

**WPRO-AM 630/WEAN-FM 99.7 Public Service Report**  
**Fourth Quarter 2019 (October 1 – December 31)**  
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Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WPRO-AM and WEAN-FM, as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending December 2019 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

**The News with Gene Valicenti:** A three hour news and talk program that airs Mon-Fri 6am-9am and is hosted by Gene Valicenti. News Updates twice an hour with Bill Haberman, weather updates with Elliot Abrams from Accu-Weather, and traffic updates 4 times an hour.

**The Tara Granahan Show:** A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Tara Granahan Show airs Mon- Fri 9am-12noon.

**The Matt Allen Show:** A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Matt Allen Show airs Mon-Fri 12noon-3pm.

**The Dan Yorke Show:** A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Dan Yorke Show airs Mon-Fri 3pm-6pm.

**The Gresh Show:** A three hour sports talk program that focuses on local and national sports news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national newsmakers about sports and issues that affect the community. The Gresh Show airs Mon-Fri 6p-9p.

**Amazing Women:** A 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero focusing exclusively on women's issues, interviewing notable women in the community. Amazing Women airs Sundays from 7:00a-7:30a.

**Cumulus Community:** A 30 minute interview program hosted by WPRO-AM's Bill Haberman focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill interviews notable newsmakers in the community. Cumulus Community airs Sundays from 7:30a-8:00a

**News Coverage:** WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM airs local news beginning at 5am and continuing through 8pm Monday through Friday. Saturday- local news reports air between 6a and 12noon.

WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM provides comprehensive coverage of all local, state and national elections and primaries including discussions with candidates along with a review of platforms, polls, and community impact on each case.

The format of WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM is News/Talk. Programs on WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM involve discussions of more than one subject per day and often vary from program to program.

**The following community leaders were surveyed in the 4th quarter of 2019 and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Job</b>	<b>What is the biggest issue facing RI?</b>
Mark Hayward	Small Business Administration	Regional Administrator	1. Job Training 2. High taxes 3. Workforce reform (Offenders and Disabilities)
Margie O'Brien	Capital TV	Host	1. Mental Health 2. Drug Health 3. Youth Bullying 4. Education
Col. Hugh Clements	City of Providence	Police Chief	1. Public Safety 2. Economy 3. Education
Linda Katz	RI Economic Progress Institute	Policy Director	1. Education 2. Living wages 3. Prison reform
Rev Tom Wiles	American Baptist Church, RI	Exec Minister	1. Education 2. Housing 3. Governmental Collaboration

**AMAZING WOMEN:**

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

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** Rhode Island has a rich history on land, but there's a lot of history buried at sea. **KATHY ABASS**, the founder of a non-profit RI Marine Archeology Project, and conservator **AMELIA HAMMOND** discuss the many shipwrecks off the coast. They talk about the science skills needed preserve waterlogged materials and some of their more fascinating discoveries.

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** About 8,000 students attend one of the 18 private, independent schools K-12 in Rhode Island. **DIANE RICH** is the first woman Head of School at Rocky Hill Country Day since Dorothy Marshall founded the school in 1934. She discusses their innovative approach to educating their 300 students to 'think outside' the norm, the classroom, and the boundaries.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** The new RI Education Commissioner, **ANGELICA INFANTE-GREEN** outlines her intervention plan for the challenged Providence Public Schools. She discusses the troubling findings in The Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy Report, her broad-based movement, and how she intends to turn these schools around.

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** 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, funded by Allstate Foundation that helps survivors manage the complex financial challenges of ending a relationship with an abusive partner.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Dr. **BARBARA ROBERTS** is the first woman cardiologist in RI. She talks about being the heart doctor for New England crime boss, Raymond Patriarca, Sr. Her book is called [The Doctor Broad: A Mafia Love Story](#). She's had a full life. Barbara discusses the podcast "Crime Town, her work as an activist, and her role as a mother and wife.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>:** One out of five Rhode Islanders –our friends and neighbors— are served by a 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.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>:** **KIM ARCAND** is a scientist and 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 STE; and more women taking space walks!

**Nov 24<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.

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** Rhode Island's Education Commissioner, **ANGELICA INFANTE-GREEN**, discusses her intervention plan for the challenged Providence Public Schools and her strategy to turn these schools around as well as her vision for the state of education in RI.

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** Rhode Island has a rich history on land, but there's a lot of history buried at sea. Dr. **KATHY ABASS**, the founder of a non-profit RI Marine Archeology Project, and conservator **AMELIA HAMMOND** discuss the many storied shipwrecks off the coast and skills scientists need to make these discoveries.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** Veterans who serve our country deserve quality healthcare. Dr. **SUSAN MACKENZIE**, the Director of the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center, discusses medical services available for RI veterans. She is the first woman director in the VA's history.

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>** Time for end-of-year donations to your favorite non-profits. Volunteer board members are the lifeblood of non-profit organizations. Fundraising consultant **SIMONE JOYAUX**, author of [Firing Lousy Board Members](#) discusses the serious business of board service and governance.

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>** Happy 2020! 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'.

#### **F. CUMULUS COMMUNITY:**

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

**10-20-19** Dara Chadwick, Director, Corporate Community Delta Dental of RI

**11-04-19** Michael Clinton, Author, Tales from the Trails

**11-11-19** Bob Curley, Author, 100 things to do in RI Before You Die

**11-18-19 Tom Giordano: Exec Director Partnership for Rhode Island**

**11-24-19 Hugh Clements, Police Chief, Providence**

**12-01-19 Margie O'Brien, TV Host, Capital TV**

**12-15-19 Mark Hayward, Administrator, SBA-RI**