

FCC QUARTERLY REPORT

April 1 – June 30, 2021

Racine & Me

Host: Meghan Reistad

April 3-4

Topic: Explore Waterford; Caledonia Conservancy; Racine Women for Racial Justice

Guests: Dawn Brummel; Matt Johnsrud; Kelly Scroggins-Powell

Staff with Explore Waterford joined to share about upcoming events, geared towards moms in May and a celebration of all things Waterford in July.

The Caledonia Conservancy staff shared about the history of the non-profit, including how volunteers made a big difference in the non-profit's creation and operation today.

Racine Women For Racial Justice staff shared about upcoming events throughout April along with how women in Racine County can get involved in the non-profit's work.

April 10-11

Topic: Wisconsin Humane Society; Siena Retreat Center; Kenosha Awesome Cookies; Community Calendar

Guests: Paige Fix; Jane Czarnecki; Kourtney Bilotta; Nate Mack; Sadie Hubbard; Cari Greving

The Wisconsin Humane Society is now offering summer camp for kids at the WHS Racine campus in Mount Pleasant. Paige Fix runs the camps and joined to share details about the events.

This year, Siena Retreat Center is celebrating 55 years. Siena Retreat Center is a sponsored ministry of the Racine Dominican sisters. Jane Czarnecki is the associate director of hospitality and she shared about the milestone.

Kenosha Achievement Center works to empower people of all abilities. One of those efforts, Kenosha Awesome Cookies, a new youth program initiative, has sold 200 cookie baking kits. Youth Services Manager Kourtney Bilotta along with Participants Nate Mack and Sadie Hubbard joined to share about their efforts.

Real Racine's Cari Greving shares about upcoming events across Racine County.

April 17-18

Topic: Horlick Aviation's Drone Program; Downtown Racine Corporation; Cops 'N Kids; Community Calendar

Guests: Kelly Kruse; Cari Greving

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Topic: Severe Weather Awareness; Racine Zoo; Animal Ambassador; Community Calendar

Guests: Michael Schlesinger; Beth Heidorn; Ryan Retzke; Cari Greving

As we wrap up April, we want to make sure you're prepared for severe weather. Michael Schlesinger reminds us of how important it is to be ready when severe weather hits our area.

Beth Heidorn shares about upcoming events for the whole family including Bloody Mary Fest, Slumber Safari and A Round for Rhinos.

Ryan Retzke, lead conservation education specialist at the Racine Zoo, introduces us to this week's animal ambassador, an alligator.

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May 8-9

Topic: Racine Police Department; Racine Theatre Guild; Downtown Racine Corporation; Miss Racine

Guests: Chad Melby; Joycelyn Fish; Kelly Kruse; Miss Racine Sophia Karegeannes

Chad Melby with the Racine Police Department joined us to share about job opportunities and recognize students who've gone above and beyond in Union Grove.

The Racine Children's Theatre is returning for in-person summer theatre classes! Joycelyn Fish, director of marketing and development with the Racine Theatre Guild, shared about the offerings.

Kelly Kruse shared about upcoming activities including First Fridays, Imagine Alley Garden Art Fest and other events.

Miss Racine Sophia Karegeannes joined the conversation to talk about giving back and her efforts leading up to competing for the title of Miss Wisconsin in June.

May 15-16

Topic: Wisconsin Humane Society; Racine County Foster Care; Community Cares Packages; Community Calendar

Guests: Paige Fix; Jessica Scheeler; Chris Weyker; Cari Greving

Staff at the Wisconsin Humane Society are preparing for the first-ever Racine Golf Outing. We talked with Youth Impact Specialist Paige Fix about the event.

May is Foster Care Month and staff at Racine County Human Services are hoping to get the word out about the need for foster parents and other ways you can get involved with helping kids in Racine County. Jessica Scheeler with Racine County Human Services shared about services available.

The Kenosha Achievement Center is partnering with local businesses to bring a piece of the community to individuals the center serves with the new Community Cares Package initiative. CEO Chris Weyker shared more about the efforts.

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May 22-23

Topic: Racine & Me Graduation Special

Guests: Gabi Berthiaume; Sarah Frickensmith; Bubba Roberto Ruiz; Lorelei Kasos; Jordan Rissley

Gabi Berthiaume: When we talk about grit, Gabi Berthiaume's got it. She's an 18-year old from Racine who has been proving people wrong since she was just hours old. That's why her family is working to change the conversation about people with disabilities and focus on abilities instead.

Sarah Frickensmith: Sarah Frickensmith is a standout student at Walden III. She's the President of Student Government and, according to her teachers, a valuable asset in all her classes.

Bubba Roberto Ruiz: Bubba Ruiz went off to Prom with a big surprise. He has special needs and was crowned prom king during a virtual school assembly.

Lorelei Kasos: Lorelei Kasos is a senior at Walden III. Her teachers described her as a student who is a hard worker and goes out of her way to make others feel needed.

Jordan Rissley: Jordan Rissley is a senior at The Racine Engineering, Arts & Leadership School. She has future plans to go into the military.

May 29-30

Topic: Explore Waterford; Racine Zoo; Animal Ambassador; Community Calendar

Guests: Dawn Brummel; Beth Heidorn; Madison Fales; Cari Greving

Dawn Brummel from Explore Waterford joined in the conversation to share about the upcoming Celebrate Waterford event and how the whole family can get involved in the fun.

Beth Heidorn shares about upcoming events for the whole family, including the summer concert series.

Madison Fales from the Racine Zoo introduced us to Harley, the prehensile tail skink.

Real Racine's Cari Greving shares about upcoming events across Racine County.

June 5-6

Topic: Community Calendar; Downtown Racine Corporation; Racine Police Department; Eco-Justice Center

Guests: Cari Greving; Kelly Kruse; Sgt. Chad Melby; MaryLynn Conter Strack

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Kelly Kruse shares about upcoming events supported by the Downtown Racine Corporation.

Racine Police Department Sgt. Chad Melby shares about updates within the department and notifications for the Racine community.

MaryLynn Conter Strack talks about the Eco-Justice Center, an environmental education center and organic farm located on 15 acres in northern Racine County.

June 12-13

Topic: Community Calendar; Wisconsin Humane Society; Racine Yacht Club; Students Connect with Music in Jamaica

Guests: Cari Greving; Paige Fix; Maddie Lyon; Sean Fox; Jack Senzig

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Paige Fix shares about what to do in the event of a dog bite and how to prevent your dog from biting.

With over 100 years of history, Maddie Lyon and Sean Fox share about how people can get involved with sailing, even if they don't have a boat.

Gifford School Teacher Jack Senzig shares about efforts to connect students with musicians miles away in Jamaica.

June 19-20

Topic: Community Calendar; Racine Public Library; Wisconsin Cheese Queen; Franksville Craft Beer Garden

Guests: Cari Greving; Julia Heiser; Sam Buschman; Ken and Molly Michel

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The Racine Public Library has a long history, located on the shores of Lake Michigan. It first opened its doors in 1897. Julia Heiser shared about what's new this summer at the library.

Sam Buschman is the self-styled "Wisconsin Cheese Queen." After losing her job in the restaurant industry at the start of the pandemic, Sam set out to eat and review as many Wisconsin cheese curds as possible as a way to support area restaurants. Meghan Reistad and Sam visit Racine to find the best curds in the city.

The Franksville Craft Beer Garden is a great spot to gather in the Caledonia-Mt. Pleasant Joint Memorial Park. As Racine County's first permanent Craft Beer Garden, the beer garden adds to the historic legacy of the park. Owners Ken and Molly Michel shared about fun for the whole family.

June 26-27

Topic: Senior Companion Program; Venmo Challenge Racine; Community Calendar

Guests: Laurie Radewan; Stan Anderson; Cari Greving

The Senior Companion Program has been bringing people together by providing companionship with compassion, serving Racine and surrounding Wisconsin communities since 1978. Laurie Radewan shares about the program.

A Racine man and a number of others aren't stopping giving back, even though the urgency of the pandemic is slowing down. Stan Anderson with Venmo Challenge Racine joins us again for an update.

Cari Greving from Real Racine shares about Food Truck Fridays, Hot Summer Nights Concert Series and the Real Racine Postcard Contest.

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April 3-4

TOPIC: Housing Market; Life Insurance; Immigration

GUESTS: Pedro Bando Rivera; José Luis Solorzano; Ingrid Fernandez

First Segment: The importance of being informed about buying and selling property with the participation of renowned specialist Pedro Rivera Bando of Milwaukee.

Second Segment: Myths about the purchase of life insurance, a taboo subject among the Hispanic community. José Luis Solorzano, an expert on the subject, visits us and answers several questions.

Third Segment: Ingrid Fernandez, a renowned international relations specialist, joins a well-known Milwaukee immigration law firm and comes on the show to share the latest in immigration issues.

April 10-11

TOPIC: Blue Cross Vaccination Site J&J one dose; PKGs on Latino Businesses; Voces de la Frontera

GUESTS: Carmen Lerma; Christine Neumann-Ortiz

First Segment: Blue Cross Blue Shield opened a pop-up vaccination site with Johnson & Johnson vaccines so people could get a one dose vaccine in a comfortable environment where people spoke Spanish.

Second Segment: PKG on Latino restaurants during the pandemic and a PKG on a Latina-owned cosmetic company aimed at helping with representation.

Third Segment: Voces de la Frontera has a tour planned across Wisconsin to protest/bring awareness to issues in the community, including undocumented Latinos having the right to get a driver's license.

April 17-18

TOPIC: Kids at the Border; Opportunities at MATC; Travel Issues

GUESTS: Ingrid Fernandez; Dr. Wilma L Bonaparte; Esaid Quezada

First Segment: The crisis that has united the United States and Mexico regarding the children at the border, has awakened a series of questions in the migratory field.

Second Segment: MATC is offering opportunities to learn. We had the VP on our show to discuss why education is so important and how it helps the community in the long run.

Third Segment: More and more people are being vaccinated in the country and therefore less restrictions, but how safe is it to travel in this time of pandemic despite the immunizations.

April 24-25

TOPIC: Project Recovery; Housing Assistance; CORE El Centro

GUESTS: Cielo Lazo; Abbey Cortes; Carla Del Pozo

First Segment: The coronavirus has brought many challenges. Some of us have unfortunately lost jobs, family members and have not been able to really leave our homes. All of that can affect us emotionally. "Project Recovery" is a service that you call to get the help you need from a counselor. Just call 2-1-1.

Second Segment: The CDC moratorium has been extended until June 30, 2021. This means that a tenant cannot be evicted from his or her home for nonpayment of rent during that time. Of course, this is not something to take advantage of. Abbey Cortez with the Tenant Resource Center is here to talk about resources.

Third Segment: CORE El Centro serves adults and children of all income levels. They offer comprehensive healing services such as massage therapy, gardening, and nutrition programs. They have a few events coming up for the community to get involved in.

May 1-2

TOPIC: Program Aids Local Business Owners; Business PPP; Artist Introduces New Music

GUESTS: Ivan Cicla; Nelson Soler; Fer Reyna

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Second Segment: Many small business owners fight to stay afloat during the pandemic. Nelson Soler, President of the Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute has information to help.

Third Segment: Fer Reyna has a new song; he's giving us a close look at his music and new video.

May 8-9

TOPIC: Familia Dental Community Baby Shower; Tax Extension Deadline; SBS Program

GUESTS: Judith Palma, Priscilla Prado, Victoria Guerrero

First Segment: Familia Dental is hosting a free community baby shower for the public on Sunday, May 16 from 1 to 3pm at the Kenosha YMCA.

Second Segment: The IRS has extended the federal tax filing date for the 2020 tax year from April 15 to May 17, 2021. That means if you haven't filed, you have a few days to do so.

Third Segment: This week the federal small business agency opened enrollment and application intake for the restaurant revitalization fund.

May 15-16

TOPIC: Mental Health; Anti-Crime; Miss Pre-teen Wisconsin

GUESTS: Ana Paula Soares; Angeles Soria Rodriguez; Lea Rios

First Segment: In the wake of the pandemic, more and more people are experiencing mental health problems. Both adults and children are facing mental health issues and concerns but are unsure where to turn for help.

Second Segment: Mujeres con poder de transformacion social is the name of the group supported by CORE El Centro who are partnering with the district 2 police department to foster good relations with the police and the community, and they now want all residents to attend the crime and safety meeting.

Third Segment: Lea Rios was crowned the Miss Wisconsin pre-teen USA 2020 ambassador. And she decided to take a pledge against bullying, as she has personally experienced bullying due to her learning disability. Because of that, she has become a mentor and is honored to join generations against bullying.

May 22-23

TOPIC: Mercadera; Neighborhood Clean-up; COVID National/Local News

GUESTS: Galy Montez; Nataly Andrade; Elizabeth "Sypher Lady X" Ramirez

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Second Segment: You may have seen a group on Facebook called "the MKE community" because the woman in charge of that page, Elizabeth, is here with us. She is really trying to create positive change in our neighborhoods. One of her latest projects is keeping the community clean.

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June 5-6

TOPIC: Yoga In the Park; Planned Parenthood COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign; COVID-19

GUESTS: Laura -- Yoga in the Park Instructor; Joshy Castillo -- Planned Parenthood

First Segment: Yoga in the Park is starting up for the summer months in Milwaukee Parks. Yoga will be done in Spanish and English for inclusion and healthy opportunities.

Second Segment: Planned Parenthood is taking advantage of their reach in the Latino community and started a campaign to share accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Third Segment: PKG Tourism in Greece is starting back up after the pandemic shut everything down. PKG Loneliness has become an epidemic amid isolation due to COVID. What's being done to combat it? PKG Vaccination rate among adults and children and the correlation between Republican and Democratic states.

June 12-13

TOPIC: Mexican Consul Technical Programs; Restaurant Employment; Alzheimer Awareness Month

GUESTS: Dante Gomez Martines; Ivan Cicla; Arly Alfaro

First Segment: Mexican consulate is offering technical courses.

Second Segment: Restaurants are struggling to hire anyone with experience and are looking to inspire anyone to apply.

Third Segment: There is hope for anyone with Alzheimer's. A new medication was approved by the FDA. Interview with the Alzheimer's Association on signs to look out for and resources.

June 19-20

TOPIC: Sixteenth Street Clinic; Dreambank Madison; Barby the Book Fairy

GUESTS: Patricia Luevano; Leticia Rodriguez; Barbara Cerda

First Segment: Sixteenth Street Clinic has started Latinos para la Salud. It's a group of community members who are active in the community and offer healthy options to get out and get active.

Second Segment: Dreambank Madison by American Family Insurance offers the community the opportunity to chase their dreams and get the help and resources needed. It's a digital experience and they also offer a physical location.

Third Segment: Barby the Book Fairy received a city grant to build more little libraries and she chose ten more people to have them in front of their home. She walked us through the process and shares more on the upcoming book sales and events she has.

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"My Start Stories" is an inspiring video series on Start TV featuring real women from all walks of life who work to change the world in their own way.

The :30 and :60 second pieces rotate and air 6 times a day Monday-Saturday and 5 times on Sunday.

MSS April 2021

4-1-21 Claire Quinn- Golden Gloves Boxer

When an injury left Claire Quinn searching for a new form of exercise, her dad recommended one of his favorite sports - boxing. She went on to become a Golden Gloves boxer, winning most of her fights by TKO, and losing only once in her first seven match. While she hopes to one day become a professional boxer, she currently works as a personal trainer and boxing coach, specializing in training kids with special needs and people with Parkinson's Disease.

4-2-21 Margot McMahon- Sculptor

Margot McMahon began sculpting at a young age. She earned an MFA from Yale University then taught sculpture and drawing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Public sculpture commissions and museum and gallery exhibitions have been the core of McMahon's work as an artist. Her sculptures and drawings are also included in private collections in Chicago, New York, Florida, London, Paris, and Tokyo.

4-3-21 Jeni Britton-Founder, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams

Jeni Britton Bauer is an ice cream maker, entrepreneur and author. She is a pioneer of the artisan ice cream movement. Jeni opened her first ice cream shop, Scream, in 1996. In 2002 she founded Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams. Bauer has approximately 50 "Scoop Shop" locations around the country. Her first cookbook, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams at Home, won a James Beard Award in 2012.

4-4-21 Hiba Bhatti- Architect, Valerio Dewalt Train Associates

Hiba Bhatti knew from a young age that she wanted to be an architect. Having a brother with cerebral palsy, she realized that buildings can be designed to enable and empower people. She trained at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Yale University. As a Pakistani-American woman, she had few role models to advise her on her path.

4-5-21 Annie Nocenti- Former Writer, Marvel & DC Comics

Annie Nocenti is a comic book writer, journalist and filmmaker. Her work includes Marvel's Daredevil, Typhoid Mary and DC's Catwoman. She's written for and edited numerous magazines and taught filmmaking in Haiti.

4-6-21 Karen Herold- Restaurant & Hospitality Designer, Studio K

Karen Herold may have earned her degree in fashion design, but she quickly realized it was hospitality design for which she was truly passionate. Herold received a number of awards for her accomplishments. In 2014, Herold opened her own multidisciplinary creative house, Studio K, where she has continued to design restaurants, bars and residences. She has worked with some of Chicago's biggest powerhouses including BOKA Restaurant Group, Sterling Bay and the Chicago Cubs.

4-7-21 Andrea Zopp- President & CEO, World Business Chicago

Andrea Zopp is not afraid of challenges. Not when she was practicing law, not when she worked in the mayor's office in Chicago and not currently, as the president & CEO of World Business Chicago, where she runs the city's economic development organization. Zopp is a fierce advocate and passionate about making sure people have opportunities. She believes that she's been given a lot and has an obligation to give back

4-8-21 Julia Storm- Founder ReConnect

Julia Storm is a Digital Media Parenting Educator and founder of ReConnect, a program that helps parents and kids prepare for and navigate life in the digital age. Prior to launching ReConnect, Storm served as Director of Production for The Mother Company, a production company dedicated to creating media for young children. During her tenure there, she produced award-winning children's media content for Netflix, Amazon, iTunes and PBS in conjunction with top child development specialists around the country.

4-9-21 Holly McGuire- Editor-in-Chief, Chase's Calendar of Events

Holly McGuire is the Senior Editor of the acclaimed reference book Chase's Calendar of Events. She leads the team in researching and deciding which national events and holidays are worth knowing about each year. As a publisher she acquired the autobiographies of Academy Award-winner Bill Hanna of Hanna-Barbera and Walter Koenig of Star Trek fame

4-10-21 Dolores Huerta- President, Dolores Huerta Foundation

Dolores Huerta is a feminist, activist, and lobbyist who has spent her life advocating for farm workers and women's rights, becoming one of the most influential labor leaders in American history. Huerta remains active to this day, continuing her life's work as President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, advocating for the working poor, women, and children.

4-11-21 Kathryn Morris- Actress, "Lilly Rush", Cold Case

Kathryn Morris played Detective Lilly Rush, which originally ran on CBS from 2003-2010, a role that changed everything for her. Kathryn leapt from a kid in her family's gospel choir to a household name – a journey that rapidly accelerated when she caught Steven Spielberg's eye in The Contender and he cast her in his 2002 neo-noir sci-fi film Minority Report. Her other movies include Mindhunters, Paycheck and Resurrecting the Champ.

4-12-21 Avi Sic- Open Format Disc Jockey

Avi Sic turned her childhood passion for music into a full-time career as an open format DJ. Under the mentorship of Lady Gaga's Grammy-winning producer, she quickly worked her way up through the industry. She has headlined festivals, performed at concerts and top-tier clubs, entertained at high-profile media events and shared the stage with some of the world's greatest talent. Most recently, she became an official Chicago Bulls DJ.

4-13-21 Hoda Katebi-Fashion Creative, Community Organizer

Hoda Katebi is the creator of the body positive fashion blog at JooJoo Azad. She is also the author of Tehran Streetstyle, which documents and celebrates the illegal fashion in Iran. Katebi also launched #BecauseWeveRead, an international Instagram book club that works to celebrate the stories of people whose voices are systemically silenced.

4-14-21 Karen Nowicki- Engineering Division Manager, Enova International

Karen Nowicki is currently the Manager of the Engineering Division at Enova International, a financial technology multinational that develops innovative financial products and services for individuals and businesses that might not otherwise have access to them.

4-15-21 Monica Rochester- Capt., U.S. Coast Guard

Monica Rochester was only one of two women in the Coast Guard when she first enlisted. Most recently she served as the Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach commander. As a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard, she was a Prevention Operations specialist with focus on commercial vessel safety and security, marine investigations, and waterways management. She also served in the US Department of Homeland Security as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense expert.

4-16-21 Dunya Djordjevic- Actor, Director, Producer & Program Director, Camp Reel Stories

A former pre-med student, Dunya Djordjevic fell in love with acting and never looked back. The actress, producer and director, who is also a cancer survivor – or cancer thriver, as she calls herself – helps run Camp Reel Stories, a camp for girls to learn all aspects of filmmaking.

4-17-21 Laura Desmond- CEO & Founder, Eagle Vista Partners

Laura Desmond has consistently been called an industry game changer and innovator, instrumental in reinventing the ways in which media companies grow their digital content and media strategy. She has worked with some of the most successful marketers worldwide, including Samsung, Coca-Cola and Visa, as well as online consumer brands like Twitter, Airbnb and Spotify. In 2016, she founded her own company, Eagle Vista Partners, a marketing and digital transformation consulting and advisory firm.

4-18-21 May Lee- Broadcast Journalist

May Lee joined CNN in Tokyo as the first Korean-American correspondent in 1995. By 1997, she became the main anchor for CNN International in Hong Kong. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1999, Lee hosted her own talk show on the Oxygen Network. In 2003, she was an anchor at CNBC Asia in Singapore. While in Singapore, she started her own media production and consulting company, Lotus Media House, and in 2007, she launched The May Lee Show, a talk show aimed at Asian women. Lee is currently a correspondent for CGTN America, the news network for CCTV of China.

4-19-21 Paula Haney- Founder, Hoosier Mama Pie Company

After college, Paula Haney moved to Chicago and worked as a pastry chef at the Hilton Chicago before spending years as a head pastry chef at some of Chicago's finest dining establishments. Dedicated to preserving the tradition of the American pie, Haney decided to open her own company on March 14 ("pi" day), 2009. Having grown up in Indianapolis, it seemed only fitting to name her company Hoosier Mama Pie Company. She is also the author of The Hoosier Mama Book of Pie.

4-20-21 Annie Torsiglieri- Actor, Playwright & Performer

Annie Torsiglieri has appeared on Broadway in Miss Saigon Top Girls, Parade and Blood Brothers and has starred in the National Tour of Les Miserables. She has also performed in several Off-Broadway productions and at regional theaters nationwide. TV appearances include Law & Order, Kidnapped, and Gossip Girl.

Her autobiographical play "A TRAIN, about raising a son with autism, was awarded "Best Production" at the United Solo Festival in 2017 and "Best Encore" there in 2018.

4-21-21 Jill Thompson- Comic Book Creator

Jill Thompson always knew she wanted to work in comics. As one of the top female comic book artists today, she's won numerous awards for her work, which includes "Wonder Woman" and "The Sandman." Thompson's own creation, "Scary Godmother," is a series of children's books and comics that combines her love of Halloween and comedy. And if the scary godmother character happens to resemble Thompson herself – well, it's no coincidence...

4-22-21 Wendy Burton- President & CEO, World Tree

Wendy Burton knew at a young age that she had a strong connection to trees. However, it took her many careers before she would actually work with them. Today, it is her mission to educate the world about the economic and environmental benefits of the Empress Splendor Tree, which she touts as the 'for-profit, for-good' solution to climate change.

4-23-21 Diana Nyad- Long Distance Swimmer, Author

Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage in 2013 at the age of 64. She first came to the nation's attention in 1975 when she broke the record for swimming around the island of Manhattan in New York City. In 1979, Nyad set the world distance record when she swam from North Bimini, Bahamas to Juno Beach, Florida. She also had a successful career as a broadcast journalist, spending 30 years as a network sportscaster. Nyad has authored several books, including the 2015 memoir Find a Way.

4-24-21 Catie Holoubek- EVP Media, Pinnacle Advertising & Marketing

Catie Holoubek planned to go to law school until radio became her passion. That's where she got involved in digital advertising and marketing, where the self-described "nerdy" EVP of media didn't let the fact that she's female stop her from reaching her goals.

4-25-21 KT McCammond- Cabaret Singer

KT McCammond is a Cabaret singer. She performed at the Chicago Auditorium Theater Summer Cabaret series, and has performed in famous Chicago venues such as: The Jazz Showcase, The Green Mill and the Park West. In 2005 she was awarded the Chicago After Dark Award for "Outstanding Cabaret Artist."

4-26-21 Shari Dyon Perry- Actress

Shari Dyon Perry was born and bred in Phenix City, Alabama, and started performing in regional theater with her actress mother as a child. By 12, she was playing the young Rene Jackson on the popular TV drama Any Day Now. After leaving the show when she was 16, Shari returned home and studied theater at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She went on to perform in theater, commercials and television in cities around the south. Shari also took up teaching her craft to students and local artists.

4-27-21 Nani Cholakians- Coroner Lieutenant, LA County Department of Medical Examiner- Coroner Nani Cholakians has always had a fascination with the human body and bones. At the age of 22, she was hired as a death investigator. She was recently promoted to Coroner Lieutenant in the Investigations Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office. Cholakians has conducted over 2,000 death investigation cases.

4-28-21 Karen Hirsch - Photographer

Karen Hirsch first learned photography while studying in France during college. She later attended a photography workshop in Barcelona, Spain; the photos she took there earned her first place in a Kodak competition in Chicago. She worked as an in-house photographer at Foote, Cone & Belding Advertising before starting her own commercial agency Karen I. Hirsch Photography.

4-29-21 Helen Sun- Chief Technology Officer, STATS

Helen Sun is the Chief Technology Officer at STATS, a sports data, technology, statistics, and content company. Before coming to the U.S. to pursue a Ph.D., Sun was an English teacher in Shanghai, China.

4-30-21 Crista Samaras – CEO & Founder, Brave Enterprises

Crista Samaras is the CEO and Founder of Brave Enterprises, an organization inspiring teen girls and teaching them the skills necessary to be resilient and brave. With Samaras' help, girls can learn an important lesson about overcoming fear.