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Peter Paul Olszewski

...DA, despite the job, lives full life

Who is Peter Paul Olszewski?

Just about everyone in Luzerne County and many others outside the county are familiar with this lawyer who serves as district attorney.

But, just who is this graduate of Meyers High School, Pennsylvania State University, and who earned a law degree at Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle? Who and what is this six-foot, four-inch son of a State Superior Court Judge and wife, Peter Paul and June Olszewski?

Well, underneath it all, he probably is no different than any other guy who puts in a day which begins about 5:30 a.m. at home and 6:30 a.m. in the office and comes to an end whenever.

There are no regular or set hours when it comes to fighting crime. And, there are no set rules of life. The only rules are those laid down by the local and state courts and the federal and state constitutions.

But all in all, he is no different than most other DAs throughout the land with the exception that he makes it a very strong point to spend plenty of time with his wife and, when possible, father, mother, sister and two brothers.

In between, he just loves his work with youth groups and law enforcement agencies in protecting the youngsters from those who would bring harm, whether it be physical or psychological.

But, what makes the man tick?

In addition to his practice shooting with rifles, revolvers and pistols, Peter Paul Olszewski is a sportsman and a racquet ball player. He has a 12 handicap as a golfer. He also shoots clay pigeons.

The shooting takes place at supervised and authorized ranges, but the golfing, with wife, Raelene, and two very close friends, Chad Rado, a lawyer in Washington D.C., and his wife, Connie Pollock Rado, owner of Frank Clark Jewelers Wilkes-Barre, takes place at his father's great hangout, the Wyoming Valley Country Club. The foursome really is a foursome.

But the exercise does not stop at golf, as Peter Paul (named after his father but also after a twin to his father, Paul Peter) is a weight lifter, a hunter and outdoorsman. He lifts weights in his modified gym in the basement of his new home in Franklin Township.

He claims he is in good physical shape as he also works out, now and then, at the Wilkes-Barre YM-YWCA.

Olszewski ("Petey" to some close friends) is a certified professional ski instructor, but, by his

own admission, has been neglecting one of his favorite sports for some time. But, he says he will get back on the slopes - one of these days.

The DA also likes a little softball with the gang on his team at the courthouse. He doesn't do too badly, but he is not a Dave Hollins, not yet anyway.

He may be in pretty good shape, but it is his wife, Raelene, who sets the pace when it comes to running. She runs with the family dog, Justice, a 10-year-old black Labrador. Raelene participates in number of charitable events during the year.

When it comes to good friends for a variety of activities, others who share in addition to Chad and Connie Rado are Jack Butts, Mike Dessoye and Dan Pillets. The latter is first assistant DA for the county and Dessoye is the number one county detective.

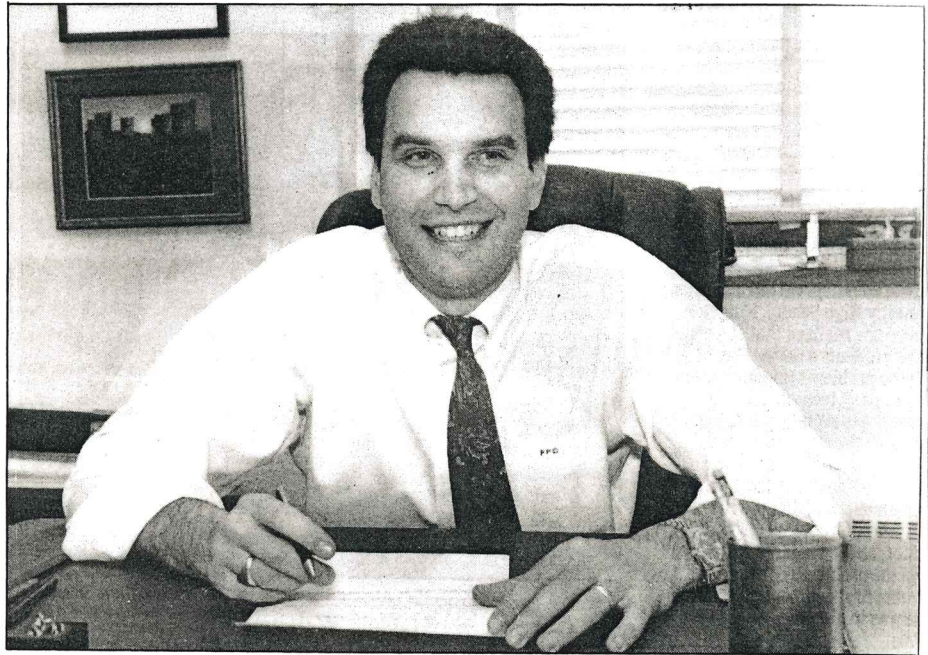
Entertaining on weekends at the new home is one of the great pleasures enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Paul Olszewski, Jr..

A very necessary hobby is taking care of the five acres at the new home. Raelene is the gardener for the flowers and shrubs while Peter runs the lawn mower and the rake. Both do a little bit of snow shoveling when necessary.

Peter and Raelene are regular church goers. Peter can be seen at St. Therese in South Wilkes-Barre and Mother Frances Cabrini Parish in Carverton. He is a lector at the former church.

In addition to his numerous activities, which have earned him many awards and citations, Olszewski is active with the the Luzerne County Tatra Club and is a past exalted ruler of Wilkes-Barre Lodge 109, Elks.

Olszewski, who was born Dec. 3, 1959, in Wilkes-Barre, is a grandson of John and Eva Swantko and the late Alex and Sophie Olszewski.



District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski