

Issues & Programs Report

1st Quarter 2018

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DATE: January 4, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Alcohol Addiction, Recovery, Awareness

A member of Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) was interviewed about the program. The interview discussion centered on bringing awareness to the public about Alcoholic Anonymous, what it is and how it works, what it can do for individuals with an alcohol dependency, & how one can find a meeting locally.. Also discussed was how every individual is different and has a different level of alcohol tolerance. The member shared his struggles with sobriety and experiences with AA.

DATE: January 16, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Women in leadership roles, empowerment of women

Penny Bartlow and Becca Mafei of Tioga Woman Lead discussed empowerment and education of women in leadership roles & what their organization provides for women. They discussed their upcoming event, "Living in Possibility," which will focus on valuable tips, tools and techniques that women can use immediately to reach a new level of success in their leadership roles, whether the women are new to it or long-time, experienced leaders.

DATE: January 18, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Radon Awareness

George Schambach from Professional Home Inspection was interviewed to bring awareness to and education about Radon. January is Radon Awareness Month. Discussion centered on what Radon is, why it is a health hazard, and why it is important to mitigate your home if your Radon levels are above the norm.

DATE: January 24, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: NYS Budget Proposal, Youth of Senate District 52

State Senator Fred Akshar brought listeners up to date on what had been happening in Albany and the impact on the Southern Tier region, specifically Governor Cuomo's executive budget proposal that Senator Akshar says does not benefit our district nor New York State overall. According to the Governor's summary, the state faces a 1.7 to 4.4 billion- dollar deficit depending on whether or not the 2% spending cap is exceeded. Cuomo's proposal to close the gap according to the Senator is to implement over a billion dollars in taxes and fees. The Senator says that is unacceptable and spending restraint is the only way to go. Discussion continued with the impact the taxes and fees and policies coming out of Albany is having on the exodus of people from New York State. On the positive side, he also discussed his new project, Akshar's All-Stars that he says has opened his eyes to all the young people and the good work they are doing in the community.

DATE: January 31, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Community Outreach, Fundraising

Tioga Rural Ministry representatives Deb Howard and Florence Rossi promoted their annual pancake breakfast taking place from 8am to noon, Sunday, February 4th, at the Community Center on Sheldon Guiles Blvd in Owego. Cost is a free-will donation. The breakfast raises funds for all the outreach programs Tioga County Rural Ministry provides to the community. Some of those programs discussed by Ms Howard and Ms Rossi are the food pantry, nutrition classes, the Easter program where they provide Easter baskets and cards to nursing home residents, the spring clean-up program where volunteers go to seniors' homes to do any work they need like window washing, and yardwork, the back-to-school program which is a lottery where names are drawn and the winners get \$250 to spend on what they need plus drivers to drive them around, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs which include adopt-a-family, plus a toy giveaway. It is also the 40th anniversary of Tioga County Rural Ministry.

DATE: February 12, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Substance Abuse, Addiction, Treatment and Recovery

Addiction Center of Broome County operates drug treatment programs in Broome, Tioga and Tompkins Counties. Peer Advocates Nicole Jumper and Andy Sweet discussed the purpose of Peer Advocacy, and how they can help drug addicts get the help they need. Peer Advocacy is lead by someone who has experienced addiction and recovery themselves or by someone who has been touched by the addiction of a loved one suffering from addiction and then recovery. Peer advocates work to break barriers and do their best to model coping skills. Jumper and Sweet discussed how the program is a judgment-free zone for someone to talk with someone else who's "been there." Peer Advocates can go out into the community and meet, wherever a person wants to

meet. Peer support offers a level of acceptance and understanding that is not found in other professional relationships . they are able to validate what the person is experiencing. At the peer level, one can say, "I understand what you are going through, and this is how I tackled it." Someone interested in this program can call the Addiction Center at 723-7308, ext 129 or ext 132.

DATE: March 5, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Disability Awareness, Fundraising, Tioga County Youth

Art & Andrew Fredricksen representing Camp Ahwaga, discussed Camp Ahwaga & an upcoming fish fry fundraiser benefitting it. Camp Ahwaga is a summer program & year-long recreational program for children and young adults ages 4-22 in Tioga County with a disability. The summer camp runs 6 weeks & provides fun and learning through field trips, academic skills, arts and crafts, swimming, & physical activity. It's designed for those who might not otherwise be able to participate in typical summer programs because of their disability. Camp Ahwaga also has a monthly recreational program throughout the year with local day trips and day trips out of area and is open to ages 4-22 and beyond. The summer camp and year-round recreational activities are provided free to those in the camp, which relies heavily on fundraisers such as the upcoming Doug's Fish Fry. This event will take place March 9th at the UHS parking lot on Rt. 434 in Apalchin. Proceeds from sales of Doug's fish fry and homemade baked goods will help fund Camp Ahwaga's programs. Last year, 88 students were able to be accepted into the summer camp. Discussion also took place on how one can be a part of Camp Ahwaga. A student needs to be evaluated by their school district, classified with a disability, and then be recommended by those who work with the child in school.

DATE: March 7, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Tioga County, Fundraising, Community Service Agencies

Carolyn Palladino and Connie Sternburg of the Tioga United Way discussed the upcoming 3rd Annual Tioga United Way Adult Spelling Bee to be held at the **Owego Elks Club, 223 Front Street, in Owego on Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 7PM-9PM. All proceeds go to the 34 member agencies of the Tioga United Way. Eleven teams to date have registered with room for a few more. Team sizes are from 2-6 people.** The entry fee per team is \$100. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place along with BEST COSTUME. Another part of the event is the celebrity auctions, detailed by Carolyn & Connie. Some of the auctions are lunches and dinners with local celebrities including Jordan Patch, Owner of Animal Adventures Park (and home to the famous giraffes April, Oliver and Baby Tajiri,) Ben & Kim Weitsman, Senator Fred Akshar, and the new conductor for the Binghamton Philharmonic. Other auction items include alcohol-infused ice cream tasting from Ice Cream Works, wine-tasting party at Glen Park Vineyards, a Night on the Town in Owego to Farmhouse Brewery, Calaboose

Grille, and The Cellar Restaurant, an opportunity to secure members of OFA's Interact Club for 4-hours of yard work, a Discovery Center family membership, and an overnight stay in a local country Air B&B. The final auction item is for two tickets to next year's Tioga United Way Dancing with the Starz United event, which always sells out quickly. Bidding for the auction takes place on-line until noon March 23rd, but then will re-open as live auctions at the Spelling Bee.

DATE: March 8, 2018, Morning Show Interview
TIME: 8:15am
ISSUE: Tioga County, Vietnam Veterans

John Holton, Sr. & Mike Middaugh of the Tioga County Veterans Service Agency discussed an upcoming event that honors Vietnam Veterans, giving them the recognition they deserve, but did not receive when they came home from war. The act that brought on this event was an act of Congress honoring Vietnam Veterans with a day of recognition was signed into law by President Trump in March of 2017. Now, the Tioga County Veteran's Agency in conjunction with the Owego VFW Post 1371, Clear Path for Veterans, and VVA Chapter 480 are holding the first annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event Thursday, March 29th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Owego VFW Post. All veterans from all wars are invited to attend. A wreath laying ceremony will take place at 9:30 with the ceremony starting at 10am which will honor the Veterans present and surviving kin of those who died in the war. From 11am to 1pm, a luncheon will be provided by a chef and disabled veterans training to be chefs.

DATE: March 24, 2018
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm
ISSUE: Kiwanis Radio Days 2018, Community Service, fundraising

Today is Kiwanis Radio Days at Your Hometown Station WEBO. This is a significant annual fundraiser for the local Kiwanis Club. On this day, the on-air operation of the station is turned over to members of the Kiwanis Club. Money is raised by Kiwanis members selling commercials which they then produce and run during the seven-hour event. This year's event was on track to raise nearly \$10,000 for the local Kiwanis Club.