at Wilkes University. She also served as customer service manager at Nelson and Sons Furniture, Kingston, and as office manager at Leslie Fay, Kingston.

In the community, Ms. Jolley is an assistant troop leader for Troop 663 of the Penn's Wood Girl Scout Council. She is also a Sunday school teacher at Dallas United Methodist Church.

She resides in Dallas with her husband, Robert, and children, Jason and Dana.



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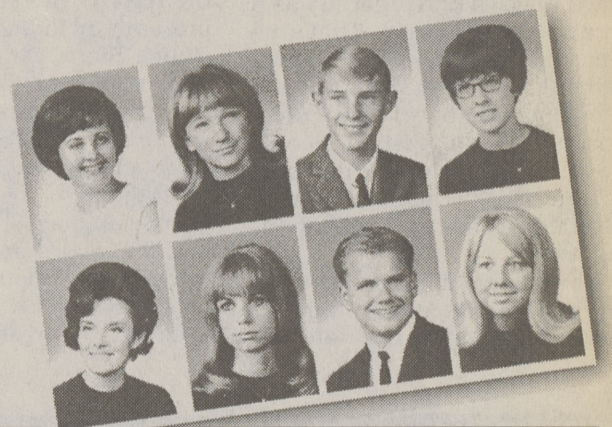
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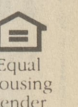
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