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## 31st Annual Santa's Elves Telethon



On the night of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 the Bellingham Women of Today held their their annual Telethon at the ABMI studio at 10 William Way in Bellingham, to help raise money for needy area families. Over \$3,000 dollars were donated over the phones and in person, not to mention thousands of dollars more worth of toys brought in by local scouting groups and youth organizations. Linda Trudeau once again served as host of the event. Featured were area performers, town politicians, local business people, and charitable groups.



# Saraceno Tells Board that Telethon Raised Over \$3,000 Plus Toys

Publicity Director Steve Saraceno told the ABMI Board of Directors at the Jan. 11 meeting that the *Santa's Elves Telethon* garnered over \$3,000 in pledged donations. Saraceno said this figure does not include the cash value of the many gifts donated by local Scout groups and other community organizations.

Board Treasurer Jereme Cooper asked Production Coordinator Jeff Paul how the cablecast of the Telethon turned out. Paul reported that the production went smoothly. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said it was the smoothest shoot in the past few years, with no last minute surprises.

In other business, Cooper asked how the music loop for the video bulletin board was working. Fleming answered that it is functioning well.

Board President Nick Russell asked how the printer in Saraceno's office was doing. Fleming said it is working well now, though it will



have to be replaced at some point down the line. The cost would be around \$4,500 for a comparable model.

Cooper asked about the plans for upgrading the board in the Control Room. Fleming said he would like to upgrade Broadcast Pics, the monitors, and the hard drive.

Cooper asked Paul how things went with the *Bellingham Sports Special* that Pete Royce produced featuring the BHS Hall of Fame Committee. Paul said the committee members came in and chatted with Royce. One committee member was Kevin Gruposso. Cooper noted that Gruposso has done good work at ABMI in the past.

Fleming told the Board that *Real Estate and Beyond* producer Mike Shain wanted to know if he could donate money from his production budget to the local food pantry. The Board decided against this, as the budget is intended only for public access purposes.

The Board passed a motion allowing Shain to advertise his show in the *Bellingham Bulletin*, with a suggestion he try the *Mendon Town Crier* as well.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

10:30am  
Train Time

11:30am & 5pm - Cooking with Georgia

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

10am & 4pm - Physician Focus

1:30pm & 6pm - Nipmuc Basketball

7pm & 11pm - Paul in the Pit

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Bellingham Sports Special

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

### 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



# Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Host Linda Trudeau discusses a landscape by Darrell Crow (left) during the Dec. 29 shooting of *Something Special*.



Bellingham Public Library Director Bernadette Rivard and librarian Cecily Christensen discuss recent offerings at the library during a promotional shoot on Jan. 16.

Many scouts came down to ABMI to donate during the *Santa's Elves Telethon* on Dec. 5. By night's end, toys for needy families completely filled up a sleigh in the studio.



Santa Claus chats with Linda Trudeau during his annual visit to the *Elves Telethon* on Dec. 5.



ABMI cameramen Derek Berchtold (left) and John Bean set their focus on Bellingham resident Mike Soter and host Linda Trudeau during the *Santa's Elves Telethon* shoot Dec. 5.

## **ABMI Scholarship Applications Now Available**

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year, one to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Applicants must show a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications but need not plan to major in the subject.

Applications will be available at area schools as well as the ABMI studio at 10 Williams Way. They will also be posted on the Bellingham High School website.

Deadline for submission is May 15.

## **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. March 8, 2018  
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](mailto: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](http://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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