

Dear Listeners,

June is the month of closure, if you're an organization operating on the July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. It can also be a nail-biting time, if you're looking to make operating goals. We had a \$1.5 Million goal for FY 2017, projected from fund drives, corporate and business sales, and major gifts and grants, and as of June 22nd we were just \$100K short. Not bad for an economic downturn year, but we're not sitting on our laurels and working hard to close the gap. Thank you donors, for your generosity! If you have not made a pledge yet, go to our [website](#).

In other news, I'd like to introduce Don Gonyea to you, if you haven't yet met him while listening to WPM! Don is the leading NPR Political Correspondent and Analyst, and has covered it all. He will be in Jackson on July 19th at Snow King. If you ever wondered what it's like reporting on national events, tragedies, successes, primaries, federal elections, you will find this a most enlightening discussion. Every year WPM brings a national figure to Wyoming, be it Susan Stamburg, Scott Simon, Lakshmi Singh, or Lynn Neary. This year, it's Don Gonyea – a perfect choice for a politically tumultuous year! For more information click [here](#).

Although Don Gonyea is a NPR National Political Correspondent based in Washington, D.C., he spends much of his time traveling throughout the United States covering campaigns, elections, and the political climate throughout the country. His reports can be heard on all NPR programs and at NPR.org.

During the 2000 presidential campaign, Gonyea chronicled the controversial election and the ensuing legal recount battles in the courts. At the same time George W. Bush moved into the White House in 2001, Gonyea started as NPR's White House Correspondent. He was at the White House on the morning of September 11, 2001, providing live reports following the evacuation of the building.

As White House correspondent, Gonyea covered the Bush administration's prosecution of wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq and during the 2004 campaign he traveled with President Bush and Democratic nominee John Kerry. In November 2006, Gonyea co-anchored NPR's coverage of historic elections when Democrats captured control of both houses of the US Congress. In 2008, Gonyea was the lead reporter covering the entire Obama presidential campaign for NPR, from the Iowa caucuses to victory night in Chicago. He was also there when candidate Obama visited the Middle East and Europe. He continued covering the White House and President Barack Obama until spring 2010, when he moved into his current position.

Gonyea has filed stories from around the globe, including Moscow, Beijing, London, Islamabad, Doha, Budapest, Seoul, San Salvador, and Hanoi. He attended President Bush's first ever meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin in Slovenia in 2001, and subsequent, at times testy meetings between the two leaders in St. Petersburg, Shanghai and Bratislava. He also covered Mr.Obama's first trip overseas as president.

In 1986, Gonyea got his start at NPR reporting from Detroit on labor unions and the automobile industry. He spent countless hours on picket lines and in union halls covering strikes, including numerous lengthy work stoppages at GM in the late 1990s. Gonyea also reported on the development of alternative fuel and hybrid-powered automobiles, Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted-suicide crusade, and the 1999 closing of Detroit's classic Tiger Stadium — the ballpark of his youth.

Over the years Gonyea has contributed to PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, the BBC, CBC, AP Radio, and the *Columbia Journalism Review*. He periodically teaches college journalism courses.

Gonyea has won numerous national and state awards for his reporting. He was part of the team that earned NPR a 2000 George Foster Peabody Award for the *All Things Considered* series "Lost & Found Sound."

A native of Monroe, Michigan, Gonyea is an honors graduate of Michigan State University.

Sincerely,
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