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## 40 Under 40

July 19, 2018 @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's event and congratulations once again to the Class of 2017! Also thank you to our presenting sponsor Marsh McLennan and partner sponsors Cox and Neighborhood Health Plan.

Pictures from the event will be posted online next week on our events page and on Facebook.

The 2017 40 Under Forty honorees:

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- Diana Perdomo**, United Way of Rhode Island
- Zlatomir Popov**, International Game Technology PLC
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# Chad R. Bjorklund, 36

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*THE PROP: A family man, Chad R. Bjorklund always finds time for his children: Parker, 6; Bryce, 3; and Maddie, 2. / PBN PHOTO/MICHAEL SALERNO*

**Did you select your profession or did it select you?** My best friend's uncle, Rick Padula, was in the insurance industry. I set up a lunch to learn more about what he did and how he achieved success. As it turned out, lunch was really an interview and ultimately an offer to join Gencorp Insurance Group. At the same time, my now wife, Mel, was living in Rhode Island and had a great job. The stars aligned, and here I am 12 years later with the same firm (now Hilb), married to Mel with three

wonderful children.

**What's the best career advice you've received?** There is no substitute for hard work.

**What is your favorite Rhode Island food and where do you get it?** Chowder and clam cakes from Aunt Carrie's in Point Judith. We have a long-standing family tradition of spending Mother's Day there, no matter how cold or rainy.