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Santa's Elves Telethon



Raises Thousands for Kids



25th Annual Telethon at ABMI a Big Success

The Bellingham Women of Today once again teamed up with ABMI to help raise thousands of dollars in gifts and donations for needy area families during the telethon Dec. 6. Presented by co-hosts Linda Trudeau and Lynn Ulsh (who also organized the telethon) the event featuring three hours worth of greetings from area schoolchildren, on-air donations from local community figures, videos, live performances, and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

“The Women have been doing this for over twenty-five years now,” noted ABMI Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. “A lot of kids have had happier holidays because of it.”



Applicants Marquez, Walton, and DiRusso Approved for Full ABMI Membership

The Board of Directors okayed ABMI membership for Bellingham residents Ryan Marquez and Richard DiRusso, and Mendon resident Aaron Walton at their Dec. 13 monthly meeting.

Marquez and Walton said they had first toured the station at the Open House in November. They were eager to make use of the studio resources.

In other business, Board President John Lee asked whether Rich Teter ever purchased the old soundboard. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said no, but that Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper's friend did buy it, at the asking price of \$100.

Board Member Brian Sutherland asked Fleming about the snow plowing for the parking lot. Fleming said the town of Bellingham takes care of the lot itself, but the ABMI staff does the walks. Sutherland recommended inspecting the sparkplug on the station's snowblower.

Fleming said he is researching the prices for empty vans that might be outfitted as production vans. Most start in the \$15K to \$20K area. Sutherland said make sure to check out the options for insulation.

Lee asked Fleming how his computer is running. Fleming said it has been freezing up and displays problems associated with age. It is an old IBM PC model.



Fleming is looking into the possibility of replacing it with an iMac.

Sutherland asked how the Open House went. Fleming said it went well. A good crowd turned out and the door prize raffle proved popular -- especially with the winners.

The Board discussed the recent Santa's Elves Telethon. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said it went smoothly, although Santa Claus seemed not exactly ready for prime time. Sutherland asked how much money was raised. Saraceno said he believed the grand total would reach somewhere in the range of \$7000. That would be about the same total as 2010. Saraceno said before the recession the Telethon totals sometimes amounted to \$10,000 or more.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Fleming's salary review.



REGULAR SHOWS

Comcast Ch. 8

MONDAY

12:30pm & 4pm
BHS Hockey

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Victory Assembly of God

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

10pm - ETTV

WEDNESDAY

Noon, 4pm & 8pm
The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

11pm - Horrorhost Network

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

Noon & 6pm - Real Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

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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

Big Turnout for ABMI Open House!

In November the station hosted its third annual Open House, featuring food, door prizes, and a tour of the facilities.



Above left, Production Coordinator Erik Fischer explains the control desk to visitor Ryan Marquez. *Something Special* producer Linda Trudeau (left) won a gift card door prize. Several other visitors also won cards, with one iPod given as grand prize.



showing the station
to the community...

Below, kids appear on the monitor on image produced using studio green screen.



The ABMI studio features two large "green screens" which help create virtual backgrounds behind the on-air talent. The screens play a major part in the production of such shows as *30 Odd Minutes* (Tuesdays at 3:00pm and 8:00pm) and *Talent Call USA* (Mondays at 3:00pm and 7:00pm).



New ABMI Member Ryan Marquez

Bellingham resident Ryan Marquez not only collected a valuable gift card at the ABMI Open House last November.

He also decided to apply for Membership, after taking a tour of the studio.

Marquez is now working on a promo for his proposed show, which will explore “nature topics.”

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11



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Next Meeting

*Wed. Jan. 4, 2012
6:15 p.m.*

directions to studio

7 Things to Remember 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. We provide DVD copies of any ABMI show. The price is \$15.75 per DVD. Some of our recent shows can be viewed again under the Archive tab at abmi.org.
3. Our public channel is always streaming live on our web site at abmi8.org. You no longer have to BE in Mendon or Bellingham to watch ABMI.
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 Fleming 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. Check the abmi.org website for access to our archiving feature, where you can find previously played shows.



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