



Developing Leaders

April 2008 Session 7 & Mixer

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Tioga County Development Corporation's Community Leadership Program Class of 2008 had their seventh session on Friday, April 4, 2008. The session, sponsored by PenTeleData and Mansfield University, was titled "Technology, Information Literacy and Communication" and was held at Mansfield University in Memorial Hall.

To start the Day, Mansfield University Provost Dr. Michael Renner welcomed the *CLP* Class of 2008 to Mansfield University. Dr. Renner was followed by Lindsay Sikorski, who gave the *CLP* group an overview of the day and a tour of Memorial Hall, which is available for community use.

The first learning session of the day was presented by Patty Vlajic of First Citizens National Bank, who is also a *TCDC* Director. Patty discussed the Dangers of Technology. She gave real life examples of fraud and identity theft. Patty's presentation was informative and scary!



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A panel discussion followed Patty's presentation. Al Quimby of PenTeleData, Jason Gehman, owner of Gehmans LLP, and Joe Bubacz of Laurel Health System participated in a round table discussion about technology and how it affects business in our area. Most of the discussion centered on the challenges of getting current technology to our area.

Dr. Dennis Murray of Mansfield University gave the next presentation on Communications and Interpersonal Skills Practice. Dr. Murray gave an informative talk about how to communicate and really listen to what other people are saying. Dr. Murray had listening activities for the group and had the *CLP* group re-evaluate how to manage conflict and conversations with other people. Lunch, which was sponsored by PenTeleData, followed Dr. Murray's presentation.



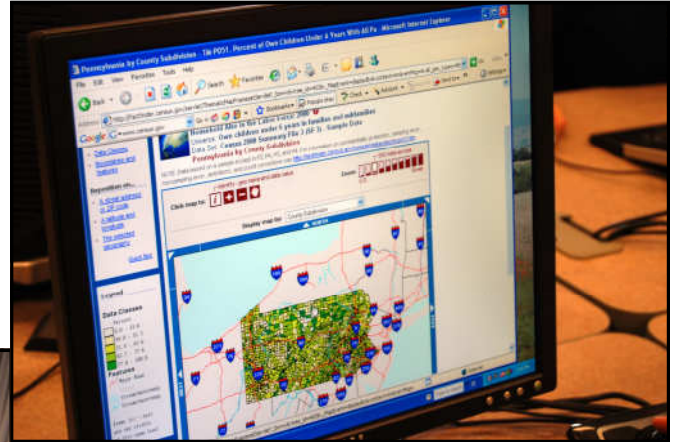
After lunch, Dr. Sharon Carrish gave an interactive presentation about Dinner and Table Etiquette. Dr. Carrish was a wealth of knowledge about business dining, proper table etiquette, and of course, which fork to use for your salad! Dr. Carrish had the group practice proper etiquette using a fork and knife at the table and explained that being knowledgeable in etiquette gives professionals confidence and also an edge in the business world.

Al Quimby from PenTeleData took the floor for a second time to discuss Networking and Business Etiquette. Al gave some tips on how to network at business functions and how to maximize time spent at business functions by making contacts.

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The day ended with a session from Dr. Kathy Thorne of Mansfield University. Dr. Thorne introduced the CLP class to a data mapping system on the U.S. Government's webpage. Anyone can go to the webpage and get samples of data from the latest census survey. The session was hands on and really gave the CLP group a great source of information.



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2008 CLP MIXER

The *Tioga County Development Corporation's Community Leadership Program* Class of 2008 held the 5th **Annual Recruitment and Reunion Mixer** March 27, 2007 at the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center in Wellsboro, PA. About 50 people attended the mixer, 14 of those people are potential candidates for the 2009 *Community Leadership Program*. The Recruitment and Reunion mixer was sponsored by **HMAC (Hitachi Metals Automotive Components USA LLC; Ward Manufacturing LLC and First Citizens National Bank**.

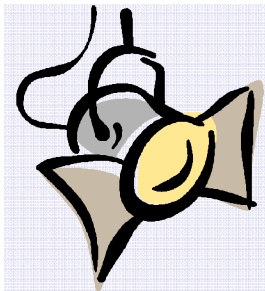
The mixer is an annual event that gives alumni a chance to mingle with each other along with current participants. The mixer also allows future participants a chance to find out what the program is all about. "Once again our *CLP* Team showed their leadership abilities and conducted a very successful Leadership Mixer. Thanks to organizational skills of Amy Letts, Laurie Hamblin, Tiny Finch and Joey Heckler, the evening was a great success with many potential candidates for next year in attendance." stated Bob Blair, President/CEO of the *Tioga County Development Corporation*. We also thank our Corporate Sponsors . . . **HMAC/Wellsboro, Ward Manufacturing LLC and First Citizens National Bank . . .** for making the event possible.

Community Leadership Program Class of 2009 applications are available at the **TCDC Office 114 Main Street, Wellsboro** or call **723-8232**.



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Spotlight



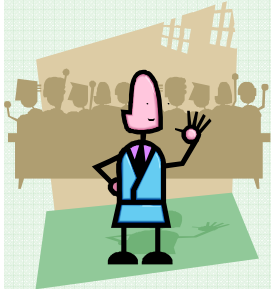
Melissa Wise, *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2008 participant, was raised in Mansfield with her two sisters. She is very family oriented and spends a lot of her time with her sister's family who lives between Tioga and Lawrenceville. She loves children and her pride and joy are her two nephews. The rest of her family lives locally and she also loves to spend time with them.

Melissa graduated from Mansfield High School in 1998 and then continued her education at Penn State University graduating in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

She is putting her education to use as the Commercial Deposits Business Development Officer at First Citizens National Bank in Mansfield. She was promoted to this position in late 2007 after being the Assistant Manager of the Mansfield Branch of FCNB. In 1999 she began with the bank as a part-time teller.

For fun and relaxation she likes to knit. Melissa is in the process of becoming a Big Sister and also runs the nursery at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. She is a team captain for one of the FCNB Relay for Life teams which consistently raise over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society each year.

Melissa chose to join the *Community Leadership Program* with hopes to improve her networking skills, increase her confidence and learn more about Tioga County and its wonderful citizens. She really likes Martin Luther King's Quote, "You don't have to see the whole staircase...Just take the first step." She also likes the quote by Dr. Seuss, "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is more youer than you."



YLP CLASS OF 2008

TEEN SCENE

This month we would like to shine the spotlight on Julie Martin, a participant in *TCDC's Youth Leadership Program*. Julie is in the 11th grade at Liberty High School and is the daughter of Randy and Cheryl Martin. She is very active in and out of school.

At school she's busy with soccer, basketball, band, chorus, Key Club, National Honor Society, and she is the Vice President of her junior class. Outside of school she is busy with the church youth group, worship team, girls Bible study, and being a camp counselor.

By participating in this year's *Youth Leadership Program* she says she feels much more confident with her public speaking skills, which will undoubtedly help her with any future career path that she may chose.

Her favorite part of the program this year has been getting to meet new people and stepping out of her comfort zone in the process. It has been good for her to stretch herself in different ways during each session, such as not knowing anyone in the beginning of the program and also giving speeches.

Julie's future plans include participating in an intern program with Three Springs Ministries located in Morris, PA for one year. Then she hopes to attend a Christian college and major in Teaching and Missions. Then one day she hopes to teach in another country... possibly Africa! Julie moved here two years ago from New Jersey and by the sounds of it, will soon be off making her way in the world. Good Luck Julie!



FINAL THOUGHTS

The first rule of any technology used in a business is that automation applied to an efficient operation will magnify the efficiency. The second is that automation applied to an inefficient operation will magnify the inefficiency. - Bill Gates

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. - Arthur C. Clarke

Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot. - Clarence Thomas

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength. - Eric Hoffer

Associate with well-mannered persons and your manners will improve. Run around with decent folk and your own decent instincts will be strengthened. - Stanley Walker

Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back. - Thomas Sowell, Creators Syndicate

Manners maketh man. - William of Wykeham, Motto of Winchester College and New College, Oxford

He removes the greatest ornament of friendship, who takes away from it respect. - Cicero

If you want to be respected, you must respect yourself. - Spanish Proverb

The way to procure insults is to submit to them: a man meets with no more respect than he exacts. - William Hazlitt

That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong. - William J. H. Boetcker