

Public Affairs Program CONTACT

The program airs Sundays on the following stations:

6 A.M. WKKO

7:00 A.M. WWWM

7:30 A.M. WRQN,

6:30 A.M. WXKR,

6:15 A.M. WLQR,

6 A.M. WRWK

January 6, 2013

Guest: Dean Sparks, Executive Director, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The need has increased for the number of foster parents. We discuss how foster parents are recruited and trained.

January 13, 2013

Guest: Rob Ludeman, Toledo City Councilman

Topic: Government

Discussion: What are the main issues in 2013 facing the city council, such as economic development, budget balancing, infrastructure repair.

January 20, 2013

Guest: Stan Odesky, political pollster

Topic: Government; politics

Discussion: Political trends that are expected to impact the political scene this year.

January 27, 2013

Guest: Pastor Steven Anthony, Director, Toledo Area Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Discussion revolved around issues affecting Toledo's poor. The Ministries Feed the Neighbor campaign affects 80,000 people.

February 3, 2013

Guest: Chris Crowser and Tim Ward from SCORE

Topic: Business

Discussion: SCORE offers counseling for entrepreneurs. They discuss how the program works and how individuals can get in contact them.

February 10, 2013

Guest: Dan Rodgers, Director, Cherry Street Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussions: We discuss the homeless problem in Toledo and the efforts underway to help.

February 17, 2013

Guest: John Trunk, Superintendent, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The discussion revolved around the Governor's new Employment First Initiative, which assumes people with developmental disabilities can be employed in the community.

February 24, 2013

Guest: Karen Mathison, President, United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Mrs. Mathison is the new president of the United Way. We discussed the long-range plan of the United Way to address the issues of unemployment, education, and parenting.

March 3, 2013

Guest: Anne Ruggerio, President, Junior League of Toledo

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The Junior League is involved in fundraising activities to benefit the impoverished. One of their biggest fundraisers, the Chocolate Soire, is coming soon.

March 10, 2013

Guest: Lee Conklin, anchorman, WTVG-TV

Topic: Politics

Discussion: We discuss what could be the big news stories of 2013, especially focusing on the upcoming Toledo mayoral election.

March 17, 2013

Guest: Toledo State Representative Teresa Fedor

Topic: Crime

Discussion: Representative Fedor sponsored legislation to increase penalties for human trafficking. Human trafficking is a growing problem, especially in Toledo.

March 24, 2013

Guest: Holly Hoagland-fojtik, Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio

Topic: Health

Discussion: Healthy habits for your kidney, support groups, and current activities and fundraisers for the Kidney Foundation.

March 31, 2013

Guest: Deanna Wadsworth, Romance Writers, Maumee Valley Chapter

Topic: Charitable giving, career assistance

Discussion: Romance Writers will have its annual event at a branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library to help new writers develop their work, learn about the publishing business, and help them find agents.

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April 7, 2013

Guest: Meg Ressler, Women's Initiative, United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: This organization addresses issues affecting women and children in the community. Their special project is an outreach to underprivileged children in the inner city helping them to learn to read.

April 14, 2013

Guest: Ty Szumigala, Taste of Toledo

Topic: Human Services/Health

Discussion: Taste of Toledo is one of the largest fundraisers for children's issues. We discuss the event and how the revenues will be utilized.

April 21, 2013

Guest: Kara Steele, Life Connections of Ohio

Topic: Human Services/Health Care

Discussion: Organ donation, myths and realities. The discussion also focused on the need and how an individual can become an organ donor.

Guest: Michelle Self, William Syndrome Association

Topic: Human Services/Health

Discussion: What is this rare affliction and how it is treated.

April 28, 2013

Guest: Linell Weinberg, Autism Society of Northwest Ohio

Topic: Human Service/Health Care

Discussion: April is Autism Awareness Month. The discussion focused on defining the autism spectrum, needs of families, and pending legislation.

May 5, 2013

Guest: Bill Spencer, meteorologist

Topic: Safety

Discussion: Severe weather season has arrived. How can we recognize severe conditions and what are the precautions we should take.

May 12, 2013

Guest: Dr. Larry Hamme, Chief Clinical Officer, Harbor Behavioral

Topic: Human Services/Safety

Discussion: Prom season. We discuss the dangers of drinking and driving and what parents should know and do.

May 19, 2013

Guest: Jeff Sailor, Director, Toledo Zoo

Topic: Community Services; government

Discussion: Sailor is the new executive director of the Toledo. We discuss his plans and vision for the future of the Zoo.

May 26, 2013

Guest: Rob Langenderfer, computer security expert

Topic: Crime

Discussion: Langenderfer is a volunteer for SCORE helping execute a seminar for small business owners on cyber security.

June 2, 2013

Guest: Douglas Siebenaler, Sunshine Children Home

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: We discuss the mission of Sunshine, a residential facility for persons with developmental disabilities and how services/supports for these individuals has changed through the years.

June 9, 2013

Guest: Pam Hays, the Arms Forces

Topic: Charity fundraiser

Discussion: This organization helps returning veterans who have a traumatic brain injury. The discussion focused on their needs and how difficult it is for them to deal with this condition.

June 16, 2013

Guest: Jill Borkowski, Humane Ohio

Topic: Feral animal problem

Discussion: It's breeding season so we want to remind people that there's a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in town and make sure they know about our current specials before they find themselves with an accidental litter of puppies or kittens that are expensive to care for and contribute to pet overpopulation.

June 23, 2013

Guest: Rob Langenderfer, computer security expert

Topic: Crime

Discussion: Continuing the discussion from a previous show about how to secure your computer from hackers.

June 30, 2013

Guest: Lisa Kovacek, University of Toledo

Topic: Human Services, Bullying

Discussion: Dr. Kovacek is the author of the book "School Shootings and Suicide." She discusses concepts from the book and how parents can recognize bullying with their children.

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July 7, 2013

Guest: Toledo City Councilman D. Michael Collins
Topic: Local Government
Discussion: The discussion revolved around municipal funds and projects. Collins is also a potential candidate for mayor.

July 14, 2013

Guest: Jeanne Reese, from Harbor Behavioral
Topic: Human Services/Health
Discussion: How to recognize mental health issues in family members and friends... and steps that you could take to help. Suicide prevention is a key factor in recognizing mental health issues.

July 21, 2013

Guest: Roy Cherry, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Center
Topic: Human Services/Health Care
Discussion: How to respond to a person having an epileptic attack, what are the myths about epilepsy. Epilepsy Center is having an open house at its new facilities.

Guest: James Drury, Television Actor
Topic: Human Services/Health
Discussion: Drury is the special guest for a charity horse show and rodeo

July 28, 2013

Guest: Alicia Wagner, Women's Entrepreneurial Network
Topic: Employment
Discussion: How women are networking in the business world. Also, how women can be supported as business entrepreneurs.

August 4, 2013

Guest: Stephanie Speck & Kelly Schroeder, Harbor Behavioral
Topic: Health
Discussion: We talk about mental health first aid. Just as there are steps to take to address a physical injury, there are also things we can do to address mental health issues in a first aid manner.

August 11, 2013 (repeat broadcast from previous week)

Guest: Stephanie Speck & Kelly Schroeder, Harbor Behavioral
Topic: Health
Discussion: We talk about mental health first aid. Just as there are steps to take to address a physical injury, there are also things we can do to address mental health issues in a first aid manner.

August 18, 2013

Guest: Lee Powell, Head Pastor, Cedar Creek
Topic: Crime and rehabilitation
Discussion: Cedar Creek is taking a lead in public awareness of the issue of human trafficking. Also, there are programs locally and worldwide to assist women who have been forced into prostitution and want to start life anew.

August 25, 2013

Guest: Julie Malkin, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: August is Foster Parenting Month. The need for foster parents is great. Lucas County Children Services is having a recruitment and training for new foster parents.

September 1, 2013

Guest: Steve Anthony, Executive Director of Toledo Area Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Toledo Area Ministries operates a program called *Second Chance*. This is a rehabilitation program for women who have been forced into prostitution.

September 8, 2013

Guest: Karen Bade, Assistance Dogs

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: What are assistance dogs? How are they trained. A big fundraiser is coming soon called *Dealin' for Dogs*.

Guest: Ovarian Cancer

Topic: Health

Discussion: Can ovarian cancer be prevented, what are the treatments, and how can I find a support group were questions discussed.

September 15, 2013

Guest: Jill Borkowski, Humane Ohio

Topic: Ferral animal problem

Discussion: It's breeding season so we want to remind people that there's a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in town and make sure they know about our current specials before they find themselves with an accidental litter of puppies or kittens that are expensive to care for and contribute to pet overpopulation.

September 21, 2013

Guest: Dawn Christiansen, Executive Director of the Sight Center

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The discussion revolved around services provided by the Sight Center, how to address individuals with sight impairments, and the upcoming *White Cane Walk* fundraiser.

September 28, 2013

Guest: Jim Gee, General Manager of Toledo Area Regional Transportation Association

Topic: Government, economic development

Discussion: The importance of a strong regional public transit system was discussed. There is an issue on the November ballot that would pull a local community out of the transit system, jeopardizing regional economic development efforts and transportation for the elderly and persons with handicaps.

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October 6, 2013

Guest: Toledo City Councilman D. Michael Collins and Toledo Mayor Mike Bell

Topic: Local Government

Discussion: Excerpts from a recent voters' forum featuring excerpts from both candidates for mayor.

October 13, 2013

Guest: Representatives from the Toledo Public Schools, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

Topic: Local Government/Human Services/Education

Discussion: Excerpts from the voters forum sponsored by Maumee Valley Civitan and the Toledo/Lucas County Commission on Disabilities. Each organization has a levy on the November ballot and presented its case for passage.

October 20, 2013

Guest: Ken Leslie, activist and organizer of the Homeless Awareness Project

Topic: Homelessness/Human Services

Discussion: The annual project creates public awareness about the homeless issue in the Toledo community and how the average citizen can become in efforts to address it.

October 27, 2013

Guest: Jill Borkowski, Humane Ohio

Topic: Feral animals

Discussion: Humane Ohio has a government grant to collect and neuter feral cats. This organization also operates a pet food bank.

Guest: Roy Cherry, Director, Epilepsy Center

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The Epilepsy Center offers support services, residential services and employment training for persons with epilepsy and other developmental disabilities. The center is opening a new main facility.

November 3, 2013

Guest: Representatives from Honor Flight of Northwest Ohio

Topic: Support for Veterans

Discussion: Honor Flight transports World War II veterans to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C. The organization is preparing its final flight of the year and is in need of financial support.

November 10, 2013

Guest: Chris Kozak, Columbia Gas of Ohio

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: An in depth discussion of the various programs available to persons who need financial assistance to prevent a disconnection of service.

November 17, 2013

Guest: Pam Hayes, founder, the Arms Forces
Topic: Support for Veterans
Discussion: Dancing with Veterans is the non-profit's biggest annual event. This organization works with veterans who have traumatic brain injuries.

November 24, 2013

Guest: Dick Eppstein, Better Business Bureau
Topic: Consumer safety
Discussion: An in-depth discussion of how consumers should be mindful of online scams and the safe way to shop on the Internet.

December 1, 2013

Guest: Amanda Aldrich, American Red Cross
Topic: Safety
Discussion: Preparations for the winter season to stay safe. Also the discussion focused on safe travel tips for the holiday season. There was also discussion on how people can volunteer with the Red Cross to assist with disaster response.

December 8

Rebroadcast of December 1st program

December 15, 2013

Guest: Zach Stewart, Feet on the Street
Topic: Human Services
Discussion: Each year, this organization matches needy children with Toledo Police officers for an opportunity to go Christmas gift shopping.

December 22, 2013

Topic: The Year in Review. The broadcast from ABC News reaps the major news events of the year and why they are significant.

December 29, 2013

Topic: More of the Year in review programming from ABC News