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Bellingham Women of Today Get Ready For 28th Annual ABMI Holiday Telethon



Area Scouts and many other community groups will appear live and in pre-recorded segments during the Santa's Elves Telethon at the ABMI-TV studio Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. The Telethon is organized every year by the Bellingham Women of Today, who last year raised over \$5,000 in donations for needy area families. This year's show is hosted by Linda Trudeau (top photo, 3rd from right), along with a little help from Santa Claus, who will take phone calls from children.



Video Bulletin Board Units Replaced; New Production Coordinator Introduced

At the ABMI monthly board meeting Nov. 6 Station Manager Patrick Fleming reported that all the SCALA video bulletin board units had been replaced and that the system was now fully functional.

In other business, Fleming introduced the new Production Coordinator Jeff Paul to the Board of Directors. Paul replaces outgoing Production Coordinator Erik Fleming, who is moving on to a post at Grand Circle Travel in Boston.

Board Members in attendance at the meeting were President Tracy Aicardi, Secretary Earl Pearlman, Treasurer Bob Carlson, Vice-President Jereme Cooper, and Diane Mela Souvanna.

Pearlman inquired about the increase of \$29,000 in the balance on the front page of the Treasurer's Report for Aug. 2014. Fleming explained that the balance there represents the difference between what is spent out in the other items on the front page.

Aicardi commented positively on the planting of the pear tree in the front yard of the studio building.

Souvanna said she looked forward to John Trainor's documentary on the history of Mendon.

Aicardi said she was sorry she missed the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Lowell's Restaurant in Mendon.

Fleming said Fischer diligently trained incoming Production Coordinator Jeff Paul over the past two weeks. Fischer wrote up a little training manual for Paul which has already proven valuable.



Aicardi asked whether applicants for the Annual \$1,000 ABMI-TV scholarship needed to be majoring in Communications. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said no, they must only show a "demonstrated interest in Mass Communications."

Under the item of Old Business, Fleming told the Board more specifics about the replacement of server units for the SCALA video bulletin board. He said the two units installed in Saraceno's office were smaller than the old desktop computers.

Aicardi inquired about the date of the Santa's Elves Telethon this year. Saraceno told her the Telethon will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It will be the 28th Annual Telethon at the studio, organized by the Bellingham Women of Today. This year's host will be Linda Trudeau.

The next monthly board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:15 p.m.

Jeff Paul new head of ABMI Production

Jeff Paul of Milford has been tapped as the new Production Coordinator for ABMI-TV, replacing Erik Fischer, Production Coordinator for the past three years.

Fischer moves on to a new post at Grand Circle Travel, a travel agency in Boston.

(See photo of Paul, p. 4)



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

Noon & 8pm
Theresa's Real Estate Review

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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

1:30pm & 9pm - Belling-
ham-Mendon Veterans
Oral History Project

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

WEDNESDAY

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

3pm & 8pm
The Garage

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Real Es-
tate Roundtable

10pm - The Dun-
geon of Dr. Dreck

'ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11



Comings and Goings This Fall at ABMI-TV

Lowell's Restaurant in Mendon once again served as host for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Oct. 9.



Host Theresa Sannicandro chats with George DiGregorio of Zenith Mortgage Advisors during the Oct. 24 taping of *Theresa's Real Estate Review*. Below, Jim Fitzpatrick speaks to host Marjorie Turner Hollman for the *Veterans Oral History Project* Sept. 19

Board members, staff, and volunteers filled Lowell's dining room for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Clockwise from Sue Carlson (glasses in back): Bob Carlson, Patrick Fleming, Paula Pearlman, and Earl Pearlman.



Outgoing Production Coordinator Erik Fischer flashes two thumbs-up at his going-away party Nov. 5. Fischer is moving on to a post at Grand Circle Travel in Boston.

Jeff Paul named Production Coordinator



ABMI has a new person in charge of Production. See the story inside on p. 2.

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

Thurs. Jan. 8, 2015
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



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