

December 2013

Season's Greetings! It has been another successful and productive year at BCTV. We will produce close to 600 shows this year, in addition to the municipal meetings we cover.

Our biggest news of the year is the transition in BCTV's leadership. Leslie Helwig retired after managing the station for 14 years, and Greg Kowalski took over as General Manager. Greg comes to us from the Birmingham Eccentric.

This year our production staff, in conjunction with our community producers, has won multiple awards. First-place Philo Awards for Excellence in Cinematography and Best Documentary went to *Village Players 90th Anniversary*, directed by Steve Rota. Steve also won first place in the Best Series category for *Soup! & Company*. BCTV won two Finalist (Second Place) Awards, for *Agebusters*, directed by Steve Rota, and for *BBSO Holiday Cheer*, directed by Zack Florance. Zack also won Second Place in the Live Sports Coverage category of the national NATOA competition for *Girls' Basketball, Seaholm vs. Groves*.

We have added three new series in 2013: *Living Karma Yoga*, produced by Katherine Austin; *Making a Difference at TCH*, produced by Gigi Nichols and hosted by Camille Jayne; and *Beyond the Box Score*, produced by Andy Aubrey and Brad Fedders, highlighting Seaholm and Groves sports and athletes.

Both BCTV and the Birmingham Area Cable Board have purchased new equipment this year, including new studio lighting, digital playback equipment and computer-based program mastering, to enhance the quality of our productions. We value our mutually beneficial relationship with the BACB to tape and air programs originating in Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Thank you for your involvement and support. We value your contribution. We wish you the very best during the holiday season and in the New Year!