

# DEVELOPING LEADERS


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Session 3



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## Organizing for Action

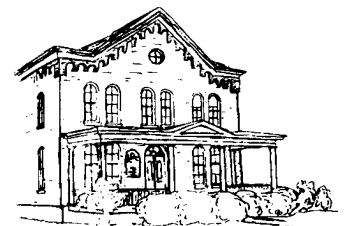


On a cold but sunny day in early December the *Community Leadership Program* returned to Blossburg, PA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the *CLP* Program. Participants gathered in the community room located on the basement level of the Blossburg Library. Breakfast was provided by Brett Kennedy, Class Co-Chair. He shared his vision of someday opening a bakery and after tasting the Lemon Poppy Coffee Cake with Citrus Glaze, Double Chocolate Muffins and Blueberry Coffee cake, we wholeheartedly support his efforts!

Deb Sawyer, Executive Director with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center who started off the day's activities with an ice breaker designed to allow participants to share some details of their lives based on the year a penny was minted. Deb then turned things over to Linda Williams, a licensed consultant and owner of Training Focus. Linda initially facilitated the group's discussion of the individual participant assignments for this session. Participants were asked to research a community issue, speak to a key player regarding this topic and bring it to the group for further discussion. The community issues researched were varied including housing shortages from both a financial and low-income viewpoint, obesity, the lack of available grocery shopping in Mansfield, road infrastructure and damage resulting from the Marcellus Shale industry, the lack of available mental health placements, bullying in schools, zoning in the Tioga borough, workforce development and

lack thereof, pedestrian v. truck traffic specifically in high usage pedestrian areas (Mansfield University), and Woodland park usage/maintenance in Wellsboro. After presentations on all of three topics, the large group was divided into three smaller groups to select an issue and discuss it in much more detail. Groups selected Pedestrian Crossing v. Truck traffic, Housing as related to development and finance, and the lack of quality or community-based grocery shopping in Mansfield.

Ms. Williams was able to then develop the group discussion into the true focus of today's session, manageable goal setting. Using the RUMBA analogy (Realistic, Understandable, Measurable, Behaviorally Focused, and Agreed Upon) groups were able to develop goals related to the various community problems brought forth. The groups further developed their goals using the SWOT analysis method. This included looking at the goal in question, the processes necessary to implement and the final outcome in terms of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Groups then merged back together to settle on one specific issue for analysis and review, selecting housing as the one to focus on.



After a break for lunch out at The Brick Tavern, sponsored by FirstEnergy, the group reconvened for other treat compliments of Brett; a white cake with raspberry filling and white butter cream. We were celebrating a birthday that day, but this writer won't reveal the who or the number of years. . . the cake however, was amazing!!

Deb Sawyer lead the afternoon events focusing on the curriculum and process for Charting Our Future. As an active community member, Deb has some true insight on the logistics of working with community groups. She discussed and shared several strategies for community involvement centered on goal setting. The Four Step

Action Plan; looking at the vision, what should be happening, what is happening, and finally the action to take to make the vision a reality was a unique tool for our group. Charting Our Future is a curriculum and goal planning tool that communities or groups can use to reach goals and administer effective proactive planning.

Tioga County is in the process of establishing its own Charting Our Future process. The initial meeting will be held at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds outside of Wellsboro on January 26th at 7 pm. There will then be 4 subsequent 3 ½ hour sessions. The sessions are: 1. Setting Our Course 2. Where We Are 3. Where We Want to Be 4.

Making The Trip. Plan on coming to this event and taking your place in Tioga County's future. For more information, check out [www.tiogacharting.com](http://www.tiogacharting.com).

This session closed with some updates on the specific group projects and other basic information. The group would like to thank both Deb and Linda for their time and energy at this session; Bob, Christie and the rest of the TCDC staff for their support and organization, and Joey and Brett for being great co-chairs. . . and for the amazing snacks!! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



## CLP Spotlight— Tammy Cleveland

Tammy Cleveland is the featured member of the *Community Leadership Program Class of 2011* for December. Tammy was born in Scranton, but moved with her family to Westfield when she was 11 years old. She settled in Mansfield in 1995 and currently lives there with her husband, Barry, a Mansfield native. Tammy has two sons, TJ who attends Pennsylvania College of Technology and Douglas who is a senior at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. The other members of her family include, Chloe, a beautiful Great Pyrenees, and Boots, the best cat anyone ever had! Tammy has an AAS in Human Resource Management from Keystone College. She has been employed with the US Army Corps of Engineers at Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes for 18 years. For the past three years, she has been enjoying the challenges of a new career as a Park Ranger at the lakes. In that position, her main responsibilities are managing the fee collection program and working with service contractors who perform janitorial services and manage the campground operations. But, the best part of her job is working with the public who are visiting the lakes and taking advantage of the most beautiful recreation areas, Tioga County and Pennsylvania have to offer!

Tammy has been reading about the *Community Leadership Program* for many years and thought it would be a good opportunity to develop her leadership skills for her career but also as a concerned citizen of Tioga County. So far, she has really enjoyed getting to know everyone involved with the program and also learning about how hard a lot of people in

Tioga County are working to keep Tioga County a great place to live in the face of so much change that is taking place right now.

Tammy serves as a member of the Richmond Township Municipal Authority, is active in the Mansfield Women's Club and is a member of the planning committee for the Step Outdoors Trail Challenge at Ives Run.

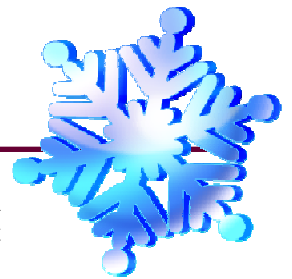
A lot of Tammy's free time is spent outdoors – walking and kayaking in the warmer weather and hiking and hunting in fall and winter. She tries to attend as many of her son's basketball and soccer games as she can. Tammy and her husband love to travel and are looking forward to a trip to Belize next April.

The perfect day in Tioga County for Tammy would include breakfast at Gramma's Kitchen in Mansfield, kayaking on one of the lakes (Tioga is her favorite) with a picnic lunch along the shore, then dinner at the Wellsboro House.

Tammy's love for the outdoors, which is reflected in her work and her play, is also summed up in one of her favorite quotes: "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." – Aldo Leopold



## Oh The Places We Will Go...



Ever wonder what happens to the participants of the *Youth Leadership Program*. The focus of the follow-up is to address three main questions.

- *What you have done since participating in the leadership program?*
- *What leadership roles have you undertaken since participating in the program?*
- *How are you using what you learned in the leadership program?*

This month we are featuring Danielle Fulmer. Danielle participated in the program in 2006 as a junior and went on to graduate from the Cowanesque High School in 2007. Since graduation, Danielle has been attending

Juniata College, studying Peace and Conflict Studies. Her studies in this program gave her an opportunity to study abroad. Her travels took her to Gambia and West Africa where she got to take classes on third world development and participate in some volunteer work. She is looking forward to graduating from Juniata in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts. Upon graduation, Danielle is hoping to do a fellowship to gain some work experience in her field before attending graduate school.

While attending college, Danielle was a resident assistant in residence halls, as well as off campus housing, participated in the colleges' emergency medical services program (as a certified first responder) and volunteered to be an orientation leader to new freshman. In addition, while completing her

international studies, she performed a volunteer project at international school on conflict resolution skills and communication in the classrooms due to cultural diversity

The *Youth Leadership Program* taught her a lot of information about herself. Her participation taught her how to have the capability to be a leader when any situation calls for it. One of her biggest takeaway was that her attitude and demeanor both directly and indirectly affects all of those around her.

*--You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know and YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.....Dr. Seuss*

## Youth Leadership Program –Business and Economics

The Tioga County Development Corporation **Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program** Class of 2011 learned about Business & the Economy along with information on the emerging Natural Gas Industry in Tioga County during Session 3 **Understanding Business & Economics** on December 7, 2010. The Session was held at Penn College/North Campus in Wellsboro. Participants received an overview of the Marcellus Shale Industry from Jack Showers, Community Relations for Shell Appalachia and were introduced to the several jobs and training opportunities available within the industry from Brenda Abplanalp, Director of Outreach Services for Penn College/North Campus.

An introduction to the Economy in Tioga County, a panel discussion on the importance of education and how it relates to gainful employment after high school and within the Marcellus Shale Industry and an exercise on Money Management completed the schedule for the day.



Pictured with YLP students are local business and industry volunteers who participated in the panel discussion front row (L to R): Terra Tokarz, DEP; Aaron Wilson, Wellsboro High School; Carley Murdock, Cowanesque Valley High School; Adam Bell, Schlumberger Well Services.

Back Row (L to R): Brian Heyd, Liberty High School; Joe Brelo, CareerLink and Marty Muggleton, Larson Design Group.

*Session 4 **Teens & The Law** will be held at the Tioga County Courthouse and the Tioga County Prison on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.*

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### Schedule of Events

- Jan 8 - Hills Creek kickoff 9am-12 - XC ski instruction, snowshoe loaning. More help welcome (snowshoe hike or a regular hike if no snow)
- Gmeiner is hosting "Reflections in Black and White" from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 each day.
- Jan 15 - 10:30 - sand run (John B and Asaph Hiking Run ) - xc ski and snowshoe hike options
- Jan 16 - 2pm - geocaching - Ives Run (Dina D and volunteer) (indoor and outdoors)
- Jan 20 - 7pm Hills Creek - Full Moon Hike/snowshoe/ski, meet Tauschers Trailhead (note: this is Thursday evening)
- Jan 22 - 9-12 - me - Hills Creek xc ski
- Comedian Lewis Black is going to be at Mansfield University on January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 10 PM
- Jan 30 - 2-4pm at Lamb's Creek Hike & Bike Trail xc ski (Dina D and Tom Oswald volunteering)

## Get Outside in Tioga County!



Well Christmas is over and we have started a new year. This year is full of hopes and admirations. As we look out the window and see the white colors and snow whipping in the wind, we realize it's not October anymore. The ice is beginning to form on all the lakes and streams. Many days the temperature will not exceed freezing. We sit down and question what is there to do in

Tioga County now? Well as an outdoorsman people do have options, if they can brave the cold. Hiking is very fun this time of year. The scenery of the frozen streams, waterfalls are beautiful. January is the start of a lot of indoor leagues. Many people take to the bowling lanes in Wellsboro and Mansfield. Another league shared by many is the

Counties large billiards league that meets Monday nights in many different area pubs. There is also a 3D archery league at Ackley and Son in Westfield. So while we are watching the ice form there are many things to do inside and there are still activities to do outside, if you're willing to brave the cold. So grab a hat and head outdoors or join one of the many leagues there are in the county.



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*Session 4 will take place on January 7th, 2010 at Wardflex\HMAC in Lawrence Township. The topic will be Business and Economics. Presenters will be Anhua Yu President Technical Services HMAC, Robert J. Blair President\CEO of TCDC, Jeff Himes, Penn State Cooperative Extension.*

## The Town Crier—Knoxville Pennsylvania



May 17th 1785 Thomas Proctor a prominent figure during the Revolutionary War and the artillery commander for Sullivan's expedition in 1779 and a noticeable part of the battle at Newtown Hill in Elmira NY staked claim to what is now known as Knoxville borough.

Knoxville held many manufacturing enterprises through the years. Most notably was the log Distillery owned by Jonathan Matterson and Daniel Cummings that was founded in 1815 and then sold to Hiram Freeborn in 1823 which produced whiskey under the name of Freeborn and Company.

There was the Silas Billings Enterprises founded in 1823 which consisted of a saw mill, oil mill, an ashery and a tannery. Products from the enterprise was shipped to Ithaca NY and Williamsport PA. Today the mill is now known as the Knoxville Roller Mill.

Other notable businesses included the Knoxville foundry built in 1851, the Knoxville Sash and Blind

company built in 1852 and the Chester Wells Furniture Factory established in 1869.

The travelers at the time were welcome to stay at Daniel Cummings home, the owner of the distillery, and supplied his patrons with his brewing's of which they were sure to purchase before they left.

Later to come were several hotels after the proven lucrative business that Mr. Cummings entailed which included the Weaver House, the Knoxville House, The Adams House, The Rixford House and The Eagle hotel.

The first School in Knoxville was erected in 1817 and rebuilt in 1834. In 1855 the schoolhouse rented a large meeting house known as the Quaker House and a dispute ensued with a partial owner eventually boarding the property for illegal trespassing by the students and faculty. The suit was eventually resolved when Julius G Seelye

purchased the property and officially made it a public school in 1858.

The first religion to settle in the area was the Quaker Society, also owners of the Quaker house, which consisted of 7 families and was organized around 1812. One of the original families was Julius and Joanna Seelye.

Today Knoxville has roughly 617 residents and 242 households according to the 2000 census.

