



# DEVELOPING LEADERS

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## Community Leadership Program Attends Session 6 The Political Process

The *Leadership Tioga County Community Leadership Program* traveled to Harrisburg on Tuesday, March 16 for session six; the political process. In preparation for the session, *CLP* participants attended elected officials public meetings (either Borough Council, Township Supervisors, School Board or County Commissioners).

Bright and early Tuesday morning, participants drove to Harrisburg, meeting at the historical Strawberry Square. From there, the group walked over to the Capitol building, stepping into the rotunda which was filled with people. There were tours, grade school students being specially recognized, a military recruitment program and much more; all in a day's work for the Capitol building. PA State Representative Matt Baker met the group and connected them with their capitol tour guide. During the 30 minute tour, the group learned about the architectural history and artistic highlights of the building as a whole, as well as specific rooms inside.

The tour concluded and *CLP* participants visited the Informational Center within the Capitol building. Did you know that Pennsylvania's state dog is the Great Dane? Following a historical video presentation, the group left the Informational Center to meet Representative Baker for lunch.

Matt Baker, who is serving his ninth term in the House of Representatives, representing all of Tioga County and western Bradford County, invited the class to tour his office. During a tasty lunch, which was provided by Dominion Transmission, Representative Baker provided an update on what he is working on and answered related questions. Following lunch *CLP* participants met with Senator Joseph B. Scarnati on the Senate floor. On their way to tour the Lieutenant Governor's office, the group ran in to a *CLP* alumnus who was on a tour with a different group – what a small world!



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## Community Leadership Program Attends Session 6 The Political Process *(continued)*



The Class ended their day by attending an open session, where Senator Scarnati personally recognized and thanked them for visiting. As a result of Session 6, members of the CLP program increased their knowledge and awareness of government, meeting management, the judicial system and the public policy process.

On Thursday, March 25, the Gmeiner Arts & Culture Center was filled with warm tidings, good food, great information, CLP alumni and prospective CLP participants for the annual TCDC Community Leadership Program Recruitment and Reunion Mixer. Attendees networked and reconnected while enjoying the tasty hors d'oeuvres provided by The Wrens Nest. Jason

Gehman, North Voice Communications & TCDC Director, the evening's MC, started the mixer's program by sharing a story on leadership and inspirational quotes. Mark Janelli and Rennie Woodhouse, recent graduates of the CLP program, spoke next and detailed the benefits and advantages they acquired as a result of their participation in the *Community Leadership Program*. Rob Carleton spoke next by providing an employer's perspective, commenting on the growth and connections he has seen among CLP participants. Following Carleton, the current CLP class divided into their teams (Group 1 – Tioga's Got Talent, Group 2 – Public Information Strategy LIVE, Group 3 – *Leadership Tioga County*) and shared information and an overview on each of their team projects. Robert J. Blair, TCDC President/CEO, provided the closing remarks, and the door prizes, which were generously donated by local businesses and organizations, were distributed.

*Thank you to all who donated to and attended the 2010 Recruitment and Reunion Mixer!*



### Ingredients:

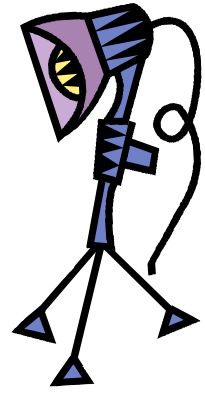
- 1 21oz package of brownie mix
- 1 can of Eagle Condensed milk
- 1/2 cup Cold Water
- 1 (4 Serving) Package of Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 4oz of Cool Whip
- 1qt. of Strawberries

## Strawberry Brownie Torte!

### Directions:

1. Grease two 9" round cake pans, line with wax paper (extend sides up) Grease wax paper.
2. Prepare Brownie Mix as directed for cake- like brownies.
3. Pour mix into pans.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool
5. In large bowl, mix milk and water, beat in pudding mix.
6. Chill for 15 minutes, fold in cool whip.
7. Cover first layer of brownie with topping. Add sliced strawberries, then place 2nd brownie on top.
8. Add remaining topping and decoratively add strawberries to top.
9. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

# The CLP Class of 2010 Spotlight Shines On Amanda Blumling



This session's *CLP* spotlight is Amanda Blumling. Amanda resides in Lawrenceville with her fiancé Mick and her two children, Abigail age seven and Landon age five. An animal lover, Amanda also has a cat named Sam and four goldfish. She was born in Pittsburgh and moved to Tioga County twelve years ago. Amanda has worked for First Citizens National Bank for seven years as a Customer Service Counselor I. In her position she opens accounts which include checking, savings, IRA's and Certificate of Deposits. She is in Loan Training and also a part of the Honor's Program.

Amanda is active in community activities including Relay for Life. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys being outside, playing with her children, dirt track racing and watching football. Her favorite food is seafood.

During the retreat at *His Thousand Hills* Amanda enjoyed meeting new people. Her expectations of the Leadership program are to enhance her leadership skills. She also wants to improve on her public speaking skills. "Do unto others as you want done to yourself" by unknown author is a quote that Amanda lives by each day.



**Don't count the days, make the days count.**

- Muhammad Ali

**Attention Tioga County (PA) Residents:**

**Do you...** Sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Have a band? Do stand up comedy or have some other talent? Share your hidden talent at...

# Tioga's Got Talent!

on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 6 p.m. at  
Mansfield University's Straughn Auditorium  
There will be **CASH PRIZES!**



Demonstrate your talent in one of the following categories:

- ✓ Vocal
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Band/Instrumental
- ✓ Other

Performers must pre-register by completing an application (available by contacting one of the *CLP* Team 1 members listed below) or on-line at our Facebook page: [Tioga GotTalent!](#) The deadline to enter is Friday, April 9.

**The cost to enter is \$5 for an individual act, \$10 for a group act.**

All performers must attend a sound and lights check Friday evening, April 16. Times will be scheduled for each act beginning at 4:30 p.m. Organizers reserve the right to cancel the show or combine classes in the event of insufficient entries.

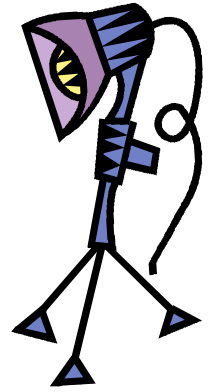
For more information, a copy of the rules or an application, contact:  
**Natalie Kennedy** at (570) 724-2287 days or (570) 724-2342 evenings  
or **Chrissi Copp** at (570) 439-7087  
or email: [tiogagottalent@yahoo.com](mailto:tiogagottalent@yahoo.com).

Open to those age 14 and up!  
Visit us on Facebook at *Tioga GotTalent!*

**Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.** - Albert Einstein

# The CLP Spotlight Shines On CLP Class of 2009 Alumni

## Lisa Banik



This session's *CLP* Alumni spotlight is Lisa Banik. Lisa is a graduate of the 2009 class. She resides in Wellsboro with her husband Steve and her daughter, Alexis age seven. Lisa also has two cats, one dog and a miniature farm with one horse, fifteen chickens and two steer. Lisa works for First Citizens National Bank as the Marketing Analyst. Creating and maintaining a unified and consistent process for the management and analysis of bank customers, market analysis and competitive analysis relative to the Bank's market position and profitability targets are just a few of her responsibilities.

Lisa is active in many community activities including Relay for Life, volunteering for the 1890's in Mansfield, 4-H club projects and she is a member of the PTA. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys playing with Alexis, crafts, knitting and going for walks. Her favorite food is anything Italian.

With her participation in the program, Lisa has grown both personally and professionally. It has shown her the importance of community involvement, team work and what Tioga County has to offer. A quote that Lisa lives by each day is "You don't have to see the whole staircase... Just take the first step." Martin Luther King Jr.



### Did You Know? PA State Capitol Facts

- ◆ The General Assembly chose Harrisburg as its permanent location in 1810.
- ◆ On October 4, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt visits the capitol building and pronounces it as "the handsomest building I ever saw".
- ◆ In 1987 the new East Wing is opened adding almost 400,000 square feet of space to the capitol.
- ◆ On December 5, 2006 the Nation Park Service designates the capitol as a National Historic Landmark.
- ◆ The Rotunda stands 272 feet tall and is illuminated by 48 portholes and nearly 4,000 lights.
- ◆ There are 24 stained glass windows in the House and Senate chambers combined. Each represents a theme which is prevalent in Pennsylvania, such as Education, Justice and Liberty.

**Check out the crossword puzzle below, which is filled with names, locations characteristics and other words related to *Leadership Tioga County* and the *CLP Program*.  
Have fun!**



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CAPITOL  
 HARRISBURG  
 LIEUTENANTGOVERNOR  
 SUPREMECOURT

CAUCUS  
 JOESCARNATTI  
 MATTBAKER  
 THEHOUSE

COMMONWEALTH  
 LEADERSHIP  
 ROTUNDA  
 THESENATE



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## Youth Leadership Program Are Guests of the Government

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To learn about government at the local, state and federal levels, students in the *Tioga County Development Corporation Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program* attended the Tioga County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 9, 2010 and heard presentations from officials representing all three levels. Also, the handful of students which comprise Leadership Team 6 read a resolution to the commissioners designating April 11, 2010 the program's graduation day, as Youth Leadership Day in Tioga County. The motion passed unanimously.



Shown in front of the courthouse include: (front, from left) Commissioner Mark Hamilton, Commissioner Sue Vogler, Commissioner Erick Coolidge and (second row, left) Mike Glazer, field representative for U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson. The students are from Northern Tioga, Southern Tioga and Wellsboro Area school districts and New Covenant Academy.

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**Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless.**

- Jamie Paolinetti