

**WPRV-AM Public Service Report  
2nd Quarter 2020 (APRIL 1 – JUNE 30)  
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Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WPRV- as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending June 30 2020 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

**The following guests appeared on the Cumulus Community during the 1st quarter:**

**6/21 Ray Rickman, Black Historian**

**Ioannis Miaoulis, President, Roger Williams University**

**6/07 Susan Richards, Executive Director, Red Cross of RI**

**Catherine DeCesare, History Prof,**

**5/24 Evan Smith, President, Discover Newport**

**Rick Simone, Exec Director, Federal Hill Commerce Assoc**

**5/10 Neil Steinberg, President, Rhode Island Foundation**

**Jim Janza, Providence Catholic Diocese office of Social Service**

**4/26 Randy Rosenblum, Exec Director, RI Council on the Arts**

**Sandy Connors, United Way of RI**

**4/19 Tonya Harris, Executive Director, RI Coalition against Domestic Violence**

**Kate Wells, Providence Public Library, Curator of RI Collections**

**4/05 Beth Eckel, Washington Trust, Vice President**

**Grace Gonzalez, Neighborhood Health, RI**

Rev Tom Wiles, Exec Minister, American Baptist Churches of RI

Issues are also discussed during "AMAZING WOMEN," a 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero. It airs Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WPRO and WEAN and focuses exclusively on women's issues. The show features Deb's interviews with notable women in the community. You can also now listen to the show anytime on the website: [www.amazingwomenri.com](http://www.amazingwomenri.com)

The following is a list of "Amazing Women" programs that aired during this quarter:

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**      **REVEREND DONNIE ANDERSON**, now a pastor at a Provincetown church, shares her story of transition. After spending 70 years in a man's body she discusses her transition, the difference between transgender and sexual orientation, and the support of her family, friends, and church.

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>**      **Dr. BARBARA ROBERTS** talks about being the heart doctor for crime boss Raymond Patriarca, Sr. in her book, [The Doctor Broad: A Mafia Love Story](#). She discusses her podcast "Crime Town, her work as an activist, and her role as a mother and wife.

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>**      Artistic Director **KATHLEEN PLETCHER** chronicles how  
the only First Night festival in the country has become a year round arts organization in Rhode Island, connecting 'art with audiences'.

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup>**      Acts of violence and shake all of us. **DOCTOR SUSAN ERSTLING**, a nationally recognized leader in trauma work and victim support services, discusses human resiliency and how people heal after violence, sexual assault and domestic abuse.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **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.

**May 10<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.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** In 1638, Roger Williams was the first minister at the First Baptist Church in Providence. Today, 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.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** **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.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** When our veterans return home, they deserve quality healthcare. **Dr. SUSAN MACKENZIE** is the first woman Director of the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She discusses the medical services available for RI veterans and why we must never forget the men and women who never returned home.

**June 7<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.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>:** More than 35% of Rhode Islanders are 'cost-burdened' which means they spend more than 30% of their income to pay for housing. 44% of Rhode Islanders are severely cost-burdened spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs which leaves little for other expenses. **BRENDA CLEMENT**, Director of Housing Works RI at RWU, discusses affordable housing and what it to own or rent in each Rhode Island community.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** **KIM ARCAND** is a scientist and a Technology Lead for NASA's Chandra's X-ray Observatory. She discusses her work in astronomy and

physics. She is an advocate for more young girls and women taking computer science and pursuing careers in STEM.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>:** 20% of friends and neighbors are served by a local Community Action Agency. **JOANNE MCGUNAGLE** is the executive director of CCAP; she discusses her 40 years at the agency and how economic success has changed over the years for many Rhode Island families.