Curing Violence Together

“Cure Violence” is an innovative program that addresses urban violence by treating it like a disease and stopping its spread. Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, a local social service organization, first implemented the program in Albany and expanded it to Troy in 2014. In honor of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.’s tradition of non-violence, David Elliott, director of the Troy program, discusses the history of the Cure Violence program model, its origins and its local implementation of “Leaders Leading Troy’s Youth.” Elliott outlines the model’s goals to reduce shootings and homicides.

Give or Get Lost

Zac Halloran, CEO and founder of Twill, discusses his passion for giving back through social entrepreneurship. Twill sells 100% organic cotton blankets, and for each blanket purchased, another is set aside for a child in need. When his brother, a Hudson Valley Community College graduate, became suddenly ill, Zac was inspired to start a company that cares. Halloran describes the entrepreneurial life and how to get an idea off the ground.

Building the Future with Virtual Reality Software

Owen Bush and Dennis Adamo, founders of daydream.io, a virtual reality software company in Troy, describe the constantly changing landscape of digital media. Bush and Adamo stress the importance of being aware of and responding to the next wave of changes in order to survive and flourish in this fast-paced digital economy.
Everything is Energy: A Look at Healing Touch Energy Therapy

Join Sue Van Hook, a biologist and Healing Touch certified practitioner, in the exploration of the energy centers, circuits and fields of the human body. Learn how to maintain balance to promote the body’s relaxation response and to reap a range of benefits from stress reduction to stimulation of the immune system. Attendees will be taught Self-Chakra Connection for home care, using the breath and the mind for personal wellness.

The Music of the Oppressed and the Oppressor During the Nazi Holocaust

Music played powerful roles during the Nazi Holocaust. For the Nazis, music served to enhance their anti-Semitic propaganda and extreme nationalism. In contrast, for the Jews, music was a form of passive protest that gave them hope and strength. In honor of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Dr. Roselle Chartock, noted educator and distinguished local scholar, will discuss these opposing experiences of music.

Hudson River Issues: Threats and Opportunities

The Hudson River provides natural beauty, recreational opportunities and important ecological services. Despite its wonderful assets, the river still faces serious threats from PCBs, the impacts of power plants, industrial discharges and toxic chemicals. Manna Jo Greene, director of Environmental Action of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, will trace the progress as well as the obstacles and challenges still facing this important national treasure.
In Appreciation

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