

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: SK High School Auditorium

Speakers: Brian Wallin and Erica Luke

Lecture: The History of the Narragansett Pier Railroad: The Impact of the Railroad on Tourism and Economy of South Kingstown with a presentation of Artifacts of the Narragansett Pier Railroad

BRIAN L. WALLIN is a graduate of Stonehill College and earned his master's degree from American International College. He spent the first half of his career as a radio-television reporter-anchor in New England and contributed to major networks. He then turned to health care administration, serving in executive positions in Massachusetts, Maryland, and Rhode Island. He retired as vice president of Kent Hospital (Warwick, RI).

He is a recognized author and historian and a frequent lecturer throughout the state. He narrates the Rhode Island Fast Ferry Narragansett Bay Lighthouse Cruises. Brian is a trustee and member of the executive committee of the Varnum Continentals historic militia, a faculty member of the URI OLLI program, a consultant to the Narragansett Historical Society, a member of the U.S. Naval Institute and a docent at the Naval War College Museum. He is a past president of the North Kingstown (RI) Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He is the co-author of *World War II Rhode Island* (History Press, 2017).



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