

## **WPRO-AM 630/WEAN-FM 99.7 Public Service Report**

**Second Quarter 2017 (Apr 1 – June 30)**

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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 June 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.

**WPRO Local Talk:** 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. WPRO Local Talk 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 8:30a-9a.

**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 8a-8:30a

**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 2nd quarter and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.**

John Torgan  
State Director  
Nature Conservancy of RI

1. Providence Waterfront
2. Renewable energy issues
3. Education

Randall Rosenbaum  
Exec. Director  
RI Council on the Arts

1. Economic stability
2. Public civility
3. Quality of Place

Deborah Perry  
Exec. Director  
YWCA of RI

1. Sick benefits
2. Domestic Violence
3. Racial Justice

Jeremy Duffy  
Founder, Isle Brewers Guild

1. Education
- 2 Economic Development
3. Political reform

Cindy Elder  
Exec. Director  
National Alliance on Mental Illness, RI

1. Mental Health
2. Honesty in Govt.
3. Transportation

Linda Katz  
Policy Director  
RI Economic Progress Institute

1. Health care
2. Workforce development
3. Child related Issues

Kasey Johnson  
Exec. Director  
Graduate! Rhode island

1. Education
2. Transportation
3. Non Profit reform

Elizabeth Burke Bryant  
Exec Director  
Kids Count

1. Education
2. DCYF reform
3. Higher Ed.

Dee DeQuattro  
Development Director  
Operation Stand Down

- 1 Affordable Legal Service
2. Workforce Development
3. Corruption

**The following community representatives appeared on Cumulus Community in the 2nd Quarter of 2017.**

- 4/4: Caroline Stevens- Director, Doors Open RI  
4/9: Dee DeQuattro, Development Director, Operation Stand Down  
4/16: Elizabeth Burke Byrant, Exec. Director, Kids Count RI  
04/23: Sarah Hunicke, Lisa Gerard, School Librarians Association of RI  
5/7: Kasey Johnson, Executive Director, Graduate RI  
5/14: Linda Katz, Policy Director, Economic Policy Institute  
05/21: Tim Gray, Founder, World War 2 Foundation  
5/28: Cindy Elder, Exec Director, National Alliance for Mental Illness  
6/4: Jeremy Duffy, Founder Isle Brewery  
6/11: Deborah Perry, Exec Director, YMCA of RI  
06/18: Randall Rosenbaum, Director, RI Council on the Arts  
06/25: John Torgan, State Director, Nature Conservancy of RI

**The following community representatives appeared on Amazing Women in the 2nd Quarter of 2017.**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>** How do Rhode Island companies find well-trained employees? URI's Business Engagement Center (BEC) is the front door for connecting business with students for internships, careers, or research. **KATHARINE HAZARD FLYNN** is the executive director and discusses the growing opportunities and jobs in manufacturing, engineering, computer science, digital media and design.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>** 30% of small businesses in this state are women-owned. **SUSAN RITSCHER**, the CEO for the Center for WOMEN & ENTERPRISE, talks about starting a business, financing, networking, and what's needed for a business to succeed.
- April 16<sup>th</sup>** **HEATHER ABBOT** of Newport discusses her Recovery Foundation and how helping others has empowered her years after surviving the Boston Marathon bombings.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Newport boasts being Rhode Island's "first knowledge district". Aquidneck Island is home to the Defense Industry—which contributes \$3.7 billion dollars to our state's economy. **MOLLY DONAHUE MAGEE**, executive director of SENEDIA, Southeastern New England Defense Industry explains how this sector provides 33,000 jobs in the state and why it's important to protect future job growth.
- April 30<sup>th</sup>** **LT. COLONEL KAREN PINCH** is the highest ranking woman in the Rhode Island State Police. She's a 21 year veteran serving as Commanding Officer of Department of Public Safety. She discusses her career and success in working in a male dominated culture.
- May 7<sup>th</sup>:** There's politics in the workplace and in our families. How does power and compassion relate to the political arena? **SYLVIA WEBER**, a clinical nurse specialist at Miriam Hospital Dept. of Psychiatry discusses how we can bring compassion into our work and family.
- May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Remember MOM on Mother's Day. Opening up your heart and your home as a foster mom or 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** , Foster Forward, shares her foster care story and how you can become a foster parent.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Newport is home to impressive mansions on Bellevue Avenue. **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.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Memorial Day weekend starts the summer beach season in the sun. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in teens and young adults. **MEGHAN ROTHSCHILD** was diagnosed with melanoma at age 20. She discusses her survival and RI's new law banning anyone under 18 from use a tanning bed without a doctor's prescription or parental consent.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:**

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.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>:**

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**June 18<sup>th</sup>:**

**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, and how CCRI can frame a future workforce in the state.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**ROSE WEAVER** is a singer, songwriter and actress who performed with Viola Davis at Trinity Rep, 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.

