WWKX-FM Public Service Report Third Quarter 2017 (July 1 – September 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 September 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 3rd quarter and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.

Thea Upham

Farm Fresh RI

- 1. Transportation
- 2. Affordable Housing
- 3. DHS Computer Malfunctions

Caroline Payson

**Executive Director** 

Providence Children's Museum

- 1. Education
- 2. Poverty related issues
- 3. Racial tensions

John Jackson

President

Bishop Hendricken High School

- 1. Taxes
- 2. Jobs
- 3. Technology

**Hugh Minor** 

**Communications Director** 

RI Community Food Bank

- 1. Health care
- 2. Living Wage

Susan Roberts Executive Director Red Cross of RI

- 1. Economy
- 2. Education
- 3. Environmental Issues

Lisa Dandaneu
Vice President
Navigant Credit Union

- 1. People leaving RI
- 2. Economy

Aiyar Josiah-Faeduwar Director Millenial Rhode Island

- 1. Workforce Development
- 2. Education
- 3. Youth Issues

The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Community* in the 3rd 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.

7/2: Caroline Payson, Executive Director, Providence Children's Museum

7/16: Thea Upham, Farm Fresh RI

7/23: Hugh Minor, Communications Director, RI Community Food Bank

7/30: Courtney Butler, Director, Camp I Believe (Geneva Hospice)

8/6: Dan Dobin, Executive Vice President, Building Educational Leaders

8/13: Krystal Nossieur, Director/Outreach, RI Resource Recovery Authority

8/20: Susan Roberts, Executive Director, Red Cross of RI

8/27: Donna McGowan, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association of RI

9/3: Lisa Dandaneu, Vice President, Navigant Credit Union

9/10: Chief Dean Hoxsie. DEM Enforcement

9/17: Father Joe Escobar, Chaplain, Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association

9/24: Aiyar Josiah-Faeduwar, Director, Millenial Rhode Island

The following community representatives appeared on *Amazing Women* in the 3rd 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.

# July 2nd

Newport is home to impressive mansions on Bellevue Avenue. **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.

### July 9th

**COLONEL ANN ASSUMPICO** is the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

# July 16th

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.

### July 23rd

The beauty of nature draws us in and captivates and the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown is just the place. **NATASHA HARRISON**, executive director, discusses the 5 year history of this RI natural gem that Mabel Norman Cerio left in her will for hikers, bird watchers, and the ecoconscious.

#### July 30th

The summer sun can be fun but skin cancer is the most common cancer in teens and young adults. **MEGHAN ROTHSCHILD** was diagnosed with melanoma at age 20. She discusses her survival and RI's new law banning anyone under 18 from using a tanning bed without a doctor's prescription or parental consent.

# Aug 6th

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.

#### Aug 13th

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.

# Aug 20th

It is 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. Kids in grades K-12 are eligible, or if the family is in crisis due to a natural disaster, homelessness or displacement.

# Aug 27th

**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

# Sept 3rd

Aquidneck Island is home to the Defense industry, which contributes \$3.7 billion to the Rhode Island economy. **MOLLY DONAHUE MAGEE**, executive director of SENEDIA, Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance discusses the 33,000 jobs and the importance of cyber security and undersea warfare to our national security.

# Sept 10th

**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.

# Sept 17th

Every organization needs good board members, but what do you do when a board member is causing problems? **SIMONE JOYAUX**, author of *Firing Lousy Board Members* and the founder of the Women's Fund of Rhode Island, discusses the serious businessof board service and governance.

#### Sept 24th

Rhode Island Superior Court **JUDGE NETTIE VOGEL** has presided over some of the state's high profile cases over the past 20 years on the bench. She is a colorful justice with a daredevil spirit. She bikes cross country and zip lines, but don't cross her in the courtroom.

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.

7/2: Heather interviewed Hugh Minor from the RI Community Food Bank about their Summer Food Drive

7/9: Heather's interview with Hugh Minor from the RI Community Food Bank

7/16: Heather interviewed Angela Gargano, a local fitness trainer and TOP 5 finalist for Women's Health Magazine.

7/23: Kim interviewed Hans Ramsden, Providence Firefighters Burn Foundation

7/30: Bekah Berger interviewed Sheila Amaral from the Voices of RI chapter about the Colon Cancer walk and Awareness.

8/6: Kim's interview with PFD Burn Foundation re-ran

8/13: Amy interviewed Stephanie Wilmarth from Project Undercover in RI

8/20: Steve interviewed Adam Edelstein with the American Diabetes Association

8/27: Heather interviewed Erica Busillo Adams from the Autism Project

9/3: Jess interviewed Kara LeBlanc from the RI Blood Center

9/10: Kim interviewed Ryan Loiselle, Program Director at Friend's Way, the only children's bereavement center in Southern New England. Ryan spoke about the program, how to enroll your children after the death of a significant family member, and the need for donations and volunteers.

9/17: Jess' interview with the RI Blood Center re-aired

9/24: Steve interviewed Ryan Loiselle, Program Director at Friend's Way

9/30: Heather's interview with Erica from the Autism Project aired again