

**WPRO-FM Public Service Report
 First Quarter 2018 (January 1 – March 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 March 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 1st 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.

Name	Business	Job	What is the biggest issue facing RI?
Juan “Bub” Carter	Institute for the Study and Practice of Non-violence	Director of Street Worker Program	Accountability. Not always pointing the finger. What can you do to help?
James Manzo Julian Manzo	Who Gives a Buck	Founders	Rhode Island is a little selfish. Stuck in our own little world. Not a sense of pushing for other people’s success.
Sean Carew	Providence Rescue Mission	Founder	The economy
Tracy Baran	The Junior League	President	A lot of non-profits - not enough money
Sandi Connors	Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund	Executive VP and Director of Marketing and Communications	Not enough housing to meet the need for Rhode Islanders. We need to ensure all Rhode Islanders have access to excellent education opportunities.
Laura-Jean	Blackstone Valley Community Action	Project Director	Housing problems. People can’t find affordable housing (esp. Ages 18-

Ferranti	Plan		24)
Heather Amaral	Meals on Wheels	Executive Director	Funding for programs in the senior community.
Lee Lewis Kristine Frech	Junior Achievement Teach for America	President Executive Director	Involvement in the community. More inclusive community.

The following community representatives appeared on *Amazing Women* in the 1st 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.

Jan 7th

JENNIE JOHNSON of CITY YEAR discusses the gap between what schools 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.

Jan 14th

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.

Jan 21st

30% of small businesses in this state are women-owned. **SUSAN RITSCHER**, the CEO for the Center for WOMEN & ENTERPRISE, talks about starting a business, financing, networking, and that's what's needed for a business to succeed.

Jan 28th

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

Feb 4th

There is a lot of history buried at sea off the Rhode Island coast. **Dr. KATHY ABBASS** is an archeologist and marine historian who founded the RI Marine Archeology Project. She's located 13 British ships that were sunk in Newport Harbor in 1778.

Feb 11th

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.

Feb 18th

KRISTIN ZHIVAGO is a revenue coach who helps CEOs and entrepreneurs increase sales. She discusses 'buyer scrutiny' and how you can sell the way a customer wants to buy.

Feb 25th

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.

Mar 4th

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!

Mar 11th

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.

Mar 18th

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 if you see something to say something.

Mar 25th

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 business of board service and governance.

The following community representatives appeared on *Cumulus Cares* in the 1st 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:

1/7/18: Steve interviewed the CEO of Meeting Street, John Kelly, about their upcoming telethon.

1/14: Steve's interview with John Kelly re-aired

1/21: Paul interviewed David Sarlitto, the Executive Director of the Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation

1/28: Bekah and Mike D interviewed Miss RI International Kelsey Garcia

2/4: Amy interviewed Erin Scott, Executive Director of The Izzy Foundation at Hasbro. We talked about the organization and the Winter Fest Fundraiser.

2/11: Kim interviewed The Village about recruitment.

2/18: Jess interviewed RI Comedian Doreen Collins.

2/25: Steve interviewed Ellen Schulte and Astrid Drew from the Steamship Historical Society (Warwick) about an upcoming fundraiser.

3/4: Nick interviewed Carla Mulhern from The Tomorrow Fund about their upcoming Tomorrow Fund Stroll at Garden City Center in Cranston

3/11: Paul interviewed Ryan Loiselle from Friends Way

3/18: Amy interviewed Frank O'Donnell about his upcoming charity event called Heavenly Gingers.

3/25: Mike D interviewed Jason Rego, the manager of local soccer club Providence City FC. Jason utilizes local business to help grow the game of soccer to under privileged youth in Rhode Island.