

Q2, 2023 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, Caatosha 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
4/02/23	PROSTATE CANCER	REV EDWARD CARTER

Interview with Rev Edward Carter who is a Prostate Cancer survivor. He discussed what lead to his initial discovery of prostate cancer. He is not a medical professional so this gave listeners real insights to everyday people. Mr. Carter spoke on cancer being in his family tree which alerted him to continue regular checkups. Although not having any signs of Cancer Mr. Carter asked his doctor for a full body check-up that included bloodwork. This is what led to the discovery of having prostate cancer. While still handling everyday life Mr. Carter sought out proper treatment and is still with us to share his insight.

4/16/23	Civic Organization	Stanley Wright
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Interview with Stanley Wright, President of the Controllers a local civic organization. Mr. Wright provides us a history lesson on the positive impact over the past 27 years. The Controllers have impacted thousands of families within low income areas. These areas or interest lack resources to sustain the people. The Controllers have events geared towards assisting those during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and children going back to school. Mr. Wright speaks about needing new members to continue pushing the organization forward.

4/23/23 Civic Organization

Demetrius McBride

Interview with Demetrius McBride, a member of the Urban League of the River Valley Community. Mr. McBride breaks down the five pillars of the organization that dictates the work in the community. The Urban League of Columbus's five pillars are Education, Jobs, Housing, Health, and Justice. Mr. McBride speaks on the 50 years the organization has been within the community. The Organization provides resources to all who seek, or are in need within any of the five pillars. Mr. McBride also explains the difference between the sub groups within the organization. There is The Urban League of the River Valley Community for the 40 and up age group. Then there is the Urban League Young Professionals for ages 21-39.

4/30/23 Education

Kimberly Wright

Interview with Kimberly Wright, Director of Communications for Muscogee County School District. She provides insight into the SLE Summer Learning Experience in Muscogee County. The Summer Learning Experience continues student's education throughout the summer. Providing students with STEM program opportunities that may not be available during the regular calendar year. Along with extra learning in main courses. Ms. Wright speaks on the community organizations, clubs, and businesses involved in the SLE.

5/07/23 Civic Organization

Susan Wood

Interview with Co-Chairman Susan Wood from House of Hero's. This organization helps military veterans and first responders with restoring homes. Susan spoke about the application process in order for those able to receive the necessary help. House of Hero's restores homes for Military Veterans and family. Along with first responders. The work done on these homes are free of cost. House of Hero's has been changing lives for 20 years in our community.

5/14/23 Mentorship

Courtney Smith Marvin Broadwater

Interview with Courtney & Marvin to discuss the importance of mentorship and the work they do to on this initiative. Courtney Smith is a case worker with Big Brother's Big Sisters in the Chattahoochee Valley. She discusses how finding the right mentor for a child can make a positive impact. Marvin Broadwater discusses the Omega Lamp Lighters mentorship program. This mentorship program focuses on young males and aligning them with working class professionals. Both guests have highlighted the difference both organizations have made in the community.

5/21/23 Civic Organization

Gabriella Castleberry

Interview with Gabriella Castleberry about the 706 Community Food Pantry. She discusses how she noticed a need for food in the community while attending the local college. The organization has been operating for 9 months. Gabriella speaks on the percentage of people suffering from local food insecurities. This is a free option open to the public operating out of the local university. This organization is ran by college students who aim to supply food on a short term level.

6/04/23 Mental Health

Dr. Walter Taylor

Interview Dr. Walter Taylor as he touches on mental health. Dr. Taylor breaks down the difference between mental health and mental illness. He provided options for preventative measures to keep your mental health positive. Dr. Taylor speaks on the importance of evaluating your mental health periodically to find a good balance. Also within our current way of life we have lost a sense of community which has stopped the idea of fellowshiping. Dr. Taylor pushes people to spend more time together to stimulate the mind.

6/11/23 Civic Organization

Danita Gibson-Lloyd

Interview with Danita Gibson-Lloyd, Chief Operating Officer at Girls Inc. She speaks on the 71 years of history Girls has in the community. The focus is inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold in an equitable society. Danita speaks on being a part of the largest advocacy group for girls in the world. While highlighting what has been done Danita spoke about the bright future of the organization. The organization plans to include a girl's whole family into the resources that are available.

6/18/28 Balancing Mental Health & Life

Dr. Crocker

Interview with Dr. Crocker about balancing your ever day life and mental health. Dr. Crocker speaks on the impact of hiding regular emotions. Many men are taught they cannot cry or look weak. This mental battle causes a disconnect within self, and the reality of how one may feel. Dr. Crocker urges the community to find a safe space within someone you can talk to. If not he says to call a therapist. Speaks about how normal it is to visit a therapist.

6/25/23 Education

Ivan Rome

Interview with Ivan Rome, a current student at Columbia Film School. Ivan speaks on the film industry continuing to grow nationally. Highlights the many advances that have been made statewide and locally. Ivan spoke about not knowing the film was an option for him to pursue. The film industry is growing fast with more opportunities behind the camera. Ivan discusses how he originally had no interest in film, but a college professor brought that spark. He hopes to show people that they can join this industry and be successful as anyone in history.

