

Dear Joanna,

Thank you so much for your kind response!

Best,
Jopi

ti 12. maalisk. 2024 klo 20.20 Joanna Parsons < > kirjoitti:
Dear Jopi,

Congratulations! You found WJEJ 1240-AM located in Hagerstown, Maryland USA!

I was able to hear our music and the station identifier in your recording.

We're so glad you found us! Hope you will continue to tune in through our streaming website: wjejradiocom

Wishing you and your family the very best for a bright and beautiful 2024!

Sincerely,

Joanna Parsons, Manager
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On Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 12:37:13 PM EDT, Jopi Nyman <jopi.nyman@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago I had the real pleasure of catching your station WJEJ 1240 AM when listening to AM radio stations on an expedition to the Finnish Lapland. My receiver was a software defined communications receiver Perseus and as an antenna I used a 3,000 ft. beverage (longwire) to west, ca 305 degrees. To inform you of the reception quality, please listen to the attached mp3 recording.

As your station is a rare catch here indeed, I would appreciate your response. A short email "Yes it was us!" would make me very happy!

Listening information: MP3
20 January 2024 02.51 am local time (07.51 UTC): Station identification as Classic Radio.

I am 57 years old and married with Kristiina. I work as Professor of English at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu where I teach English and Cultural Studies. My main field of research is American and British literature, and I have published a number of books in this area. I am particularly interested in postcolonial and ethnic studies.

Joensuu is a lively town in eastern Finland quite close to the common border with Russia as it is only 60 kilometers to the border line from my hometown. There live about 75,000 people here, and the most important trades are commerce and services. Besides the University, founded in the late 1960s to provide experts for the needs of Eastern Finland, many other schools are located here, too. Joensuu is best known for its annual rock festival: the Ilosaarirock (www.ilosaarirock.fi) festival with 35,000 participants is going strong and attracts lots of young people to the town every July.

I would be really delighted if you could confirm my report on the reception of your station with a short message. That would be a great memory of having managed to hear such an interesting station as yours. With best wishes, looking forward to hearing from you,

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Ms. Joanna Staub-Parsons - Manager of WJEJ
WJEJ Radio AM 1240

Past January offered a few excellent nights for distant AM signals to travel all the way to Finland (and probably the near-by Russia as well ☺), and on the 20th of January I think I managed to briefly capture your station WJEJ Hagerstown 1240 AM here with my Perseus receiver and about a 500-yard-long antenna wire hanging on tree branches outside our summer cottage. I will enclose you an mp3 file so that you can hear how the actual reception was like, and to confirm whether or not you hear a familiar announcement on it. I would be very happy with a simple "yes, you did it" or "confirmed" or similar short confirmation as this old men's old-fashioned hobby is so much a matter of being a "confirmed DXer" ☐ .

At 02.51 a.m. Eastern Standard Time a song of jazz/big band type music ended and at the end of the announcement that followed I think there was the identification "AM 1240 WJEJ." Unfortunately the reception faded away next.

My wife Riitta and I are both 68-year-old ex-language teachers in Joensuu, Finland, and we have a 34-year-old son Matti who works as an IT expert. Being now fully retired I have had more free time, for example, for my hobbies, which include spectator sports, playing tennis and this radio hobby of trying to catch distant radio signals, mainly from the Americas. My home town Joensuu with its 79,000 inhabitants is located at the beautiful mouth of the river Pielisjoki (Joensuu means "mouth of a river"). The whole region is dotted with hundreds and hundreds of lakes, and our small summer cottage is by one of them. I am not a very avid fisherman, but the lake has provided us many tasty meals during the past summers.

Best regards,

Jussi Suokas, Joensuu, Eastern Finland