

**WPRO-FM Public Service Report  
First Quarter 2018 (April 1 – June 30)  
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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 June 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 focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill interviews notable newsmakers in the community.

**The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Community* in the 2nd Quarter of 2018. *Cumulus Community* is a 10 minute interview which airs every Sunday morning at 6:10am on WPRO-FM. It features an interview which highlights important issues facing all listeners.**

**April 1**

Maja spoke with Junior Achievement Teach for America. We discussed the involvement in the community and how we need more inclusiveness.

**Biggest Problem Facing RI:** We need to be a more inclusive environment

**April 15**

Maja spoke with Matt Celeste of Waffle to discuss running a small business in RI.

**Biggest Problem Facing RI:** Helping small business - it is difficult here

**May 6**

Maja interviewed John Tassoni the host of Recovery Radio on WPRV and discussed the problems we have with addiction in the state of RI and what he has done to fix it.

**Biggest problem facing RI:** Substance abuse, Fentanyl

**May 13**

Maja interviewed Christopher Butler from Insight where we discussed how Insight has impacted the people of RI, and what they are continuing to do to help the community.

**Biggest problem facing RI:** employment

**May 20**

Maja interviewed Robin Hathaway and Steve Lawson of ILuvRI. They discussed the programs that they offer and how they work and what kind of other things do they offer.

**Biggest problem facing RI:** housing and affordability

**May 27**

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### **June 10**

Maja interviewed PJ Procop and Nancy Feraldi with the ALS Association RI Chapter. We discussed some of the struggles people with ALS have, the different services and help that they offer. What they provide within their clinic and fundraising.

**Biggest problem facing RI:** Infrastructure and lack of jobs

### **June 24**

Maja interviewed Tiffany Bumgardner-Scheffler the first female COO of Boy Scouts. We talked about the many programs that the Boy Scouts provide as well as their new initiative to let girls into Boy Scouts.

**Biggest problem facing RI:** Not enough kids are involved in scouts, not enough youth are involved

**The following community representatives appeared on *Amazing Women* in the 2nd 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.**

### **Apr 1st**

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.

### **Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GABRIELA DOMENZAIN**, is the director of the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University and a nationally recognized expert on immigration issues. She discusses DACA, and the story of a long-time Rhode Island resident, mother of two, who came to this country at the age of 3 and was taken by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE).

### **Apr 15th**

**HEATHER ABBOT** of Newport discusses her Recovery Foundation and how helping others has empowered her years after surviving the Boston Marathon bombings.

### **Apr 22nd**

**JENNIE JOHNSON** of CITY YEAR discusses the gap between what school are designed to do and what students really need. City Year is a non-profit that works to keep students in high school and find a meaningful future.

#### **Apr 29th**

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.

#### **May 6th**

**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.

#### **May 13th**

Mother's Day is a day to celebrate mom. Opening 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.

#### **May 20th**

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.

#### **May 27th**

**ROSE WEAVER** is 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.

#### **June 3rd**

The new manufacturing in Rhode Island is in defense, marine technology and cybersecurity. **MOLLY DONOHUE MAGEE**, executive director of Southeaster New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) discusses the economic impact and the workforce opportunities for women in science and engineering.

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#### **June 17th**

**COLONEL ANN ASSUMPICO** is the 13<sup>th</sup> Superintendent and the first woman to lead Rhode Island State Police in 92 years. She's 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.

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**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:**

**4/1/18:** Mike D interviewed Jason Rego of Providence City FC

**4/8/18:** Jess interviewed Eric St. Peter from the RISPCA

**4/15/18:** Steve interviewed Jo-Ann Schofield from Mentor Rhode Island

**4/22/18:** Nick interviewed George Evens Marley, from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State

**4/29:** Paul interviewed Bahjat Shariff, the Owner operating Manger Panera Bread /Howley Group about Panera Bread’s 16th Annual Children’s Friend 5K Walk & Run on May 5 Panera Bread has raised more than \$530,000 for Rhode Island Non-profit

**5/5/18:** Mike interviewed Fridays Louis Almo of Hungry Fridays

**5/12:** Amy interviewed Joe Walsh with the 4th Annual Solidarity Ride benefiting the Veterans Honor Flight, RI Military Organization and the RI Chapter of The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

**5/19:** Steve interviewed Dr. Antonio Cruz, Dermatologist - Skin Pros with offices in Providence, Newport and Cumberland and Meaghan Rothschild - Marketing and PR Director for Impact Melanoma to promote Martinis for Melanoma May 30, 2018 6p-9p

Cerce Restaurant - Weybosset St., Providence,RI An evening of information, education, and martinis

**5/27:** Jess interviewed Former Patriots player Tedy Bruschi about Stroke Awareness Month!

**6/3:** Kim interviewed Sue Potter and Courtney Rook Raposa from the Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center in Rehoboth

**6/10:** Nick interviewed Erin Scott from the Izzy Foundation

**6:17:** Nick's interview aired again

**6/24:** Nick's interview aired again

**6/30:** Amy Pontes interviewed Stephanie Moore, the Program Manager for Girls on the Run Rhode Island