

**WPRO-AM 630/WEAN-FM 99.7 Public Service Report**  
**Fourth Quarter 2017 (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 2017 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 news Anchor 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 and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.**

Lt. Gov. Dan McKee

1. Business
2. Education
3. Local government advocacy

Kasin Yarn

Director

RI Veteran's Affairs

1. Government outreach
2. Aging population
3. Opioid abuse

Kathy McKeon

Director of Social Services

Providence Catholic Diocese

1. Aging population
2. Confidence in RI
3. Schools

Chris Prazeras

Owner

East Bay Dunkin Donuts Franchises

1. Labor laws
2. RI economy

Eric Creamer, Executive Director, MADD RI

1. Taxes
2. Economic development
3. Infrastructure

Rev. Don Anderson  
Executive Minister  
RI Council of Churches

1. Housing
2. Public education
3. Higher education

**The following community representatives appeared on Cumulus Community in the 4th Quarter of 2017.**

10/1: Dorca Paolino, Diversity Coordinator, RI Courts  
10/8: John Jackson, President, Bishop Hendricken High School  
10/15: Capt. John Alfred, RI Cyber Crime Unit  
10/22: Tim Gray, World War 2 Foundation  
10/29: Lt. Gov. Dan McKee  
11/12: Kasin Yarn, Director, RI Veteran's Affairs  
11/19: Kathy McKeon, Director of Social Services, Providence Catholic Diocese  
11/26: Chris Prazeras, Owner, East Bay Dunkin Donuts Franchises  
12/3: Dr. James McDonald, Medical Director, RI Dept of Health  
12/10: Eric Creamer, Executive Director, MADD RI  
12/17: Erin Hertzog, Junior League of RI  
12/24: Rev. Don Anderson, Executive Minister, RI Council of Churches  
12/31: Victoria Strang, Director, RI Interfaith Coalition

**The following community representatives appeared on Amazing Women in the 4th Quarter of 2017.**

**Oct 1st**

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.

**Oct 8th**

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.

**Oct 15th**

**MEGHAN HUGHES** is the fifth president of Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). She discusses her goals for New England's largest community college with four main campuses and two satellites across the state, the RI promise of free tuition for full-time students so only 30% of students entering from high school qualify, and how CCRI can frame a future workforce in the

state.

### **Oct 22nd**

*NO MORE SILENCE* as 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 for everyone to say something.

### **Oct 29th**

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.

### **Nov 5th**

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!

### **Nov 12th**

The first Baptist Church in Providence was the 'first' in America, founded by Roger Williams in 1638. **REVEREND JAMIE WASHAM** discusses the historic significance and what it's like for her to lead America's oldest church.

### **Nov 19th**

Since 1922, The Martin Luther King Community Center of Newport County has been a resource to the people on Aquidneck Island. **MARILYN WARREN**, executive director, and **ALISON NOVICK** discuss how the food pantry, Feed-A-Friend, and Art Therapy programs make a difference in so many lives.

### **Nov 26th**

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.

### **Dec 3rd**

**COLONEL ANN ASSUMPICO** is the 13<sup>th</sup> Superintendent and the first woman to lead Rhode Island State Police in 92 years. She is a native Rhode Islander who talks about her 40 year career in law enforcement. This includes twenty-four years with the state police, seven years with Coventry police as a SWAT team member, and as the Director of Training for the State Police Academy. She discusses what she hopes to accomplish.

### **Dec 10th**

Newport is the home to the Bellevue Avenue mansions... decorated for the holiday season! **TRUDY COXE** is executive director of the Preservation Society of Newport County and explains that the preservation of these historic homes is a boon for the local and state economy. The Newport mansions eclipsed one million tours – The most of any museum in all of New England.

**Dec 17th**

This is the time of year for giving to others less fortunate. It's not easy raising kids and it's expensive to buy clothes for kids today; it's even more difficult for families in need. **EVA MANCUSO** discusses her non-profit ***Clothes to Kids Rhode Island*** helping Providence County families in need for clothing their kids in grades K-12.

**Dec 24th**

Rhode Island's history and heritage are economic assets to the state's economy. **MORGAN GREFE**, executive director of *Rhode Island Historical Society* discusses Rhode Island's rich history that reminds us how the past frames the future.

**Dec 31st**

Ring in the New Year with **ROSE WEAVER**, 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.