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26th Santa's Elves Telethon Raises Over \$5K for Needy



Cameraman Jereme Cooper (in silhouette) holds shot steady as John Orthman of the Bellingham Business Association chats with hosts Lynn Ulsh (center) and Linda Trudeau. The Bellingham Women of Today organized the telethon which took place the night of Dec. 4.

Gifts and Donations Benefit Area Families

Continuing a tradition that goes back to 1987, the ABMI studio at 10 Williams Way once again served as host of a holiday telethon this past December to benefit local children and families in need.

Linda Trudeau, longtime producer of the ABMI talk show, *Something Special*, and Lynn Ulsh of the Bellingham Women of Today served as co-hosts for the three hour show.

Ulsh also organized the Telethon, something she has done annually for the past decade.

Gifts and donations valued at over \$5,000 poured in from local scouting troops, the Bellingham Business Association, Bellingham Police, Northeastern Tae-Kwon-Do, and many other groups and individuals.

"It's wonderful to see the generosity of kids and parents at this time of the year," said Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. "We provide the stage, but they fill it with gifts."



ABMI upgrades large sign by Route 140; Board votes for Shain budget transfer

At the Nov. 5 Board of Directors Meeting, Secretary Earl Pearlman inquired about the station sign situated near Rt. 140. Station Manager Patrick Fleming informed him that the black panel display for ABMI will be replaced by a white panel. Fleming said he will also have the light repaired on the smaller sign in front of the studio.

In other business, the Board voted unanimously to grant a transfer of funds from the prop budget for Mike Shain's show *Real Estate Roundtable* in order to buy food for a holiday party for the crew.

Pearlman asked about the SCALA bulletin board system going down recently. Fleming told him a tech from SCALA came out to repair a computer on the system. It is working fine now.

Pearlman said he enjoyed Publicity Director Steve Saraceno's recent production of the Cardboard Boat Race video. Saraceno was asked if he could put up a bulletin board notice publicizing Ed Gidney's holiday get-together for those associated with his show, *Talent Call USA*.



Saraceno said he would put up a screen on the public channel.

Fleming announced that the door prizes for the Open House would include gift cards from Best Buy and a Bose Sound Box as the grand prize.

Pearlman said it was too bad that the announcers did not show for the recent BHS football game. Production Coordinator Erik Fischer said that he was at the field prepared with the set-up but could not shoot the game without announcers.

Pearlman said he is at work on the criteria for the ABMI Scholarship.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

Noon & 8pm
Physician Focus

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Vic-
tory Assembly of God

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd
Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

WEDNESDAY

4pm & 8pm
The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

2pm
Train Time

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

Noon & 6:30pm - Real
Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dun-
geon of Dr. Dreck

*check our website
for complete daily listings*

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon 47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

A Brace of Holiday Cheer at ABMI!

November and December featured more action than usual at the studio, with an Open House held Nov. 17, and many groups and organizations coming in to tape holiday greetings and promos.



Along with the food and beverages, visitors to the Open House took home some valuable door prizes. Below, Ryan Marquez receives \$25 gift card



Jen Maseda, Senior Vice-President of the United Way of Tri-County, tweaks the beak of turkey Jess Friswell. The pair taped a humorous public service message Nov. 15.

Kids got the chance to try out some of our equipment, while adults like Tom Braile (\$50 gift card presented by Station Manager Patrick Fleming) contented themselves with good conversation and good luck. Paige Marquez won the night's biggest prize, a Bose Sound Deck.





ABMI Group Tours

Want to see how our “green screen” works? We will be happy to give your group or organization a tour of our studio at 10 Williams Way in Bellingham. Tours usually last about a half hour. Area Scouting groups and other local organizations are always welcome.

For more information on setting up a tour, please call our production coordinator, Erik Fischer, at 508-966-3234.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting

Tues. Jan. 8, 2013

6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Live town meetings generally run on the town government channels.



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