

Q1, 2023 Issues Report

Sunday Conversations Talk Show

How issue was treated: Weekly Program

Aired on: WFXE, WEAM, WOKS, WKZJ, WIOL FM, WIOL AM

Time: Sundays: WEAM@4:30pm, WOKS@6:30pm, WFXE@6:00am, WKZJ @11:30pm, WIOL-AM& FM@6:00am

Duration: 30 minutes

Host: Gerald Riley, Caatosha Riley

Producer: Gavin Henry

DESCRIPTION: Sunday Conversations is a public interest program airing on Sundays. This quarter primarily focused on local elections and voter education, community activism, economic empowerment, school district summer learning, cultural awareness, and preservation of history.

DATE	ISSUES	GUEST
1/29/2023	Estate Planning / Wills	Aneesah Whaley

Interview with Attorney Aneesah Whaley who specializes in government contracting, business law. The interview was about generational wealth, and preparing the next generation through estate planning and wills. 70% of African Americans do not have a will. Resources for estate planning were discussed, along with topics of will and testament, guardians, power of attorney, and a living will.

2/05/2023	Tax Preparation Tips	Dr. Gwenetta Wright
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The show discussed tax preparation tips with guest Dr. Gwenetta Wright a local tax professional at Xpert Tax, LLC Dr. Wright considers her work in tax preparation as a ministry for individuals, families, and businesses. Topics discussed include the changes in tax credits, cash advance refunds, understanding 1099K, following the tax laws, and some of the biggest mistakes, and misconceptions about filing your taxes from employees to business owners. Dr. Wright is also a serial entrepreneur owning several different businesses including her own tv show, and women's fashion apparel. Dr. Wright is also a philanthropist who gives back by teaching life skills, and community outreach with back to school supplies and toys at Christmas.

2/12/2023 Financial Literacy

Dr. Jamie Upshaw

The show discussed financial literacy lessons on earning, saving, reducing risk, spending, and borrowing. The show also discussed avoiding debt traps and helping people think, feel, and behave differently about money to improve their overall well-being. Dr. Jamie Upshaw has over 25 years of helping people manage their debt, and she is also a tax professional provided tax tips and updates on new tax laws.

2/19/2022 Columbus Black History

Paul Leonard

Interview with Paul Leonard, retired military and businessman who spoke on Black history in Columbus from the 1960's to the present. Mr. Leonard is a native of Columbus, and left for the Army spending 6 years, touring Vietnam and surviving. He returned to Columbus and joined the Columbus Fire Department. Mr. Leonard discussed Black life in Columbus from education, politics, and business. Mr. Leonard was a businessman for over 30 years owning a tire repair and detail shop, and night club.

2/26/2023 Safer Communities / Violence Prevention

Jerome Lawson, Reggie Lewis

This show interviewed Mr. Jerome Lawson, and Reggie Lewis and the Cure Violence intervention program. Topics discuss was the extreme amounts of violence in Columbus, the public's acceptance and view of violence and changing the mindset. Youth mentoring was also discussed, and job opportunities. The Cure Violence program originated out of Chicago focuses on violence prevention public health methodology applies evidence-based public health epidemic-reversal strategies to detect and interrupt or prevent potentially violent situations, also identify and change the thinking and behavior of those most likely to engage in violence, and change group norms that support and perpetuate the use of violence.

3/05/2023 Higher Education

Kelli Moore

Interview with Kelli Moore, of College Tours and More, a non-profit company that conducts college tours, and provides high school students with a curriculum for visiting colleges, and helps students market themselves and select the best schools of higher learning. Ms. Moore has helped hundreds of students since 2010 to pursue college and technical schools. Scholarship opportunities were also discussed.

3/12/2023 Mental Health & Wellness for Women

Teri Hall-Swindler

Interview with Teri Hall-Swindler, a local mental health counselor discussed mental health and wellness for National Womens Health and History Month. Mrs. Swindler's background in mental health centered around being a single mother raising 2 daughters who are successful college graduates. She counsel women in general but passionate about single mothers / single parent households. She is a licensed professional counselor, and offered tips for coping with the daily lives of mental, emotional, and even physical well being. She discussed the difference between mental health and mental illness. Mrs. Swindler recommends counseling to be proactive instead of being reactive.

3/19/2023 Women In Business

Karin Henderson

Interview with Karin Henderson, wife of Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson. Mrs. Henderson discussed her background as a mother, wife, and businesswoman and the challenges of balancing it all. She participates in several boards in the city and stays active handling family matters, including caring for her father. She as well as her husband, Mayor Henderson are military brats, and literally spent their teenager years in Columbus. Mrs. Henderson discussed taking personal responsibility for making improvements in the city. She also spoke on the importance of women supporting women as well. Mrs. Henderson also spoke on the importance of supporting the UNCF Mayors Masked Ball, a fundraiser for African American High School and College students, and the joy she gets from helping out.

3/26/2023 Public Education

Dawn Jenkins

Interview with Dawn Jenkins, Principal of South Columbus Elementary School. Mrs. Jenkins served as a guest in the Womens History Month series, and discussed the topic of Public Education works. She discussed the school districts initiative and mission of engaging students as early as 4 years of age to begin to move in a direction that will get them both or/either career or college ready. She gave advice for parents involvement, and parental advocacy for their children. Mrs. Jenkins has been in education for over 25 years, and a principal for 8 years. Mrs. Jenkins discussed the importance of pre-k as well, and the importance of reading both by the child, and with the parent. She discussed how to properly manage the students with an IEP. Mrs. Jenkins was a teenage mother who rose above her challenges and is now principal of the school she attended as a child.