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Atty. David Bianco

During his career in law Attorney Bianco has had many varied positions and responsibilities. One of his first positions was as a staff attorney with the Pennsylvania Unemployment Board of Review. As a Deputy Attorney General with the department, he defended the decisions of the board before the Superior and Commonwealth Courts.

Dave was able to return to our area when he became a Staff Attorney at Northern Pennsylvania Legal Services in Scranton. In this position Attorney Bianco would represent clients with limited resources. He noted the rewarding feeling of being able to represent and help someone who was in need of help but unable to afford to hire a lawyer. Most importantly Dave met his wife, Janette, while they were both working for North Pennsylvania Legal Services. They met while car pooling. Janette wasn't too happy about car pooling. Apparently everything worked out great in the end.

With the new job and coming back to Scranton Dave was also coming back home. David was the oldest of three children to Sam and Clara Bianco. Sam had been the District Manager of the ILGWU and president of the Wyoming Valley Labor Council. Clara is still doing well and at 88 years of age happily resides at the Forest City Personal Care Center. Dave's two younger sisters, Sandra and her husband, Richard Guman are in Archbald and Barbara and her husband, Kevin Pasterchik live in Binghamton.

After working with Legal Services in Scranton the partnership of Fields and Bianco was formed. Attorney Bianco handled cases and clients in the Forest City and Susquehanna County area and his partner, Robert Fields worked mostly in Waymart and Wayne County area. It was a good arrangement for both attorneys who originally met through mutual friends.

There was a period of time when both Attorneys Bianco and Fields worked as Assistant District Attorneys in Wayne County. They were in court almost everyday and it was interesting but after serving in Wayne County in the morning the second part of the day would begin when Attorney Bianco came into his office in Forest City. Those were long days to say the least.

Attorney Bianco gives praise and credit to the two "Donnas" in his offices, who did a tremendous job over the 25 years that they all worked together. Donna Sredenshek and Donna Tedesco were well known in the community for the great work that they did at the law firm.

At one time or another Attorney Bianco served as the solicitor for Vandling, Clifford Township, Scott Township, Herrick Township, Union Dale Borough and Pleasant Mount. Serving as a solicitor is in large part a gift of service to the community as the pay is modest but the responsibilities are many.

Another position held was serving as the Head of the Panel for Condemnations and Eminent Domain Proceedings which determines the compensation for lands needed for public projects, roads and such. Attorney Bianco also served as the Chairman of the Board of Review for this committee.

Attorney Bianco also served as the solicitor for the Greater Forest City Industries and as such donated his time and services for about 30 years. He also donated his time and services to the Forest City Area Historical Society, establishing the society and aiding them in taking possession of its building. He believes the principals of Forest City are doing the right things and it is important to keep working as good things can happen at any time. It is important to continue working for progress.

Attorney Bianco is modest, soft-spoken, has a ready smile and does a great job for his clients. His wife, Janette, is and has been everything in his life and he credits her with making everything work. David is a member of Ascension Parish in Forest City and Wivey's Golf League earning the dubious distinction of being the only member never to make the playoffs.

Nearing retirement, perhaps in January, the plan is to relax and travel, especially taking trips to see their family. Some occasional golf and the exercise of running that now includes more walking, are some of the ways he likes to relax.

Attorney Bianco has proved with his life and career that Forest City can be a great place to live and find opportunity. Ultimately it is what is in a man's heart that makes him the person he becomes. Though always busy with his career Attorney Bianco found the time and served as a Little League manager while his son was playing baseball. He had a rule that each player would pitch at least one inning during the season. Attorney Bianco wanted each player to experience the power of being the pitcher. This is an example of the thoughtful and compassionate person Attorney Bianco is and how he shared it with the young people on the baseball team.

Attorney David Bianco is a hometown person who through hard work and determination made a good life for his family while serving our community. The Distinguished Citizen Committee extends its best wishes and a thank you for your inspiration to all of us through your life.

Hunter Safety Course in B'dale Sun., Aug. 13

A Hunter Safety Course will be held on Sun., August 13, from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at the Browndale Fire Company, Browndale, PA.

You must be 11 years of age or older. You can register on PA Game Commission Website. There are 25 seats available.

It is sponsored by the Browndale Sportsman's Club.

A light lunch will be provided.

Free luncheon at Christ Church

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church will hold its FREE Community Luncheon at Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Delaware and Dundaff Streets, Forest City, on Saturday, July 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends. Share a hearty lunch and wonderful camaraderie.

Dr. Joseph Zasik, Jr.

From 1977-1980, Joseph completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA and the Temple University Medical School in Philadelphia, PA. While there, he helped to provide healthcare to the indigent people in the Bethlehem, PA.

From 1980-1982, Joseph completed a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. During his tenure there, he provided care at the Allegheny County Tuberculosis Clinic. He was an adjunct assistant professor at the Allegheny Community College in the Respiratory Care Department and was a guest lecturer for the Western Pennsylvania Society for Nurse Anesthetists.

From 1982-1983, Joseph was Chief of Pulmonary Critical Care at Shepherd Air Force base in Wichita Falls, Tx. There, he joined a fellow physician and rode in the Hotter Than Hell 100 mile bike race.

From 1983-1986, Joseph was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He was Chief of Pulmonary Critical Care medicine at Eglin Regional Hospital. He was an instructor in Internal Medicine for the Family Practice Residency Program. While living there, he participated in fund raisers for the Catholic Relief Program and United Way campaign. He ended his active duty obligation in the Air Force and remained in active reserves until 2010.

From 1986-2008, Joseph entered the private practice of Pulmonary and Critical Medicine in Bethlehem, PA. There, he was recruited by his prior residency program mentors as an instructor in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine for St. Luke's Hospitals. In this capacity, he jointly published several professional articles and abstracts. Later, he was named medical director of Critical Care Services at St. Luke's Hospital. He also served on the St. Luke's Medical Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Joseph was the medical director of Respiratory Therapy at Lehigh Carbon Community College from 1993-1996. He became Board Certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Medicine with sub specialties in Pulmonary Critical Care. In 1995, Joseph was elected a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. He was selected by the American Board of Internal Medicine to write certified exam questions in both Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in both 1997 and 1998. He joined the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, North Hampton County Medical Society, the American College of Chest Physicians and the Critical Care Society. He served on the North Hampton County Medical Board of Directors from 1993-2008. He became Vice President in 1997 and President in 1998 of the North Hampton County Medical Board. He was a delegate to the Pennsylvania Medical Society from 1993-2008. During his tenure in Bethlehem, PA, he served on several fund raising committees for the indigent people of Bethlehem and provided care to those individuals. He also enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for Musikfest and volunteered his time to that festival for 12 years.

In 2008, Joseph was recruited by Trinity Mother Frances Hospital network to establish a Critical Care service in Tyler, Tx. In 2016, Trinity Mother Frances Hospital network merged with Christus Healthcare Systems to become Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital System. He became the Chief of Critical Care Medicine at CTMFH and is now the Chief of Critical Care Services for the entire Northeast Region. He has served as a member of the CTMFH board from 2011-present. He also works in the Pulmonary Outpatient Clinic there. He is also on the Pastoral Care Advisory Board of Christus Trinity Mother Frances Network from 2010 to the present. In 2015, he was named adjunct professor at The University of Texas Northeast Hospital. While living in Tyler, he assisted in fundraisers for the East Texas Crisis Center and the Children's Miracle Network programs.

Joseph and his wife, Karen, live happily in Tyler, Tx. They have several children and grandchildren. Rachel Zasik and her husband Matt Glaves, along with their children Stella, Finnian and baby #3 on the way who live in Fomey, Tx; Veronica and Nolan Gerencser and their daughter Rowan, who live in Easton, PA. Bailey Riddle who lives in Trinidad, CO. Trevor Riddle who lives in Nacogdoches, TX and Reese Riddle who still enjoys living at home.

As is plainly evident, Joseph has a passion for medicine and for providing the best healthcare available to all. He is devoted to the medical field and to his family, believing that he is only using the gifts for healing given to him by God.

Coming from his humble beginnings in his hometown of Forest City, he has accomplished amazing achievements. For these reasons, the Forest City Area Distinguished Citizen Committee feels he has truly earned the great distinction as a Distinguished Citizen and joins a long list of those who went out into the world and have helped make the world a better place for us all.

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Pleasant Mount News

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Happy Birthday to: Mitchell McElwee, Beverly McGraw, Peg Evanitsky, Pamela Cooper, Matthew Hnatko, Jeffrey Mead, Noah DeHaven, Donald Bennett, Mary Sampson, Tracy Hartman, Geraldine Vaverchak, Jennifer Butler, Ruth Pinand, Kayla Stephens, Kathryn Matlaga, Jacob McCormick, Joseph Zukosky and Julie Fagan.

Happy Anniversary to: Frank and Ann Ingrassia, Helge and Anita Bergman, Kevin and Gerarda Burleigh, Corey and Susan Gesford and Bill and Peg Werner.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Vivian Carey, Pleasant Mount, who passed away on July 11 at home. She was the widow of Herbert Carey, who died in 2005. She was the daughter of the late Howard and Emma Bush Wildenstein. Surviving are two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson, a brother, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant brother and three sisters. Arrangements by the Arthur A. Bryant Funeral Home, 1228 North Main St., Honesdale, PA 18431. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Pleasant Mount United Methodist Church or Pleasant Mount Emergency Services.

A round and square dance will be held Saturday, July 22, from 7-10:30pm at Sts. Peter & Paul R.O. Church Hall, 2105 Belmont Turnpike, Union

2nd annual back to school carnival Wed., Aug. 30

The Forest City Regional community is preparing for another great year at Forest City Regional with its Second Annual Back to School Carnival on Wed., Aug. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., to welcome back students, teachers and the school community and raise school spirit for the upcoming year.

There will be a dunk tank, kiss-a-pig contest, face painting, pie-in-the-face contest, bingo, inflatable bounce house, volleyball tournament, carnival food, various carnival games and prizes awarded.

The event will be sponsored by the Forest City Regional Parent Teacher Organization, Student Council, the Future Business Leaders of America, teachers and district administrators.

Anyone wishing to partner in the event, provide ideas, donate prizes or monetary donations can contact Cynthia Weiss (cweiss@fcrsd.org); Ben Monahan (bmonahan@fcrsd.org) or Michael Zack (mzack@fcrsd.org).

Dale. There will be food and refreshments.

St. Juliana's Rock Lake 150th Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 2048 Creamton Drive, Pleasant Mount. A family style ham & turkey dinner will be held from 11:30am to 3:30pm (take-outs available until 3pm). Supper will be served at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm. There will be a giant flea market, bingo, games, prizes and 50/50 raffle. Square dancing by "Just Us" from 8-11pm (sponsored by Ed Howell). As the church celebrates the 150th year of the Picnic, a commemorative bronze-cast coin is being cast. The cost is \$10 per coin. To order, please call Rose at 570-798-2539 or the Parish Office at 570-785-3838.

Sen. Baker office Hours in FC Thur., July 25

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley.

While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at www.senatorbaker.com or by calling (570) 675-3931.

Susq. Co. Comm. office hours in FC Thurs., July 20

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner will meet with residents on Thursday, July 20th between 1 PM and 3 PM at Elegante' Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City.

She would like to hear from you if you have concerns or suggestions for our County. No appointment is necessary, her office number is 570.278.6604 if there's something in particular you need or if you would like to schedule an appointment, either in Forest City or Montrose. Stop by, share conversation and a slice of pizza and soda with your Commissioner. We look forward to seeing you.

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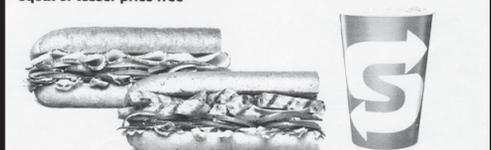
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