WWKX-FM Public Service Report Fourth Quarter 2017 (October 1 – December 30) Prepared by: Neil Larrimore

Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WWKX-FM, as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending December 2017 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

<u>Amazing Women:</u> A 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero focusing exclusively on women's issues, interviewing notable women in the community

<u>Cumulus Community</u>: A 30 minute interview program hosted by WPRO news Anchor Bill Haberman focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill interviews notable newsmakers in the community.

The following community leaders were surveyed in the 4th quarter and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.

Lt. Gov. Dan McKee

- 1. Business
- 2. Education
- 3. Local government advocacy

Kasin Yarn Director RI Veteran's Affairs

- 1. Government outreach
- 2. Aging population
- 3. Opioid abuse

Kathy McKeon Director of Social Services Providence Catholic Diocese

- 1. Aging population
- 2. Confidence in RI
- 3. Schools

Chris Prazeras Owner East Bay Dunkin Donuts Franchises

- 1. Labor laws
- 2. RI economy

Eric Creamer, Executive Director, MADD RI

- 1. Taxes
- 2. Economic development
- 3. Infrastructure

Rev. Don Anderson Executive Minister RI Council of Churches

- 1. Housing
- 2. Public education
- 3. Higher education

The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Community* in the 4th Quarter of 2017. *Cumulus Community* is a 10 minute interview which airs every Sunday morning at 7:00am on WWKX-FM. It features an interview which highlights important issues facing all listeners.

10/1: Dorca Paolino, Diversity Coordinator, RI Courts
10/8: John Jackson, President, Bishop Hendricken High School
10/15: Capt. John Alfred, RI Cyber Crime Unit
10/22: Tim Gray, World War 2 Foundation
10/29: Lt. Gov. Dan McKee
11/12: Kasin Yarn, Director, RI Veteran's Affairs
11/19: Kathy McKeon, Director of Social Services, Providence Catholic Diocese
11/26: Chris Prazeras, Owner, East Bay Dunkin Donuts Franchises
12/3: Dr. James McDonald, Medical Director, RI Dept of Health
12/10: Eric Creamer, Executive Director, MADD RI
12/24: Rev. Don Anderson, Executive Minister, RI Council of Churches
12/31: Victoria Strang, Director, RI Interfaith Coalition

The following community representatives appeared on *Amazing Women* in the 4th Quarter of 2017. *Amazing Women* is a 20 minute program which airs every Sunday morning at 7:30am on WWKX-FM. It features an interview with a prominent woman, highlighting issues important to all women.

Oct 1st

Affordable and available housing is an ongoing concern for many Rhode Islanders. The two most cost-burdened demographics are millennials and seniors. **BARBARA FIELDS**, executive director of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage and Finance Corporation (not a state agency) discusses the many options for first-time home buyers, homeowners struggling to make mortgage payments, and programs for seniors to age in their home.

Oct 8th

The conversation around domestic violence often focuses on the physical and emotional abuse, but there's also financial abuse. **CARMEN RECALDE-RUSSO** is the director of Community Development for the Rhode Island Coalition against Domestic Violence. She discusses a financial empowerment program, fueled by Allstate Foundation that helps survivors manage the complex financial challenges of ending a relationship with an abusive partner.

Oct 15th

MEGHAN HUGHES is the fifth president of Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). She discusses her goals for New England's largest community college with four main campuses and two satellites across the state, the RI promise of free tuition for full-time students so only 30% of students entering from high school qualify, and how CCRI can frame a future workforce in the state.

Oct 22nd

NO MORE SILENCE as 1 in 4 Rhode Islanders is a victim of abuse. **DEB DEBARE**, executive director of Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, discusses how more men are speaking up against domestic violence and why it's important for everyone to say something.

Oct 29th

Opening up your heart and your home as a foster parent can change a child's life forever. **KIM ZANDY**, a foster mom who adopted her two children, explains how becoming a foster parent has changed her life. **LISA GUILLETTE**, of *Foster Forward*, shares her foster care story and how you can become a foster parent.

Nov 5th

GIRLS ROCK is a non-profit organization that empowers girls and women through music. Founder & director, **HILARY JONES**, discusses how girls from 11 to 18 learn self-confidence, healthy relationships, even public speaking!

Nov 12th

The first Baptist Church in Providence was the 'first' in America, founded by Roger Williams in 1638. **REVEREND JAMIE WASHAM** discusses the historic significance and what it's like for her to lead America's oldest church.

Nov 19th

Since 1922, The Martin Luther King Community Center of Newport County has been a resource to the people on Aquidneck Island. **MARILYN WARREN**, executive director, and **ALISON NOVICK** discuss how the food pantry, Feed-A-Friend, and Art Therapy programs make a difference in so many lives.

Nov 26th

URI's Business Engagement Center (BEC) is connecting Rhode Island businesses with students. **KATHERINE HAZARD FLYNN**, executive director, discusses the growing job opportunities in manufacturing, engineering, computer science and digital media.

COLONEL ANN ASSUMPICO is the 13th Superintendent and the first woman to lead Rhode Island State Police in 92 years. She is a native Rhode Islander who talks about her 40 year career in law enforcement. This includes twenty-four years with the state police, seven years with Coventry police as a SWAT team member, and as the Director of Training for the State Police Academy. She discusses what she hopes to accomplish.

Dec 10th

Newport is the home to the Bellevue Avenue mansions... decorated for the holiday season! **TRUDY COXE** is executive director of the Preservation Society of Newport County and explains that the preservation of these historic homes is a boon for the local and state economy. The Newport mansions eclipsed one million tours – The most of any museum in all of New England.

Dec 17th

This is the time of year for giving to others less fortunate. It's not easy raising kids and it's expensive to buy clothes for kids today; it's even more difficult for families in need. **EVA MANCUSO** discusses her non-profit *Clothes to Kids Rhode Island* helping Providence County families in need for clothing their kids in grades K-12.

Dec 24th

Rhode Island's history and heritage are economic assets to the state's economy. **MORGAN GREFE**, executive director of *Rhode Island Historical Society* discusses Rhode Island's rich history that reminds us how the past frames the future.

Dec 31st

Ring in the New Year with **ROSE WEAVER**, a singer, songwriter and actress who performed with Viola Davis at Trinity Rep. This Rhode Island treasure starred across Jodi Foster in *The Accused*, and performed in a one-woman show, *Menopause Mama*. She talks about the loss of her son, her mother, her husband, and how singing helps her to heal and move forward.

The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Cares* in the 3rd Quarter of 2017. *Cumulus Cares* is a 10 minute interview which airs every Sunday morning at 7:20am on WWKX-FM. It features an interview with someone in the community about a local upcoming event:

Interviewers: Heather Gersten, Stephen Donovan, Jessica Schiano, Kim Zandy, Bekah Berger & Amy Pontes.

10/1: Heather interviewed Erica Busillo Adams, the Development Manager from the Autism Project

10/8: Heather's interview about the Autism Project re-aired

10/15: Bekah Berger interviewed Kelly and Elaine, representatives from The Village about foster and adoption services here in RI

10/22: Heather interviewed from Margaret Holland McDuff from Family Service Rhode Island

10/29: Heather's interview with Margaret from Family Service re-aired

11/5: Steve interviewed Mike and John from The Veteran's Day Run/Walk in Rhode Island (5th Annual VDay 5k

- 11/12: Amy interviewed Jacqueline O'Hara from Girls on the Run
- 11/19: Jess interviewed Carla Mulhern from The Tomorrow Fund
- 11/26: Kim interviewed The Village for Foster and Adoptive Families here in RI

12/3: Steve interviewed Adrianne Walsh, the Director of Volunteer Services at RI Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital

- 12/10: Steve's interview with Adrianne re-aired
- 12/17: Amy interviewed Eric St. Peter at the RISPCA
- 12/25: Kim interview was about The Village for Foster and Adoptive Families here in RI
- 12/31: Kim's interview about The Village aired again