

December 2008

### Season's Greetings!

It has been another eventful and productive year here at BCTV, and as a new year approaches we would like to share the highlights with you. We could not be successful without you, our volunteers, producers, program guests, board and committee members and other friends.

We continue our mutually beneficial relationship with the Birmingham Area Cable Board, with the renewal of our contract and the taping and airing of programs from all six communities, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin. The BACB has purchased a brand new state-of-the-art production truck, including four high-end HD cameras, full graphics capabilities, on-board generator and much more. Please join us on a shoot and see the new truck!

Even more important than new equipment is the enthusiastic participation of our residents as producers and volunteers. We added two new series that focus on activities for seniors, and presented a number of special productions that were initiated by residents. Our four Volunteer Workshops were successful and introduced new volunteers to work on our shows.

BCTV staff members collected a number of prestigious awards in 2008, including a First Place Philo Award to Steve Rota, and three Second Place Philo Awards, one each to Steve Rota, David Sommerfeld and Zack Florance. Our staff continues to strive for excellence, and we are very pleased to be recognized for our efforts.

With the hiring of new Production Specialist Jeff Gudme in January 2008 we are again fully staffed. We have also enjoyed the benefits of having a Production Intern, Richard Green, for much of the year.

As we look ahead to 2009 we face some uncertainties as the cable provider picture continues to change. Currently we are involved in a lawsuit, with other Michigan communities, against Comcast, in an attempt to maintain the availability of our channel to all Comcast subscribers. There is a lot of support for this action and the results will impact cable subscribers throughout the nation. Stay tuned!

Thank you for your involvement with Bloomfield Community Television. We wish you the very best over the holiday season and throughout the New Year!