

Public Affairs Program CONTACT

The program airs Sundays on the following stations:

7:00 A.M. WWWM

7:30 A.M. WRQN,

6:30 A.M. WXKR, WKKO

6:15 A.M. WLQR,

6 A.M. WRWK

January 5, 2014

Guest: Special feature from ABC News

Topic: Current Events

Discussion: A look back at the significant news stories of 2014 and their impacts

January 12, 2014

Guest: Toledo State Representative Teresa Fedor

Topic: Government

Discussion: A recording of her special presentation in the Atrium of the Statehouse on the issue of Human Trafficking. This program discusses how severe the problem is locally and throughout Ohio and what the state legislature is doing.

January 19, 2013

Guest: Lindsey Walters, President of the Junior League

Topic: Human Services, Volunteerism

Discussion: Ms. Walters discusses the programs developed by this volunteer organization and their impact on the greater Toledo community. Many of the programs address social issues such as poverty and education.

January 26, 2014

Guest: Chris Kozak, spokesman for Columbia Gas

Topic: Human Services, Poverty

Discussion: Discussion revolved around special programs to help with paying winter heating bills.

February 2, 2014

Guest: Steve Anthony, Toledo Area Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Toledo Area Ministries offers several programs that address community issues, such as education, lack of food, human trafficking, and employment.

February 9, 2014

Guest: Carmen Phelps, Professor of African American Literature, University of Toledo

Topic: Social issues, civil rights

Discussion: February is Black History Month. She speaks to the contributions of black Americans to the American experience. History books, she says, often omit references to significant contributions by African-Americans.

February 16, 2014

Guest: Derrick Grant, instructor at Herzing University

Topic: Economy

Discussions: We discuss the current economic conditions in the Toledo area and the United States, good investment strategies, and how to save for retirement.

February 23, 2014

Guest: Greg Guzman, President, Herzing University

Topic: Education

Discussion: The discussion revolved around the process for applying for college and where to seek scholarships.

March 2, 2014

Guest: Karen Walker, Educational Foundation for High School

Topic: Education

Discussion: This discussion is about recruitment for host families for foreign exchange students. Also featured as a guest was an exchange student from Sweden, Minna Litzen.

March 9, 2014

Guest: Bill Spencer, meteorologist, WTVG-TV

Topic: Safety

Discussion: We discuss the spring storm season and the steps we should take to prepare for severe weather.

March 16, 2014

Guest: Steve Mentrek, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Mr. Mentrek discusses activities for integrating persons with developmental disabilities into community life and how we can work to break down attitudinal barriers that often hamper a person's access to employment, housing and social activities.

March 23, 2014

Guest: Amanda Aldrich, Northwest Ohio Chapter, Red Cross

Topic: Human Services, Safety, Volunteerism

Discussion: March is Red Cross Month. Spokesperson Amanda Aldrich discusses all the programs and services offered by the Red Cross Northwest Ohio

March 30, 2014

Guest: Dr. Sterling Clarren

Topic: Health

Discussion: Dr. Clarren is an expert on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. He offers new insight into this condition and suggested ways of coping with this lifelong condition..

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April 6, 2014

Guest: Linell Weinberg, Director, Autism Society of NW Ohio
Topic: Healthcare, Human Services
Discussion: Autism Awareness Month. The discussion involved the current treatments for autism, myths, and controversies. Linell outlined current legislation.

April 13, 2014

Guest: Dean Sparks, Director, Lucas County Children Services
Topic: Recruiting foster parents
Discussion: The need continues to grow for foster parents. Lucas County is actively recruiting and offering training to prospective foster parents.

April 20, 2014

Guest: Bill Gill, Toledo Area Metropolitan Council of Governments
Topic: Transportation
Discussion: TMACOG is promoting alternative travel to the automobile. Ride a bike, take the train, walk, use the bus.

April 27, 2014

Guest: Pam Hayes, founder of the Arms Forces

Topic: Aid to military veterans

Discussion: Many returning vets have traumatic brain injuries and need additional care and understanding. She is promoting her big annual event, Dancing with the Military Stars.

May 4, 2014

Guest: John Mangus, President, Toledo Board of Realtors

Topic: Housing, current real estate market

Discussion: The discussion was aimed at people who are in the housing market for the first time. What should you expect from a realtor, how should you prepare yourself before asking for a loan, and what is the status of the Toledo housing market.

May 11, 2014

Guest: Jeff Sailor, Director, Toledo Zoo

Topic: Toledo Resources, Entertainment

Discussion: Big events are planned at the taxpayer supported Toledo Zoo. Jeff discusses the events and the improvements underway at the Zoo.

May 18, 2014

Guest: Ken Leslie, Founder of 1Matters

Topic: Support for homeless veterans

Discussion: 1Matters, there are new paths to follow such as creating jobs, housing veterans, or working globally to change the perception of the unhoused.

May 25, 2014

Guest: Jill Borkowski, Susan Komen supporter

Topic: Health care, fighting breast cancer

Discussion: A golf tournament has been scheduled to raise funds for the Susan Komen campaign to fight breast cancer.

Guest: Audrea Weilacher, Headmaster, Nexus Academy

Topic: Education

Discussion: How charter schools are created and operated. What makes Nexus different is its increased use of computer technology.

June 1, 2014

Guest: Douglas Siebenaler, Sunshine Children's Home

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Sunshine Communities, founded in 1950, provides services on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

June 8, 2014

Guest: Steve Anthony, Director, Toledo Area Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Toledo Area Ministries is a recognized Leadership Foundation for the City of Toledo. The Leadership Foundations network consists of individuals and organizations working together to bring about change in the lives of individuals and communities. Topping the list is the outreach for the homeless and those caught in the web of human trafficking.

June 15, 2014

Guest: Dr. Marjorie Holt, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Children

Discussion: CSB is conducting an outreach to fathers in hopes of getting absentee parents more involved in the lives of their children. CSB is offering parent training for fathers.

June 22, 2014

Guest: Keri Struckholtz, Open Door Ministries

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: To goal of this organization is to provide safe, transitional housing where men recover from substance abuse through the spirituality of the 12 Steps, and can ultimately return to productive and sober lives.

June 29, 2014

Guest: Lori Dixon, Principal, Great Lakes Marketing

Topic: Economy

Discussion: Toledo is a unique place to conduct market research because of the mix of income levels, careers, ethnic backgrounds, and religions. Often Toledo residents impact what we see on market shelves.

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July 6, 2014

Guest: Senator Chuck Shumer

Topic: Health

Discussion: A recording of the senator's news conference about the health risks associated with the new e-cigarettes.

Guest: Jill Borkowski

Topic: Health, Civic activism

Discussion: The *Thanks for the Mammories* golf tournament is being planned to raise money for the Susan Komen foundation to fight breast cancer.

July 13, 2014

Guest: Dr. Sterling Clarren.

Topic: Health

Discussion: Dr. Clarren is an expert on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. He offers new insight into this condition and suggested ways of coping with this lifelong condition..

July 20, 2014

Guest: John Tharp, Lucas County Sheriff

Topic: Crime

Discussion: Sheriff Tharp, at a news conference, brought together county commissioners, state lawmakers, and human services professionals

to announce a new program designed to fight the growing problem of heroin abuse.

July 27, 2014

Guest: Nick Chupp, Regina Coeli Parish

Topic: Civic activity, community fundraising

Discussion: Regina Coeli is having its annual fair.

Guest: Alicia Wagner, Women's Entrepreneurial Network

Topic: Economic Development

Discussion:

August 3, 2014

Guest: Tom Waniewski, Toledo City Council member

Topic: Civic activism, blight

Discussion: Councilman Waniewski is spearheading an effort to fight the growing problem of blight in Toledo. He is advocating a special Blight Commission to lead the fight.

August 10, 2014

Guest: Lee Powell, Pastor, Cedar Creek Church

Topic: Health

Discussion: Pastor Powell, who has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, is promoting an activity to raise money for the fight against Parkinson's.

Guest: Dr. Chris Cooper, Dean, University of Toledo College of Medicine

Topic: Health, fundraising

Discussion: The annual Celebrity Waiters Night is August 21 at Loma Linda to raise money for the cardiac care unit

Guest: Bob Moyers, who calls himself Mr. Happy
Topic: Health, Community Activism
Discussion: Bob is advocating a community-wide celebration of Forgiveness Day. He says only by forgiving can we be at peace emotionally.

August 17, 2014

Guest: Sarah Otis, Vice-President of Child Development, YWCA
Topic: Child safety
Discussion: She discusses how parents should shop for daycare, questions to ask, and what the five-star program

August 24

Guest: Douglas Siebenaler, Sunshine Children's Home
Topic: Human Services
Discussion: We discuss services in the community for persons with developmental disabilities and efforts to erase attitudinal barriers that often impede a person's access to housing, employment and recreation. The annual Walk for Sunshine was also discussed.

September 7

Guest: Marsha Drees, Harbor Behavioral
Topic: Health care, human services
Discussion: In the aftermath of the tragic death of Robin Williams, I talk with Marsha Drees at Harbor about mental health first aid. How do we recognize the signs of depression. What steps can we take?

September 14

Guest: Janet Bosserman and Sister Suzette Fisher from Double ARC

Topic: Health

Discussion: September is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Month. We discuss what can cause FASD, how it can affect children, and treatments. FASD is 100% preventable if a pregnant woman does not drink alcoholic beverages.

September 21

Topic: Climate

Discussion: A special broadcast, of President Obama's address.

September 28

Guest: Lori Lamb, Executive Director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Topic: Health

Discussion: We discuss Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. We also discuss how people can register for the upcoming Walk to Cure Diabetes.

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October 5, 2014

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

Topic: Human Services, Government

Discussion: We discuss Issue 7 on the November ballot, to raise funds to maintain and expand services for child protection and foster care.

October 12, 2014

Guest: Scott A. Sylak, Executive Director, Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board

Topic: Human Services, Government

Discussion: We discuss Issue 8 on the November ballot to raise funds to maintain and expand mental health services

October 19, 2014

Guest: Kara Steele, spokesperson, Life Connections of Ohio

Topic: Health, Human Services

Discussion: The discussion revolves around the importance of organ donations and many of the myths that often prevent people from becoming organ donors.

October 26, 2014

Guest: Debi Tyree, Manager, Community Employment, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Human Services, Unemployment

Discussion: October is Disability Employment Awareness Month. We discuss the efforts underway to find community-based employment for persons with developmental disabilities.

November 2, 2014

Guest: John Mangas, President, Toledo Board of Realtors

Topic: Economy

Discussion: The local real estate market is on the rebound. We discuss the steps first time home buyers should take to prepare themselves for obtaining a mortgage.

November 9, 2014

Guest: Paul Morin, Imagination Station

Topic: Community, Tax Dollars

Discussion: A property tax levy helped re-open Toledo's science center. We discuss the present status of Imagination Station, upcoming programs, and how the community can become more involved.

November 16, 2014

Guest: Captain Kevin Zanders, Salvation Army

Topic: Human Services, Charitable Activities

Discussion: The Salvation Army has launched its annual Red Kettle Campaign. We discuss how the funds are spent and how the Salvation Army partners with the United Way to address community issues.

November 23, 2014

Guest: Dick Eppstein, Better Business Bureau

Topic: Economy, Consumer Issues

Discussion: We discuss how to be a savvy consumer, current scams, and the safe way to make purchases on the Internet as we enter the final weeks of the holiday shopping season.

November 30, 2014

Guest: Chris Kozak, Spokesperson, Columbia Gas

Topic: Human Services, Utilities

Discussion: We discuss the many programs available to help households in financial difficulty to maintain their natural gas service.

December 7, 2014

Guest: Greg Schwartz, Personal Trainer

Topic: Health Care

Discussion: Easy steps to stay fit by exercising in the home, smart dieting. The discussion focused primarily on the senior citizen population

December 14, 2014

Guest: Professor Benjamin Davis, University of Toledo

Topic: Health

Discussion: We discuss the recent release by the Senate of the report on CIA interrogation tactics following the 9/11 attacks... and its ramifications

December 21, 2014

Guest: Mayor D. Michael Collins, City of Toledo

Topic: Government

Discussion: Excerpts from the State of the City Address.

December 28, 2014

Guest: Kara Steele, spokesperson, Life Connections of Ohio

Topic: Health, Human Services

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