

**WPRO-FM Public Service Report  
Fourth Quarter 2018 (October 1 – December 31)  
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Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WPRO-FM, as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending December 2018 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

**Amazing Women:** A 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero focusing exclusively on women’s issues, interviewing notable women in the community.

**Cumulus Community:** A 30 minute interview program hosted by WPRO-AM’s Maja Giguere & Bill Haberman focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill & Maja interview notable newsmakers in the community.

**Cumulus Cares:** A 10 minute interview which features an interview with someone in the community about a local upcoming event.

**The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Community* in the 4th Quarter of 2018. *Cumulus Community* is a 20 minute interview which airs every Sunday morning at 6:10am on WPRO-FM. It features an interview which highlights important issues facing all listeners.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Job</b>	<b>What is the biggest issue facing RI?</b>
Kasim Yarn	RI Dept of Veteran Affairs	Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affordable Housing</li> <li>2. Cost of Living</li> <li>3. Opioid Abuse</li> </ol>
Ruth Feder	Brain Injury Assoc. of RI	Executive Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affordable Health Care</li> <li>2. Women’s Rights</li> <li>3. Education</li> </ol>
Topher Hamblett	Save the Bay	Director of Advocacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climate Change</li> <li>2. Govt Reform</li> <li>3. Poverty Issues</li> </ol>
Seth Magaziner	State of RI	General Treasurer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Workforce Training</li> <li>2. Municipal Finances</li> </ol>
Mark Hayward	SBA	District Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislative Politics</li> <li>2. Access to Capital</li> </ol>

Dave Dooley	University of RI	President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education</li> <li>2. Quality of Life</li> <li>3. Health Care</li> </ol>
Frank Sanchez	RI College	President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education</li> <li>2. Infrastructure</li> <li>3. State Regulations</li> </ol>
Lindsay McGovern	Southern Sky Renewable Energy	Vice President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economy</li> <li>2. Infrastructure</li> <li>3. State Regulations</li> </ol>
Richard Susi	RI Assoc of Fire Chiefs	Executive Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economic Development</li> <li>2. Election Related Issues</li> <li>3. Voter Education</li> </ol>

The following community representatives appeared on *Amazing Women* in the 3rd Quarter of 2018. *Amazing Women* is a 20 minute program which airs every Sunday morning at 6:30am on WPRO-FM. It features an interview with a prominent woman, highlighting issues important to all women.

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**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>:** **GUEST HOST: DEBORAH PERRY** interviews **LUCY RIOS**, of RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, program director and trainer, discusses the Community Attitudes Assessment survey on what Rhode Islanders know about domestic violence.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:** **GUEST HOST: EVA MANCUSO** interviews **EILEEN HAYES** of Amos House. In 1976, it started as a soup kitchen, today it has grown into a comprehensive social service agency serving over 15,000 Rhode Islanders.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>:** **GUEST HOST: DEBORAH PERRY** interviews **LUCY RIOS**, of RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, program director and trainer, discusses the Community Attitudes Assessment survey on what Rhode Islanders know about domestic violence.

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>:** **GUEST HOST: EVA MANCUSO** interviews **KAREN SANTILLI**, resident/CEO of Crossroads RI helping homeless or at-risk families and individuals secure stable housing.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>:** **GUEST HOST: MEGHAN GRADY** interviews **AMY DAVIDSON**, of YWCA RI to discuss Fantastic Girtastic Code Company and the important of computer science for girls and why more young women need to pursue 'non-traditional' careers.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>:** Former talk-show host, columnist, social worker, and leading advocate for women's reproductive rights, **MARY ANN SORRENTINO**, discusses the shifting political landscape, the US Supreme Court and the impact women will have on the mid-term and 2020 elections.

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> :** Down Syndrome affects over 400,000 people in this country. **TERESA MURRAY** living with DOWN SYNDROME while she writes her poetry, music, and her advice on life: "lean into it and if you need help, ask for it." **SHERLY GOMES**, a social worker and mentor, shares how Teresa's perseverance and friendship is an inspiration to so many.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>:** For almost 30 years, **VALERIE TUTSON**, has been telling stories! She is part of Rhode Island Black Storytellers. She talks about the songs and stories she learned while traveling South Africa. She's also gaining a reputation for her exciting retelling of age-old Bible stories. So sit back, listen, and get swept away on a journey of words, sounds, and passion.

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>:** About 8,000 students attend one of the 18 private, independent schools K-12 in Rhode Island. **DIANE RICH**, head of school, is the first woman to lead Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich since Dorothy Marshall founded the school in 1934. She discusses their innovative approach to educating the 300 students.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** **CAPTAIN VICTORIA TOLBERT** has served in the Massachusetts and Indiana National Guard and now is the Aide to the Commanding General in the RI Guard. She spent 18 years as a teacher and administrator including at the Gordon School in East Providence. She is inspirational

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>:** In 1638, Roger Williams was the first minister at the First Baptist Church in Providence. In 2018, it's **REVEREND JAMIE WASHAM**. She discusses Roger Williams' ideas of liberty and freedom of conscience and the historic and religious significance of America's oldest church right here in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 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 clothing for their kids. Kids in grades

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

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Cares* in the 3rd Quarter of 2018. *Cumulus Cares* is a 10 minute interview which airs every Sunday morning at 6:50am on WPRO-FM. It features an interview with someone in the community about a local upcoming event:**

**Interviewers: Mike DaSilva, Heather Gersten, Nick G, Paul Giammarco, Stephen Donovan, Jessica Schiano, Kim Zandy, Bekah Berger & Amy Pontes.**

**Here's what aired during this quarter:**

**10/7:** Bekah interviewed **George Evans Marley** - Director of Development and Community Relations Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island. Promoting: Bowl for Kids Sake event.

**10/14:** Kim interviewed **Ryan Loiselle** from Friends Way

**10/21:** Jess interviewed folks from the RI Blood Center

**10/28:** Kim interviewed **Nellie Gorbea**, RI Secretary of State about all things voting. Among topics discussed: why is it important to vote, your vote DOES matter, how to find all of your personal voting information, and local initiatives on the ballot.

**11/4:** Nick interviewed **Lindsay Ladeluca** from NBC 10 who is nominated for Woman of the Year by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

**11/11:** Paul interviewed Veterans from around RI and MA as part of our Salute to Service Promotion here at Lite Rock 105. Rhode Island's First Director of Veterans Affairs **Kasim J. Yarn** discuss the greatest challenges facing veterans today, the mission of the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Day events.

**11/18:** Amy interviewed **Evan Huddon** and his toy drive he has annually at Meadowbrook Lanes bowling in Warwick.

**11/25:** Steve interviewed an 11-year old girl named **Hannah Grace** who has diabetes and she makes Bath bombs, and donates a portion of the proceeds to the JDRF

**12/2:** Steve's interview with Hannah aired again.

**12/9:** Jess interviewed **Carla Mulhern, LLS**, Man & Woman of the Year Campaign & Student of the Year Campaign.

**12/16:** **Mike** interviewed **Luis Olmo** of Hungry Fridays. They are a non profit that provides lunch for people in Kennedy Plaza every Friday for free.

**12/23:** Nick interviewed **Eric St. Peter** from the RISPCA

**12/30:** Steve (and Heather) interviewed Steve's friend Danielle who who learned thru DNA testing that she is not in fact the daughter of the man who raised her and she's now looking to raise money for the DNA Doe Project., learn more at [guidestar.org](http://guidestar.org).