

Q1, 2024 Issues Report

Sunday Conversations Talk Show

How issue was treated: Weekly Program

Aired on: WFXE, WEAM, WOKS, WKZJ, WIOL FM, WIOL AM

Time: Sundays: WEAM@4:30pm, WOKS@6:30pm, WFXE@6:00am, WKZJ @11:30pm, WIOL-AM& FM@6:00am

Duration: 30 minutes

Host: Gerald Riley, Catosha Riley

Producer: Gavin Henry

DESCRIPTION: Sunday Conversations is a public interest program airing on Sundays. This quarter primarily focused on local elections and voter education, community activism, economic empowerment, school district summer learning, cultural awareness, and preservation of history.

DATE	ISSUES	GUEST
1/14/2024	HIV / AID AWARENESS	Tacara Hemingway

Interview with Tacara Hemingway, Pyschiatric Nurse Practioner about the prevalence of AIDS in the black community. Discussed raising awareness of HIV among people and encouraged them to get tested and know their prevention options.

1/21/2024	BLACK HISTORY PAST & PRESENT	Dr. Judy Purnell
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The show discussed local, national, and world black history with local professor, grio Dr. Judy Purnell. Dr. Purnell was recently recognized by Tuskegee University for her work, and a local library section was named in her honor. Dr. Purnell spoke on the origin of history from Africa, and how that history has helped shaped the world.

2/04/2024	FEEDING THE VALLEY	Jerica McCrary
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The show discussed poverty reduction with Jerica McCrary, vice president of poverty reduction for the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley. Ms. McCrary discussed her role with United Way and their plans to work with a coalition to boost economic mobility, access to health, and educational equity.

2/11/2024	COLUMBUS TIMES NEWSPAPER	Mr. & Mrs Helmut Gertjegerdes
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Interview with Mr. & Mrs Helmut Gertjegerdes about the legendary Columbus Times Newspaper, Columbus' first Black owned newspaper. The husband wife team have carried on the legacy of the periodical, and will continue to publish the paper, now being published by their daughter. The paper

dates back to the 1920's, and has covered a myriad of issues, highlights, and historical events for the city.

2/18/2024      BLACK HISTORY IN COLUMBUS      Dr. Shay Anderson

The show discussed local black history with Dr. Shay Anderson, publisher, and entrepreneur who's father and family paved the way for black upward mobility in Columbus both post and pre civil rights era from owning businesses into the corporate world of Columbus.

3/04/2024      BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE BREAKFAST      Hakeem Jeffries

The show aired the speech from Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives. He was the keynote speaker for the 39<sup>th</sup> Columbus Black History Month Observance Breakfast which raise funds for charities, and recognizes the contributions of significant Black citizens of the area.

3/10/2024      WOMENS HISTORY MONTH      Katrina Long

Interview with Katrina Long, Principal of Reese Road Academy discussed her career in education, as well as her philanthropic work in the community with her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha. The organization recently hosted their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Rosa Parks Observance Breakfast, of which she is the co-chair for Sisters, Inc.

3/17/2024      DOWN SYNDROME COLUMBUS      Toya Barnes & Christian Hill

Interview with the guests to discuss Down syndrome in Columbus and 321 Day. Both guests volunteer and work for the Chattahoochee Valley Down Syndrome Association, Based in Columbus, Georgia, they provide information and support for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. They also discussed their upcoming Mix & Mingle event to introduce the community to their new board members and plans for the upcoming year.

3/24/2024      NATIONAL READING MONTH      Kimberly Porter

Interview with Kimberly Porter about National Reading Month encouraging reading every day and to foster a love of books for children. She shared some at-home reading ideas and tips.