Dear Friends,

Northern Public Radio is 89.5 WNIJ. Northern Public Radio is Classical WNIU. Northern Public Radio is NIRIS. We are each of these. We are all of these. And we are here because of your continued support.

89.5 WNIJ continues to invest in excellent national programs, like Morning Edition and All Things Considered, and our award-winning reporters consistently produce excellent news stories and features about our region.

Classical WNIU provides the best in classical music programming to our audience 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our volunteer readers provide access to local news and periodical articles to more than 650 print-impaired citizens via NIRIS (Northern Illinois Radio Information Service).

Northern Public Radio is made possible thanks, in large part, to our generous listener-members, support from Northern Illinois University and the vital support of our local businesses and organizations through underwriting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Staci Hoste
Director and General Manager
Northern Public Radio
The mission of Northern Public Radio is to enrich, inspire and inform adults in northern Illinois through programs and services that share ideas, encourage thought, give pleasure and create community.

AWARD WINNING JOURNALISM

Jenna Dooley, reporter and current host of All Things Considered, was awarded the Donald R. Grubb Distinguished Journalism Alumni Award from Northern Illinois University April 25, 2014.
WHAT IS NIRIS?

NIRIS is a free, unique broadcast service that provides current print information to any person who is unable to read, hold a book or turn a page because of a visual, physical or learning disability. NIRIS users are loaned a receiver at no cost that picks up the NIRIS transmission. Our NIRIS volunteers read more than 25 newspapers, local food and shopping ads, book, popular magazines and special interest pieces to NIRIS listeners every week.

NIRIS programming is transmitted within a 60-mile radius of Lindenwood, Illinois. Within that listening area, there are an estimated 38,000 that may qualify for NIRIS service.

NIRIS depends on public support — financially, through volunteerism and by helping us get information about our service to those who might benefit from its use. Find out more by calling (815) 753-9000 or go online at northernpublicradio.org/niris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Submissions for public service announcements, or PSAs, can be mailed to 801 N. First St., DeKalb, IL 60115, faxed to (815) 753-9938, or emailed to Guy Stephens at gstephens@niu.edu.

Our community events calendar is available online and lists educational, arts and entertainment events happening throughout Northern Illinois. To submit your event, visit wnij.org, wniu.org and select Submit Your Community Calendar Item under the Events tab. All events are reviewed and approved before appearing on the site.
For a complete copy of our FY2014 audited financial statements, please visit About Us at northempublicradio.org or call (815) 753-9000 to request a printed copy.
January: Janet Yellen is confirmed as the first woman Fed Chairman … Massive protests cause turmoil in Ukraine … A relentless winter takes its toll on northern Illinois residents and on salt supplies.

February: The Sochi Winter Olympics begin … Chinese and Taiwanese officials meet for the first time in 65 years … Budget cuts shrink U.S. Army to pre-WWII size … First same-sex marriages held in Cook County.

March: Russia sends troops into Crimea to support secession from Ukraine … President Obama introduces NSA reform plan … A Malaysia Airlines flight disappears with 239 people … Cold weather freezes pipes in northern Illinois; many residents without water.

April: Nearly 300 girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria … U.S. Supreme Court eliminates caps on political contributions … Iraq War veteran kills three people and himself at Fort Hood … Gov. Quinn announces new route and funding for Chicago-Rockford train service.


June: Islamic State takes control of Mosul in Iraq … Palestinians for unity government … U.S. Supreme Court rules against contraceptives mandate in Obamacare … Anchor Hocking closes three plants in Sterling and Dixon.

Encore is a series hosted by Eric Hradecky that broadcasts recordings of recent local arts performances on Classical WNIU.

Thank you to Wesley Willows Senior Living Committee for sponsoring Encore broadcasts of Rockford Symphony Orchestra Classics concerts during the 2014-15 season.

Thank you to Corporate Challenge Partners

Northern Public Radio thanks the following business partners who provided Corporate Challenge funds during our Membership Campaigns:

Fall 2014
- Benassi Family Dentistry
- Bockman’s Auto Care
- First National Bank & Trust Company
- Hayes’ Body Shop
- Heartland Bank
- Huntley Horticulture
- Ken Spears Construction
- Schmeling Building Supply

Spring 2015
- Enders Flowers
- Huntley Horticulture
- Ken Spears Construction
- Schmeling Building Supply

For information on program sponsorship or how to become a Membership Campaign Corporate Challenge Partner, please call Janet Fischer or Kathy Scarpaci at (815) 753-9000
July: A Malaysia Airlines plane is shot down over Ukraine killing 298; tensions, violence increase ... Chinese hackers gain access to U.S. federal employee information ... Ebola outbreak erupts in West Africa ... State Rep. Chuck Jefferson steps down after discussion with Democratic leaders.

August: U.S. launches limited air strikes on ISIS; ISIS beheads American journalist ... A police officer shoots an unarmed black teen after altercation in Ferguson, Missouri ... Rockford School District plans to close 8 schools, build 2, rehab many.

September: Scotland votes to remain in United Kingdom ... NFL under fire for poor handling of domestic violence by players ... First Ebola case reported in U.S. ... Illinois looks for ways to reduce train-related deaths.

October: U.S. launches airstrikes inside Syria ... Gunman attacks Canadian Parliament ... Unemployment hits six-year low at 5.9% ... Faulty airbags cause recall of 14 million vehicles ... Businesses line up to provide medical marijuana supplies.

November: 43 missing college students spark protests in Mexico ... Republicans take control of Congress in mid-term elections ... President issues executive orders on immigration ... Spacecraft lands on a comet ... Illinois Gov. Quinn defeated by Republican Bruce Rauner.

December: Taliban attacks school in Pakistan, killing 145 ... Two New York City police officers murdered in squad car ... Newly re-elected Illinois Comptroller Topinka dies ... Faculty contract negotiations heat up at Kishwaukee College.

Financial support from our listener-members makes up 37% of our annual revenue. There are many way to give.

**Basic Membership** - Give a single, annual gift.

**Sustaining Membership** - Set up a monthly contribution from a debit/credit card or as an EFT from a bank account.

**Sound Futures** - Recognize Northern Public Radio in your estate planning in the form of bequests, life insurance, IRAs and trusts.

**Matching Gifts** - If you give to Northern Public Radio, your employer might match your contribution. Please contact your human resources department or call (815) 753-9000 to see if your employer matches charitable gifts.

**Vehicle Donation** - The Car Talk Vehicle Donation Service picks up your unwanted car, truck, SUV, etc. and turns it into a tax-deductible donation.

**Volunteer Time, Services and/or Goods** - Did you know that all of our NIRIS readers are volunteers? Volunteers increase what we can accomplish without adding to operational costs. In-kind food and supply donations from local businesses also greatly enhance station activities and volunteer visits and provide a unique way to get your company's name in front of our active, engaged audience.

**Help us spread the word!** Please encourage your friends and frequented businesses to support Northern Public Radio. Contact us to arrange to record a testimonial or send us your feedback — we just might quote you on that!
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