

# DEVELOPING LEADERS

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## Opening Retreat at His Thousand Hills



Back Row L-R; Robin Flynn, Peggy Cressman, Rebecca Charles, Joey Heckler, Brett Kennedy, Christie Blackwell, Alex Miller. Front Row L-R; Herb Frank, Brett Huzey, Katie Mays, Tammy Cleveland, Tracy Fousnought, William Post, Melissa Belz.

Alexander Miller, Mansfield University; and William Post, First Citizens National Bank. This year's newsletter will provide an opportunity for you to get to know this year's CLP participants.

Participants gathered on a gorgeous autumn afternoon for opening remarks by Robert J. Blair, TCDC; Christie Blackwell, Leadership Coordinator, and the CLP CoChairs: Joey Heckler, Northwest Savings Bank and Brett Kennedy, Kennedy Home Center. After introductions and

review of the program structure, format and expectations, Joey and Brett lead the group in some "Ice Breaker" activities.

After a break for a delicious dinner prepared by the staff of His Thousand Hills, the Class of 2011 was divided into two groups to learn about the team projects designed to span the duration of the program. The first group will be working with the American Cancer Society, specifically Sandy Beideman, Community Cancer Control Specialist.

Tioga County Development Corporation's *Community Leadership Program (CLP)*, a subsidiary program of Leadership Tioga County kicked off its 9<sup>th</sup> season on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> during an overnight leadership retreat held at His Thousand Hills near Wellsboro. The Class of 2011 is comprised of 11 professionals representing local businesses. They are Melissa Belz, Parente Beard, LLC; Rebecca Charles, Laurel Health System, Bradford Tioga Head Start, Tammy Cleveland, US Army Corps of Engineers, Peggy Cressman, HMA USA, LLC; Robin Flynn, Laurel Health System; Tracy Fousnought, Laurel Health System; Herb Frank, Mansfield University; Brett Huzey, HMA USA, LLC; Kathleen Mays, Citizens and Northern Bank;



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This project will revolve around the research protocols for the Cancer Prevention Study (CPS-3) studying the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer. The second group will focus on the creation of this newsletter and other press releases as well as the planning and facilitation of the recruitment strategies for the *Community Leadership Program*. Lastly this group will host the *CLP Mixer* in the spring to highlight the accomplishments of this class, celebrate with program alumni and present the public with information regarding *CLP* and other programs offered by Leadership Tioga County.

The second day dawned to a beautiful sunrise over the fall foliage in the hills surrounding Wellsboro. After individual presentations on leadership themed books read by participants over the summer; Brett Kennedy presented the concept of personal mission statements and guided questioning to help develop a personal mission statement designed to support participants in their own personal growth throughout the program. The final portion of the retreat was spent with Paul Burhans of His Thousand Hills who presented some ropes course challenges designed facilitate teamwork and personal growth.

Team building often includes ice breakers, elements and



One of many round table discussions involving thought on personal growth and leadership building.

initiatives designed to present problems and challenges on varying scales of difficulty for participants to solve, build or otherwise complete while working together. The activities presented in this retreat were of the low-ropes variety. High ropes courses are designed to promote and develop more individual skills or to facilitate the growth of a two or three member team. Activities are designed to cast off preconceived notions, take people out of their normal element, and encourage play. Those participating often sign or otherwise commit to a “Full Value Contract” focusing on safety, honesty and full participation. Safety of the group physically and emotionally are key points integral to the success of any adventure challenge experience.

Team members will meet again on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Hospital for presentations on Health Communities with *CLP* alumni Sue Sticklin, Mary Aumick, Jane Palmer, and SueAnne Carson. We look forward to another dynamic learning experience with our Co-Chairs Brett and Joey, Leadership Coordinator Christie and of course, a visit from *TCDC* President and CEO, Robert J. Blair.

## CLP Spotlight—Melissa Belz

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Melissa Belz is our featured member of the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2011 for October. She lives in Wellsboro with her husband, Eric (her high school sweetheart) and two daughters, Kristina who is two and Jennifer who is eight months. Melissa graduated from Bloomsburg University with a BS in Business Administration and a BA in Economics. She accepted a position with Parente Randolph (now ParenteBeard) upon her graduation from college and continues to be employed there. As an accountant, Melissa serves her clients primarily in the preparation of tax returns, financial statements, accounting services, and audit engagements.

Melissa became involved with the *Community Leadership Program* upon recommendation from her boss. She is interested in increasing her knowledge of Tioga County and looking for opportunities to become more involved in the community.

She currently volunteers with the Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce and assists with some of the events they sponsor and are involved with.

During her free time, Melissa enjoys playing with her girls, shooting pool and riding motorcycle with her husband.

When asked to describe her perfect day out and about in Tioga County, she would eat lunch at the Diner or Native Bagel in Wellsboro and spend the rest of the day enjoy the views at the Canyon.

During the retreat, Melissa enjoyed meeting new people from various different industries. She is looking to enhance her leadership abilities.

Five Simple Rules for Happiness: 1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from worries. 3. Live Simply. 4. Give more. 5. Expect less.



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## Snapshots from The Class of 2011 Retreat



### *Youth Leadership Program Studies Diversity*

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On October 5, 2010, Diversity was the topic for the *Tioga County Development Corporation Youth Leadership Program Class of 2011*. The class participated in Session 1 Living in a Diverse Community at Partners In Progress. The Session was sponsored by Partners In Progress.

T.E.A.M 1 was the team assigned to Session 1. Team Members are Tarah Doty, Wellsboro High School; Katey Megivern, North Penn High School; Tyler Roan, Liberty High School; Devin Smith, Elkland High School and Melissa Vollman, Liberty High School. Team 1 did a presentation on the mission statement of Partners In Progress and how they serve individuals with disabilities

and Jeff Himes, Penn State Cooperative Extension presented exercises on the importance of values & ethics from the Penn State University Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow Curriculum. The Class of 2011 also presented on their Family Tree,

highlighting information on their family heritage, family heirlooms and traditions.

**Session 2** Healthy Communities will be held at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro on November 9, 2010.



*Pictured from left to right: Devyn Smith, Tyler Roan, Tarah Doty, Katey Megivern and Melissa Vollman.*

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## Schedule of Events

- 11/5/10—Cashing-in on Geocaching, Trails Conference. 9:30am to 4:30 pm at the Emporium Country Club, Route 120, Emporium, PA. Call 814-486-0213 for info and registration. Cost associated.
- 11/6/10- Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital has teamed up with Dunham's to present the HOLIDAY SOIREE, the shopping spectacular of the season! On November 6, 2010, a ticket holder will receive 20 percent off of any dinner item at the Penn Wells and a 20 percent discount from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Dunham's department store and furniture gallery. Ticket holders also enjoy a door prizes, craft and cooking demonstrations, delicious food, exciting entertainment, and free gift-wrapping! Tickets are \$15, and ticket sale proceeds support Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call (570) 723-0191 or stop into Dunham's department store.
- 11/7-28/10—Gmeiner arts & Cultural Center presents Corning NY artist David Higgins. Free to the public. Hours are 7 days a week from 2-5PM.
- 11/13/10- Hamilton Gibson presents " Love Letters". A.R. Gurney's unusual love story featuring Richard Gillespie and Maravene Loeschke. November 13 at 7:30; November 14 at 2:30 Warehouse.
- 11/15/10- Black Bear Hunting Season starts.
- 11/19-20/10—Wellsboro Holiday Open House. Downtown Wellsboro participating businesses will be hosting a Holiday Open House with refreshments, photos w/ Santa, special promotions and more!
- 11/20/10—Christmas Craft Bazaar. 10:00am to 4:00pm Galeton High School.
- 11/29/10— Deer Hunting Season starts

## Get Outside in Tioga County!



November is quite a magical time of year. The leaves are starting to turn into beautiful shades of red and orange. This time of year Tioga County driving is absolutely breath taking and full of vibrant colors. But, soon the snow will be falling and the days will most likely not see 50 degree's.

The Tioga County hunters are getting ready for hunting season. They are full of excitement and to be able to hunt the many acres of State Game Lands and State Forests. Hunters have the option to start by taking their children squirrel hunting. If this does not appeal to hunters then the Game

Commission stocks pheasants early for a special youth hunt. The youth hunt starts on October 9<sup>th</sup> and is open for all hunters until the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A tradition with many hunters in the area is the turkey hunting season. This starts on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and runs almost to Thanksgiving. Bear hunting is also huge and popular in the Tioga County community. Some individuals travel long distances to enjoy all the different hunting opportunities in our county. Tioga County has a lot of hunting camps and bed and breakfasts to offer.

Archery hunting for whitetail deer is also very exciting and attractive to hunters. The deer become more active and are

moving into their breeding cycles. This becomes an exciting time to be in the woods of Tioga County. This is also prime time for having the opportunity to catch some of the largest bass within our lakes. The reason for these large bass at this time is due to them prepping for winter. So don't miss out on all the hunting and fishing opportunities that Tioga County has to offer!



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*Session 2 Will take place on November 5th, 2010 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital. The topic will be Healthy Communities. Presenters will be Ferlin Patrick, Director of Physician Services, Laurel Health System and Deb Adkins, Tioga Partnership for Community Health, Tioga County Department of Human Services.*

## The Town Crier—Blossburg Pennsylvania



In 1792 a group of immigrant workers establishing a route between Williamsport PA and Painted Post NY discovered coal along the river banks of the Tioga. As the coal miners settled into the region the group setup a small supply camp called “Peters Camp”.

The first real coal mining production was in 1810 when David Clemens had made the first real attempt to mine and market coal in the area. The productive mine was called Bear Run and was opened around 1812 and served mainly the populated area to the north in Painted Post NY.

In 1801, Aaron Bloss had moved to the area and opened a lower coal vein of the Bear Run mine that supplied only the local demands. The vein became

known as the Bloss Vein. Bloss made the first attempt to found a township and sometime around 1818 had changed the name from “peters camp” to Blossburg. Blossburg wasn’t officially incorporated as a borough however until August of 1871.

The first production coal efforts were only on a small scale as roads during this time weren’t well established and what was available were in very poor condition. With the relative closeness to the Corning NY area, the Blossburg Coal production was mainly shipped to Albany NY from Corning by Railway and Canals and then onto Philadelphia PA.

The word that well

producing coal mines of Blossburg spread fast and businessmen began to have an interest in the small production town to develop industry that could profit from the black veins of coal. Soon thereafter, in 1826, Judge John H Knapp setup the first iron ore smelting business of the area.

For more than 150 years, the coal business played a vital role in the development of Blossburg and today ward manufacturing is a descendant of the coal mining industry and is currently the largest business operating in the Blossburg area.

