WQLN PBS NPR

Our Mission

The mission of WQLN is to stimulate, enrich, educate, and entertain the public.

Our Vision

The region's most trusted voice in current and emerging media.
From the Office of the President

2020 in Focus

I promised myself I would not write about the year 2020 as being “unusual,” “hard,” “complicated,” or “different” in any way from any other year. I would be original. Ignore the pandemic and wax poetically about everything WQLN PBS NPR accomplished over the last 12 months.

But then a couple of things happened.

The first, of course, was the onset of the worldwide pandemic, which would fundamentally change the way WQLN conducts business.

Next was something Blane Dessy, the executive director of Erie County Public Library, said during a virtual meeting with other nonprofits in September. He argued the annual reports written this year will hold a historical significance unlike any other year. 2020’s annual reports will reflect the region’s business community’s response to the worldwide pandemic in a way print and broadcast journalists are unable to tell the same story. For future researchers Blane strongly recommended our annual reports reflect the impact the pandemic had on our business. To me that made a lot of sense.

The third thing that happened was near the end of the year, during the week before the holidays. WQLN’s staff was having our last full staff meeting of the year. Like every staff meeting since March, this meeting was held over Zoom. Near the end of the meeting, I asked everyone to name the one thing WQLN accomplished in 2020 that made them especially proud. One by one, everyone took turns speaking about their work and their coworkers’ achievements. Projects big—and small—important and frivolous were discussed. The conversation was lively, sprinkled with a ton of compliments, laughs, and a few tears brought on by the weight and emotional impact of 2020.

The most common theme I heard from the staff was gratitude for being able to work with an exceptional group of people. I agree, we have a great crew here at WQLN—hard working, enthusiastic, exacting, fun, and firm believers in the Oxford comma.

The TV production team talked about the long hours spent trying to figure out how to quickly get nearly 100 teachers on television to teach kids suddenly learning at home. The series was called WQLN Homeroom and it was a quarantine hit! Winning praise from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the American Institute of Research.

Both the television and radio teams talked about the live eight-hour broadcast of the 2020 Erie Blues and Jazz Festival. Hosted by Abdullah Washington, the festival featured “Blind Boy” Paxton, David Kambowa, Tasana Camara, the George Burton Quartet, Cee Brown, and more. Everyone joked about Benjamin the calligrapher’s radio performance of….. total silence.

Others mentioned our Celebration of Seniors’ 10-hour broadcast special, which occurred over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Our high school graduation ceremony honored every single graduating senior in Northwest Pennsylvania and included notable keynote addresses by Tom Ridge, Skip Gates, Judy Woodruf, Tom Hanks, and many more.

Other television productions mentioned were Our Town: Stories from Cochranton, McKean, and Ashtabula, the congressional and senatorial debates, and Trail Blazers: Women’s Fight for the Vote.
Our education team members talked about the thousands of WQLN educational grab and go project bags we distributed over the summer, our Wash and Learn initiatives, and our new partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The partnership will create a connection to learning for kids in Pennsylvania unimagined at the beginning of the year. The scope of the project is broad and includes universal access to educational enrichment apps, internet service for families unable to connect online to their local schools and classrooms, and learning projects for the entire family.

Our membership department talked about how everyone at WQLN helped maintain an excellent connection with our members. And our members responded by praising WQLN for our community outreach—especially for our broadcasts of the Erie Philharmonic’s fall concert series. Working closely with Daniel Meyer and the musicians of the Erie Philharmonic, each concert was carefully choreographed and staged for a television audience. The broadcasts and performances were flawless, and the musicians, with their black surgical masks, will forever stand as a historic record and as a symbol of this long sad year.

WQLN’s mission is equally divided by three—education, civility, and public safety. Everyone understands the first two. If you watch or listen, you will learn; and our daily discussion of issues and events is always conducted in a civil manner.

Public safety occurs in the background. WQLN’s broadcast signal, combined with other public stations from around the country form the Warning, Alert, and Response Network—or W.A.R.N. Created by an act of Congress in 2006, W.A.R.N. is the backbone of the national Emergency Alert System and is how agencies like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security, Pennsylvania’s Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), and others transmit emergency messages.

It is because of our public safety mission that WQLN took on the role of producing the Erie County Health Department’s daily coronavirus news conferences. WQLN safely connected all print and broadcast journalists to the Erie County Executive, Erie County Health Department staff, and members of Erie’s medical community.

Considering all we achieved in 2020—WQLN Homeroom, educational Grab and Go project bags, broadcasts of the Erie Phil, and Erie’s Blues and Jazz Festival, Celebration of Seniors, the daily and weekly news conferences for the Erie County Health Department, new radio programs, Learning at Home, and our new partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Education—it is no wonder WQLN PBS NPR won the Commitment to Erie Business Award for Nonprofit of the Year.

Tom New
President & CEO
Now here’s what you had to say...

“WQLN NPR provides the most up-to-date, unbiased news reporting in the country. A very valuable treasure especially during these challenging times.” — Marsha MacKinnon McKinley

“Without WQLN working with the Erie County Health Department and being there, people wouldn’t be able to get a full picture of what is going on in our area. Thanks for all you are doing during this scary time to bring information to all. God bless, be safe.” — Kathy Fatica

“I watched the Erie Philharmonic concert. I was astounded how wonderful the concert was! The selections were perfect and played magnificently! The camera work was done so well. The production was put together so professionally.” — Andrea Davis

“I am a fan of both your NPR and PBS broadcasts. My ancient radios are permanently tuned to WQLN. All my activities are accompanied by your programs. Again, Thank you all.” — Jeanne King Malecker

“We LOVED being able to attend the Blues and Jazz festival from home this summer! My husband has been attending it since close to its beginning, and it is one of the hallmarks of our summer.” — Christie Sutton

“Thanks for the three episodes of Little Women. It was nice to find a good evening of TV. Although I did cry a lot.” — Sharon Wieser

“Thank you, Brian, for your spectacular two hours devoted to our interview and my music which I listened to live this morning from the WQLN website! You are truly amazing as a host and producer, such great energy, questions and flow!” — Sharon Isbin, Grammy Award winning guitarist

“We’ve been members and supporters for a long time, and our conviction is that NPR news coverage that WQLN provides has never been of more importance.” — Dan Frankfurter and Karen Keene

“Thank you for WQLN Homeroom. My granddaughter loves it.” — Stacy Weber

“WQLN is an unequalled regional resource for information, education, and entertainment. WQLN offers learning opportunities for everyone from preschoolers to post-docs, and does it in an engaging and enlightening way.” — Glenn Holland

“Wanted you to know that even though we are at home, we are still really enjoying Sounds Around Town. Looking forward to enjoying it again in person next summer.” — Jerry Covert

“I don’t watch TV, unless it’s WQLN. They have meaningful and substantial news and media programs. Best thing going—otherwise it’s a wasteland out there.” — Mary Ann Grace
WQLN PBS NPR was created decades ago with the intention to simply serve the community using our powerful communication platforms. When a need arises, WQLN responds. This year is a true testament to that mission as we fully committed to keeping you informed, entertained, and safe at home through meaningful programming, virtual events and forums, and distance learning initiatives.

**Covid19 News Briefings**

As we navigated an ever-changing reality, WQLN PBS NPR provided daily and then weekly news briefings with the Erie County Executive, the Department of Health, and local healthcare experts to connect the people of the Lake Erie region to the information needed to stay safe during a pandemic. WQLN assisted all local news media to have live access to these news conference by serving as a community connector, the link between the media outlets and the local officials.

**Erie Philharmonic Concerts - In Your Home**

WQLN PBS partnered with the team at the Erie Philharmonic to bring music lovers a series of philharmonic performances televised on WQLN PBS for an entire season. When COVID19 closed down the Warner Theatre, this dynamic collaboration helped to fill the void in a powerful way.

**Celebration of the Class of 2020**

WQLN honored local high school seniors with a televised celebration of the class of 2020. When traditional graduation ceremonies were impossible because of a pandemic, WQLN worked with school officials and special guest speakers to celebrate our graduates with a little pomp and circumstance on WQLN PBS.

**WQLN Homeroom**

Knowing that some students have internet connectivity and others do not, WQLN has made it our mission to help local teachers reach ALL students. So in the spring we launched WQLN Homeroom, providing free access to televised lessons from local teachers on WQLN PBS Monday through Friday.

**Trailblazers: Women's Fight for the Vote**

WQLN PBS and The League of Women Voters presented a one-hour television program called Trailblazers: Women’s Fight for the Vote. Traci Teudhope led a discussion with an independent scholar of women’s history—reflecting on the American women’s suffrage movement—as we marked 100 years since the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

**Learning At Home**

While schools operated outside of their typical format, WQLN provided access to quality education to ALL by partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and all PBS stations in Pennsylvania to provide first-rate distance learning for students K through 12. It’s called Learning at Home.
Partnered Statewide

This year marked the inception of Pennsylvania PBS (PA PBS), the collective name for the seven PBS stations located throughout the Commonwealth. This partnership is the powerhouse that came together to build the statewide Learning at Home curriculum. PA PBS advocated for funding to launch a datacasting pilot, which ensures that equitable learning resources are available to all Pennsylvania students.

Be My Neighbor Day

WQLN team members and Daniel Tiger hopped aboard an EMTA trolley and delivered books, activities, and other special goodies to kids at local schools and the YMCA. Be My Neighbor Day was a great way for children to understand how to support others and how one kind act can lead to so much more.

Erie’s Blues and Jazz Festival

Erie’s Blues and Jazz Festival was a huge undertaking and powerful example of what can be accomplished through collaboration. This collaborative project included a four-hour television and radio program—despite a global pandemic that shut down entertainment venues this year.

Lake Erie Cycle Fest

Lake Erie Cyclefest grew from four days to 62 in a hybrid model that offered rolling registrations and the chance to enjoy the beauty of our region on two wheels—safely. Continuing with this popular community event meant “taking a detour” and implementing some strategic changes, but it was well-received by the local cycling community.

Virtual Discussions

When we couldn’t gather together in person, WQLN pivoted to ensure local residents could continue to engage in meaningful discussions—together online. Numerous film screenings, some including video tours and guest experts, helped launch lively discussions in our community this year.

Political Debates

Erie News Now, the League of Women Voters of Erie County, and WQLN partnered to host a debate between the candidates running for Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District and another televised debate between the candidates running for Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District.

Erie Philharmonic on Classics with Brian Hannah

When the novel coronavirus shut down concert venues and events centers, WQLN NPR went above and beyond, helping you escape with Erie Philharmonic concerts played on 91.3FM during Classics with Brian Hannah on Friday mornings. As host, Brian Hannah coordinated more than 30 concerts for his radio show.
**Wash and Learn Pop-up Library**

WQLN PBS launched our first Wash and Learn pop-up library at Denny’s Laundromat at East 10th and Parade Street. While parents are washing their clothes… kids can read, play PBS Kids games, and watch educational television programming on the 24/7 PBS Kids channel.

**Active Elders Program**

The one-hour Active ELDERS television show presented in partnership with the Erie County Department of Health helped senior citizens know that they’re not alone, learn how to safely increase flexibility, balance, and strength, understand how to work through difficult feelings, and discover wellness tips to combat social isolation.

**Nonprofit of the Year – Commitment to Erie Business Awards**

It’s a great feeling when your workplace also becomes your second home and your coworkers become your extended family. WQLN PBS NPR was named Nonprofit of the Year during the Commitment to Erie Awards thanks to the hard work of that team.

None of this would be possible without our members. WQLN is only as strong as the people who chose to support the station. This fiscal year, through television pledge drives, radio pledge drives, and mailings, **WQLN welcomed 1,030 new members.**
Meet the Team

WQLN is a Who

WQLN PBS NPR is led by an accomplished and dedicated team of employees. WQLN is fortunate to have hard workers who are committed to ensuring that WQLN remains vibrant and relevant so that it may continue to enrich, educate, and entertain people of all ages in the Lake Erie region.

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  Sandy Miller

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Curtis Empson
William Moon
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*All names current as of June 30, 2020
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WQLN received donations this year to honor the memory of the following individuals:

Chris Hilbert
Richard Blair
Louis Pollack

Bob Copeland
Florence Willis
Martha Johnson

Elizabeth Garts
Joseph Seddon
Marian D’Aurora

Vehicle Donation

We’d also like to thank the dozens of people who have donated their vehicle through the WQLN Vehicle Donation program!
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Welders Supply Company
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William T Spaeder Company Inc.
Wilson College
WITF Public Media
YMCA of Greater Erie
## Statement of Financial Position

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## Statement of Activities

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Support Our Mission

How can you help?

**Become a Member Today!**

WQLN PBS NPR’s mission is supported in large part by individual donors—listeners and viewers just like you!

To donate in support of your favorite programs, become a WQLN member by calling (814) 866-5454 or toll free 1-888-541-9601, or visit www.WQLN.org/Support. A donation of as little as $5 per month entitles members to receive our monthly program guide, “Q’d In”, and access to the ever-expanding video library on our streaming service, WQLN Passport!

A great membership option for families with little ones is the WQLN Kids Club. Kids Club members up to age 12 enjoy free admission to a variety of events, including our Kids Club Nights with the Erie Otters hockey team, Erie SeaWolves baseball team, and Sunview Golf, along with Kids Club Day at Waldameer Park. Kids Club members also receive the latest WQLN Kids Club tee shirt, discounts to several family-friendly local destinations, and a special birthday announcement on WQLN TV during the week of their birthday. To join the Kids Club, visit www.WQLN.org/KidsClub or contact Shannon at (814) 217-6040.

**Volunteer!**

WQLN has a proud tradition of volunteerism. From answering phones during the hustle and bustle of our two annual auctions to helping in the Holiday Craft Show kitchen to running cameras for a television production, and much more, our crew of volunteers has many talents—and they always welcome new recruits!

Interested in volunteering? Call MaryBeth at (814) 217-6099 or mbsantucci@wqln.org.

**Protect YOUR Public Media**

Take a stand for public media! Visit ProtectMyPublicMedia.org today to stay informed about the state of public media and—especially in this ever-changing political landscape—become a grassroots advocate for WQLN and other public broadcasters across the U.S.

There’s SO much more that we’re proud of having accomplished—with YOUR help—that we’d love to share. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and contact Shannon at sferrare@wqln.org to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to keep up with all the latest “Q news”.

Thank you for taking the time to read WQLN’s annual report. Here’s looking forward to another great year!